

## Seaside represented at state meet

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The Seaside girls will be represented at the state meet in Eugene on Friday and Saturday by league champion Megan Hornbeck in the high jump (4-8) and Elise Seppa (second in the 1,500 with a personal record 5:11.16).

Seaside boys heading to state with second place finishes are Ryan Smith (shot put, PR 42-11); Brady Jackson (100, 11.75) and Cole Biamont (pole vault, 10-6).

The Astoria Lady Fish competed in a tight race with Valley Catholic as both squads had their share of athletes picking up state qualifying first and second places and big points at the league championship meet, held last weekend at Scappoose High School.

Astoria had just enough girls scoring points in non-state qualifying positions (third through eighth) to outscore Valley Catholic, 177 to 172.5 to win the meet.

A host of Astoria's points came from the Sisley sisters, with senior Maddie earning 32.5 points while winning the 100-meter hurdles, long jump and triple jump, and running a leg on the winning 400-meter relay.

Meanwhile, sophomore Ashley Sisley won the 200 meters, was second in the 100 and joined her sister on the relay to garner 20.5 points.

Additional big points came from league champion Lily Meadows, contributing 10 points in the shot put at 33 feet, 10 inches.

Harlie Wiedmaier and Maia Long joined the Sisley sisters to win the 400 relay.

Second place state qualifiers were Ella Zilli with a personal record 2 minutes, 37.90 seconds in the 800 meters; Jenna Russell with a toss of 103-1 in the discus and Maeври Bergerson cleared a personal record 7-0 in the pole vault. That loose change came as points were earned with 18 finishes in places 3-8.

Looking forward to the state meet (Friday and Saturday at Hayward Field in Eugene), Maddie Sisley leads the state in the triple jump and is second in the long jump.

### Astoria boys third

It would have been a tall order for any team to keep pace with the Valley Catholic boys.

The Valiants scored 100 points in five events by sweeping the 800, 1,500 and 3,000 (72 points) and added 18 points with a 1-2 finish in the 400, and an easy win in the 1,600 relay, which kicked in another 10 points.

Valley Catholic won the team title with 168 points, ahead of Banks (149) and Astoria (138).

As he has done all year, Astoria senior Colton McMaster won the shot put (57-6¼) and the discus (163-4). He leads all 4A throwers in both events.

Joining McMaster as a league champion was Owen Williams, who cleared 6-0 in the high jump; and Cameron Schauer-mann won the 110-meter hurdles in a PR 16.46.

Second place state qualifiers include Luke Cummings (PR 23.89 in the 200), the 400 relay team of Owen Williams, Trey Woodrich, Mikai Tapeç and Cummings; and the 1,600 foursome of Woodrich, Andrew Wintersteen, Tapeç and Cummings.

### Warriors qualify in 12 events

The Warrenton boys came up short in the team standings, but posted 15 state-qualify-

ing times and marks in 12 different events at the District 1 3A meet Friday and Saturday in Clatskanie.

Catlin Gabel won the boys team title with 336.5 points, ahead of Warrenton (238.5) and Riverdale (152.5).

Warrenton district champions included senior Zander Moha, who swept the 1,500 and 3,000 meter races; Erik Cooley in the 300-meter hurdles; and Niles Gramson won the pole vault.

The Warriors had multiple second, third and fourth place finishers qualifying for state.

For the Warrenton girls, foreign exchange student Julia Dornblueth qualified for state in the shot put and triple jump (second in each) and the pole vault (third).

In the District 1 2A meet at Portland Christian, Knappa distance runners Isaiah Rodriguez and Joshua Peterson finished 1-2 in both the 1,500 and 3,000, as the only Logger state qualifiers.

And Jewell will send athletes to the 1A state meet, as Brenna Shaw qualified in the long jump (second), triple jump (third) and high jump (fourth).

Jewell's Andy Valdez won the 300 hurdles and Justin Wammack won the high jump and pole vault.



**SENIOR SPOTLIGHT**

## Tara Lair, Seaside

**Sports:** Cross-country, softball (all-league)

**Favorite sports moment:** Stepping on the field for the first time after losing an entire season to the pandemic! Felt so good to finally be back!

**Where you see yourself in five years:** Hopefully chasing my dream of becoming a sports journalist.

**Favorite road trip:** When I was 9 my parents and I traveled to Moore, Oklahoma, to deliver supplies to tornado victims. It was a very eye-opening experience for me and I enjoyed spending it with my parents.

