

EDITORIAL

# This dynasty to be continued

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**‘Y**ou can’t finish first every year.”

That would be the simple way of describing the 2018-19 season for the Seaside boys basketball program.

Ironically, those were also the words from Seaside coach Bill Westerholm, following a 62-56 loss to Banks in the 2019 state championship game March

9 at Forest Grove High School.

The Gulls made yet another appearance in the title game — their fourth in four years — but came up short to those darn Braves, who defeated Seaside in the football championship the previous November.

In basketball, the 4A state title game is quickly becoming known as the “Cowapa League championship.” Because for the third straight year, the title game came down to two Cowapa schools, with Seaside defeating

Valley Catholic in the previous two.

Sometimes you do finish first.

This year’s loss did not diminish another great season for the Gulls. Along the way, Seaside knocked off Class 6A teams South Eugene and Bend, and defending 5A state champion Thurston. In consecutive days, no less. The Gulls reeled off 17 straight wins before a loss at Banks in the league season finale.

Seaside bounced back with a win over Banks in a tie-breaker for the No. 1 seed, then stormed through the state playoffs with a win at home over Sisters, followed by two solid victories over North Marion and Stayton in the first two rounds of the state tournament.

Meanwhile, this year’s senior class is just a part of an amazing six-year run for Seaside boys sports. Since 2014, the Gulls have two state championships each in basketball and golf and

one in cross country, along with two runner-up finishes in basketball and a second place in football last fall.

To quote a Seaside phrase about winning, “it’s all they know.”

In basketball, they’ve won 86.8 percent of the time over the last four years. And with key athletes returning and more coming in, the winning will continue.

This dynasty is just beginning.

## SEASIDE BOYS NUMBERS

A REMARKABLE THREE YEARS

SEASIDE BOYS BASKETBALL  
**(24-4, 7-1)**

- Dec. 7 at Marshfield L, 43-47
- Dec. 8 at Marist Catholic W, 66-42
- Dec. 11 Dayton W, 70-32
- Dec. 14 at Scappoose W, 84-51
- Dec. 15 at Stayton L, 49-56
- Dec. 20 Montesano W, 78-52S
- Dec. 21 Corbett W, 81-50S
- Dec. 22 Newport W, 66-47S
- Dec. 27 South Eugene W, 68-51\*
- Dec. 28 Bend W, 61-59\*
- Dec. 29 Thurston W, 49-45\*
- Jan. 4 at Estacada W, 65-32
- Jan. 8 Gladstone W, 69-53
- Jan. 11 at North Marion W, 58-57
- Jan. 15 Astoria W, 83-43
- Jan. 18 at Valley Catholic W, 55-49
- Jan. 25 at Tillamook W, 72-54
- Jan. 29 Banks W, 60-51
- Feb. 1 at Astoria W, 70-43
- Feb. 5 Valley Catholic W, 43-29
- Feb. 8 Knappa W, 79-49
- Feb. 12 Tillamook W, 89-43
- Feb. 14 at Banks L, 53-54
- \$\$Seaside Holiday Tournament
- \*Summit Holiday Tournament, Bend/Summit

**League tie-breaker, at Tillamook High School**  
Feb. 16 vs. Banks W, 51-42  
State Playoff  
March 2 Sisters W, 53-42

**State Tournament, at Forest Grove**  
March 7 North Marion W, 75-50  
March 8 Stayton W, 49-40

**State Championship**  
March 9 Banks L, 56-62

## SEASIDE'S SIX-YEAR RUN

State championships and championship game appearances:

- 2014 • Boys golf
- 2015 • Boys golf
- 2015 • Boys cross country
- 2016 • Boys basketball (2nd)
- 2017 • Boys basketball
- 2018 • Boys basketball
- 2018 • Football (2nd)
- 2019 • Boys basketball (2nd)



Ryan Hague drives to the basket.

Jeff Ter Har

# Gulls out of the gate with two wins at state

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After their performance in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds of the state tournament, a threepeat looked like it was in the bag for the Seaside Gulls.

