



FOOTBALL

GULLS DOMINATE AT CLATSOP CLASH

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Seaside Signal

Like they say in Seaside, "it's a great day to be a Gull!"

And the night of Sept. 29 was even better than the best days for the Seaside football program — great football weather, first home league game of the season, a halftime Hall of Fame ceremony ... and to cap off a perfect day, the Gulls scored one big victory, a 40-0 win over Astoria at Broadway Field.

"This is definitely up there," said Seaside junior quarterback Payton Westerholm, who threw for 141 yards and three touchdowns in the first half alone. "I'll definitely remember this one for years to come. The rest of my life."

Meanwhile, the game was a forgettable, painful one for Astoria. The last time the Fishermen suffered a loss that bad in the Clatsop Clash was 1985 (42-0). It was also just the third time since 1999 that the Gulls tossed a shutout against a Cowapa League opponent.

Seaside's win over Astoria was not *totally* unexpected; it was how the Gulls achieved the victory that provided the Shocker of the Night in Oregon 4A football.

The Gulls were dominant on both sides of the ball against the defending league champion Fishermen, who were ranked seventh in the latest state media poll.

Seaside rolled up 411 yards in total offense, while the Gulls' defense limited Astoria to just 12 yards rushing in the first half, 65 yards for the game (most of it on Astoria's final drive).

And for one night only, the "Seaside Turn-around" was at the east end of Broadway instead of the west.

The Gulls were on the losing end of a 50-12 score in last year's Clash, and lost 36-3 the year before that. Needless to say, Friday's 78-point turnaround was unexpected. At least for the fans.

For the players, "we had a good game plan on what they were going to do offensively, and we knew they were going to struggle against our defense," said Westerholm, who did not want to experience another blowout loss to the Fishermen. "The last two years didn't sit well with us, and we just wanted to make a change. We were very focused coming into the game, and we knew it was going to be a battle."

It turned out to be a nightmare of a game for the Fishermen, who had injured players walking or being helped off the field for much of the night.

With 1:35 left in the first quarter and the Gulls already leading 7-0 on a Westerholm



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A rusher for Seaside is tackled by the Astoria Fishermen defense during the Clatsop Clash. The Seagulls dominated the Fishermen 40-0.



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Homecoming court: Alyssia Gonzales, Corrie Falleur, Bryre Babbitt, Jetta Ideue and Fernanda Vasconcellos.

TD pass to Dawson Blanchard, Astoria quarterback Tristin Wallace was hit near midfield following a scramble, and had to be helped to the sideline.

With Karsten Johnson in for Wallace, Seaside stopped the Fishermen on a fourth down pass, and the Gulls needed just one play to score, a quick 56-yard strike from Westerholm to Brayden Johnson.

Wallace was right back on the field on Astoria's next offensive series, even hooking

up with Trey Hageman on a shovel pass that gained 54 yards to the Seaside 26.

The Fishermen lost five yards on the next play, which was followed by an incomplete pass from Wallace, who went down a second time with an injury (torn ACL) to the same leg and did not return.

After five straight scoreless possessions to start the second quarter, the Gulls (with 1:11 left in the first half) put together a eight-play, 70-yard drive directed by Westerholm, who connected with Alex Teubner for gains of 14 and 13 yards to the Astoria 10-yard line.

And with six seconds on the clock, Westerholm found Johnson on a short crossing route at the goal line for a touchdown.

With a 21-0 lead at the break, "we were right where we wanted to be," Westerholm said.

"I think what really got us going was the long throw from me to Brayden," he added. "We knew we were on the verge of ending the game when we went on that last drive of the first half. To get that last touchdown with Brayden making a great catch, it started breaking their spirit going into the second half."

Athletes OF THE WEEK



LIZZY BARNES
Soccer

The Class of 2017 graduate from Seaside is seeing plenty of action as a freshman with the Guilford (N.C.) College women's soccer team this season. In the Quakers' most recent game, a 6-0 win over Hollins Oct. 6, Barnes had three shots from her midfield position. She has started three games for Guilford, with nine shots on goal and one assist.



