

SEASIDE GOES THE DISTANCE WITH ASTORIA



Seaside's Tristyn McFadden, left, and Karen Wing (6) celebrate a point in the match against Astoria.

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A good old-fashioned Clatsop Clash match that went the distance, as the Astoria and Seaside volleyball teams gave the fans their best, and took it to the limit Oct. 10 at the Gulls' Nest.

Seaside played one of its best — if not the best — matches of the season, but Astoria rallied from a two games-to-one deficit to win in five sets, 22-25, 25-19, 24-26, 25-17, 15-13.

"I'm just proud of my team for coming out with the win," said Astoria coach Jessie Todd. "Seaside fought hard tonight. Rivalry matches are always tough, and you never know what to expect. It's an away environment for us, and (the Gulls) were really emotionally charged."

Seaside coach Demi Lund said yes, indeed, it was her team's best match of the season.

"It was such a close match," Lund said. "My girls played their hearts out and I could not be more proud of them."

"I told them that even though it's a loss on the record, it's a win for our team because of how hard we played and with so much passion," she said. "That's the best I

have seen them play all season."

Seaside even led 13-11 in the fourth set, before Astoria won that game, then overcame a few close calls in Game 5 to hold off the Gulls, who had not won a single set in their last five matches.

"It's always hard when some calls don't go your way," Todd said of the fifth set. "But we always talk about how you respond emotionally from those calls, and tonight the girls did a good job in responding."

But before that, it was Seaside which held an emotional lead for most of the night.

The Gulls took advantage of several kills by Ellisa Blodgett in Game 1, along with a serving string by Tristyn McFadden to build a 20-15 lead.

Astoria fought back to within 24-22, but Emma Meyer set Karen Wing for a kill at game point.

Seaside kept the momentum rolling into Game 2, jumping to a quick 7-1 lead.

But the Lady Fish rallied, Julia Norris went on a serving streak, and Kelsey Fausett got the offensive attack going with several kills, including a cross-court spike for a 20-16 lead.

Kailee Fisher added a kill, Taja Tuimato had a kill off a block and Norris's tap over the net at

game point evened the match at one-apiece.

It was Seaside that rallied in the third set. The Gulls trailed 4-1 and 10-5, and trailed late 23-20 and 24-22.

But a few attack errors on the Fishermen, coupled with three ace serves by Wing, gave Seaside the 26-24 win.

"Ellisa Blodgett had the game of her career tonight," Lund said. "She put away almost every ball that was set to her. Emma Meyer set great and Karen Wing stepped in to play the middle and did so well."

In Game 4, Emma Brown's ace serve had the Gulls in front, 13-11.

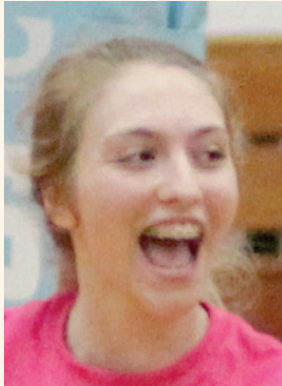
But a couple aces by Norris served as the pivotal stretch in the match, with Astoria taking control down the stretch with back-to-back kills by Jackson and Fausett to even the match at 2-2. Fausett led the Fishermen with 12 kills.

An intensity-filled fifth set saw four lead changes and seven ties, the last at 11-11.

From there, Norris and Jackson had kills, and Skylar Sturtz had an ace serve for a 14-11 lead.

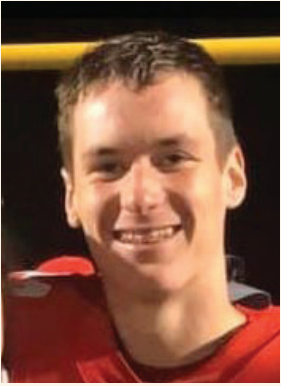
One last rally by the Gulls helped Seaside close to within 14-13, but Jackson's spike found open space near the back line for the match point and the win.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



ELLISA BLODGETT
Volleyball

The senior led Seaside to a near-upset of No. 6-ranked Astoria Oct. 10 at the Gulls' Nest. Astoria ultimately won in five sets, but not before Seaside had the Lady Fishermen on the ropes, thanks in large part to Blodgett's night. "Ellisa Blodgett had the game of her career tonight," said Seaside coach Demi Lund. "She put away almost every ball that was set to her."



AEDYN COOK
Football

One week after teammate Andrew Teubner ran for 202 yards and two touchdowns in a win over Valley Catholic, backfield mate Aedyn Cook rushed for 142 yards and three touchdowns on 14 carries in a 38-14 win Friday at Molalla. Included was a 94-yard run for a score that gave the Gulls a 31-0 lead in the easy win over the Indians.

Seaside blasts Molalla, 38-14

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Seaside scored another easy win Oct. 11, a 38-14 decision at Molalla in Cowapa League football action on the Indians' home field.

With the victory, the Gulls are officially on a roll as they head into the game of the year in Class 4A football Friday, when Seaside visits Banks. The two combatants in last year's state championship game are both 3-0 in league play.

The Gulls had another game wrapped up by halftime in the contest at Molalla.

Seaside quarterback

Ledger Pugh threw just six passes, but completed five and two were for touchdowns in the first half, as the Gulls held a 17-0 lead at the break. Kaleb Bartel added a 33-yard field goal in the second quarter.

And Seaside was tough on the ground as well, rushing for 264 of their 398 yards in total offense. Leading the way was Aedyn Cook, who gained 142 yards and scored three touchdowns on just 14 carries.

Cook's night was highlighted by a 94-yard TD run to start the fourth quarter, as Seaside built an eventual 38-0 lead.

