

SPORTS

Hawks snap losing streak



The Dalles guard Jaxon Pullen drives to the basket for two points in boys basketball play this season. TD erased its losing skid following a 51-48 home win Friday versus McMinnville. Ray Rodriguez photo

Strong finish leads to 51-48 triumph

■ Ray Rodriguez
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Locking horns against a stout McMinnville squad, The Dalles Riverhawks made the shots and stops when it mattered most in erasing a five-game losing streak 51-48 against the 6A Grizzlies Friday in boys hoops play at Kurtz Gym. TD led 22-20 at the half and both teams added 11 points each in third quarter, but the Hawks rode an 18-17 fourth-quarter output to seal the deal. Conner Cummings paced TD with 18 points, Jacob Hernandez tacked on 13, and Styles DeLeon checked in with nine as the team made 19 field goals, five 3-pointers, and connected on 8 of 17 free throws. Dalles Seufalemua scored three points, and the quartet of Shane Floyd, Skyler Leeson, Spencer Taylor and Aidan Telles had two points apiece. McMinnville drilled 20 field goals, five 3-pointers, and went 3 of 10 from the line, with Jarrett Boumann leading with 23 points. The Dalles boys (3-7 overall) host Milwaukie at 7 p.m. Friday and host Stevenson, Wash. at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6.



The Dalles girls head basketball coach Brian Stevens addresses his team during a timeout in varsity action this season at Kurtz Gym. The Hawks were at the Nike Interstate Shootout this past weekend in Lake Oswego. Contributed photo

TD girls battle illness, show heart

By Ray Rodriguez
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The Nike Interstate Shootout was a sure fire test for The Dalles Riverhawks girls basketball team in their quest for success. In three games versus top-flight 6A and 5A and solid out-of-state squads, they were hampered by illness, but still showed heart. Taking on nationally-ranked Desert Oasis, of Las Vegas, Sunday, the team had leads in parts of the first and second quarters, but fell behind 27-15 at the half and were outscored 35-15 in the second stanza in their 62-30 loss in Lake Oswego. Jenna Miller led the way with 14 points, Kilee Hoylman added seven, and both Rainie Coddling and Pearl Guzman tallied three points each. Lauryn Belanger scored two points and Gus Decker wrapped up the scoring leaders with one point.

TD (5-4 overall) played the No. 11-ranked 6A program, Barlow, on Monday afternoon. In Friday's tournament opener against Madison, Hoylman dropped 17 points, Miller added 15 and Belanger scored eight points to lift The Dalles to a 52-34 victory. Guzman chipped in six points and the tandem of Decker and Mercy Paulualo were good for three points each. The Following day, TD enjoyed a seven-point lead through the fourth quarter and eventually led by three points with 40 seconds remaining when Decker, a sophomore, sank two pressure free throws to make it a five-point edge. Later, the 6A Lady Lakers made a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to make it a 41-39 final in second-day tournament action. Hoylman and Coddling tallied 11 points each, Belanger added eight and Miller finished with seven points.

Dufur boys team is riding a hot streak

Team builds win streak up to four

■ Ray Rodriguez
The Dalles Chronicle

Since starting out 0-4, the Dufur Rangers have caught fire, with four victories in a row capped by wins over Joseph and Days Creek Thursday and Friday. In Thursday's home game against No. 6-ranked Joseph, Dufur held a 23-22 halftime advantage and landed the knockout blow with an 18-12 third-quarter spurt. Trey Darden scored 13 points and Cooper Bales had 12 points to pace the Rangers, who hit 18 field goals and one 3-pointer and sank 14 of 18 free throws. Jacob Peters reeled off eight points, Josh Taylor wound up scoring seven points and Gabe Petroff added four points. Friday at St. Paul versus Days Creek, Darden and Bales combined for 37 points, as the Rangers held off a late rally to defeat the Wolves, featured 53 fouls and 77 free throw attempts, the Dufur Lady Rangers used a 42-25 second-half rally to upend Days Creek by a 61-50 margin Friday in a neutral site contest played at St. Paul. Jessica Brown led with 13 points, and Kierstin White and Emily Crawford tallied 10 points each for the Rangers, who sank 20 field goals seven 3-pointers and made 16 of 32 free throws. Mona Meanus had nine points, Katie Beal ended up with seven, Zoe Hester scored five and Brooke Beachamp rattled home four points. Days Creek finished with 16 field goals and converted 18 of 45 free throws. Moriah Michaels led the Wolves with 27 points. Dufur (5-3 overall) is at Echo for a league tilt slated for 6 p.m. Friday and then hosts Ione-Arlington at 2 p.m. Saturday.



Dufur's Jacob Peters puts up a short jumper in a non-league basketball game played this season at the Ranger Dome. The Rangers, now on a four-game winning streak, are hitting a hot streak ahead of Big Sky Conference play. Ray Rodriguez photo

45-43. Darden posted 19 points, Bales notched 18, Taylor had five and Peters dropped in three points. All told, Dufur managed 17

field goals, one 3-pointer, and sank 10 of 21 from the line. Up next, Dufur (4-4 overall) travels to Echo for a game at 7:30 p.m. Friday and then hosts Ione-Arlington at 3:30

p.m. Saturday. Lady Rangers overcome fouls to beat DC In a physical battle that



Head coach Nathan Morris, in front, goes over strategy with his Dufur girls basketball team in a game played this season. The Lady Rangers defeated Days Creek by a 61-50 margin Friday. Ray Rodriguez photo

Redsides take two in Newberg

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Ahead of what is looking like a challenging Big Sky Conference slate, the streaking South Wasco County Redsides swept a pair of nip and tuck tournament games this past weekend in Newberg. Down 10 points in the third quarter, South Wasco County bounced back for a 12-0 run through the end of the third period and midway through the fourth and locked down a 59-52 victory over Glendale in final-day action at the C.S. Lewis Invitational Saturday. The Redsides were up by a 29-24 score at the half, but Glendale went on a 19-8 third-quarter spurt to jump ahead, with a 43-37 lead entering the final quarter. Garrett Olson ripped off 24 points, six rebounds, five assists and four steals to lead the way for the Redsides, who made 25 of 53 shots, 9 of 20 from 3-point territory, and converted 6 of 14 free throws. Oscar Thomas had 15 points, six boards, four assists and two steals, Tanner Davis tallied 10 points, five assists and six steals, Brock LaFaver ended up with eight points, 10 rebounds, six assists, two

steals, and Remington Sheer had two points, two rebounds and two steals. Friday, the quartet of Thomas, Olson, LaFaver and Davis combined for 67 points, 30 rebounds, 20 assists and 16 steals in South Wasco County's 69-37 dismantling of St. Stephens Academy. In all, the Redsides made 29 of 65 shots (44 percent) and broke open a 37-18 halftime margin with a 23-11 third-quarter run. Olson posted a triple

double with 21 points, 14 rebounds, 10 assists and four steals to spearhead the Redsides charge. Thomas tallied 23 points, six boards, four steals and three assists, LaFaver went off for 14 points, 10 rebounds and four assists, and Davis checked in with nine points, three assists and seven steals. SWC (6-2 overall) tips off for Big Sky Conference play at No. 11-ranked Ione-Arlington in Ione at 7:30 p.m. Friday and hosts winless Echo at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

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