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SWIMMING

Astoria, Seaside athletes qualify for state

By GARY HENLEY
The Astorian

Astoria was the lucky school to serve as the host team for the District 1 swim championships, held last Thursday at the Astoria Aquatic Center.

And the home water advantage definitely served its purpose for the Fish, who qualified a host of athletes for this week's season-ending "showcase" meet, which will serve as the unofficial state championships.

Seaside won the boys' team championship, while Astoria qualified multiple swimmers for the state meet, set one school record, and sent seniors out on a winning note.

The season-ending "culminating meet" will serve as the unofficial state meet, a one-day event which will held Saturday at the Warren H. Daugherty Aquatic Cen-



Seaside High School swimmers.

ter in Cottage Grove.

The Seaside boys qualified all three of their relays for state, and stacked up points with numerous second-place showings to compile 295 points, ahead of Taft (259) and Astoria (173).

Seaside's only win came from the 200-yard freestyle relay squad of Masyn McCulloch, Leif Rehnert, Logan Dennis and Henry Garvin, the only senior.

Their winning time of 1 minute, 42.01 seconds

beat second-place Astoria (Phelan Dopp, Trevor Newman, Christian Womack, Steven Ero) which will head to state with a 1:50.03.

Garvin also qualified for state in the 50- and 100-yard freestyles; Dennis in the 100-yard butterfly and McCulloch in the 200- and 500-yard freestyles.

On the girls' side, Newport cruised to the team title with 334 points, ahead of Astoria (216) and Seaside (144). Taft, Tillamook, Toledo and Valley Catho-

lic were the other schools competing.

Astoria's 200 medley relay (Tori Smith, Grace Peeler, Hannah Daniels, Brooke O'Connor) took second in 2:10.57, as did the 200 freestyle relay (Constance Rouda, Smith, Daniels and Peeler).

In her final meet at the Aquatic Center, Peeler highlighted her meet with a school record 1:15.47 to win the 100-yard breaststroke, well ahead of teammate Marlee Both (1:30.62), who will join Peeler at state.

Rachel Gascoigne's previous school record of 1:15.48 had stood for 15 years.

Astoria's 400 freestyle relay (Rouda, Lily Reed, Both and Peeler) also qualified for state, finishing second out of three teams.

Also a senior, Smith took second in the 200-yard individual medley.

GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Seaside ends season

The Astorian

Despite three losses in league play, the Astoria girls basketball team showed that they're still one of the best 4A teams in the state last Thursday night, with a 43-27 win at Seaside to close out the regular season.

Meanwhile, the Gulls showed that it's tough to play at Banks one night, and against Astoria the next.

Seaside trailed 9-0 just minutes into the game, and Astoria pushed the lead to 33-7 early in the third quarter, on its way to the win.

Halle Helmersen led a balanced Astoria attack with 11 points, while Seaside senior Tristyn McFadden closed her prep career in fine fashion, scoring nine of her game-high 15 in the fourth quarter.

It was the final regular season game for Astoria's

highly-decorated senior group of Kelsey Fausett, Sophie Long, Shelby Rasmussen and Helmersen, with Raina Jagger rounding out Astoria's five seniors.

Last Wednesday, a 20-4 run in the third quarter was all Banks needed to defeat Seaside, 50-30, at Banks.

Despite a 19-19 tie at halftime, the Gulls thoroughly outplayed the Braves in the first half.

Banks was just 1-for-14 from the 3-point line in the first half, while the Gulls made their first three, and finished 3-of-5.

McFadden had two treys and Caleigh Peterson added one, while Lilli Taylor scored all eight of her points in the second half.

Seaside held a 23-21 lead early in the third quarter, when Banks' Hailey Evans, Camila Narvaez and Maggie Streblov made three straight 3-pointers, sparking an 18-0 run.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Seaside wins the Clash, 59-33, against Astoria

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The Astoria and Seaside boys basketball teams played either the last game of the winter sports season, or the first game of summer league last Thursday

night at Seaside, where the Gulls posted a 59-33 win over the Fishermen.

Both teams have finished regular season play.

In last Thursday's win, Seaside was 7-for-21 from the 3-point line, as Cash Corder deposited three 3-pointers on his way to a

game-high 22 points.

Additional 3-pointers from Ruger Thompson and Ever Sibony gave the Gulls a 17-8 lead after one quarter, which they extended to 43-21 midway through a low scoring third period.

Colton McMaster

had 11 points to lead the Fishermen.

Earlier this month, the Banks Braves were successful in their first trip to Seaside's new home on the hill, as they posted a 47-43 win to secure the Cowapa League boys basketball title.

The first half featured five ties and 10 lead changes, with neither team leading by more than three points.

Seaside grabbed a 25-20 lead on a 3-pointer by Corder in the opening seconds of the third quarter.

But the Braves got hot from there, as Cade Buchanan scored on a layup to spark a 15-6 run, highlighted by 3-point shots from Joseph Buliga and two from Tyler Exline. Thompson banked in a 3-pointer to close the quarter, with Banks leading 35-34.

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