



Photos by Gary Henley/Seaside Signal

Seaside's Joel Dierickx, in his days as Seaside baseball coach. Dierickx will be trading baseball for softball this spring.

Dierickx named interim Seaside softball coach

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Joel Dierickx is officially the new softball coach at Seaside High School.

Dierickx takes over for Jessica Garrigues, who will step away from her head coaching duties for one year while on parental leave. The news was announced at a recent school district board meeting last month.

Garrigues plans to return in 2022. She will continue to serve as a volunteer coach.

A longtime baseball coach with the Gulls, Dierickx becomes the seventh head coach for Seaside softball since 2015.

Dierickx was an assistant to Garrigues last year, after spending 21 years as the Seaside baseball coach, stepping down after the 2018 season.

"I will be stepping back into the head coach role next season (2022), and we have a plan in place for this season," Garrigues said. "We have lots to accomplish this season and in the future, and we have plans in place to make that happen ... not simply promises and hopes. Stay on the lookout for our continued growth."

Seaside recently opened its Broadway Field batting cage facility, for use by both baseball and softball.



Utti, Rzewnicki make news in college sports

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Two former Seaside Seagulls were in the college sports news over the past few weeks.

Fresno State women's basketball senior Maddi Utti helped lead the Bulldogs to their 14th overall win Feb. 21, an 82-61 victory at San Diego State.

Utti scored 19 points and grabbed seven rounds with four assists and three steals, the fourth time in the last six games with at least four assists, and her most points since scoring 20, Jan. 23 vs. Boise State.

Fresno State was coming off a 79-77 loss at San Diego State just one day earlier.

After an 11-0 run by the Aztecs into the second quarter, the Bulldogs answered with a 15-2 stretch sparked by seven points from Utti.

"Maddi really helped out tonight," said Fresno State coach Jaime White. "I thought she was very aggressive offensively. I thought our press was better. We forced (the Aztecs) into 15 turnovers. Good team win and good second night."

Last week, UNLV swept Fresno State in a pair of close games, 68-66 and 75-74.

Utti managed 15 rebounds, six points and three steals in the first game, and eight rebounds, three



Mike Christy/Arizona Athletics

From left, Arizona's Victor Ortiz-Rivera, Brandon Bounds, Bradley Rzewnicki and Shem Kemboi run in last month's Dave Murray Invitational at Rolling Hills Golf Club in Tucson.

points in the second contest.

Up next for the Bulldogs is the Mountain West Conference tournament, March 7-10 in Las Vegas.

Running Rzewnicki

Former Seaside athlete Bradley Rzewnicki was running again late last month, competing for the University of Arizona men's cross-country team at the Dave Murray Invitational at

Rolling Hills Golf Course in Tucson, Arizona.

It was the team's last regular season meet of the spring season, before the Wildcats take part in the Pac-12 championships on Friday.

Rzewnicki ran the 8,000 meters in 25 minutes, 48.7 seconds to finish 16th out of 36 runners, and was the third runner for Arizona, which finished third in

the team standings behind UCLA and California.

After graduating from Seaside High School, Rzewnicki spent three years running track and cross country at Gonzaga University.

Listed as a junior with the Gonzaga indoor track team in early 2020, Rzewnicki is listed as a freshman on the Arizona cross-country roster.

Prom Centennial runs all night with 100K relay

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The Prom Centennial with a 100K Relay on the Prom. Teams will run all night along our historic Promenade to complete the race, culminating with breakfast and prizes

the next morning. The race begins on Friday, May 14, at 8 p.m. at 12th and the Prom.

Cost is \$50 per participant and a breakfast voucher to Pig 'N Pancake and a T-shirt are included while supplies last.

Call the Sunset Empire

Park & Recreation District at 503-738-3311 to register. The park district will be following health and safety guidelines set by the Oregon Health Authority and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in organizing this race. More details about this event can

be found at sunsetempire.com.

Overnight visitors to Seaside can stay at the pet-friendly Holiday Inn Express & Suites for a 15% discount. To reserve a room at the discounted rate, call 503-717-8000 and mention the event.

SCHOOL NOTES



Westin Carter

Carter is state Elks' 'most valuable student'

Seaside High school senior Westin Carter was named the male "Most Valuable Student" by the Oregon State Elks Association.

Carter was sponsored by Seaside Elks Lodge #1748.

As a state winner, Carter will receive \$3,000 from the station association, in addition

to \$1,800 as a Northwest District winner and \$1,000 from Seaside Elks Lodge.

Carter's application has been forwarded to the Elks National Foundation for a further award.

Babbitt named to Linfield dean's list

Bryre Babbitt of Sea-

side was named to the Linfield University fall 2020 dean's list. She is a major in public health: health promotion.

A total of 652 students qualified for the dean's list for the fall 2020 semester, which ended Dec. 18. To qualify for the dean's list, Linfield students must earn a 3.65 GPA on a minimum of 12 graded credits during the semester.

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