They opened by crushing North Marion, 75-50, in the Elite Eight.

It was Seaside’s second victory of the season (and fifth in five years) over the Huskies, a common nonleague opponent for the Gulls. Seaside won at North Marion in January, 58-57.

Seaside set the tone early in the rematch.

The Gulls trailed 8-6, but then scored nine straight points, which included three scores from Ryan Hague, who capped the run with a three-point play.

Duncan Thompson closed the first quarter with a 3-pointer at the buzzer, and Seaside’s lead was soon 29-17.

Hague had 19 of his 29 points in the first half, as the junior finished the second quarter with a tip-in at the buzzer to give the Gulls a 35-24 halftime advantage.

The Huskies tried to keep it close — a 3-pointer from Grant Henry had North Marion within 41-33 early in the third quarter — but Seaside answered with a 9-0 run to put the game on ice.

Brayden Johnson and Beau



Brayden Johnson congratulates Gulls’ teammates in the game against North Marion.

Jeff Ter Har

Johnson had back-to-back scores, followed by baskets from Hague and Chase Januik for a 50-33 lead.

And the Gulls didn’t let up in the fourth quarter. Seaside poured it on and was scoring at will midway through the period, with buckets from Hague, Westerholm, Beau Johnson and Januik.

Seaside was a sizzling 32-for-56 from the field. Hague was 14-of-18, and Januik added 16 points for the Gulls, whose lead reached 73-46.

**Gulls 49, Eagles 40**

On to the Final Four, where

the Gulls locked up their fourth straight trip to the championship game with a 49-40 win over Stayton.

The Gulls punched their ticket to the final by rallying from an early deficit, taking a 23-22 lead at halftime, then taking control in the fourth quarter.

Stayton grabbed a quick lead to open second half on a 3-pointer by Riley Nichol for a 25-23 advantage. That would be Stayton’s final lead of the day.

The Eagles featured 6-foot-8 Kaleb Anundi and the 6-7 Nichol, but Seaside makes a living off beating bigger teams. The Gulls just moved their game outside a little.

After making five 3-pointers in the first half, Seaside drained three in the opening minutes of the third quarter, including back-to-back bombs by Payton Westerholm and another from Beau Johnson that gave the Gulls a commanding 36-27 lead.

The Eagles tried to keep it close — and they did, for a while.

Consecutive scores by Micah Jenkins had Stayton within 38-37 early in the fourth quarter, but that’s as close as the Eagles would get.

Westerholm scored on a floating jump shot, Ryan Hague made two free throws, Westerholm converted four straight, and the Gulls held on from there.

## SCOREBOARD

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**BANKS 62, SEASIDE 56**  
**SEA (56):** Beau Johnson 19, Ryan Hague 17, Duncan Thompson 6, Brayden Johnson 6, Chase Januik 4, Payton Westerholm 2, Dylan Meyer 2.

**BAN (62):** Blake Gobel 24, Bret Cameron 13, Dakota Bunn 9, Jacob Slifka 7, Jarred Evans 5, Hayden Vandehey 2, Tyler Exline 2, Ryan Hiestand, Nathan Klein, Blake Markham.

Seaside	11	18	10	17—56
Banks	7	15	17	23—62

**Field goals:** Seaside 23-54, Banks 23-53.  
**3-point FG:** Seaside 7-20 (Be.Johnson 5, Br. Johnson 2), Banks 6-13 (Cameron 3, Gobel 2, Evans). Free throws: Seaside 3-3, Banks 10-16.  
**Fouls:** Seaside 14, Banks 7. **Assists:** Seaside 17 (Januik 6), Banks 8 (three with 2). **Rebounds:** Seaside 26 (Hague 5), Banks 39 (Gobel 13). **Steals:** Seaside 6 (Januik 5), Banks 10 (Cameron 3). **Turnovers:** Seaside 11, Banks 13. **Players of the Game:** Beau Johnson (Seaside), Blake Gobel (Banks).

