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Busy week doesn't stop Riverhawk swimmers

TD girls win dual, earn second place at White Buffalo Classic

■ Ray Rodriguez
The Dalles Chronicle

Wrapping up a frenzied stretch of swimming with a dual meet and a daylong tournament, The Dalles girls claimed a victory and the boys were second Thursday in Portland, the girls placed second and the boys were third at Saturday's White Buffalo Classic in Madras.

"This was the best team performance at an invitational we've had in a long time," TD assistant coach Pat Shortt said. "Combined with our performance at the St. Helens Dual Meet, it was a good week for us. It's great to see and hear the kids become aware that they are competitive in our district. The coaches knew it. Now they know it too."

Facing Madras, Pendleton, Redmond, Ridgeview, Sisters and Cove, the Lady Riverhawks totaled three individual finishes and added a relay victory to their point totals in Madras.



The Dalles' 400-yard 'B' relay team, pictured from left to right, Lydia Evans, Izabella Montesanti, Addison Little and Hanna Rodriguez, placed fourth at the White Buffalo Classic Saturday in Madras after a time of 5:42.74. The girls totaled 278 points to earn second place.

Of the three individual first-place winners, Kendall Webber continued her streak of top finishes in the 200-yard freestyle, with a time of 2:14.55, and earned top billing in the 500-yard freestyle after a blistering 6:07.33.

Freshman standout Lydia DiGennaro dominated her 50-yard freestyle with a new personal-best rally of 26.52, and the girls 200-yard freestyle relay group of Kendall and Bree Webber, Kennedy Abbas and DiGennaro swam into a first place finish with a time of 1:53.0, besting Ridgeview (1:56.89) by nearly

four seconds.

Kendall Webber, Hannah Haight, Maisie Bandel-Ramirez and DiGennaro also reeled off a 2:07.98 for second place in the 200-yard medley relay, missing another win by .57 seconds to Ridgeview (2:07.41), and the 400-yard freestyle relay quartet of Bree Webber, Paige Compton, Haight and Abbas came through for a 4:33.94 to lock down second place.

DiGennaro kept pace with a runner-up outcome in the 100-yard butterfly (1:09.87), and Abbas cleared second place in the 200-yard

individual medley (2:46.29) and tallied fourth in the 100-yard backstroke (1:15.58).

Compton was fourth in the 200-yard freestyle (2:36.81) and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle (7:00.98), and Haight had a third-place run in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:21.81) and placed fourth in the 500-yard freestyle (6:48.50).

The 400-yard 'B' relay group comprised of Lydia Evans, Izabella Montesanti, Addison Little and Hanna Rodriguez chipped in 22 team points for their fourth-place time of 5:42.74.

Bandel-Ramirez added a fourth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:04.96) and fifth in the 50-yard freestyle (29.20). Bree Webber turned in a 1:33.09 to secure fifth in the 100-yard butterfly and also hit for 10th place in the 50-yard freestyle (30.47).

Lydia Evans cut to ninth in the 100-yard backstroke (1:31.52) and posted a 14th in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:47.88). Addison Little ended up 12th in the 100-yard backstroke (1:41.09), and Hanna Rodriguez placed 10th in the 200-yard freestyle (3:05.14) and was 12th in the

100-yard freestyle (1:16.09).

Through 22 events, Pendleton scored first place in the team standings with 338 points, The Dalles went for 278 points for second place, and Ridgeview (227), Sisters (140), Redmond (88) and Madras (77) made up the rest of the girls standings.

The Redmond boys notched a top team output with 302 points, taking the win over Pendleton (237), The Dalles (194), Ridgeview (135), Madras (119), Sisters (104) and Cove (50).

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With the help of the sixth-place winning 400-yard 'B' relay team, pictured from left to right, Grant Loughmiller, Jacob Comini, Jose Reyes and Drew Evans, The Dalles boys swim team accumulated 194 points for third place in the field of seven.

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TD wrestlers finish fifth at Beisell Dual Tourney

Several standouts add to their win totals

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For the first time in a decade, The Dalles wrestling team competed in a dual tournament, tallying a 36-34 victory over Roosevelt and losses to Beaverton and Century to take hold of fifth place at the Bob Beisell Dual Tournament Saturday in Forest Grove.