Seaside competes in Bigfoot Classic

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Another meet, another win for the Astoria girls cross-country team, which is quickly turning into the team to beat at the 4A level.

The Lady Fishermen took the top spot Oct. 8 at the Bigfoot Classic, held at the Twin Rocks Friends Camp near Rockaway Beach. The Astoria boys were second behind Ilwaco.

Individually, Astoria runners were edged out by a few small-school runners, as Neah-Kah-Nie sophomore Jordan White won the girls' race in 23 minutes, 58 seconds, with Sophie Long of Astoria second (24:25). And Ilwaco sophomore Daniel Quintana captured first place in the boys' race (19:28), ahead of Ilwaco teammate Daniel Whiting (19:41), Robert Piña-Morton of Knappa (20:07) and Astoria's John Clement (20:39). Knappa freshman Isaiah Rodriguez was fifth

in 21:35.

Team-wise, the Ilwaco boys finished with 40 points, followed by Astoria (46), Knappa (63) and Warrenton (107), with Seaside sixth out of seven scoring teams.

The Astoria girls had 41 points, ahead of Neah-Kah-Nie (60), Ilwaco (70), Warrenton (95) and Seaside (110).

Seaside was paced by freshman Cole Jervis (18th, 23:07) in the boys' race, followed by Luis Moreno (20th, 23:20), Everett Rollins (24th, 23:59), Nalu Isley (44th, 26:38), Cameron Lipfert (54th, 28:04), Fernando Dzul-Fisher (64th, 29:52), Maksym Matviyenko (71st, 31:36) and Sklyer Archibald (76th, 33:59).

Brooke Blankenhorn (16th, 28:36) led the Seaside girls, along with Tara Lair (21st, 29:27), Margaret Goin (26th, 30:41), Reese Clark (28th, 31:08), Kiermin Dalby (36th, 33:15) and Morgan Houston (47th, 46:49).

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL					
Sherman/Condon 84, Jewell 49					
Sherman	24	12	21	27	—84
Jewell	6	7	6	30	—49
First Quarter					
SC: Braden Carnine 8 run (run failed) 6:40					
SC: Kole Martin 60 pass from Cort Colby (kick failed) 4:14					
SC: Carnine 43 run (run failed) 2:10					
SC: Tyler Bledsoe 15 pass from Colby (run failed):01					
JWL: Justin Wammack 60 kick return (pass failed):00					
Second Quarter					
SC: Gill Witherspoon 10 pass from Carnine (kick failed) 6:52					
JWL: Aiden Bixel 4 run (Bixel run) 3:39					
SC: Colby 5 pass from Carnine (kick failed) 1:37					
Third Quarter					
SC: Martin 35 pass from Carnine (Witherspoon run) 8:36					
JWL: Bixel 1 run (run failed) 5:21					
SC: Witherspoon 12 run (Martin from Colby) 3:38					

SC: Carnine 19 run (Rubio from Colby):34					
Fourth Quarter					
JWL: Bixel 39 run (run failed) 9:14					
SC: Witherspoon 14 pass from Carnine (Martin from Colby) 8:12					
JWL: Bixel 37 run (run failed) 7:55					
SC: Carnine 47 run (Martin from Colby) 6:10					
JWL: Bradley Rodgers 3 run (run failed) 5:32					
SC: Witherspoon 5 run (Carnine run) 4:17					
JWL: Bixel 87 run (run failed) 3:56					
SC: Carnine 55 run (run failed) 3:44					
JWL: Rodgers 5 run (run failed) 1:19					
Sherman Statistics					
Rushing: Carnine 14-333, Witherspoon 16-158, Rubio 1-(-5), Colby 6-(-19). Passing: Carnine 7-11-114-0, Colby 4-4-94-0. Receiving: Witherspoon 5-50, Martin 2-95, Colby 2-22, Carlson 1-26, Bledsoe 1-15.					
Jewell Statistics					
Rushing: Bixel 24-361, Rodgers 8-39, Wammack 9-(-1), Duncan 3-(-2). Passing: Wammack 2-9-17-1, Duncan 0-1-0-1. Receiving: Bixel 2-17.					

Seaside soccer closes in on first place

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Seaside remained hot on the heels of Valley Catholic in the league standings, with an easy 6-0 win Oct. 10 at Banks, in a Cowapa League boys soccer match.

The Gulls improve to 3-1, a half-game behind the Valiants, who defeated Tillamook, 7-0.

Seaside hosts Astoria and the Valiants this week.

Earlier in the week, Seaside finished up a string of five road matches in six games with a 5-1 Cow-

apa League win Oct. 8 at Tillamook.

The Gulls were moving the ball well right from the start, with pressure on the Cheesemakers.

Offensively, Seaside had several near misses until the eighth minute, when Stephen Snyder made the first of his two goals on the night for a quick lead.

The Gulls found themselves defending several Tillamook attacks, but Seaside keeper Patrick Chapman had a couple of great saves to maintain Seaside's 1-0 lead after one half.

Seaside returned to its strong offensive attack in the second half, and resulted in a quick goal for Dodger Holmstedt off a corner kick. Holmstedt's shot was high enough and had a shooter's curve that found the back of the net from a tough angle for a 2-0 lead.

Westin Carter got in on the action less than five minutes later with a hard shot from the top of the box, which deflected off a defender and got past the keeper.

After Tillamook's lone

goal, Snyder scored his second goal about 20 seconds later off a corner kick, a shot that went to the back post and in.

Seaside worked well to keep the Cheesemakers off the scoreboard for the rest of the game, and with time winding down, Gulls' defensive midfielder Julio Ortiz got his second goal of the season on a shot from 35 yards out, straight over the keeper's reach and into the net.

Ryan Hague led Seaside's strong defense with another solid performance.