

## SPORTS

## Hawks on their mark at Rowan Invite in Bend

## TD posts 17 top-5 outcomes for third-place team finishes

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The boys and girls freestyle relay teams each posted wins, Lydia DiGennaro locked down a 50-meter freestyle triumph and The Dalles swimmers both secured third place finishes at the 16th annual Jay Rowan Invitational Meet Saturday in Bend.

Overall, the Riverhawks posted 17 top-5 outcomes, three of those were wins, four seconds, a third, four fourths and five fifths.

Out of the seven teams, the boys racked up 169 points, placing behind Redmond (344) and Pendleton (236), while the girls totaled 203 points to wrap up third place, with Bend (302) and Pendleton (276) atop the leaderboard.

"It was definitely very exciting knowing that more teams we competed with this weekend are in our district, and it was good to see how we compared to those other teams," DiGennaro said.

In what was the race of the day, the boys 400-meter relay quartet of Bryce Harris, Michael Cole, Xander Kirby and Will Evans trailed Redmond by three seconds with Evans serving as the anchor.

Evans turned on the afterburners and eventually passed Redmond's Connor Hall in the final stretch, giving The Dalles a first-place time of four minutes and



The Dalles boys 400-meter relay quartet of, from left to right, Michael Cole, Will Evans, Bryce Harris, and Xander Kirby trailed Redmond by three seconds, but Evans caught up, giving The Dalles a first-place time of four minutes and 26.38 seconds, besting Redmond by 3.33 seconds. TD had 169 points to score third place at the 16th annual Jay Rowan Invitational in Bend. Pat Shortt/Contributed photo

26.38 seconds, which bested Redmond by 3.33 seconds.

Not only did the boys come out ahead in a tough relay event, the girls squad, represented by Kendall Webber, Kennedy Abbas, Bree Webber and Lydia DiGennaro topped out in 2:05.52 to snag top honors in the 200-meter freestyle relay, finishing in front of Pendleton (2:08.95) by 3.43 seconds.

DiGennaro, a freshman, tacked on an individual first-place award in the 50-meter freestyle with a personal-record rally of 29.69 and she also placed second in the 100-meter butterfly with her 1:17.16.

"Personally, I've definitely loved the season so far and it's exciting racing teams I've never raced before," DiGennaro said. "I am definitely super-excited for districts and I believe our 200-freestyle relay could have a great shot at state this year. I'm looking forward to how the rest of the season turns out."

Kendall Webber had another strong showing in her second meet of the winter with a pair of runner-up placings in the 400-meter freestyle (5:28.06) and the 200-meter freestyle (2:33.35), and Maisie Bandel-Ramirez added to the Lady Riverhawk point total with a third place finish in the 50-meter freestyle (32.21) and she had a fifth-place effort in the 100-meter freestyle (1:12.32).

Abbas placed fourth in the 100-meter backstroke (1:25.00) and sixth in the 200-meter individual medley (3:06.10), Paige Compton hit for fourth place in the 200-meter freestyle (2:56.55) and ninth in the 400-meter freestyle (6:28.65), and the group of Kendall and Bree Webber, Bandel-Ramirez and DiGennaro pushed ahead to secure fifth place in the 200-meter medley relay (2:33.71).

Hanna Rodriguez, Izabella Montesanti, Alyson Stewart and Frances Fuller teamed

up to grab fifth place in the 400-meter freestyle relay (7:13.28), and in the 200-meter freestyle relay, Lydia Evans, Rodriguez, Montesanti and Compton timed out in ninth place (2:33.78).

Evans was 10th in the 200-meter individual medley (3:58.16) and 12th in the 100-meter backstroke (1:49.26), Bree Webber placed ninth in the 100-meter freestyle (1:20.39) and claimed 10th in the 50-meter freestyle (34.19), and Rodriguez turned in a final mark of 3:27.40 to get 13th in the 200-meter freestyle and she placed 16th in the 100-meter freestyle (1:27.62).

The Riverhawk boys tallied six top-5 outputs, led by Will Evans, who was the top scorer, helped by his second-place final rush of 2:21.21 in the 200-meter freestyle and he tacked on a fifth-place time in the 50-meter freestyle (27.82).

Bryce Harris placed fourth in the 100-meter

freestyle (1:04.26), Jonathan Snodgrass fought to fifth in the 400-meter freestyle (6:56.96) and 10th in the 200-meter freestyle (3:15.77), and the 200-meter freestyle relay squad of Harris, Skyler Coburn, Michael Cole and Will Evans garnered fourth place (1:56.98).

Jacob Comini was eighth in the 200-meter freestyle (3:04.86) and 11th in the 100-meter backstroke (1:27.57, a personal record), Xander Kirby swam to eighth in the 200-meter individual medley (3:07.95) and was ninth in the 100-meter butterfly (1:25.43).

