

# Talking football with Jim Auld

**SEEN FROM SEASIDE**  
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The fall of 2019 sees two major anniversaries in the history of Seaside and its championship Seagulls football teams. The Gulls took their first state championship 60 years ago, on Saturday, Nov. 28, 1959, defeating Vale, 28-21. Thirty-five years later, on Dec. 3, 1994 the Gulls won their second championship, defeating Brookings-Harbor High 27-14 in Eugene. This year marks the 25th anniversary of that championship. One man was a big part of both championships, Jim Auld, Seaside High School class of 1961. As a player, Auld played a key role in the 1959 championship. As a coach, he helped to lead the 1994 team to their crown. We spoke to Auld in the Signal office.

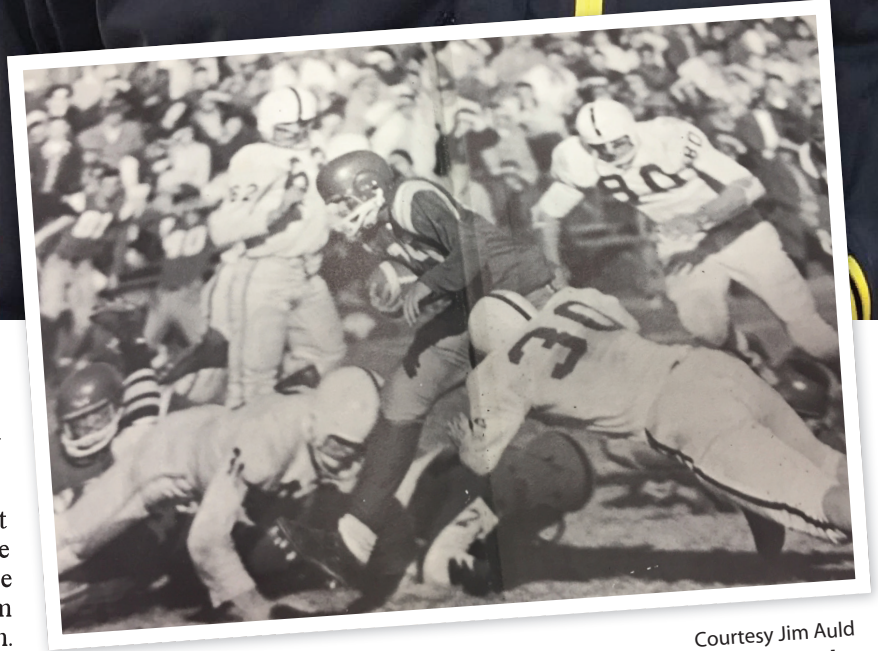
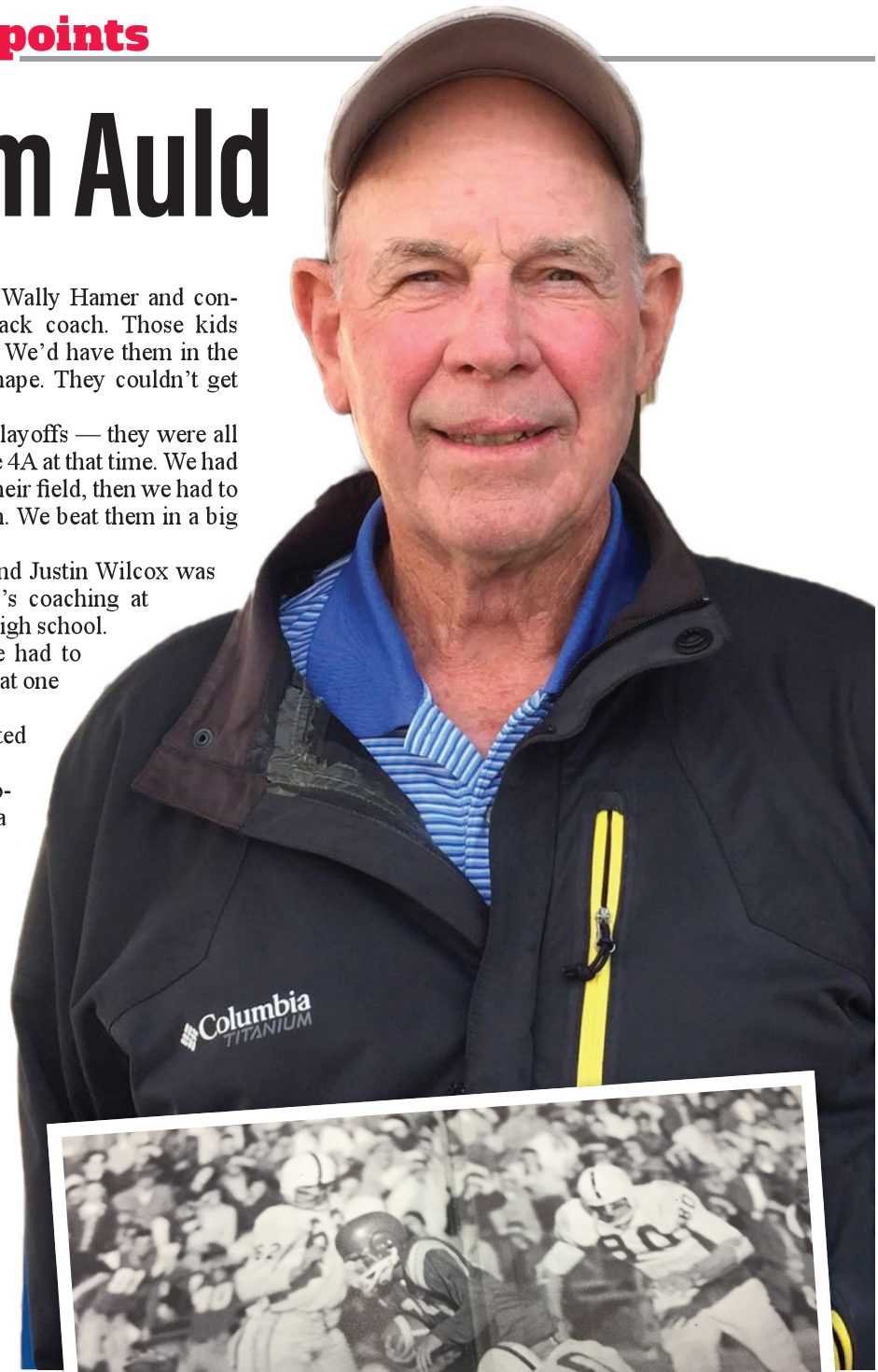
Q: Were you born in Seaside?  
Auld: I was born in Portland in 1943. I moved here when I was 4. I have two sisters. My dad had the Coca-Cola distributorship in Astoria. His family went to Astoria and we settled here.  
Q: Tell me about your own sports career.  
Auld: I started Babe Ruth ball through Seaside Kids in 1956.  
Q: You were a junior at Seaside High School when the team won the 1959 football championship. What was that like?  
Auld: A great team — '59-'60 was my junior year and we were 12-0. That was the only undefeated team we've had in Seaside. A great group of guys. Frank Buckiewicz was coach. He went on to Portland, to Grant (High School). Chet Bowser stepped in and took us our senior year. We had so many good football players, running backs — they just kept coming.  
And we beat Vale, at Vale, 28-21, and Dave Wilcox was a senior for them. Of course he went on to Oregon and the NFL and is in the Hall of Fame. That was the only game he ever lost in high school. He was the fullback.  
The next year, my senior year, we were still undefeated, but we lost the semifinal game. We won 22 or 23 consecutive games.  
Q: You guys dominated the league.  
Auld: For 10 years.  
Q: Did you play in college?  
Auld: I played at Pacific University. I played a year of football, then two years of basketball and four years of baseball.  
Q: What did you do next?  
Auld: I graduated and was at Banks High School for five years.

