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Seaside's Kara Spell is one of several returning swimmers with varsity experience.

Swimmers aim to make a splash in district meet

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Their state medalist swimmer is gone, but the Seaside Gulls still have plenty of swimmers who can score points as they enter the 2018-19 season.

Head coach Shane Spell and the Gulls finished in the middle of the pack in last year's district meet, with one individual qualifying for state in two events, along with one relay team making the trip to Gresham.

Only one member of the relay team is back, as Henry Garvin returns for his sophomore season after helping Seaside's 200-yard freestyle relay squad qualify for the state meet a year ago.

Dawson Blanchard and Isaiah Collins have graduated, while Josh Shipley — who was a junior at Warrenton High School last year and competed for Seaside — is currently not on the Gulls' pre-season roster.

Shipley was the district champion in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breaststroke, and brought home a second-place medal in the freestyle from the state meet.

But, the Gulls still have a short list of swimmers with state-qualifying potential, especially with Scappoose out of the district picture.

Heading the list for the Lady Gulls is senior Kendy Lin, who took fourth in the district 200-yard freestyle last year and just missed out on a wild card berth for the state meet. Lin was also fifth in the backstroke final at districts.

Also back are Lin's three teammates in the 200 freestyle relay, which had the fifth-best time in the district preliminaries. Anna Huddleston returns as a senior, along with Kaisa Liljenwall (Jr.) and Emily Philbrook (So.).

Maddy Brown (Sr.) swam in place of Lin in the finals at district, and Brown teamed with two other returners in the 400-yard freestyle relay — senior Cailin Bennett and sophomore Brooke Blankenhorn, along with Liljenwall.

Also back for her senior season is Yaneli Aguilera.

The Seaside boys also have returners with varsity experience: seniors Nick Konyha and Chris Quashnick, and sophomores Shawn Collins and Leif DeWinter.

Nelson returns for Seaside

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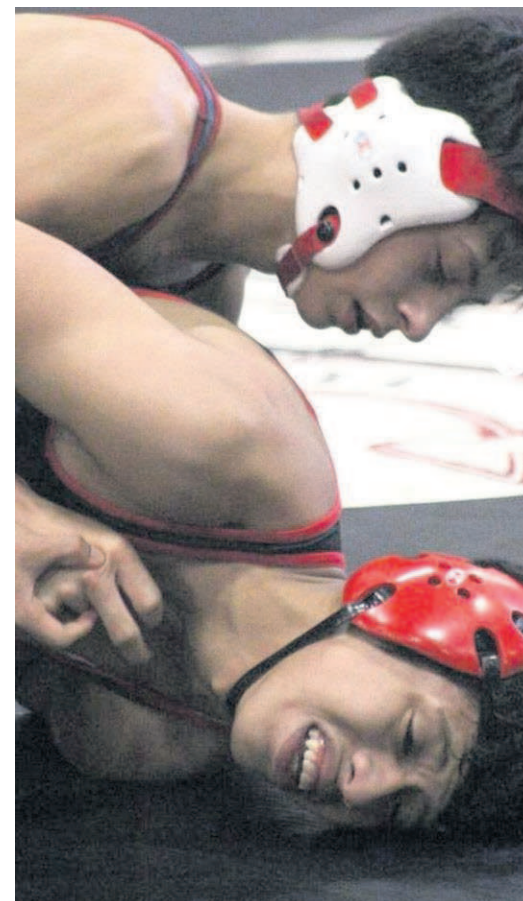
Some promising returners will give the Seaside wrestling program hopes of a higher finish this season, in a district that last year was won by the eventual state champion.

The good news is that Crook County has moved out of the District 1/4A, and will now compete at the 5A level, as will Scappoose. But while those two wrestling powerhouses leave the district, Woodburn comes in, dropping from 5A to 4A.

Either way, it's usually tough for everyone else in the district. As it was for Seaside last season, as the Gulls finished fourth out of five teams in the Cowapa League meet, then took ninth out of 11 in the district meet.

Coached by Dan Taylor, Seaside failed to qualify any individuals for the state meet, but the Gulls did have a second-place finisher — Luke Nelson — in the league meet.

After advancing to the championship match in the Cowapa League tournament as a sopho-



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Seaside's Andrew Gastelum, top, scores a win over Dan Garcia of Tillamook last season.

more, Nelson is back for his junior season, and is slated to wrestle at 220 pounds.

Andrew Gastelum returns as a junior and will wrestle at 126, a year after taking third at 113 in the league meet.

The Gulls currently have five seniors on the roster, including three listed at 160 — Alfonso Alcantar, Gavin Meyer and Gio Ramirez. Tyler Shell will compete at 170, and Travis Fenton is set to wrestle at 285.

THE SWIMMERS

GIRLS

Yaneli Aguilera
Emma Arden
Chloe Bartel
Xcaret Bello
Cailin Bennett
Brooke Blankenhorn
Nicole Blankenhorn
Maddy Brown
Ashley Conrad
Ella Eronen

Angela Flores-Reyes
Anna Huddleston
Audrey Kunde
Kaisa Liljenwall
Kendy Lin
Tyler Miller
Esmerelda Perez
Emily Philbrook
Bella Samuelson
Karla Saucedo
Taryn Shay

Abby Sills
Sarah Sills
Kara Spell

BOYS

Shawn Collins
Leif DeWinter
Adrian Fisner
Henry Garvin
Justin Hallocks
Sam Heroux

Nick Konyha
Cameron Lippert
Liam Matlock
Sean Olea
Aiden Ousley
Elliot Ousley
Chris Quashnick
Leif Rehnert
Francisco Rojas
Kaden Samson

THE WRESTLERS

106 – Johnathon Kenenounis, Fr.
120 – Axel Garcia, So.
126 – Andrew Gastelum, Jr.
126 – Kaden Samson, Fr.
145 – Aidan Tice, So.
152 – Everett Rollins, Fr.
160 – Alfonso Alcantar, Jr., Sr.
160 – Gavin Meyer, Sr.
160 – Gio Ramirez, Sr.
160 – Jeremiah Stanley, So.

160 – Lawson Talamantez, Fr.
170 – Tyler Shell, Sr.
170 – Forest Tice, Jr.
182 – David Cruz, Jr.
182 – Logan McCaulley, Fr.
182 – David Toyooka, Jr.
195 – Tyler Tackitt, Jr.
220 – Brennan Loveridge, So.
220 – Luke Nelson, Jr.
285 – Travis Fenton, Sr.
TBA – Gunnar Knox