Coburn ended up ninth in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:35.28). Cole notched 10th in the 100-meter butterfly (1:28.24) and claimed 12th in the 50-meter freestyle (30.32).

William Hoover set a personal record in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:40.44) and Jose Reyes added a personal record of 1:46.11 in the 50-meter freestyle.

Hoover, Reyes, Drew Evans and Snodgrass placed seventh in the 400-meter freestyle relay (5:54.95), the foursome of Comini, Coburn, Kirby and Snodgrass had a time of 2:28.55 to score eighth place in the 200-meter medley relay, and the 200-meter freestyle relay group of Hoover, Jeffrey Davis, Drew Evans and Comini joined forces for a 2:40.98 to take ninth place.

"This was a great meet for us," assistant coach Nate Timmons said of the Riverhawks performance. "It shows how hard the kids have worked. But, it also showed us where we have the opportunity to cut time. It will be exciting to see where the team goes, now that winter break is over, and everyone is healthy."

The Dalles dives back in the water at 4 p.m. Thursday for a dual meet on the road with St. Helens High, and then heads to Madras for the White Buffalo Classic on Saturday.

## Riverhawk wrestling places four at Don York

## Dodge takes another victory; Preston, Villa and Morehouse place in top-6

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Dusty Dodge is wrestling on a top level early in the season.

The 170-pound standout boosted his overall record to 9-0 and took home his second tournament win to highlight four The Dalles placers at the two-day Don York Invitational ending Saturday in Portland.

Added to Dodge's triumph, Steven Preston claimed third place Karen Villa ended up fourth in the girls division, and Taylor Morehouse went 4-3 to preserve sixth place.

"I am super-proud of all these kids and their performances in this last tournament," TD assistant coach Ryan Manciu said. "They are improving each and every day as we enter into the heart of our wrestling season and they are working towards our district meet."

Over the weekend, Dodge reeled off five wins, four by pinfall, and the title-clincher was a major decision.

The junior captured first-round pins against Newberg's William Cruz Villanon (1:15) and Gladstone's Chael Williams (1:50) for a quarter-final berth.

In that match with St. Helens' Ryan Burri, Dodge needed 1:26 to drop the hammer down for a pin and a semifinal date versus Southridge's Anthony Perez.

Just a tad past a minute, Dodge used a pin on Perez at 1:17 of the opening round.

With a second consecutive tournament win up for grabs, Dodge had to deal with Jake Reser, of Tualatin, who entered the match with a 15-3

record.

Dodge out-manuevered Reser to the tune of a 20-11 major decision to get his top spot.

Also grappling in the 170-pound bracket and making his season debut was Preston, and he went 5-1, all by pin, and scored 25 team points for third place.

Preston dialed up back-to-back first-round pins over McNary's Jesus Saldivar (1:48) and Hood River Valley's Timothy Fletcher (1:03), and then posted a 15-3 major decision versus Newberg's Hayden Hampton in the quarterfinals.

Preston lost by pin in his semifinal bout with Tualatin's Reser at 1:40, but grabbed two consecutive pinfall wins in the consolation bracket against Gladstone's Williams (4:29) and HRV's Timothy Fletcher (0:34) to earn third place.

Taking fourth place after a solid 1-2 record at the 125-pound girls classification was Villa, as she tallied a quarterfinal win against Sunset's Jennifer Mitlehner (1:26) for her first win of the year.

Villa, however, lost her next two matches, both by first-round pin, to Forest Grove's Jasmin Soc-Lopez (1:13) and Milwaukie's Jaden South (1:32).

Morehouse had a busy seven-match slate in Portland and scored 14 team points with his sixth-place run at 182 pounds. Following an opening-round pinfall loss to Brodey Kitzmiller (Gladstone) at the 3:32 mark of the second round, Morehouse won four matches in a row in the consolation rounds.

Morehouse had a 6-1 decision against Chace Coopersmith (Putnam), and reeled off first-round pins versus Tualatin's Isaias Manzo (0:45) and St. Helens' Gannon Carter (1:52).

In his fifth match, Morehouse pinned Tualatin's



The Dalles wrestlers had four placers, including a first, a third, a fourth and a sixth at the two-day Don York Invitational in Portland. In the photo are, from left to right, Ryan Manciu (assistant coach), Kevin Marx (assistant coach), Taylor Morehouse, Karen Villa, Steven Preston, Dusty Dodge and Paul Beasley (head coach). Ryan Manciu/Contributed photo

Jacob Helton in the second round (3:31) to vault into the consolation semifinals. Morehouse lost to Bailey Sparks (Centennial) by a 17-0 technical fall at the 4:58 mark of the third round and lost his fifth-and-sixth-place showdown with Maverick Geller (Hood River Valley) in a close 11-10 decision.

Zak Tackett (8-6 record) wrestled at 113 pounds and four wins, three by pin, with his first pinfall victory at the 17-second mark of the first round opposite Nivindh Singh (Sunset).

