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BASKETBALL



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Ever Siboney makes a drive against Woodburn.

Locals take part in all-star series

The Astorian

The West All-Stars topped the North All-Stars 90-71 in the championship game of the boys' 4A/3A/2A basketball series, the 49th annual summer all-star event hosted by the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association.

The three-game all-star series showcases the top senior class talent in the state from the 2021-22 season. The North roster included three players from Clatsop County.

In Friday's opener at the Morse Center in Eugene, the North snapped a 47-47 halftime tie by outscoring the South 61-27 in the second half, for a 108-74 win.

Five players scored in double figures for the North. Mathias Billings of De La Salle led with 19 points, followed by Seaside's Ever Sibony with 18. Seaside teammate Cash Corder and Knappa's Logan Morrill scored

15 points apiece, while Morrill (7-for-11 from the field) had a game-high 15 rebounds to go with three blocks.

Corder had three steals, two blocks, two assists and eight boards, and Sibony had 10 rebounds, four steals and three assists. The North out-rebounded the South 78 to 47.

In Saturday's championship game at Wilsonville High School, the West All-Stars had 10 steals and blocked seven shots in the win, while both teams launched a combined 71 3-pointers, missing 53.

Austen Sladek (Western Christian) had 16 points to lead the West, with 14 points from Colby Evans (Junction City) and 11 by Riley Cantu (Kennedy).

Billings led the North with 17 points. Sibony had eight points, while Morrill and Corder were held to six and five points, respectively.

SOFTBALL



Seaside School District

Ila Bowles, Tara Lair and Abby Nofield earned Cowapa League first-team honors. Emma Arden and Erin Owsley received honorable mention.

Gulls pick up Cowapa all-League awards

The Astorian

Numerous players picked up awards this season, on the annual Cowapa all-league softball team, as voted on by the league's coaches. Among the first team are Seaside's Ila Bowles, a senior, Tara Lair, a senior, and Abby Nofield, a junior. Earning honorable mention were seniors Emma Arden and Erin Owsley.

The Player of the Year honor went to Astoria freshman Maddie Wilkin; the Designated Players of the Year were Emilie Eddy of Valley Catholic and Tillamook's Ashlyn Mattson; and Wilkin was also the Pitcher of the Year.

Astoria's Junior Israel and his staff of Korie Blacker, Libby Di Bartolomeo and Lou Marconeri were named Coaches of the Year.

In addition to Wilkin, Astoria had seven other players earn all-league honors. Seaside landed five players on the all-league squad.

With three freshmen on the first team and two sophomore honorable mentions, the Lady Fish could be the domi-

2022 COWAPA ALL-LEAGUE SOFTBALL TEAM

Player of the Year: Maddie Wilkin, Astoria
Pitcher of the Year: Maddie Wilkin, Astoria
Designated Players of the Year: Emilie Eddy, Valley Catholic; Ashlyn Mattson, Tillamook
Coch of the Year: Junior Israel, Astoria

First Team

Maddie Wilkin, Fr., Astoria
Chloe Bauer, Jr., Valley Catholic
Gaby Bauer, Fr., Valley Catholic
Ila Bowles, Sr., Seaside
Shelby Bruney, Fr., Astoria
Mary Crosby, Fr., Valley Catholic
Kassandra Douglas, Sr., Banks
Gabi Garcia, Jr., Tillamook
Malia Groshong, So., Valley Catholic
Nayomi Holmstedt, Fr., Astoria
Tara Lair, Sr., Seaside

Mary Lou Lux, Sr., Valley Catholic
Tenley Matteucci, Sr., Astoria
Abby Nofield, Jr., Seaside
Hannah Obrist, Fr., Tillamook
Hayden Rockwell, Sr., Banks
Alex Saunders, Jr., Banks
Mercedes Walter, Jr., Astoria
Honorable Mention
Emma Arden, Sr., Seaside
Avery Biederman, So., Astoria
Megan Davis, Sr., Astoria
Fionna Duryea, So., Astoria
Taylor Haltiner, Sr., Tillamook
Jordyn Maller, Fr., Banks
Erin Owsley, Sr., Seaside
Tori Pesterfield, Jr., Tillamook
Caitlin Queen, So., Valley Catholic
Morgan Rockwell, Jr., Banks

nant team in the Cowapa League for the next several years, after advancing to the 2022 state quarterfinals.

Astoria won the league title with a 12-0 league record, well ahead of Valley Catholic (8-4) and Banks (5-7), both of which drop to the 3A level next season.

