



GARY HENLEY/FOR SEASIDE SIGNAL

Kandice Flaigg is a promising young freshman for the Seaside softball team.

Lady Gulls ready to challenge

By Gary Henley
Seaside Signal

The Seaside softball program will give it another go with another coach in 2018.

Darren Ideue takes over the coaching duties for Seagulls softball, Seaside's fifth coach in five years.

The father of one current and one former player, Ideue has gone to most Seaside softball games for the last seven years.

He takes over for Korie Blacker, who took over for co-coaches Jon Hotchkiss and Bill Westerholm, who replaced Jen Glasson in 2015.

Ideue is in it to win it, and hopefully here to stay.

"I've been to so many games, and I'm hoping to stop the revolving door and be a part of this program for a long time," said Ideue, who knows all the Seaside players and has been active in the local softball community for years.

The Cowapa

"As always, it seems like the teams we're chasing are Banks and Scappoose," Ideue said. "Valley Catholic and Seaside were pretty even last year, and of course we're always going after our rivals from Astoria."

Banks won the league title in 2017 with a 14-1 record, one game ahead of Scappoose (13-2). After that, it was Astoria (8-7), Tillamook (7-8), Seaside (2-13) and Valley Catholic (1-14).

Big changes are on the way for the Cowapa, when Scappoose makes the jump to the 5A level next school year.

The Lady Gulls

Seaside lost just two seniors off the roster, but a few more have not returned, and several incoming freshmen have given the Gulls a new-look lineup.

Several familiar faces are back as well. Senior Jetta Ideue returns for her fourth year as Seaside's starting pitcher.

Alyssa Goin and Viola Soprano are seniors, with Soprano looking to start at first base.

Senior Sequoia Shand returns at shortstop, with junior Emma Meyer returning as an infielder and the No. 2 pitcher behind Ideue. Junior Jenna Logan is listed as an infielder.

Back for their sophomore seasons are right fielder Candice Kerr and catcher Sidney Owsley.

A long list of freshmen includes Zoey Alexander, Bri Boyd, Kandice Flaigg, Emily Philbrook, Gracie Rhodes and Emma Taylor.

"This freshman class has a lot of experience with tournament ball, and maybe these kids can help put Seaside softball on the map," coach Ideue said.

SEASIDE SOFTBALL

Coach: Darren Ideue, 1st year

2017: 5-20 (2-13 Cowapa)

All-league losses: GeriAnn Klaffke

All-league returners: Alyssa Goin, Jr., Jetta Ideue, Sr., Sidney Owsley, So., Sequoia Shand, Sr.

Proud to support
SHS Students!
GO GULLS!
SEASIDE WELLNESS CENTER
Mental Health Therapy
Children, Adolescents,
and Adults
Most Insurance Accepted
503.717.5284
seasidewellnesscenter.net

Seaside Aquarium
on the beach since 1937
200 N Prom, Seaside 503.738.6211
www.seasideaquarium.com

Find us on Facebook

Go Gulls!
CLEAN SWEEP
PAVING & EXCAVATION

- ASPHALT PAVING • EXCAVATION
- SWEEPING • LANDSCAPE MATERIALS
- DEMOLITION • MOWING • DRIVEWAYS

1570 Lewis & Clark Rd., Seaside
503-738-7556
www.cleansweeping.com