

Seaside, Marist meet for third time in two years

By **GARY HENLEY**
Seaside Signal

Seaside will be looking for some payback Friday in Eugene, where the Gulls will face Marist for the second time this season, this time in a first round game of the 4A state playoffs.

Overall, it will be the third meeting in two years between the Gulls and Spartans. Friday's game time is 7 p.m., and can be heard on KSWB 840 AM, or 98.1 FM.

The Gulls are certainly hoping the game turns out more like the 2018 meeting with the Spartans, than the game against Marist earlier this season.

On Sept. 13 at Broadway Field, the Spartans pounded Seaside 35-3, as Marist running back Lucas Tuski, a 6-foot, 235-pound sophomore, rushed for 175 yards and four touchdowns. The Gulls' only score was a 33-yard field by Kaleb Bartel.

Marist scored some revenge for a 2018 loss to the Gulls, who won 33-22 on the Spartans' home field in an early nonleague game.

Marist came into this year's Week 2 game ranked No. 3 in the OSAA polls, and since then the Spartans have dropped — but not much — to No. 5.

The Gulls are not far back at No. 12, as Seaside went 4-1 in league play, capped by an 18-0 win over Tillamook Oct. 25. Sea-



Seaside defenders Levi Card (83) and Beau Johnson, right, put the pressure on Valley Catholic quarterback Daniel Pruitt at Broadway Field.

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side's only league loss was a 34-6 setback Oct. 18 at Banks.

Meanwhile, Marist recently completed a 7-1 season, 4-0 in the Sky-Em League.

The Spartans' last loss — ironically — was also to No. 1-ranked Banks, as the Braves defeated Marist 19-14 Sept. 20 in Eugene.

Marist bounced back with a 53-19 win over Elmira to open league play, and proceeded to win four more after that.

The Spartans are currently on a five-game win streak, with decisive victories over Cottage Grove (62-6), Mazama (55-21) and Junction City (49-14), and a league-clinching 27-21 win Oct. 25 at Marshfield.

Will Broadway Field switch to portable mound?

By **R.J. MARX**
Seaside Signal

Pitchers alert!
To save money on field maintenance, cut down on injuries and free up more playing space, the Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District heard a plea from board member John Chapman to replace the current pitcher's mound on Broadway field with a portable mound.

"I would really like to encourage the idea of flattening the mound and using a portable mound, that way you can use that baseball diamond for more than high school baseball," Chapman said.

Chapman made his suggestion at the Oct. 22 meeting of the district board at the Bob Chisholm Center during an update on Broadway Field by executive director Skyler Archibald.

There are "tons of schools that use mobile mounds," which provide versatility and can be rolled on and off the field, he said.

Portable mounds vary widely from a few hundred dollars to \$3,000 and up.

Chapman, a Seaside High School soccer coach,



Gary Henley

Umpire Terry Hendryx and former Seaside coach Dan McFadden try to make repairs on the Broadway Field mound.



Pitch Pro Model 8121 Portable Pitching Mound, one of the models proposed by John Chapman as an option at Broadway Field.

said players frequently are tripped up by the mound during scrimmages.

"If the school wants to have a specific size mound for their season, it's right there," he said. "You guys don't replace my nets for soccer, so why should parks pay for the mounds for the fields? They can take it up and crate it away."

The current mound may not die so easily, however, Archibald suggested. "The greater question, as you

know, is the sanctity of the game and if that changes the pitching experience there's different opinions, for sure."

If Seaside does adopt a portable mound, Signal sportswriter Gary Henley said after the meeting, it would be the second school district, in the Cowapa League to do so, along with Astoria.

Jervis, Seppa lead Gulls at league meet

By **GARY HENLEY**
Seaside Signal

WARRENTON — Large numbers, plus good athletes plus a running tradition is a good combination to have in high school cross-country, as the two Tillamook teams showed Wednesday afternoon at Camp Rilea.

The Cheesemakers cleaned up at the Cowapa League championship meet, sweeping the girls' and boys' team and individual titles in a strong tune-up for the state meet, Nov. 9 in Eugene.

Astoria will also be well-represented in Eugene.

Team-wise, the Astoria girls had four runners among the top 10 finishers to earn a solid second place in the team standings, which qualifies the Lady Fishermen for state.

"That was real exciting," said Astoria coach Andrew Fick. "I think it's the first time since 2007 that the Astoria girls have qualified for state as a team. They've been working hard all year, and they showed up today."

Individually, the Astoria boys will send two runners to Eugene.

Seaside's Luis Moreno initially took second overall behind Tillamook junior Marshall Bush, but Moreno was later disqualified, moving Fishermen junior Nikolai Boisvert from fifth to fourth, and Astoria freshman John Clement from sixth to a state-qualifying fifth place.

But it was Tillamook that stole the show.

On the boys' side, the Cheesemakers scored 20 team points with six runners in the top 10, easily outdistancing second place Valley



Hailey Hoffman

Seaside assistant coach Kimber Parker, left, gives a hug to Gulls' runner Elise Seppa, who finished 14th in the Cowapa League meet at Camp Rilea.

