

Gulls' soccer ready to bounce back

By Gary Henley
Seaside Signal

The 2016 season was loaded with promise for the Seaside boys soccer program.

The defending league champion Gulls had only lost three players to graduation, with six all-league returning players and the Cowapa's Coach of the Year.

And following a 3-0 win over Cottage Grove in the regional play-in round, Seaside was set to make a huge run in the state playoffs.

But it all came crashing down in a first-round contest at La Grande, where the Tigers scored two second-half goals in a 3-1 win, and the season came to a premature end for the Gulls.

Seaside has regrouped, they've still got the league's best player, and coach John Chapman is talking league championship once again, as the Gulls hope to steal the league crown from Tillamook.

"It's not rebuild, it's reload," said the always-optimistic coach Chapman. "We lost some good guys, but we're going to be OK."

The Cowapa

Too many ties cost the Gulls last year. While the Cheesemakers coasted to the league title with a 7-0-1 mark, Seaside finished at 4-1-3, with ties against Scappoose and Valley Catholic, and a 1-1 deadlock with Tillamook in the league finale — the only league game the Cheesemakers did not win.

Chapman said, "With Tillamook, it comes down to, do they get another handful of international exchange students who know how to play the game? They had five exchange students — guys from Germany and Italy, and they could all play."

The Gulls

Gone are Januik, Thompson, Wallis, Walsh ... among others. Seaside graduated nine seniors off last year's team.

The Gulls will miss their future Hall of Famers, but the shelves are still stocked with talent.

After all, Seaside still has the league's two-time Player of the Year, senior Colton Carter.

"And we've got his little brother (freshman Westin Carter), who plays at a high club ball level," Chapman said. "We're going to be OK."

SEASIDE BOYS SOCCER

COACH: John Chapman, 5th year

2016: 8-3-4 (4-1-3 Cowapa)

PLAYOFFS: Lost state playoff at La Grande, 1-3

ALL-LEAGUE LOSSES: Jackson Januik, Hunter Thompson, Dylan Wallis, Brent Walsh

ALL-LEAGUE RETURNERS: Colton Carter, Sr., Irving Peon, Jr., Rafi Sibony, Sr.

I'm optimistically confident."

Starting goalkeeper Jesus Perez has also graduated, but again, the Gulls have replacements ready.

"We've got four guys who are pushing for goalkeeper roles," Chapman said, including senior Ashton Boyd, and juniors James Petie and Mason Shamion. "I'm feeling a lot more confident with the keeper side."

Other varsity returners include seniors Henry Chapman and Rafi Sibony; and juniors Parker Conrad, Wes Corliss, Bryce DeWinter, Chase Januik and Irving Peon.



GARY HENLEY/SEASIDE SIGNAL

Seaside senior Colton Carter is the Cowapa League's two-time Player of the Year, as he enters his final season with the Gulls.

TER HAR'S
...at the beach

GO GULLS!

Ter Har's have always been proud to sponsor and support the Seaside Seagull Sports Program's since 1951..

There is Nothing more Exciting than High School Sports!! For Both Spectators and the Kids..

OPEN DAILY
SEASIDE
CANNON BEACH

DQ

GO GULLS!

441 AVE A, SEASIDE, OR
503.738.7232
OPEN MON-SUN 11-10PM

HWY 101 N, GEARHART
503.738-7711
OPEN SUN-THU 11-9PM
FRI & SAT 11-10PM

Best of Luck This Season!

GO SEASIDE GULLS

COTTON CLUB

415 Broadway
Seaside, OR
503.738.6225

Like us on Facebook

GO GULLS!

Proud Seaside High School BOOSTERS!

ENJOY OUR CLASSIC & SPECIALTY COFFEE DRINKS, SMOOTHIE AND ICED TEA

TO-GO BOX FOR JUST ABOUT ANY GATHERING

WHOLE BEANS BY THE POUND

SCONES, MUFFINS OR BISCOTTI

the HUMAN BEAN

1526 SE DISCOVERY LANE
Warrenton • 503.861.8621
www.thehumanbean.com

SERVING SEASIDE SINCE 1936

GO SEAGULLS!

Good Luck

ALL ATHLETES AND COACHES

From All Our Chamber Member Partners,
We Wish You the Best this Season

CELEBRATING OVER 80 YEARS SERVING SEASIDE

SEASIDE Chamber of Commerce