Given the lack of numbers over the years, The Dalles has had a tough time filling out a lineup, let alone scoring enough points to win a dual, so head coach Paul Beasley was excited to see his loaded roster put out a maximum effort against three quality wrestling programs.

"It was an exciting experience," Beasley said. "The kids got to cheer for their teammates and have a new experience in wrestling. It was good to see so many wrestlers step up and wrestle up a weight class to help the team."

With fifth place on the line versus Roosevelt and The Dalles trailing 34-30, it all came down to Angel Oregon in his 120-pound match.

His teammates and coaches were chanting his name to spur on the young grappler, and he delivered in the clutch.

Oregon needed only 57 seconds to dispatch of Chance Brown by way of pin to vault the Hawks to their two-point triumph.

"It was a great win and outstanding action," Beasley said. "I am very proud of Angel."

Added to Oregon's heroics, Ben Nelson, Quinn Wilson, and Mauricio Carrera notched pinfall victories, and both Taylor Morehouse and Zak Tackett won by forfeit.

Nelson (152 pounds) dropped Javon Williams at the 43-second mark of the opening round, and Wilson (160) followed suit in the next match with a pin in 42 seconds against Jackson Kettlewell.

Normally a 182-pound wrestler, Carrera jumped up to 195 pounds and had to lock horns with DeMario Gonzales.

Both fought to a standstill through one round, until Carrera finally subdued Gonzales with a pin at 3:55 of the second round.

Conor Blair (126), Elejah Sutton-Lott (132), Ophath Silaphath (170) and Miguel Torres (220) each lost by early pins, Austin Music was defeated by majority decision and TD lost by forfeit at 145 and 285 pounds.

"Elejah wrestled at 132 to fill in the lineup, and although she did not prevail, she showed grit and determination by wrestling with the men for our team," Beasley said. "She had an outstanding showing and one that all of our coaches and her teammates appreciated."

In their first match of the afternoon, The Dalles rattled off successful efforts by Nelson, Steven Preston, Morehouse, and Carrera and added one forfeit, but Beaverton laid out six victories and two forfeits to inch away to a 39-30 win.

Beaverton went a run of five wins in the first six matches, and then the



The Dalles wrestling team engaged in the Bob Beisell Dual Tournament Saturday in Forest Grove and won one of three duals to secure fifth place. The team travels to Tigard Saturday and has the Elks Memorial Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 25 in Hood River. Contributed photo

heavier weights stood tall, the lone loss coming at 113 pounds, a forfeit.

Nelson pinned Sam Gonzalez at the 5:05 mark of the third round at 152 pounds, and after a 9-0 major-decision loss from Wilson at 160, Preston (170) got in on the act with a 30-second opening-round pin of Andre Cazares.

Morehouse came out on top versus Maria Reeder in the first round with a pin (56 seconds) and Carrera hit the mats opposite Jiwanjot Singh and scored a pin at 3:55 of the second round.

Oregon (120) lost by technical fall, and Blair,

Sutton-Lott, Music and Torres ended up being pinned, with Torres falling in the third round (5:24).

The Dalles had a tougher time in its dual against 6A Century, as the Jaguars posted seven wins and three forfeits in a 56-16 victory.

Tackett earned an 11-3 major decision over Abiu Diaz at 113 pounds, Silaphath took control of Donovan Gallardo with an 8-4 decision in their 170-pound slugfest, Morehouse pinned Cayden Palmeri at the 1:50 mark of the first round, and Carrera (195) capped the Riverhawk wins with an 11-4 decision versus Cayson Hammer.

"Mauricio won all three matches in convincing fashion. He is looking better than ever," Beasley said. "Taylor also had a good outing, winning his matches and continuing to improve and gain confidence in his abilities."

Oregon (120), Blair (126), Sutton-Lott (132) Music (138), Nelson (152), Wilson (160) and Torres (220) lost matches, all by pin, except for Nelson, who lost to Ernesto Alvarez by a 15-0 technical fall.

