TD Pullen out all the stops

Hawks' sophomore guard sinks game-winner

■ Ray Rodriguez
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The Dalles rode an emotional roller coaster Friday night in their nip-and-tuck matchup against Crook

Jacob Hernandez made two big 3-pointers to draw the Riverhawks to within one point, and then the Cowboys turned the ball over with 13 seconds left.

Down 67-66, TD head coach Greg Cummings drew up a play and Jaxon Pullen had the ball in his hands and dropped a reverse layup to put the Hawks ahead.

Amid the celebratory chaos, initially, time had run out, but officials determined that Crook County called a timeout with 1.5 seconds in regulation.

The Cowboys tried to get the ball in to their shooter for a desperation heave, but lost control as time expired.

The Dalles held a 32-28



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halftime advantage, but Crook County used a 22-13 third-quarter run to go out in front, 50-45, with one

TD trailed by as much as eight points at the 2:30 mark of the final period and willed itself to a pivotal

league-opening triumph.
Hernandez led all scorers
with 31 points and added five
rebounds and four assists,
and Spencer Taylor tallied
19 points, five boards, a steal
and two blocks.

Pullen had seven points, two rebounds, four assists and two steals, Shane Floyd scored six points, Aidan Telles dropped four points, seven rebounds and two steals, and Dalles Seufalemua put up one point for the Hawks, who went 25 of 52 on field goals, 5 of 15 threes, and connected on 13 of 26 free throws

Kevin Sanchez picked up 23 points, Caleb Arnold added 22 and Abel Nunez notched 11 points, as the Cowboys hit 22 field goals, six 3-pointers, and sank 17 of 22 from the line.

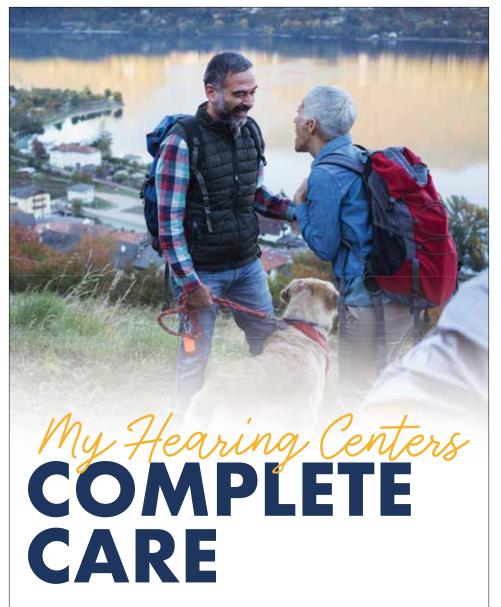
TD (7-9 overall, 1-0 league) hosts Redmond at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24.

TD girls open league with a win

In her first action since sustaining a knee injury on Dec. 30 versus Barlow, Kilee Hoylman scored a team-leading 15 points and Jenna Miller added 11 points in The Dalles girls basketball team's 47-45 league-opening road victory over Crook County Friday in Prineville.

TD had control of matters for most of the contest, building as much as an 11-point lead in the final period, and then in the final four minutes, the Cowgirls made a last gasp effort and drilled three 3-pointers to make the final outcome look closer.

The Dalles (7-8 overall, 1-0 league), now No. 17 in the 5A ranks, heads to Redmond at 6:30 p.m. next Friday, and then travels to Pendleton for a league tilt at 5:30 pm on Friday, Jan. 31.



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HAWKWrestlers put up 12 pins on the day

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following a bye, got back on track in the consolation semifinals

semifinals.

Morehouse had an easy time against Liberty's Isaac Bland with a pin in less than 30 seconds and then he added his second consecutive pin, beating Cason Benson (Liberty) in the first round (1.44)

Nelson, a senior wrestling at 152 pounds, had a marathon of a day with a teamhigh five matches overall, and he went 3-2 to lock down sixth place

sixth place.
The second-year grappler pinned Silvestre Mendez
(Beaverton) at the 1:34 mark of the first round in his opening match, but then lost by third-round pin versus Madison's Lane Shaffer

That quarterfinals loss put Nelson into the consolation bracket, where he claimed two straight wins to advance for a chance at fifth place.

Nelson pinned Beaverton's Gerardo Fernandez (44 seconds) and reeled off a close 6-5 decision win over Samuel Marley (Sprague).

With fifth place up for grabs, Nelson wound up taking a first-round pinfall loss (34 seconds) in a match with Cody Coppinger (Tigard).

Marx and Nelson were entrenched in two quality weight classes against quality opponents, so their placing was a nice thing for coach Manciu to see from this

promising duo.
"Aiden and Ben had some tough matches and they both fought through it to place in a tough 6A tournament," coach

Manciu said.
Although they did not place, TD's quartet of Zak
Tackett (113), Angel Oregon (120), Conor Blair (126) and Ophath Silaphath (170) combined to go 6-8 with four pins, an injury default and an overtime triumph

overtime triumph.
Tackett (11-8 record) started with a third-round pin of Blake Gohlmann (St Helens) at the 5:57 mark, but then lost in the quarterfinals versus Sprague's Bo Davis (23-7 record) by a 15-0 technical

fall after two rounds.
Settled in on the consolation side, Tackett engaged in an overtime thriller against Liberty's Emerald Koeppel.

Both wrestlers fought to a 6-6 standstill through six minutes of action, until Tackett scored a takedown and a nearfall to grab the

As dramatic as that match was, Tackett had to notch one more win to get a chance to place.

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Tackett went up against Wilsonville's Kaden Kramer, and the Wildcat grappler came away with a close 9-7 decision.

In the 120-pound division, Oregon picked up a pair of wins, the first coming by injury default.

Oregon then lost to St.

Helens' Narcizo Garza (20-7 record) by pin (1:51), and bounced back for a second-round pin win (2:39) over Jeimer Gonzalez (St

Just like Tackett, Oregon had to defeat Springfield's Fernando Gonzalez in the consolation semifinals to grab a podium spot, however, Gonzalez dashed those dreams with a second-round pin at 2:44.

Conor Blair (3-6 record) wrestled at 126 pounds and wound up taking one win against Beaverton's Deepa Monger in less than 30 seconds, and then lost in the consolation semifinals by pin at 5:02 of the third round verges Correct Testlar (Tisord)

sus Carsen Taylor (Tigard).
Ophath Silaphath (3-4
record) had one win on
the day in the consolation
round, versus Eduardo RuizFernandez (22 seconds), but
lost in the second round of
the consolation semifinals
against St. Helens' Gannon
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Carter (2:00).

"We are so proud of all the boys for what they did this weekend," Manciu said. "We had five place and another four come so close to placing, so they are setting there."

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The Dalles had a novice dual meet versus Hood River Valley and Pendleton Tuesday in Hood River, and heads to the Elks Memorial Tournament at 9:30 a.m. Saturday in Hood River.

At 8 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Ridgeview High School in Redmond, the IMC Conference Championships take place.

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