



GIRLS BASKETBALL

LADY GULLS POUND CHEESEMAKERS

By Gary Henley
Seaside Signal

Seaside pulled into a third-place tie with Astoria in the Cowapa League standings, with a 52-32 win over Tillamook in a Cowapa League girls basketball game Jan. 26 at the Gulls' Nest.

The Gulls were just 9-of-19 at the free throw line and 1-for-12 on 3-pointers, but they still managed the 20-point win over the Cheesemakers, who fall to 3-14 overall, 0-4 in league.

"Other than a stretch in the second quarter, we played solidly," said Seaside coach Mike Hawes, whose team is now 2-2 in league play. "The third quarter we switched to man (defense) and widened the halftime score to a fairly comfortable margin (39-22). We are getting better, but Banks will test us (Tuesday) to see how much better."

Bryre Babbitt poured in a game-high 17 points, followed by Jetta Ideue with 15. Babbitt also had five rebounds, three assists and three steals, while Seaside had three players (Gretchen Hoekstre, Ruby Davis and Ideue) with eight rebounds apiece.

"Jetta and Bryre were great from start to finish," Hawes said. "And our bigs played well — Gretchen, Anesha (Smart) and Ruby."

Valiants 49, Lady Gulls 37

BEAVERTON — Seaside bounced back from a tough loss at Astoria with a solid effort Jan. 23 at Valley Catholic, but the sixth-ranked Valiants escaped with the victory, 49-37.

The Cowapa League girls basketball showdown was much closer than the score indicated.

Following their 36-turnover loss against the Fishermen, the Gulls came out and took a 19-17 halftime lead against the Valiants. And Seaside held leads throughout the game, including a 30-24 advantage late in the third period.

Emy Kiser, Annaka Garhofer and Bryre Babbitt all drained 3-pointers in the third for the Lady Gulls, for a 33-31 lead going into the final quarter.

But the Valiants rallied behind a pair of 3-point shots by Noelle Mannen, and Callie Kawaguchi did the rest from the free throw line, as Valley Catholic finished the contest on an 18-4 run.

Mannen led all scorers with 23 points, followed by Kawaguchi with 15. Kiser scored nine for Seaside before fouling out, along with Jetta Ideue.



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Jetta Ideue drives to the basket in the Gulls' victory.

Astoria 41, Lady Gulls 30

It was a night of jump balls, fouls, free throws and turnovers. But with their 41-30 win over Seaside, the Astoria girls basketball team still accomplished two important goals Jan. 19 — the Lady Fishermen avoided an 0-2 start in league play, and their victory at the Brick House was the first over the Gulls in almost six years.

The Astoria girls finally brought an end to one of the longest Clatsop Clash droughts, scoring their first win over Seaside since Feb. 10, 2012 to break an 11-game losing streak to the Gulls.

Astoria coach Mike Jacobson remembers the last Fishermen win very well, because he was Seaside's coach that night.

"I remember it," he said, of Astoria's 37-18 win over his Gulls that night. "I think it was (Kaitlin) Lewis's sophomore year. We came in here and couldn't hit a basket. I knew it had been a while."

In Friday's game, Astoria was just 6-of-30 from the field in the first half, yet they were still tied with the Gulls at halftime, 14-14 — due in large part to Seaside's 15 turnovers in the first half.

Seaside held a 13-5 lead midway through the second quarter, behind two 3-pointers from Annaka Garhofer. But Astoria finished

the first half with a 9-1 run, capped by Sam Hemsley's bank shot in the closing seconds.

The Fishermen were just 6-of-30 from the field in the first half, but the Gulls kept Astoria in the game with 15 turnovers.

"They were all good shots, they just weren't going in," Jacobson said. "We told them, 'keep shooting. They'll go in.' Brooklynn (Hankwitz) played a good game tonight, and so did Haley O'Brien and Kelsey Fausett."

Still, "It was pretty ugly," he said, as the game had a combined 37 fouls, 45 free throws and 57 turnovers. "You know how it is with rivalry games. We fought through it, got it tied at halftime, then we started hitting some shots and getting to the free throw line, and made our free throws (14-for-25)."

The Gulls gave up the ball 21 more times in the second half for 36 turnovers, while Astoria made the necessary halftime adjustments to pull away in the second half.

"We weren't running the offense the way we needed to, and we made a couple adjustments," Jacobson said. "And this is the first time all year that they actually made the adjustments. We're young and still learning. But they made the adjustments and went out there and did what we needed to do. It was a good win. The girls are happy."

Athletes OF THE WEEK



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BRYRE BABBITT Basketball

The senior poured in a game-high 17 points for the Lady Gulls, in a 52-32 win over Tillamook Jan. 26. She also had five rebounds, three assists and three steals, helping Seaside improve to 2-2 in league play.