Astoria defeated Corbett 7-0 in a

first round game, before dropping a 3-0 decision to Stayton in the quarterfinals, the program's first appearance in the final eight since 1983.

Playing a schedule of big school opponents, the Lady Fishermen of 1983 defeated Sheridan 4-2 in a first round game, before an 8-2 loss to La Salle in the quarterfinals.

Gearhart playground ready for installation

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Center.

Equipment has arrived and a land survey completed as the city prepares to install a new playground at Centennial Park between between Pacific Way and A Street, next to the Trail's End Art

Center. The process began after the closing of Gearhart Elementary School when student Berkley Sturgell wrote the city proposing the new playground. Sturgell helped organize a "quarter-mile challenge," with the goal to collect enough quar-

ters to stretch the length of one-quarter mile. The project raised more than \$33,000 overall, with \$12,000 of that raised by Sturgell, 11.

The 4,400-square-foot area on the southwest corner of the 3/4-acre park would feature playground equipment and other fea-

tures required to adjust said use with land and uses in the neighborhood. The playground will include a play tower with slide and banister bars, a double swing combination with two swings and a "bird's nest," and training bars with ropes, knots and nets.

Field: Could training facility be moved?

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But in order to meet those requirements, the Herche Family Training Facility, designed and developed with donations and contributions from the community, may complicate matters.

According to an agreement signed in March 2020 between the park district, the city and Seaside Kids, Inc., any proposed change to usage or policies governing usage of the batting facility other than scheduling will require approval by the city, the park district and Seaside Kids.

The facility — built at a cost of \$244,000 — would have to be moved.

"I hope there's some thought in planning more so than what has gone into this operation so far," the batting facility's project manager Chris Corder said. "You cannot pick up a pole barn and move it. I'll repeat that: You cannot pick up a pole barn and move it. There are 90 yards of concrete in the floor. It just doesn't work that easily."

The school district's request to develop a softball field comes in response to a complaint filed against the district by the Office of Civil Rights alleging discrimination against female athletes on the basis of sex and equality in the athletics programs at the high school.

"The Seaside School District received a complaint from the Office of Civil Rights alleging discrimination that that our softball field was not comparable to our baseball field," Penrod said Monday. "In July



R.J. Marx

Herche Family Training Facility in Broadway Park.

of last year, they resurfaced and said to the district, 'Do you want to resolve this?' We said, 'Of course we do. We want to work together to build a great softball field for our athletes.' So we then entered into a resolution agreement and are required to complete those agreements and the softball field next June."

To meet the compliance deadline, the school district investigated three sites: Broadway Field, fields on Wahanna Road, and a property north of the former high school known as the "North 40."

The Wahanna Road site was eliminated after studies revealed wetlands and poor quality soil.

Land at the former Seaside High School on U.S. Highway 101 and North Holladay offers a centralized location and has been viewed favorably by the city's parks advisory committee. But the site would require utilities, power and earthwork — which Broadway Field already has.

In April, the school dis-

trict board voted to revisit Broadway Field as their preferred site.

Consultant Zach Stokes of ZCS Engineering, on behalf of the school district, determined that an upgraded softball field and baseball field wouldn't fit on the property as laid out now.

"Even if we use a minimum-size softball field, it wouldn't fit on this site with all the other parameters that we had to work through," Stokes told the council. "It turns out that moving the training facility is actually a pretty reasonable idea, and accomplishes a handful of goals. From an engineering standpoint and a practicality standpoint, the Broadway field modification appears to be a really good option for the district and for the city."

The city's public works director Dale McDowell agreed. "The Broadway proposition is actually the best overall and if you think it's difficult to move a building like that, it's actually pretty simple," he said. "It's not that big a deal."

Mayor Jay Barber called

Broadway Field the best of the three options in terms of expense and usability.

Corder, who is a member of the school board, urged greater thought and design planning before council action.

"We need to think ahead and plan and make a good design so that we can satisfy our community members and our kids and people for generations to come," he said. "I wish we could put it on roller skates and scoot it around. But that's kind of an afterthought and that's kind of that's a big part of my point: It's an afterthought."

While councilors and Mayor Jay Barber said the Broadway Field location was the best of the three proposed locations for a new softball field, they asked for additional input.

The plan should go to a public hearing, Councilor Randy Frank said. "We need input from a lot of people," he said. "Hopefully when we bring this forward to the public, open it up we'll have a lot of time for discussion and see how people feel."

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