



BOYS BASKETBALL



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With a large contingent from Seaside watching, the Gulls' Stephen Snyder goes up for a shot in the loss at Gladstone.

Seaside dynasty derailed by Gladstone

Seaside Signal

Gladstone took down a dynasty the night of March 7. Or the closest thing to a dynasty in 4A boys basketball.

The Gladiators built a big second half lead over Seaside, lost it, then got it back at the end to score a 71-67 win over the Gulls in a first round state playoff game at Gladstone.

It will be the first time in five years that the state championship game will not include Seaside, while Gladstone advances to the state tournament in Forest Grove, where the Gladiators will play a quarterfinal game against No. 1-ranked Marist Catholic.

And with first round losses to both Banks and Seaside, it will be the first time since 2014 that the state championship game will be without a team from the Cowapa League.

The Seaside-Gladstone matchup was a 3-point shooting contest that turned into a survival of the fittest contest, with key players fouling out for both teams down the stretch of the high-scoring affair.

With a combined six 3-pointers from Seaside's Brayden Johnson, Ledger Pugh and Everest Sibony in the first half, the Gulls held an early 15-7 lead.

But the Gladiators showed that they also have some firepower, with five treys in the first half for an eventual 31-29 lead, the sixth lead change of the first half, and the last one until the final two minutes of the game.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Brandon Wanlass and Ethan Bulisco had the Gladiators in front 47-36 early in the third quarter.

Seaside answered with back-to-back treys from Beau Johnson, while two long range bombs by Sibony and a jumper from Ryan Hague gave the

Gulls a 64-63 lead with just under two minutes left.

Baskets from Jeremy De Voe and Sabastian Peiffer put Gladstone in front, 67-64, before Hague drilled a clutch 3-pointer to tie the game with just under a minute remaining.

A Seaside turnover forced the Gulls to foul, and the Gladiators showed their composure at the free throw line, as De Voe and Wanlass made four straight in the final 22 seconds to clinch the win and a trip to the state tournament.

Hague led the Gulls with 17 points, followed by Brayden Johnson with 14. De Voe had 21 points, Wanlass added 18 and Peiffer scored 14 for the Gladiators.

With the win, Gladstone snapped a six-game losing streak to the Gulls going back to 2014-15. Seaside's six straight victories included playoff wins over Gladstone in 2017 and 2018.

Kloutchy Creek trails reach to Twin Peaks

By R.J. MARX
Seaside Signal

Mountain cyclists and volunteers are making quick work building trails at Kloutchy Creek, North Coast Trail Alliance President Steven Blakesley told members of the Seaside Downtown Development Association Thursday, Feb. 27.

"We have five trails finished and three or four more ready by summer," he said. "We're doubling our mileage very fast."

In late September, the North Coast Trail Alliance began clearing out future riding areas on Lewis and Clark Timberlands north of Kloutchy Creek County Park, six miles of downhill, single-track trail to start, with a goal of expanding to 40 connected miles over the next few years.

Trails are one-way up — designed to reach the top of Twin Peaks at an elevation of between 1,500 and 1,600 feet — and one-way down. Eventually trails could connect directly to the city.

"This is a destination mountain bike area," he said. "Visitors say, 'Do you have any idea of what you're sitting on up here?' The views, the topography are just perfect."

Started in 2015, the North Coast Trail Alliance is a subchapter of the Portland-based, 1,200-member Northwest Trail Alliance, which provides insurance and acts as a fiscal agent. An expanded parking lot, a new information kiosk and trails leading to forestry land have also been added, along with picnic tables installed with the help of Boy Scout Troop 642.

The county plans to add vaulted toilets similar to others seen in state parks.

"The whole park has been repurposed and cleaned up," he said.

Two big bike companies are helping the trail alliance raise money, he added. "They want their name on our trails. They want to help us promote. And that's not an easy feat, to get these folks looking at what we're doing."

SCOREBOARD

BOYS BASKETBALL Gladstone 71, Seaside 67

SEASIDE (67): Ryan Hague 17, Brayden Johnson 14, Beau Johnson 9, Everest Sibony 8, Stephen Snyder 7, Gavin Rich 5, Ledger Pugh 3.

GLADSTONE (71): Jeremy De Voe 21, Brandon Wanlass 18, Sabastian Peiffer 14, Jude Ashpole 8, Ethan Bulisco 8, Thomas Tacha 2.