PAYTON WESTERHOLM
Football

The junior quarterback has the Gulls on the verge of a Cowapa League title, Seaside prepares for the state playoffs. In a Sept. 29, 40-0 win over Astoria, Westerholm was 10-for-15 passing for 152 yards and three touchdowns, with completions to six different receivers. In a 62-0 win over Valley Catholic the next week, he completed just six passes, but four were for touchdowns.

SEAGULLS VARSITY SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Seaside 40, Astoria 0
Astoria 0 0 0 0-0
Seaside 14 7 7 12-40

First Quarter
Sea: Dawson Blanchard 6 pass from Payton Westerholm (Gio Ramirez kick) 2:20
Sea: Brayden Johnson 56 pass from Westerholm (Ramirez kick) 0:00

Second Quarter
Sea: Johnson 10 pass from Westerholm (Ramirez kick) :02

Third Quarter
Sea: Alex Teubner 1 run (Ramirez kick) :49

Fourth Quarter
Sea: Teubner 5 run (pass failed) 5:15
Sea: Teubner 16 run (pass failed) 3:51

Team Statistics

Total offense	253	411
First downs	12	20
Rushes-yards	16-65	48-259

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Passing yards

188 152
Comp-Att-Int 17-37-2 10-15-0
Turnovers 2 2
Penalties 5-58 4-25

Astoria Statistics

Rushing: R.Stutznegger 4-37, Stenblom 1-11, Wallace 2-8, Ranta 8-7, Hageman 1-2. Passing: K.Johnson 12-30-108-2, Wallace 2-4-60-0, Stenblom 3-3-20-0. Receiving: Hageman 5-73, Matteucci 3-20, Patterson 3-18, D.Johnson 2-11, Kaonohi 1-29, Villa 1-9, Hunt 1-9, Schumacher 1-9.

Seaside Statistics

Rushing: Teubner 23-155, Westerholm 7-33, Thompson 5-30, Ramirez 10-29, Landwehr 3-12. Passing: Westerholm 10-15-152-0. Receiving: B.Johnson 3-78, Teubner 3-35, Landwehr 1-16, Thompson 1-11, Ramirez 1-7, Blanchard 1-6.

Seaside 62, Valley Catholic 0

Valley C.	0	0	0	0-0
Seaside	21	28	7	6-62

First Quarter

Sea: Alex Teubner 9 run (Gio Ramirez kick)
S: Brayden Johnson 28 pass from Payton Westerholm (Ramirez kick)
S: Dawson Blanchard 33 pass from Westerholm (Ramirez kick)

Second Quarter

S: Ramirez 18 run (Ramirez kick)
S: Duncan Thompson 7 run (Astor Landwehr run)
S: Cameron King 21 pass from Westerholm (Ramirez kick)
S: Blanchard 7 pass from Westerholm (Ramirez kick)

Third Quarter

S: Landwehr 7 run (Ramirez kick)

Fourth Quarter

S: Ledger Pugh 13 run (two-point conversion failed)

Seaside Statistics

Rushing: Teubner 15-126, Ramirez 6-60, Thompson 6-51, Black 6-28, Landwehr 3-17, Cook 3-16, Pugh 1-13. Passing: Westerholm 6-8-119-0. Receiving: Blanchard 2-40, Johnson 2-36, Teubner 1-22, King 1-21.

BOYS SOCCER

Seaside ranked No. 3

By Gary Henley
Seaside Signal

After a scoreless first half, the No. 3-ranked Seaside Gulls were unstoppable in the second half, scoring three goals for a 3-0 win over Scappoose in a Cowapa League boys soccer game Oct. 5 at Broadway Field.

Seaside improved to 5-0-1 in the Cowapa standings, ahead of Valley Catholic (4-1-1). Seaside spent most of the second half on the Scappoose side of the field.

Henry Chapman scored the first goal, a bullet shot from 40 yards out, and a score by Chase Januik

made it 2-0.

The Gulls tacked on one more, Natanee Conrad scoring with 15 minutes left.

Gulls 8, Banks 0

SEASIDE — In Cowapa League boys soccer action Oct. 3, first place Seaside topped last-place Banks, 8-0.

Seaside entered the game ranked No. 2 in the state at the 4A level, as the Gulls improve to 4-0-1 in league, 6-1-1 overall.

Seaside had all of its starters out of the game by halftime, in order to let some junior varsity players in on the action.

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