



Seaside girls golf finishes fourth at state

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Golfers from Seaside High School were shining on the links last Tuesday in the state's final tournament for the 4A level at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis.

While two Seaside boys finished in the top five individually, the Lady Gulls finished fourth in the girls' team standings.

Five Seaside golfers all posted personal best scores, helping the Gulls to a 394 team score, placing them fourth behind Marist (345), Valley Catholic (353) and Baker (389).

There were nine complete teams competing, with individuals from seven other schools.

The Gulls were led by senior Tristyn McFadden, who tied for fifth to earn first team all-state honors.

McFadden shot an 82, and she was followed by teammates Caleigh Peterson (98), Emma Arden (104), Kaylee Snyder (110) and Emily Philbrook (116).

Historically, it was Seaside's highest finish since a third-place showing in 2013. The Lady Gulls also took fourth in 2012 and second in 2001.

Individually, Seaside's Katy Kawasoe shot an 81 in the 2013 state tournament, and a 78 in 2012.

"I'm so happy the 4A (athletic directors) decided to host a championship for the girls," said Seaside coach Mike Verhulst. "Tristyn McFadden is wrapping up an outstanding career at Seaside. She was our No. 1 varsity member all four years. She would have been on the podium as an all-state member last year, but will have to settle for first team all-state for her senior year."

He added, "the Seaside girls program has expanded from four golfers in 2016 to 15 in 2021. Next year we look to return Emma Arden, Caleigh Peterson and Kaylee Snyder. We have a large group of sophomores on the JV team who will look to compete to fill the void from graduating McFadden and Emily Philbrook."



Mike Verhulst

From left to right, Seaside golfers Kaylee Snyder, Emily Philbrook, Tristyn McFadden, Caleigh Peterson and Emma Arden proudly show off their fourth-place trophy from last week's state tournament.

Golfers Kawasoe and Kunde place fourth and fifth



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Carson Kawasoe and Curtis Kunde in 2019.

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Two Seaside boys golfers — making their final appearance together as teammates with the Gulls — brought home hardware from the 4A state tournament, held last Tuesday at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis.

Seaside junior Carson Kawasoe shot 71 to finish fourth individually, while senior teammate Curtis Kunde finished a stroke back at 72 for fifth.

Tillamook's Elliot Lee and Woodburn's Cole Beyer shot 68 to tie for medalist honors. Beyer birdied the final playoff hole to claim the state title. Marist's Alec Vendetti finished

third with a 70.

Kunde started off hot with birdies on two of the first three holes. After another birdie on the eighth hole, Kunde finished the front nine with a 33, tied with Vendetti for the lead. After 12 holes, Kunde, Vendetti, Lee and Beyer were all two-under, with Kawasoe a stroke back at one under par. From there it was a battle with Lee and Beyer coming out on top.

On the team side, Marist was able to defend its title from 2019 with a 301 team score. Woodburn won a tight battle for second with a 322. Cowapa League teams from Banks (325) and Valley Catholic (328) finished third and fourth.

"Carson and Curtis were able to prove that we had the best one-two punch in the state today," said Seaside coach Jim Poetsch. "This was a great finish to a stellar high school career for Curtis, and I look forward to watching him bring his game to the next level. We get Carson back for another year and he is a great piece to build a team around."

Poetsch added, "Today was the most competitive individual title I have seen in a long time. With five guys within a stroke of each other with six holes to play, it provided an exciting finish. The Cowapa League once again showed its strength with both teams in the top four and four of the top six individuals."

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