I got drafted, then came back for a year to Banks. This job (in Seaside) opened up in 1971-72. I came in as an assistant football coach and the head baseball job. Larry Elliot wanted the basketball head job.  
Q: Who was the head football coach at the time?  
Auld: Neal Maine. I never was head football coach. Then Bruce Vuzzell took it. He had it for about six years, then Mike Corrigan, and then Stubby Lyons, around 1980.  
Q: What was your role on the championship 1994 team?  
Auld: I was the line coach. Stubby was the head coach.  
Q: What made that '94 team so successful?  
We had some big kids on that team. (Ben) Archibald was a junior, Adam Israel was a sophomore — those were big, fast kids. Casey Jackson as a running back. Interesting, the starting three running backs, Jake Brown, Casey Jackson and Jason Bartlett, were three legs of the short relay championship team — state record holders. The fourth leg, Scott Reilly, was our backup running back. That's how much speed we had in that backfield.  
Lance Lyons was the quarterback and he was a heckuva player too. You have a Nate Burke, who was the defensive

player of the year in the state. The key to the whole thing was Wally Hamer and conditioning. He was the defensive back coach. Those kids worked so hard. They'd run sprints. We'd have them in the weight room. They were in great shape. They couldn't get enough. They thrived on it.  
And the teams we played in the playoffs — they were all good. There were no "gimmies" in the 4A at that time. We had to travel to Burns and beat them on their field, then we had to go to Molalla. They had a great team. We beat them in a big rainstorm game.  
Then we went to Junction City and Justin Wilcox was their quarterback. Dave's son, who's coaching at Cal now. He had not been beaten in high school. We beat them in overtime, then we had to play Brookings-Harbor in Eugene, that one ended up at 27-14.

Q: Was the '94 team undefeated then?  
Auld: No! We lost 28-21 to Astoria during the regular season. Astoria was good that year.  
Q: How did last year's Seaside football team rank with those great teams?  
Auld: It was a good team. There was no question about it.  
Q: What highlight jumps to mind from last year's Gulls' football season?  
Auld: Watching Alex Teubner do what he did. Forty-four touchdowns.  
Toward the end of the season I could see where it was headed. I went to (coach) Jeff Roberts and said, "Jeff, do you realize what's going to happen here in this next game or so?"  
He kind of looked at me. "Alex is going to break the record Steve Picard set back in 1957-58."

In Steve's senior year, he scored 35 touchdowns 210 points, the state record at that time.  
Q: You were on that team.  
Auld: I was a freshman when that occurred. Steve Picard was a senior. He was a state track champ in the 100 and the 220. He was a great athlete. He was from Tahiti — we called him the Tahiti Flash. Neal Maine was the other running back. Neal was a senior when I was a freshman.  
Q: Teubner reminded you of that?  
Auld: It's an incredible achievement what Alex did last year — I mean, 44 touchdowns, 2,500 yards rushing, and passes caught for another 400 or 500 yards. He's an extraordinary athlete.  
Alexander Teubner scored 264 points on touchdowns. I'm not even sure if they know how many 2-point conversions he had.  
I said, "Jeff, you need to record this. This is posterity. This is an achievement. Years from now someone will ask, 'How many points did that Teubner kid score?'"  
Q: Are you following his college career?  
Auld: He's at Boise State. He walked on and he opened some eyes right away. Whatever he did in practice, they liked what they saw.  
Q: What do you see in his future?  
Auld: He's good. He's a great defensive player. He's going to make some specialty teams and open some eyes.  
Q: What do you see ahead for the Gulls this year?  
Auld: This year these kids have a new coach (Aaron Tanabe). He's going to do a good job. It's a different team, they're going to have to re-identify themselves, which they will. We lost all the backs. That's the way it goes.  
Q: What about Banks? They have some top talent.



Courtesy Jim Auld  
**The Gulls took the 1959 championship at Vale, 28-21. No. 80, in white, is the Vikings' Dave Wilcox, a future NFL Hall of Famer.**

Auld: Their leading scorers are gone too.  
Q: Seaside is sighing in relief.  
Auld: I watched the East-West Shrine Game, with (Banks' Hayden) Vandehey qb-ing, (Blake) Gobel a really good receiver. I watched that game and shook my head. I don't know how we stayed with them. They all graduated.  
Q: When did you retire?  
Auld: 1998.  
Q: Did you take a new career?  
Auld: Guess what? When you retire, you need something to do. I'm staying with Seaside Kids, the Hall of Fame committee. This is a big year for us.  
Q: What's your message for today's athletes?  
Auld: I like to see three-sport athletes. It bugs me to death to see students on one sport. I think you need to be diversified. Play soccer, play whatever, but refresh yourself a little bit.  
Q: How do you stay fit?  
Auld: I play golf just about every day, and walk. I belong to a little fitness gym.  
Q: Do you play pickleball?  
Auld: No. Never! That's crazy!