Seaside 24 12 9 22—67
Gladstone 21 20 12 18—71

2019-20 Winter Results

SEASIDE GIRLS BASKETBALL (10-13, 4-4)

Dec. 4 at Cascade L, 33-45
Dec. 6 Stayton L, 33-34
Dec. 10 Scappoose W, 45-31
Dec. 12 at Corbett W, 38-31
Dec. 19 Rochester L, 25-45 \$
Dec. 20 Madras L, 31-41 \$
Dec. 21 Newport W, 68-41 \$
Jan. 2 Cottage Grove L, 26-33 St
Jan. 3 Woodburn W, 40-38 St
Jan. 4 Mannahouse Chr. L, 29-37 St
Jan. 8 at Warrenton W, 37-32
Jan. 10 at Estacada W, 56-33
Jan. 17 North Marion L, 29-41
Jan. 21 at Astoria L, 26-58
Jan. 24 Valley Catholic L, 37-51
Jan. 31 Tillamook W, 48-23
Feb. 4 at Banks W, 37-30
Feb. 7 Astoria L, 38-49
Feb. 11 at Valley Catholic L, 43-48
Feb. 18 at Tillamook W, 44-24
Feb. 20 Banks W, 47-22
\$ Seaside Holiday Classic
St Stayton Holiday Classic
League Playoff
Feb. 22 Banks L, 37-49
Play-in
Feb. 28 at Stayton L, 28-36

SEASIDE BOYS BASKETBALL (17-6, 7-1)

Dec. 4 at Cascade L, 53-56
Dec. 6 Stayton W, 57-53
Dec. 10 Scappoose W, 68-54
Dec. 13 Marshfield W, 58-38
Dec. 19 Newport W, 61-48 \$
Dec. 20 Centuria W, 73-42 \$
Dec. 21 Montesano W, 77-52 \$
Dec. 27 at La Grande W, 60-48
Dec. 28 at La Grande W, 62-56
Jan. 3 Marist Catholic L, 54-63
Jan. 7 at Dayton L, 47-53
Jan. 10 at Estacada W, 82-51
Jan. 17 North Marion W, 80-50
Jan. 21 at Astoria W, 61-53
Jan. 24 Valley Catholic W, 77-25
Jan. 31 Tillamook W, 65-47
Feb. 4 at Banks L, 60-73
Feb. 7 Astoria W, 65-37
Feb. 11 at Valley Catholic W, 60-39
Feb. 18 at Tillamook W, 64-40
Feb. 20 Banks W, 58-51
\$ Seaside Holiday Classic
League Playoff (at Tillamook)
Feb. 25 vs. Banks L, 42-44
State Playoff
March 7 at Gladstone L, 67-71

Successful weekend for the Seaside Riptides

Seaside Signal

More success for the Seaside Riptide sixth and seventh grade girls basketball teams in local tournaments, the weekend of Feb. 29-March 1.

The seventh-graders went 4-0 over two days to win their tournament, while the sixth-grade team was 3-1 to finish second.

For the seventh graders, the Riptides opened with a decisive 51-13 win over Castle Rock Saturday at Clatsop Community College. Seaside followed with a 36-25 win over the Oregon Basketball Club.

The tournament moved to Broadway Middle School for Sunday's games, and the Riptide scored two more wins on their home court, 23-15 over Forest Grove and a 22-19 win against the Oregon Basketball Club.

Seaside's seventh grade team is coached by Ashley Flukinger, and includes team members Malory Dundas, Jaya Homan, Lydia Klumper, Madi Olson, Andrea Ortega, Izzy Schmidt, Cheyenne Stock, Katie Jo Strimple-Fields and Madison Wredge.

The sixth grade Riptides split a pair of games Saturday, beating Forest Grove 31-25, followed by a 29-16 loss to the Oregon Basketball Club.



Seaside Youth Basketball

The Seaside Riptide seventh grade team. Front row, left to right: Malory Dundas, Jaya Homan, Izzy Schmidt, Katie Jo Strimple-Fields, Lydia Klumper, Madi Olson, Madison Wredge. Top row: Cheyenne Stock, coach Ashley Flukinger, Andrea Ortega.

Seaside bounced back with two wins Sunday at Broadway Middle School over Castle Rock (34-14) and the Oregon Basketball Club (26-17).

The sixth graders advanced to the state tournament the following weekend in Redmond, where the Riptides went 2-2. The two losses came by a combined six points.

Cleats donated for local youth

Seaside Signal

The Sunset Empire Park and Recreation District recently received a donation of new athletic footwear to be made available to local youth who participate in after-school sports.

The shoes are adult sizes and range from

2½ to a few 13½ in both men's and women's styles. Each youth will receive one pair per youth on a first-come, first-served basis on Saturday, March 14, at the Bob Chisholm Community Center in Seaside from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The community center is located at 1225 Avenue A.

Youth are limited to one pair of shoes.