Catholic (54), followed by Astoria (62), Banks (115) and Seaside (124).

Bush was timed in 17 minutes, 13 seconds over the 5,000-meter course at Camp Rilea. Tillamook swept the top three spots, followed by Biosvert (18:01) and Clement (18:05).

"Nikolai ran one of his best races of the season," Fick said. "And John had a good day, as he took another step up in the competition level as a freshman."

Rounding out Astoria's top five were Elias Harding-Coe (15th), Tommy Laman (16th) and John Colquhoun (22nd).

Freshman Cole Jervis was officially the first finisher for the Gulls (13th, 19:07).

In the girls race, Tillamook had seven runners among the top 12 finishers, for 24 team points. Astoria was second with 48, followed by Valley Catholic (63) and Seaside (96).

Tillamook junior Sarah Pullen won in 20:08, ahead of Valley Catholic soph-

omore Georgia Hicken (20:20), while the Lady Fishermen were paced by junior Sophie Long, third in 20:38.

"She did great," Fick said of Long, last spring's state champion in the 800 meters. "She's really starting to feel more comfortable with the longer distances. She and Georgia have kind of been going back and forth all year, so I was anxious to see how that would play out."

Three more Tillamook runners finished before Astoria sophomore Lindsay Riutta crossed the line in 21:56 for seventh.

One more Tillamook runner completed the team scoring for the Mooks, and she was followed by Astoria teammates Ella Zilli (ninth, 22:19) and Allyson Pritchard (10th, 22:29).

Seaside's first runner was sophomore Elise Seppa (14th, 23:14), followed by Tara Lair (18th, 24:42), while Annalyse Steele (19th, 24:54) was Astoria's fifth runner to complete the team scoring.

Community Calendar

Friday, Nov. 8

Calvary Episcopal Holiday Bazaar

4-6 p.m., holiday items support church and community programs; dessert and beverages served; Calvary Episcopal Church; 503 N Holladay Drive.

Saturday, Nov. 9

Calvary Episcopal Holiday Bazaar

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., holiday items support church and community programs; lunch served, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Calvary Episcopal Church; 503 N Holladay Drive.

Northwest Author Series

2 p.m., featuring Craig Lesley,

twice Pulitzer-prize nominee, Cannon Beach Library, 131 N. Hemlock.

Fall Wine Walk

3-7 p.m.; Presented by Seaside Downtown Development Association. Uncork and unwind as the Seaside Downtown Development Association presents the annual Fall Seaside Downtown Wine Walk. Enjoy tastings from over 20 Oregon and Washington wineries. Glasses and wristbands can be picked up at any of four I.D. check stations: Carousel Mall 300 Broadway, 1-6 p.m.; Holiday Inn Express & Suites 34 N Holladay, 2-5 p.m.; Times Theatre & Public House 133 Broadway, 2-5 p.m.; Maggie's on the Prom 581 S. Promenade, 1-6 p.m.

The Corporate Coup D'Etat 7 p.m., documentary, a look at the politics and history of the declining democracy in the United States; Historic Liberty Theatre, Astoria; LibertyAstoria.org.

Sunday, Nov. 10

Compassion in Action 4 p.m., community conversation led by Seth Tichenor; Providence Seaside Hospital, 725 S. Wahanna.

Monday, Nov. 11

Senior Movie 1 p.m., movie title posted weekly at Bob Chisholm Community Center; 1225 Avenue A.

Jam Session

6:30-8:30 p.m., featuring local musicians, Cannon Beach American Legion, 1216 N. Hemlock.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

Arts Summit

1-5 p.m., "The Business of Art: Artists Teaching Artists," presented by the Arts Council of Clatsop County; Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave.

Moonrise Kingdom

6-7:45 p.m., film, Times Theatre & Public House, 133 Broadway.

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Oregon Bee Atlas

3:30-5:30 p.m., The presenter,

Andony Melathopoulos, is an assistant professor in pollinator health extension in the Department of Horticulture at Oregon State University; Netul River Room at the Fort Clatsop Visitor Center; 503-861-2471 or www.nps.gov/lewi.

Trivia Contest

6 p.m., Night of All Knowledge Tournament, Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway; 503-738-6742.

Awana Youth Group

6-8 p.m., age 3 to sixth-graders, North Coast Family Fellowship, 2245 N. Wahanna, Seaside; 503-738-7453.

Open Gym Basketball

7:45-9:30 p.m., enjoy a pickup

game; both residents and non-residents; Broadway Middle School gym, 1120 Broadway.

Thursday, Nov. 14

SDDA Breakfast

8:30 a.m., Pig 'N Pancake, 323 Broadway, Seaside, 503-717-1914, www.seasidedowntown.com. Weekly speakers, discussions and a no-host breakfast.

Nature Matters

7 p.m., Dr. Wayne Carmichael discusses the need to balance human activities with our need to manage nutrients in aquatic systems in the context of a changing climate. Fort George Lovell Showroom, 1483 Duane St., Astoria.