**Favorite pregame music:** Love me some oldies. J Bieb (Justin Bieber), Hannah Montana, all those goodies!

**Most influential coach or teacher:** I've had a lot of amazing coaches, but the one that has influenced me the most in life and in sports is my dad. He's coached me my entire softball career and I couldn't be more thankful for the bond it created for us.

**Advice for young teammates:** Hustle. Never give up, always try your best even when your back is against the wall. Lead by example, the next generation is always watching.



**GYMNASTICS**



**Julia Dornblueth, center, takes the top spot on the podium after the first-place finish in the balance beam for Infinity Gymnastics.**

Infinity Gymnastics

## Infinity athletes score big at regionals

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Infinity Gymnastics of Astoria sent nine athletes to the XCEL Region 2 meet, held in late April at Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe, Washington.

Teams from Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington competed.

Infinity's team from Astoria had five Silver gymnasts, three Bronze and one Platinum competing, and all but one recorded their highest all-around score of the season.

Bronze division gymnasts competing (with their all-around scores) included Grace Brown (37.3), Irene Nemlowill (37.2) and Gia Davis (37.05).

Davis was first on the vault (9.85) and Brown took second on the bars (9.2).

The Silver gymnasts were Clara Moore (37.7), Sloan Oman (37.15), Katelyn Halasz (36.95), Maisie DeSart

(36.6) and Finn Vaughn Hume (36.4).

Moore placed second on the vault and bars.

Infinity's one Platinum gymnast competing was Julia Dornblueth, who posted a 36.85 all-around score, and took first on the beam (9.425).

"Coach Darian Hageman and I are very proud of all the girls and their hard work this competition season," said coach Doug Oldham. "Julia is a foreign exchange student from Germany, and this was her last meet in the USA. While doing gymnastics, Julia was also involved in cheerleading, choir, drama and track at Warrenton High School."

Earlier this season, Dornblueth broke the Warrenton school record (twice) in the pole vault, with a vault of 8-feet, 1 inch at Astoria in April, then cleared 8-6 in a meet at Clatskanie the following day. The previous school record (8-0, by Meredith Flynn) had stood since 1998.

A first-time competitor in the pole vault, Dornblueth is currently ranked sixth in the state at the 3A level.

### PREP ROUNDUP

#### Baseball: Seaside, Astoria split Clatsop Clash

Two days after a 4-2 loss at Seaside, Astoria bounced back with a thrilling 9-8 win over the Gulls, last Wednesday at Ernie Aiken Field.

Trailing 8-6 entering the bottom of the seventh, Astoria scored three runs, capped by a walk-off, run-scoring single by Connelly Fromwiller.

Garrett Hillard walked to open the inning, stole second, took third on an error, and scored on a passed ball. Dylan Carlson also drew a walk, moved to second on a passed ball, and eventually scored the tying run on a passed ball.

With one out, Fromwiller singled to center to score Patrick Perdue-Anderson with the winning run.

Merrick Benesch was 3-for-4 with a double for Astoria.

#### Seaside defeats Astoria, 4-2

Most of the action took place in the sixth inning in the second Clatsop Clash of the baseball season, as Seaside hosted Astoria last Monday at Broadway Field.

The Gulls held a slim 1-0 lead through five innings, and the sixth inning saw two lead changes, resulting in an eventual 4-2 win for Seaside.

The Fishermen scored two runs in the top of the sixth, when Teague Palmberg reached

on a one-out error. Niko Boudreau followed with a triple to right field, scoring Palmberg.

Moments later, Boudreau scored the go-ahead run on a sacrifice bunt by Karson Hawkins.

Seaside rallied in the bottom of the sixth, starting with a one-out error.

Tallen Kraushaar's single scored Jake White and tied the game at 2-2, and the Gulls tacked on two runs when Tanner Kraushaar reached on an error in the Astoria outfield, scoring Tallen Kraushaar and Lawson Talamantez.

Talamantez retired the side in order in the top of the seventh, finishing his complete game three-hitter with seven strikeouts and no walks.

Hawkins took the loss, scattering four hits (two by Talamantez) with six strikeouts and a walk.

#### Softball: Astoria blanks Seaside

In a Clatsop Clash softball showdown last Tuesday, Astoria pounded out three home runs in a 10-0 win over Seaside at CMH Field.

With the Cowapa League championship securely locked up, the Lady Fish had homers from Avery Biederman, Tenley Matteucci and Nayomi Holmstedt, while Holmstedt added a double and drove in four runs.

Pitcher Maddie Wilkin allowed one hit with 13 strikeouts and one walk.