### SEASIDE 49, STAYTON 40

**STA (40):** Riley Nichol 18, Kaleb Anundi 12, Micah Jenkins 6, Logan Classen 4, Jordan Butler, Ben Rash, Jacob Axmaker.

**SEA (49):** Chase Januik 15, Payton Westerholm 14, Brayden Johnson 8, Beau Johnson 5, Ryan Hague 4, Duncan Thompson 3, Skye Higdon, Dylan Meyer.

Stayton	11	11	11	7—40
Seaside	11	12	15	11—49

**Field goals:** Stayton 15-41, Seaside 15-44.  
**3-point FG:** Stayton 3-12 (Nichol 3), Seaside 8-26 (Januik 3, Westerholm 2, Br.Johnson 2, Be. Johnson). Free throws: Stayton 7-8, Seaside 11-17. **Fouls:** Stayton 16, Seaside 12. Fouled out: Stayton, Classen, Jenkins. **Assists:** Stayton 10 (Butler 4), Seaside 12 (Januik 5, Westerholm 5). **Rebounds:** Stayton 30 (Anundi 9), Seaside 29 (Westerholm 8). **Steals:** Stayton 1 (Rash), Seaside 5 (Br.Johnson 2). **Turnovers:** Stayton 14, Seaside 4. **Players of the Game:** Kaleb Anundi (Stayton), Chase Januik (Seaside).

### SEASIDE 75, NORTH MARION 50

**NM (50):** Sergio Jimenez 14, Jared Hauser 11, Grant Henry 9, Brady Hansen 9, Griffin Henry 3, Tanner Saucedo 2, Sam Garcia 2, Nic Ilyin, Hunter Wierstra, Noah Wierstra, Johnny Page, Beau Wilson.

**SEA (75):** Ryan Hague 29, Chase Januik 16, Beau Johnson 9, Payton Westerholm 7, Duncan Thompson 7, Ledger Pugh 1, Derrick Bennett 1, Stephen Snyder, Samson Sibony, Gavin Rich, Dylan Meyer.

N.Marion	14	10	14	12—50
Seaside	20	15	21	19—75

**Field goals:** N.Marion 16-49, Seaside 32-56.

**3-point FG:** N.Marion 6-19 (Gra.Henry 3, Hansen 2, Hauser), Seaside 3-10 (Be.Johnson, Thompson, Br.Johnson). **Free throws:** N.Marion 12-18, Seaside 8-15. **Fouls:** N.Marion 16, Seaside 13. **Assists:** N.Marion 5 (Gra.Henry 3), Seaside 7 (Januik 2, Westerholm 2). **Rebounds:** N.Marion 30 (Hauser 9), Seaside 33 (Hague 10). **Steals:** N.Marion 7 (Gr.Henry 3), Seaside 6 (Januik 2, Br.Johnson 2). **Turnovers:** N.Marion 16, Seaside 9. **Players of the Game:** Sergio Jimenez (North Marion), Ryan Hague (Seaside).

### SATURDAY'S FINALS

#### 4A state tournament

**Boys**  
**Championship: Banks 62, Seaside 56**  
3rd/5th: Stayton 49, Woodburn 42  
4th/6th: North Marion 77, Marist 65

**Girls**  
Championship: Baker 51, Marist 48  
3rd/5th: Newport 52, Philomath 40  
4th/6th: North Marion 48, Banks 38

#### 4A boys all-tournament

**First team**  
Kaleb Anundi, Sr., Stayton  
Blake Gobel, Sr., Banks

**Ryan Hague, Jr., Seaside**  
**Chase Januik, Sr., Seaside**

R.J. Veliz, Sr., Woodburn (unanimous)

**Second team**  
Sergio Jimenez, Jr., North Marion  
Riley Nichol, Sr., Stayton  
Andrew Reynolds, Sr., Henley  
Jacob Slifka, Jr., Banks  
Nick Stice, Jr., Marist

Sportsmanship: Woodburn

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## Seaside Seagulls on your fantastic season!

# GO Seagulls!



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