

Seaside rebuilds, refills the pool with some high-powered talent

By Gary Henley
Seaside Signal

While Seaside will see the return of a couple of state-qualifying girls swimmers, the Gulls will have to replace some high-powered boys, including their entire 200-yard freestyle relay team.

Will Garvin, James Kennedy, Luke Liljenwall and Brad Rzewnicki played a big role in helping Seaside to a second-place team finish at districts last year. But the Fab Four has graduated, forcing a quick rebuilding job for head coach Shane Spell.

And rebuild they did.

From a total of 18 swimmers last year, to 34 this year.

While the Gulls have restocked the pool, they will have to wait before they can use it, as a remodeling project



EO MEDIA GROUP

Kendy Lin is in the senior year of a very successful high school swimming career at Seaside.

has closed Sunset Pool temporarily. As a result, the entire team has to hop on a bus four times per week and travel to either Nehalem or the Astoria Aquatic Center for practices.

In the meantime, Seaside has "lots of young, new

swimmers who have been working hard and having a great attitude about hopping on that bus each day," Spell said. "I'm pretty confident we'll have some big surprises before the season is over."

The first month of the season

GIRLS

Yaneli Aguilera, Jr.
Sierra Bailey, So.
Xcaret Bello, So.
Cailin Bennett, Jr.
Brooke Blankenhorn, Fr.
Maddy Brown, Jr.
Ashley Conrad, So.
Jacie Gregory, So.
Anna Huddleston, Jr.
Vanessa Hughes, Jr.
Kaisa Liljenwall, So.

THE SWIMMERS

Kendy Lin, Jr.
Kimberly Mella, Jr.
Tyler Miller, So.
Riley Mitchell, So.
Lola Paser-Johnson, Fr.
Emily Philbrook, Fr.
Aviana Pierce, Fr.
Bella Samuelson, So.
Lisette Santiago, So.
Peyton Sims, Fr.
Kara Spell, So.
Anastasia Tarvin, So.

BOYS

Dawson Blanchard, Sr.
Isaiah Collins, Sr.
Shawn Collins, Fr.
Leif DeWinter, Fr.
Henry Garvin, Fr.
Nick Konya, Jr.
Axel Martinez, Jr.
Lucas Nagle, Sr.
Joao Pedro Polles, Sr.
Chris Quashnick, Jr.
Josh Shipley, Jr.

will be all road meets for the Gulls, "and then every Thursday in January we'll be at home," Spell said. "We're looking forward to practicing in our home pool, once the Sunset Empire remodeling project is complete."

Currently, the team has

"more bus time than water time, but we're appreciative of everyone who has made it possible for us to get that practice time," said Spell, referring to the Astoria Aquatic Center, and Nehalem's North County Recreation District.

Key returners for the Gulls this season include state qualifier Kendy Lin in the girls' 200-yard freestyle, while Isaiah Collins returns for the boys, after swimming the lead leg for the state qualifying 200-yard medley relay team.



GO FOR IT!

**For God has not given us a spirit of timidity,
but of power and love and discipline.**

2 Timothy 1:7

ATHLETES

503.738.7453

Andrew Walker
Director of Youth

www.ncffchurch.org
app: NCFF



GO GULLS



www.whitesheatingandsheetmetal.com

Bob White • Scott White

2964 Highway 101N, Seaside
503-738-6361 - Builder #161035





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**