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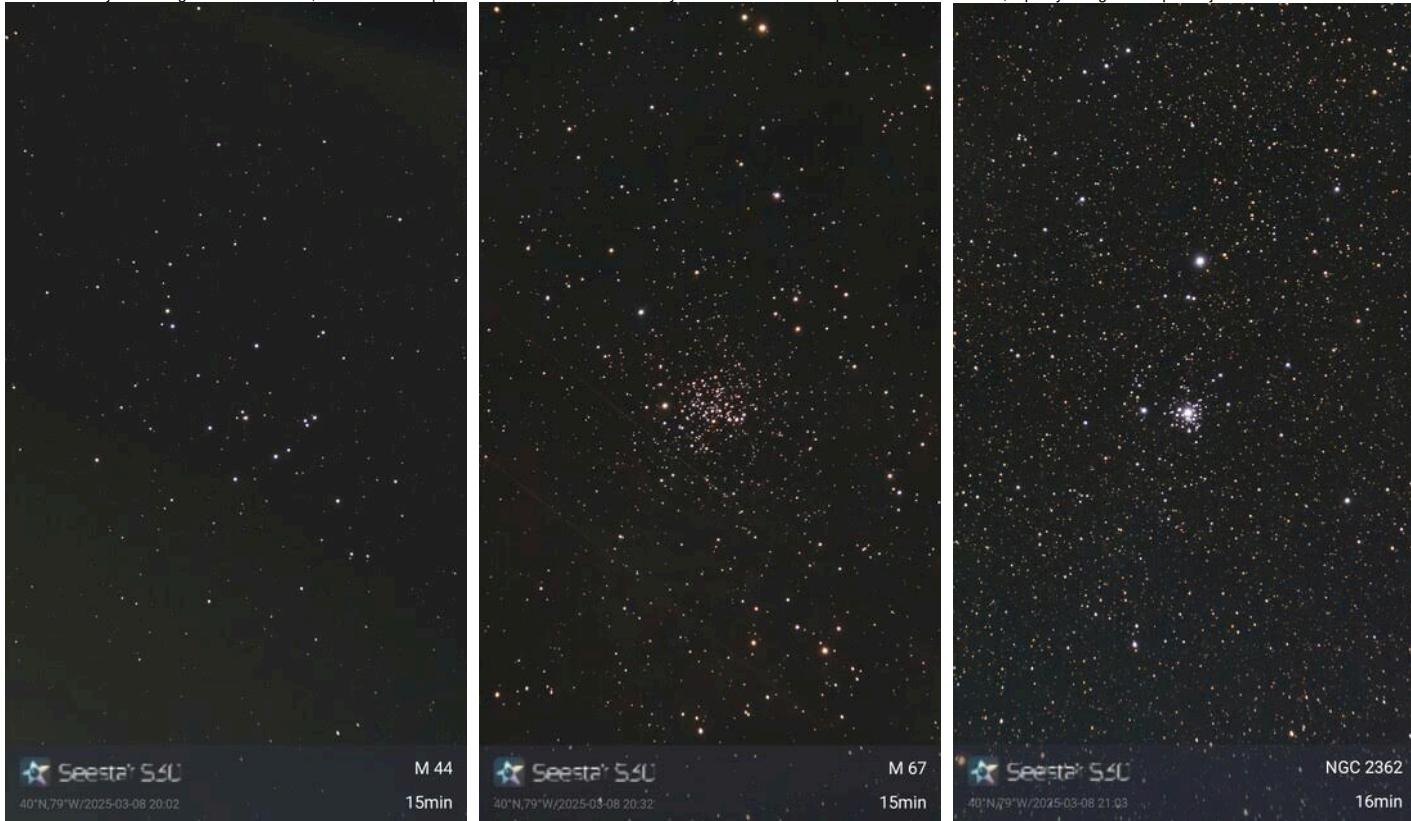
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Hi all,

Saturday afternoon cleared off beautifully, but with a bright gibbous Moon overhead, I decided it was a SeeStar Cluster Night!



I went with 10 second exposures and the broadband IR filter throughout the observing session, generally letting the SeeStar app livestack for around 15 minutes per object. Due to my patio shade tree (that Dean S wants to axe) I need to keep to east of the meridian, so after plunking the S30 on my patio table I aimed the little scope towards Cancer the crab for the Beehive - M44 and nearby M67. With Canis Major crossing over the meridian, I slewed the scope down to the hound for one of my favorite non-Messier open clusters - NGC2362, a pretty triangular shaped object.



Then, I moved eastwards over the border into Puppis for M46 and M47. See if you can spot the tiny planetary nebula NGC2438 in M46. I then moved higher in elevation and westwards into the 'Aboreal Forbidden Zone' for M50 in Monoceros, which I was able to capture in a wide space between limbs.



After a short break, I tried for a few other Messier clusters, but they were too far into the tree! I'll save those for another time. Finally, I wrapped up the night of winter cluster observing with a sign of Spring, the globular Cluster M3 in Canes Venatici.



So another good night of indoor 'Smart' observing with the little scope that could.
You can find all my previous SeeStar S30 observations here: <https://www.stellar-journeys.org/S30-Widefield-Tour.htm>
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