"Zak, Taylor, Elejah, Conor and Angel wrestled tough in their brackets. They were up against some good kids and

held their own," TD assistant coach Ryan Manciu said. "Quinn won a big match to help us win one of the duals, and Ben also got us a key match and has really come on in the last couple weeks. They showed a big improvement this weekend. They are getting better and they show up ready to wrestle. I am super proud of all the kids and they continue to impress me every day."

The Dalles boys have the Tigard Tournament and the girls are off to Sandy Saturday, and then on Saturday, Jan. 25, they will wrestle in the Elks Memorial Tournament at Hood River.

Short-handed TD girls still putting up a good fight

Boys reverse field in close 47-45 win over St. Helens

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With senior point guard Kilee Hoylman out indefinitely with an Achilles injury, The Dalles girls basketball team put forth gritty performances on consecutive nights in a 57-44 loss to No. 8-ranked St. Helens Friday and a 56-52 home setback at the hands of Milwaukie Saturday.

In Saturday's matchup, Milwaukie sophomore and reigning league Most Valuable Player, Cali Denson, had her second 40-point game of the year and season-high 44 points.

Denson tallied 29 at the half, but TD's defense held her to 15 second-half points.

Milwaukie finished with 24 field goals, 10 3-pointers, and made 12 of 16 free throws.

For The Dalles, Rainie Codding and Lauryn Belanger totaled 14 points apiece, Jenna Miller chipped in seven, Gus Decker sank six and Grace Schatz went for five points.

In all, the Hawks netted 20 field goals, four 3-pointers, and connected on 8 of 16 free throws.

Milwaukie led 35-22 at halftime and swelled its lead to as much as 44-29 at the 7:20 mark of the third quarter.

The Dalles ended the last five minutes on an 8-0 run to inch to within a 44-40 deficit.

In the last 1:16, Decker made a 3-pointer, Belanger swished a jump shot, and as time expired, Codding drained a buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

Friday, TD was down 18-13 after the first quarter, had two players in foul trouble, and could only watch as the

Lady Lions went took a 36-20 halftime lead in what was a 57-44 road win.

The Dalles cut the lead to seven points in the second half, but couldn't overcome foul trouble and deft St. Helens free throw shooting down the stretch.

Codding totaled 17 points, and the duo of Belanger and Miller tacked on eight points each.

Decker finished with six points and Pearl Guzman added five for the No. 17 Riverhawks, who heads to Prineville Friday in versus Crook County.

"The girls did play hard and well today. They just made eight mistakes in the second quarter that were mental errors and passes they shouldn't make. Defensively, they left the shooter open three times and she swished all three 3-pointers," TD head coach Brian Stevens said. "Jenna really stepped up. She broke the press multiple times,

played good defense and led us in rebounding."

Big plays lift TD boys to close win

The Dalles was on the wrong end of a miscue and a last-second shot that produced a 61-60 loss at Scappoose last Wednesday.

Friday at Kurtz Gym, a St. Helens traveling call with 15.1 seconds left opened the door for a jumper and a foul to Jacob Hernandez at the 3.3-second mark of the fourth quarter.

Hernandez missed the foul shot, but Dalles Seufalemua tipped the loose ball to Aidan Telles for the rebound as time expired, which gave the Riverhawk boys a 47-45 victory.

Spencer Taylor and Hernandez combined for 29 points, Conner Cummings and Styles DeLeon had four points each, and Skyler Leeson chipped in three points as TD shot 17 of 48

from the field, 2 of 17 from long range, and made 11 of 22 free throws.

TD fell behind 26-21 at halftime, then used a 17-9 third-quarter rally to go ahead, 38-35, entering the final period.

St. Helens tallied 14 field

goals, six 3-pointers, and sank 11 of 13 from the line. Joe Rea dropped 28 points to lead the Lions.

TD (5-9 overall) hosted Goldendale, Wash. Tuesday and hosts league opponent Crook County at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 17.

Dr. Cullen's Student of the week

Jacob Vallie for Theatre:

Jacob Vallie is the president of The Dalles High School Drama Dept. He's in the spring musical "Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" playing the lead role of Joseph. He is extremely talented and a dedicated theatre student.



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