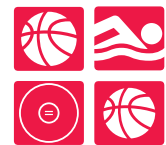


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Girls Basketball

Seaside tops Knappa, 64-37

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A hot-shooting Seaside team warmed up for the post-season with a 64-37 win over Knappa, in a nonleague girls basketball game Feb. 8 at Seaside.

The Lady Gulls were 28-for-55 from the field, including 5-of-19 from the 3-point line. The only place Seaside struggled was at the free throw line, where the Gulls finished just 3-for-15.

“Take a win and run with it,” said Seaside coach Mike Hawes. “We were able to get out and run some, and Morgan (Blodgett) and Lilli (Taylor) were the primary beneficiaries, though (Emy) Kiser made some shots as well. Good to put some points on the board and have an opportunity to play a lot of the kids who often sit and root for the others.”

Taylor led all scorers with 20 points, to go with eight rebounds and four assists. Blodgett added six boards and three assists. Kiser scored 10 points for Seaside, which led 19-4 after one quarter.

Valiants 43, Gulls 40

Seaside rallied from a 17-6 deficit after one quarter and was seconds away from a win in regulation, but a pair of 3-pointers by Valley Catholic’s Katelyn Shook helped the visiting Valiants score an eventual 43-40 overtime win Feb. 5.

Shook drained a 3-pointer in the final seconds of regulation to send the game to an extra period, then banked in a trey in overtime for the final margin of victory.



Jeff Ter Har

Lilli Taylor gets some open space against Valley Catholic. The Valiants defeated Seaside in overtime.

Seaside coach Mike Hawes called it, “an overtime agonizer.”

He added, “Valley jumped out early, and then something clicked (for the Gulls) in the second quarter. And from there it was tight the whole game.”

Emy Kiser and Lilli Taylor both scored nine points to lead Seaside, which went on a

15-6 run in the second quarter and trailed by just 23-21 at halftime.

“It was nice to see us produce, but we still missed a ton of one-footers, and settled for too many three’s,” Hawes said, referring to Seaside’s 2-for-22 effort from the 3-point line.

“But it was a fun, wild game and we got contributions from a lot of kids.”

Seaside boys roll on with three league wins

By GARY HENLEY
Seaside Signal

The result was predictable Tuesday night at Seaside, where the No. 1-ranked Gulls were hosting Tillamook, ranked 34th out of 34 teams in the Class 4A boys basketball rankings.

The Gulls had the game locked up just a few minutes into the contest, as they scored the first nine points of the game and led 32-6 after one quarter, on their way to an 89-45 victory.

Seaside faced very little defense from the Cheesemakers, and put on a shooting clinic for an eventual 77-28 lead in the third quarter.

The Gulls led 56-24 at half-time, thanks in large part to 24 points in the first half by Chase Januik, who finished with 34.

Beau Johnson scored 12 and Duncan Thompson added 10 for Seaside, which had 11 players in the scoring column. The Gulls finish league play Thursday at Banks.

The Knappa Loggers gave a pretty good account of themselves Feb. 8 at Seaside. For about a quarter and a half.



Jeff Ter Har

Payton Westerholm makes a move against a Valley Catholic defender.

That’s about when the Gulls turned a slim 19-18 lead into a 34-18 advantage, on their way to a 79-49 win over the Loggers in a nonleague boys basketball game.

Knappa had not lost by 30 or more points since a 74-42 loss to R.A. Long in 2013. But the Loggers shouldn’t feel too bad — Seaside does that to everybody.

Whether they’re playing the defending 5A state champions or the No. 1-ranked 4A team ... the Gulls are beating just about any-

one they want right now, as they tune up for another state title run.

Going into their final two league games, the No. 1-ranked Gulls were 19-2, with 16 straight wins.

After the 15-0 run in the second period, Seaside never looked back, despite an early challenge from Knappa. The Loggers led 15-14 after one quarter, as Eli Takalo scored at the buzzer to end the first eight minutes.

The Gulls are not accustomed to trailing after one quarter, nor

are they used to missing seven straight 3-pointers, as they did to start the second period.

But Knappa was equally cold, and Seaside took advantage with a successful 3-pointer from Brayden Johnson. The Gulls took the lead for good on a tip-in by Payton Westerholm, who has five cousins on the Knappa roster.

Seaside’s Duncan Thompson had three straight scores, and Beau Johnson’s 3-pointer gave the Gulls their 34-18 lead.

In the second quarter, Knappa had three free throws and just one field goal (a 3-pointer by Kanai Phillip with 45 seconds left).

Timber Engblom kept the Loggers within striking distance in the third quarter, when he scored 10 of his team-high 18 points, but Seaside reeled off another 9-0 to pull away.

Chase Januik scored a game-high 20 points for Seaside, which finished 10-for-10 from the free throw line. Ryan Hague added 16, while Beau Johnson and Thompson each finished with 10.