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PAYTON WESTERHOLM Basketball

Despite picking up four fouls by halftime, the Gulls' junior guard posted a triple-double in an 87-84 overtime victory against Tillamook Jan. 26. Westerholm scored 29 points, with 11 rebounds and 10 assists. He also had 14 points in a victory at Astoria Jan. 19.

SEAGULLS VARSITY SCOREBOARD

BOYS BASKETBALL	
Seaside 87, Tillamook 84	
TIL (84): Ian Collett 31, Taylor 17, Abbott 10, Wagner 10, Lachenmeier 9, Flores 7.	
SEA (87): Payton Westerholm 29, Thompson 23, Hague 19, Sibony 8, Br.Johnson 8, Carter, Landwehr, Meyer.	
Seaside 51, Valley Catholic 35	
Seaside	15 11 14 11—51
V.Catholic	7 7 8 13—35
SEA (51): Chase Januik 19, Hague 17, Westerholm 6, Thompson 5, Be.Johnson 3, Carter 1, Sibony.	
VC (35): Andrew Plambeck 8, Eberhart 8, Boileau 5, Robbins 5, Grasberger 4, Pruitt 2, Johnson 2, Napoli 1.	
Seaside 71, Astoria 42	
Seaside	17 15 26 13—71
Astoria	12 9 7 14—42
SEA (71): Chase Januik 15, Westerholm 14, Hague 14, Be.Johnson 12, Sibony 7, Thompson 4, Landwehr 3, Carter 2.	
AST (42): Isaac Brockman 14, K.Johnson 12, Hunt 7, Long 6, Stenblom 2, Tice 1.	
GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Seaside 52, Tillamook 32	
Tillamook	4 16 2 10—32
Seaside	16 9 14 13—52
SEA (52): Bryre Babbitt 17, Ideue 15, Hoekstre 6, Smart 4, Goin 3, Kiser 2, Angulo-Joli 2, Davis 2, Garhofer 1, Zagata.	
Valley Catholic 49, Seaside 37	
Seaside	11 8 14 4—37
V.Catholic	11 6 14 18—49
SEA (37): Emy Kiser 9, Garhofer 6, Davis 6, Babbitt 5, Smart 4, Hoekstre 3, Ideue 2, Angulo-Joli 2, Zagata, Goin.	
VC (49): Noelle Mannen 23, Kawaguchi 15, Jones 8, Justice 3.	
Astoria 41, Seaside 30	
Seaside	9 5 10 6—30
Astoria	5 9 11 16—41
SEA (30): Annaka Garhofer 9, Hoekstre 7, Ideue 4, Babbitt 3, Zagata 3, Kiser 2, Angulo-Joli 2, Smart, Goin.	
AST (41): Sam Hemsley 15, O'Brien 11, Hankwitz 10, Cummings 2, Helmersen 1, Norris 1, Fausett 1, Rogers, Jackson, Long.	

Seaside boys ranked second in Cowapa League

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The "Rally Kings" of Seaside pulled off another come-from-behind win Jan. 26.

Exactly two weeks after they rallied from a 17-point halftime deficit to beat North Marion, the Seaside boys basketball team overcame a 12-point halftime deficit against Tillamook to beat the Cheesemakers in overtime, 87-84, in a Cowapa League game at Seaside.

The Gulls were without Chase Januik and Beau Johnson, and teammate Payton Westerholm had four fouls in the first half. Januik suffered a broken wrist against Valley Catho-

lic, and is listed as day-to-day in his return.

Still, Seaside managed to overcome all the obstacles to score the overtime victory.

The Gulls took their first lead of the second half with three minutes left in regulation.

Trailing 77-76, Seaside's Ryan Hague made 1-of-2 free throw to tie the game. Tillamook was unable to get a shot off in the final seconds, and a halfcourt shot by Westerholm glanced off the front of the rim, sending the game to overtime.

The Cheesemakers scored off the opening tip in the extra frame, but it was all Seaside after that.

Duncan Thompson scored six

of his 23 points in overtime, and Westerholm made two free throws.

Hague also made a pair of free throws with seven seconds left for a three-point lead, and Tillamook misfired on a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

Despite his four fouls in the first half, Payton Westerholm scored a team-high 29 points, to go with 11 rebounds and 10 assists for a triple-double. He was 10-for-15 from the field and 9-of-12 at the free throw line. Tillamook's Ian Collett led all scorers with 31 points.

The bright side to Westerholm picking up four fouls in the first half, said Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, was that "it was good for some of our other kids to have to step up and

be the aggressors on defense.

"In this stretch without Chase, (Payton) has to become smarter on the defensive end. It may have been a good scenario though, because the rest of the group had to take up the defensive slack, rebound and aggressiveness. And they did. That's a win-win situation for future games."

In the meantime, "if we can steal a couple games, it will be that much better for those kids who have to step up. It seemed like they finally got comfortable in the roles that they will have to play."

The No. 2-ranked Gulls played at No. 1-ranked Banks Tuesday, in what could be a state championship game preview.

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