

Seaside turns out the lights on Tillamook

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With a five-game league schedule, every football game is critical in the Cowapa League.

And the Seaside Gulls were down to one last critical contest last Friday night, with two ways to go in the league standings.

A win and a Banks loss would give Seaside a share of the league title. A loss would leave the Gulls in a tie for second with Tillamook.

Instead, the Gulls' 18-0 win over the Cheesemakers (and a Banks victory over Molalla) gave Seaside second place all to itself, while the undefeated Braves secured their second straight Cowapa championship.

The final finish atop the league standings — with Banks at 5-0 and Seaside at 4-1 — is identical to last year.

And that's one more reason the Gulls are hopeful for a return to the state championship. It just won't be as easy to get there as it was a year ago.

Seaside will head to the state playoffs with a No. 12 ranking, as opposed to the No. 3 ranking the Gulls held in 2018.

But, just like last year, Seaside will certainly enter the postseason with some momentum.

With all due credit to the Gulls' defense, Seaside tossed football's version of a perfect game in Friday's regular season finale.

Tillamook finished the game with no points, two first downs and zero yards in total offense (minus 14 yards rushing, plus 14 passing).

A pregame power outage at Broadway Field, coupled with Senior Night, led to a late start. The power eventually came back on, just not for the Cheesemakers.

Tillamook finished the first half with 17 yards in total offense and one first down.

It got even darker for the Cheesemakers in the second half, as all three Tillamook ball carriers finished with negative rushing yardage, and quarterback Chad Werner was 5-of-12 passing for just 14 yards.

The Gulls didn't exactly light up the scoreboard, either, but at least Seaside finished with plus yardage and 18 first downs, including eight in the third quarter.

The only score of the first half was also the first completion of the night for Seaside quarterback Ledger Pugh, a 32-yard pass and run play to Levi Card down the right sideline early in the second quarter.

Other than that, Tillamook stopped the Gulls on three fourth down plays to stay within striking distance.

That is, until Seaside put together its drive of the night.

Midway through the third quarter and starting from their own 26, the Gulls ran 14 plays and moved the ball to the Tillamook 10-yard line.

Seaside only got three points out of the drive, a 27-yard field goal from Kaleb Bartel, but the time-consuming drive left the Cheesemakers with just one possession in the third period, as Bartel's kick split the



Jeff Ter Har
TOP Andrew Teubner helped lead the Gulls over Tillamook Friday. **ABOVE** Levi Card makes a big tackle. **RIGHT** Brayden Johnson catches a pass from Ledger Pugh.

uprights with 10:15 left in the fourth.

On the very next play from scrimmage, Werner was sacked in the end zone for a safety, giving the Gulls a 12-0 lead.

And four plays after that, Seaside tacked on another six points, as Pugh's 24-yard toss to Card set up a 26-yard touchdown run by Aedyn Cook.

Pugh finished 5-of-7 passing for 91 yards, while Brayden Johnson led the ground attack with 96 yards rushing on 12 attempts. Cook added 51 yards rushing, Jake Black ran for 48 and Andrew Teubner rushed for 47

in Seaside's balanced running attack.

The Gulls were called for 10 penalties for 75 yards. Seaside will have a bye this week before beginning their 2019 postseason run.

Luis Moreno runs to victory at Cullaby Lake

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WARRENTON — It was a low-key meet at a familiar old location, for some local cross-country teams Oct. 23.

In one final tune-up for their respective district meets, the Astoria, Seaside and Warrenton cross-country squads met at Cullaby Lake county park for a three-team run through the woods and along the shores of Cullaby Lake, a course that was a regular part of the schedule in years past.

Astoria and Seaside both saw some encouraging signs.

While the Astoria girls and Seaside boys will both contend for the Cowapa League team title, the Seaside boys had an individual winner in Wednesday's meet.

The Gulls' Luis Moreno won the boys race, covering the 3,000-meter course in 10 minutes, 3.8 seconds, just ahead of Astoria freshman John Clement (10:07), with Astoria's Nikolai Boisvert (10:35) third, Warrenton's Kale Moss (10:40) and Forrest Cooley (10:50) were fourth and fifth, respectively.

Moreno's win was even more impressive because the senior had to run a couple hundred yards more. Moreno arrived at the starting line without a bib number on his uniform. He had to jog back to the finish area to pick up the bib number,



Gary Henley
Seaside's Luis Moreno heads for the finish line to win a cross-country race Oct. 23 at Cullaby Lake.



Gary Henley
Seaside runner Elise Seppa heads for her fifth place finish.



Gary Henley
Members of the Seaside boys cross-country team head for the starting line, before the race at Cullaby Lake.

then ran back to the starting line.

The winner of the girls' race was the runner who's been winning all season, Astoria's Sophie Long.

The junior was the only runner to break 12 minutes, finishing in 11:54 for

her personal best over 3,000 meters.

Freshman teammate Ella Zilli was a distant second (12:19), followed by Lady Fishermen Lindsay Riutta (12:52) and Allyson Pritchard (12:52). Astoria's fifth runner was Annalyse

Steele (12th, 14:16), with not a single senior among their top five.

Seaside sophomore Elise Seppa placed fifth in 12:56, followed by Warrenton's Kaisa Liljenwall (13:02, new school record) and Abigail Miller (13:32).

Gulls take shutout win on way to playoffs

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Seaside tuned up for the post-season with an easy 5-0 win Tuesday at Banks in a Cowapa League boys soccer season finale.

The Gulls finish the season with a 6-1-1 league record, 10-3-1 overall. The Braves, ranked 32nd out of 33 teams at the 4A level, dropped to 1-11 overall.

Seaside advances to the state playoffs for the fourth straight season.

Stephen Snyder scored Seaside's first goal, and got first, and freshman Ryan Varozza scored the second on a header off an assist from Westin Carter.

Carter made it 3-0, and Dodger Holmstedt was Seaside's fourth goal-scorer of the first half.

The Gulls played several junior varsity players in the second half, with Carter adding his second goal for the final score.

In girls soccer action at Broadway Field, Banks defeated Seaside, 1-0.

Banks blanks Seaside

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In a Cowapa League volleyball finale Oct. 24 at Seaside, Banks clinched second place in the league standings with a sweep over the Gulls, 25-11, 25-9, 25-13.

The seventh-ranked Braves finish 5-3 in league play, just ahead of fifth-ranked Astoria (4-4).

Banks, Astoria, Tillamook (3-5) and Seaside (0-8) will all take part in the play-in round, with the Gulls set to play Oct. 29 at Philomath.

SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL				
Seaside 18, Tillamook 0				
Tillamook	0	0	0	0-0
Seaside	0	7	0	11-18
Second Quarter				
SEA: Levi Card 32 pass from Ledger Pugh (Kaleb Bartel kick) 10:59				
Fourth Quarter				
SEA: Bartel 27 FG, 10:15				
SEA: Chad Werner tackled in end zone, 10:03				
SEA: Aedyn Cook 26 run (kick failed) 7:32				

Tillamook Statistics	
Rushing: Boomer 1-(3), C.Werner 9-(4), Mendez 8-(7), Passing: C.Werner 5-12-14-0, Receiving: Shelley 2-13, Stonebrick 1-6, Boomer 1-1, Connelly 1-(6).	
Seaside Statistics	
Rushing: Br.Johnson 12-96, Cook 8-51, Black 11-48, Teubner 9-47, Pugh 9-13, Rich 1-5, Passing: Pugh 5-7-91-0, Kawasoe 0-1-0-0, Receiving: Card 2-56, Cook 1-15, Br. Johnson 1-12, Black 1-8.	