Eli Takalo added eight points and Mason Westerholm score seven for Knappa.

Seaside wins district relay

Lin qualifies in backstroke

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The Seaside swim team managed to win one event in the District 1/4A meet, a competitive two days of swimming Feb. 8-9 at Newport.

The Valley Catholic girls and the Newport boys picked up the team championships, while the Gulls finished fourth on the girls’ side and fifth on the boys.

All first- and second-place finishers in each event qualified for state, with most third-place finishers and even some fourth-place times qualifying for state.

In a very competitive district on the boys’ side, Seaside failed to qualify any swimmers for the state meet. But the Lady Gulls will send one relay team to state, with one individual qualifying in a second event.

Seaside scored its lone victory in the girls 200-yard freestyle relay, where the foursome of Kendy Lin, Kaisa Liljenwall, Anna Huddleston and Nicole Blankenhorn swam a season-best 1 minute, 52.46 seconds to finish ahead of Newport (1:53.31).

Seaside grapplers qualify for state

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As expected, Tillamook ran off with the District 1/4A wrestling title over the weekend of Feb. 8-9.

Hosting the tournament on their home mat, the Cheesemakers dominated the eight-team field by scoring 474 team points, well ahead of second-place Estacada (224.5). Woodburn was third (223.5) and Molalla fourth (214).

Seaside finished seventh with 80.5 points, and qualified two wrestlers for the state tournament.

Junior Luke Nelson highlighted Seaside’s weekend by taking second at 220 pounds.

SCOREBOARD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside 79, Knappa 49
KNA (49): Timber Engblom 18, Takalo 8, Westerholm 7, Phillip 5, Vanderburg 4, Ramvick 3, Lackey 3, Goodman 1, Hoover, Wallace.
SEA (79): Chase Januik 20, Hague 16, BeJohnson 10, Thompson 10, Westerholm 9, BrJohnson 8, Meyer 4, Bennett 2, Sibony.

Knappa	15	6	16	12—49
Seaside	14	20	25	20—79

Seaside 43, Valley Catholic 29

VC (29): Boileau 8, Tetzloff 8, Johnson 5, Flemmer 5, Miller 3.

SEA (43): Chase Januik 14, Hague 13, BrJohnson 8, Westerholm 4, Thompson 4, BeJohnson, Meyer.

Valley	6	5	11	7—29
Seaside	13	12	11	7—43

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Seaside 64, Knappa 37

KNA (37): Aiko Miller 10, Carlson 8, Dietrichs 8, Weaver 5, Tischer 4, Corcoran 2, Walker, McCall, Nicholson, Rilatos, Hellberg.

SEA (64): Lilli Taylor 20, Blodgett 19, Kiser 10, Douglas 5, Van Dusen 4, Angulo-Joli 2, Garhofer 2, Turner 2.

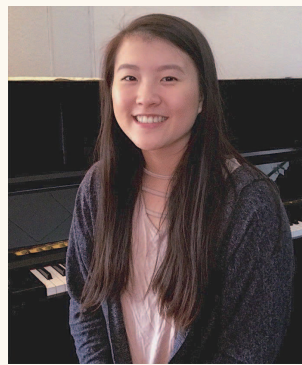
Knappa	4	15	8	10—37
Seaside	19	14	17	14—64

Valley Catholic 43, Seaside 40

SEA (40): Emy Kiser 9, Lilli Taylor 9, Douglas 7, Blodgett 6, Van Dusen 4, Garhofer 3, Turner 2, Goin, Zagata, Angulo.

Valley	17	6	6	7—43
Seaside	6	15	9	6—40

Athletes of the Week



Kendy Lin photo

Girls Kendy Lin, Swimming

Lin is closing out her high school swimming career in style. The senior will be competing in two events at the state meet Feb. 15-16. She swam a leg on Seaside’s winning 200-yard freestyle relay (1:52.46) in the district meet (with Kaisa Liljenwall, Anna Huddleston and Nicole Blankenhorn), and she had a state-qualifying time (1:07.87) in the 100-yard backstroke, placing fourth at districts.



Jeff Ter Har/For Seaside Signal

Boys Chase Januik, Basketball

In addition to his long distance buzzer-beaters, Seaside’s senior is also scoring lots of points. Januik erupted for 33 in a 70-43 win Feb. 1 at Astoria, which included a 12-0 run by Januik in the first quarter. Three days earlier, Januik and the No. 1-ranked Gulls posted their biggest win, 60-51 over previous No. 1 Banks. Januik scored 16, and had the shot of the night with a 3-pointer just beyond the midcourt line to end the first half. He made the ESPN top 10 with his 80-foot shot in the Feb. 5 win over Valley Catholic, then scored a team-high 20 points in a win Feb. 8 win over Knappa.

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