# Lucy greets friends old and new as she strolls through Gearhart

**VIEW FROM THE PORCH**  
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Our miniature pinscher, Lucy, is generally a shy, reserved dog. We got her four years ago in October from Elaine Hanson, a breeder, who for years bred and sold dogs in Seaside. Min-pins are super smart and, despite their reputation for being tiny terrors, can be very sweet, although that requires a substantial investment of time in socialization. Lucy was so tiny when I got her, she fit in the palm of my hand. We were renting a place in Gearhart on Fifth Street when I got her; as soon as she weighed 5 pounds and had received the requisite shots for meet and greets, I started taking her into town where she became a habitu  of coffee shops. In case you're unaware, there are three coffee shops in Gearhart. Although we now live in Seaside where you can have a marvelous, full-on coffee shop experience at Seaside Coffee and Dough Dough, I make it a point at least twice a week to get my coffee in Gearhart. When you work from home, it's good to take breaks outside of the house. To some degree, I go to Gearhart for

Lucy, so she can see her friends as all three places in Gearhart are dog friendly and, weather permitting, offer outdoor seating. Besides Karynn at the post office, Lucy's number one friend in Gearhart is Dave at By The Way. As a min-pin, she's only got a tiny stub of a tail, but her whole hind end shimmies with pleasure when she sees Dave.  
Lucy doesn't get to visit with John at the Pacific Way Bakery nearly as often as she'd like. He's too busy most of the time making espresso drinks. When she does see John and he has time, she likes to sit in his lap and snuggle.  
She has what I call a "big girl" crush on Bella, a beautiful and well mannered vizla who lives in Gearhart. Bella isn't the least bit interested in Lucy who she met in the post office. Karynn, the postmistress, is a huge fan of the local dogs. She knows them all by name. Lucy cries when she sees Karynn, and not just for the treats she hands out.  
Another human Lucy is crazy about is Melissa, our real estate agent. Melissa helped us find our house and Lucy is in love with Melissa. She also knows the sound of Melissa's voice and if we're strolling by the Windermere office and she hears Melissa talking, she tries to drag me in.  
Lucy can be a bit of a brat when I take her to Sweet Shop. Dogs aren't allowed in



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**Despite her shyness, she has no lack of friends.**

the store so while I'm inside placing my order, she must wait on the patio. The whole time she has to wait, she loudly whines and moans! Once I'm back outside, drinking my Smith tea and nibbling my scone, she keeps an eagle eye on the gate that opens to the street, alert for other dogs. She's taken it into her head the patio is hers and it's her sworn duty to screen who comes in and goes out.  
Lucy has other friends she enjoys seeing. At ByTheWay, she's always excited to see Liz and Bob. It helps that Bob is a dropper of crumbs under the table. She's glad to see Cindy who makes jewelry and her pup Bella (this Bella's a shih tzu) although Bella is less thrilled to see her. Another

dog she's interested in who has no interest in her is Cheeto, an adorable Chihuahua who belongs to Anne. She loves seeing our friend Randy and his labradoodle, Copper. If they're on the bench catching some rays, she says hi to David and Lisa. She loves bumping into Sandy who always seems surprised Lucy is so glad to see her.  
I feel a bit badly Lucy doesn't cotton to children. I'm not sure exactly why, but children terrify her! Four years ago when I got her from Mrs. Hanson, a guy named Steve whose mother lives in Gearhart (I believe he lives in San Fran) got another pup from Mrs. Hanson, who was showing and selling two litters. Steve took a puppy from the other litter. He named her Mary, after his sister. For a short while after we both became the parents of a min-pin, Steve communicated with me about his experience. He took Mary for basic obedience training and enrolled her in doggy day care. He made an extra effort to socialize her, but despite those efforts, she seemed terrified of kids.  
"Lucy is the same!" I said. Maybe it's a min-pin thing. I walk Lucy twice a day in Seaside. We've been known to stroll the length of Broadway and we're often on the Prom or down by the Cove. If you happen to see us in your neighborhood, please stop and say hello.

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