



BOYS GOLF

Kawasoe third at state

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Seaside's Carson Kawasoe nearly pulled off a big rally on Day 2 of the state golf tournament at Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks, where the senior Gull golfer eventually finished third out of 58 golfers on the 4A individual leaderboard.

Kawasoe shot a five-over par 77 in the first round on May 16, and was in sixth place individually.

"As always at this level, it came down to putts inside 8 feet," said Kawasoe's coach at Seaside, Jim Poetsch, after the first round. "If he had made them all, he'd be sitting on a two-stroke lead right now. But he's still in the hunt so hopefully he has a great day and all those putts fall."

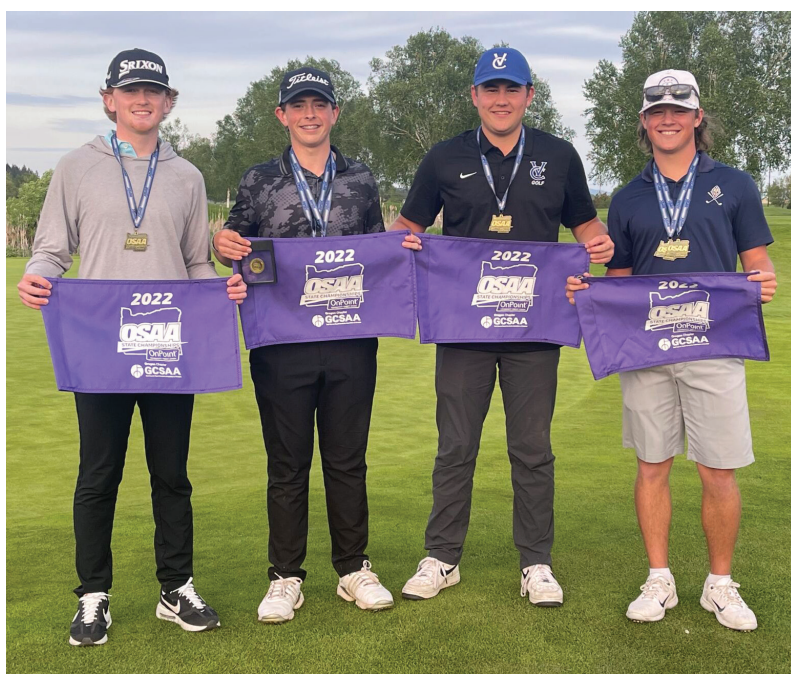
Through nine holes of the second round on May 17, Kawasoe was two-under par. He had birdies on four of the first five holes and moved into second place, one stroke behind Woodburn's Ty Beyer.

Two holes later, there was a four-way tie for first between Kawasoe, Tillamook's Elliot Lee, Beyer and Aaron Brown of Banks.

After chipping in for birdie on the 10th hole — Kawasoe's second chip-in for birdie of the day — he sat alone atop the leaderboard.

But Kawasoe double-bogeyed the 12th as Lee (who began the second round on the back nine) birdied the third hole to give Lee a lead that he would never relinquish.

Kawasoe finished with a 74, the best score of the day, one stroke ahead of three other golfers.



Jim Poetsch

From left, Seaside's Carson Kawasoe, Tillamook's Elliot Lee, Valley Catholic's Ryoma Lane and Aaron Brown of Banks. The Cowapa League foursome finished third, first, eighth and fourth in the boys state golf tournament.

Lee carded a 75 on May 17, good enough for a two-round total 148 and medalist honors.

Beyer had scores of 73 and 77 for a 150 total for second, followed by Kawasoe with a 151 (77-74). Freshman Isaiah Jones of Baker/Powder Valley and Brown each posted a 152 to tie for fourth.

In his only two full spring seasons at Seaside, Kawasoe was a freshman in 2019 and led the Gulls to a second-place finish. As a senior, he qualified for state as an individual and finished third.

In a swan song for the Cowapa League, Banks won the 2022 state title by three strokes, while Valley

Catholic and Baker tied for second.

Lee will return next season for Tillamook, but Kawasoe graduates, while Banks and Valley Catholic drop to the 3A level.

"This was the closest state tournament, on both the individual and team sides, that I've seen," Poetsch said. "Carson made a great run at the title. I couldn't be more proud of him. With two holes left I thought he had a great chance to win it. But Elliot is also a great player and he did what he needed to do to win it. We will miss having Carson but I look forward to watching what he can do at Santa Clara (University) next year."

TRACK

Warrenton boys fourth, Astoria girls fifth at state

By GARY HENLEY
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The return to Hayward Field brought a return to the recent glory years of Astoria girls and Warrenton boys track.

With some individual state championships mixed in, the 3A Warriors brought home a fourth-place team trophy, while Astoria finished fifth in the 4A girls' scoring.

For the Astoria boys, senior Colton McMaster made the best of his two complete seasons in track with two more state titles, in the discus (177-0) and shot put (55-0¾). McMaster almost certainly would have won four more titles if there had been official state meets in 2020 and 2021.

Most Clatsop County athletes competing posted personal best marks — no surprise in the 70-plus degree weather over the weekend in Eugene.

Beginning with the small school portion of the meet, Warrenton's Zander Moha scored a state title on both days.

The senior won the 3A 3,000-meter race last Thursday, then took first in the 1,500 meters the next day, in 4:13.37.

Moha adds his name to a short list of athletes with multiple state titles for the Warrenton boys. Andy Wintersteen won three individual championships (400 meters in 2000, and 200 and 400-meter titles in

2001), and ran a leg on the winning short relay in 2000.

Luke Ray won back-to-back pole vault titles in 1994 and '95.

Over halfway through the meet — and with several athletes still to compete — Warrenton was first in the team scoring with 33 points.

At the same time, Catlin Gabel was in fourth with 28. The Eagles made their big move on Day 2, exploding with 56 points in the final seven events to finish with 84 points and the team championship.

Santiam Christian (70) was second, followed by La Pine (57) and Warrenton (47.5).

The best finish at state for the Warrenton boys is still second place in 1992, under coach Bob Filori. Josh Jannusch led Warrenton to fourth in 2007.

Adding points for the Warriors were: Hunter Xochipiltcatl (second in the javelin, 151-0); Erik Cooley (fourth, 300 hurdles, 43.32); Phoenix Martin (fifth in the 400 meters); the Warrenton relays (seventh in the 400, fifth in the 1,600); Jorge Lopez-Cruz (eighth in the javelin); Collin Klebe (seventh in the high jump) and Niles Gramson (seventh in the pole vault).

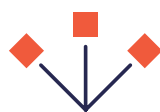
Foreign exchange student Julie Dornblueth scored most of the points for the Warrenton girls, taking fourth in the triple jump and sixth in the pole vault. Payten Buckelew was eighth in the 1,500.

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