After losing his next match, Tackett rebounded for a 15-0 technical fall versus Diego Rios (Sandy), tallied a second-round pin of Hayden McCormick (Sandy) and dropped Manzo (McNary) at 1:59 of the first round.

Tackett had his tournament cut short in his next bout with Southridge's Nicolas Garza (a 5-2 decision).

As a 120-pounder, Ian Preston went 2-2 in his first varsity tournament with both victories coming in the first round.

After a bye, Ian Preston pinned Anh Dylan Huynh (Newberg) at 1:54, but lost his quarterfinal match via pinfall to Cleveland's Elija Fishler (0:57).

The promising freshman then worked a pin on Eoan Sharabarin (McNary) in the first round at the 1:56 mark and wound up losing by pin in 44 seconds against Grady Burrows (McNary).

In the 160-pound class, Aiden Marx alternated wins and losses in four matches, but came out strong on Friday with a 42-second pin of Jose Gorgoni-Flores (Tualatin).

Marx was pinned by Chris Lynch (Clackamas) in 53 seconds of the opening round, but pinned Liberty's Carter Basick at 48 seconds of the first round, before dropping an 11-1 major decision versus Marshall Rodenbeck (Wilsonville).

Another girls participant, Elejah Sutton-Lott, had her first foray on the mats and answered with two wins and six team points, which the Lady Hawk duo 19 points for 18th place in the 22-team standings.

Sutton-Lott (130 pounds) won by fall over Centennial's Arianna Fagin (56 seconds), lost by pin to Forest Grove's Tamrie Overturf (1:07) and defeated Gloria Kitanga, of Clackamas by way of major decision (14-4).

In her last match, Sutton-Lott suffered a pinfall loss versus Madelyn Russell, out

of Sunset (1:49).

"Our girls continue to improve," Beasley said. "Karen placed again in only her second tournament and Elejah continues to give her best efforts and showed her toughness having drawn a killer bracket. It was clear to all, Ryan and I, that Karen and Elejah have been working hard as practice partners, making each other better every day."

Wrestling at 170 pounds, freshman Marquies Sagapolutele (3-5 overall record) went 1-2, as he won his first match by third-round pin against James McDonald (Franklin) at 5:58.

Sagapolutele then lost via pin to Putnam's Marc Jheryll Gutierrez (2:55) and Tyler Sims, of Clackamas (1:23).

Quinn Wilson (5-5 record) won by a 9-7 decision over Michael Castagnola (Sandy) in his first 160-pound slugfest, but then posted two straight losses to Burgess Myers (Reynolds) at 1:05 and Owen Lundgren (Putnam), an 8-5 decision.

Rounding out the team, Angel Oregon (120 pounds),

Conor Blair (126), Austin Music (145), Aaron Pyles (160), Ophath Silaphath (182) and Miguel Torres (220) each went 0-2 in their two tourney matches.

Riverhawk head coach Paul Beasley said he was impressed and proud of his team for the way they handled wrestling in one of the toughest facilities in the state.

TD, in the 5A ranks, totaled 102.5 points for 14th place in the 21-team field, and wound up finishing ahead of seven other 6A programs.

"Our season is starting to take shape as we head into January," Beasley said. "A number of our younger wrestlers had a productive and successful weekend and are understanding what a grind the season is, and our upperclassmen are getting to weight. Our wrestlers continue to compete in the classroom as well and cement themselves as well-rounded student-athletes."

Up next, the Hawks head out to Forest Grove for Bob Beisell Invitational starting at 10 a.m. Saturday.

## TD boys drop tilt versus No. 7 Milwaukie

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An early 35-14 first-half deficit proved to be too much for The Dalles Riverhawks to overcome.

In TD's 82-68 loss to No. 7 Milwaukie, the Hawks shot 26 of 56 from the floor, 9 of 25 from long distance, connected

on 7 of 11 free throws, and committed 24 turnovers, seven in the second half.

Jacob Hernandez led with 23 points, three rebounds, two assists and five steals, Jaxon Pullen added 13 points, Spencer Taylor chipped in 12 points and five boards, and Shane Floyd sank eight points. Aidan Telles dropped five

points and two assists, Conner Cummings had four points, Kenape Stewart tallied three points and Styles DeLeon ended up with five steals and two blocks.

Ali Ford scored 21 points and Reshawn Miles totaled 18 for the Mustangs, who made 31 field goals, 10 3-pointers, and hit 8 of 15 from the line.

TD (3-7 overall) hosted Stevenson, Wash. Monday, and travels to Scappoose for a non-league tilt at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday, and hosts St. Helens at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

The No. 13 Lady Riverhawks (5-5) are at St. Helens at 7 p.m. Friday and hosts Goldendale, Wash. at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

## Dr. Cullen's Student of the week

## Evan Despain for Music:

Evans is student the week for jazz band and concert band. Evan is an exceptional musician and is a leader in our music department. Evan hopes to study music after high school at BYU.



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