

SPORTS

Short-handed TD boys, girls win at Madras

Teams combine for 10 victories, 10 seconds

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Down nine swimmers, The Dalles head coach Derek Shortt fielded a group of 16 boys and girls, who combined for 10 wins and 10 seconds in a four-team event held on Friday, Jan. 24 in Madras.

"The swimmers responded with a great performance," Shortt said. "The kids fought hard and really had some amazing swims. This was a great boost for the team, and they showed some real impressive fight. I can't wait to see what we do in the future."

On the day, the boys garnered two individual wins and a top relay swim, as Will Evans captured a big-time victory in the boys 200-yard freestyle (2:02.71), Jonathan Snodgrass came out ahead in the 500-yard freestyle (7:26.14), and the 400-yard freestyle relay group of Snodgrass, Grant Loughmiller, William Hoover and Evans turned on the jets with a 4:31.91 to lock down first place.

Leading the girls, Kendall Webber scorched the field for firsts in the 200-yard freestyle (2:13.98) and the 500-yard freestyle (6:07.85), Lydia DiGennaro added a win in the 50-yard freestyle (27.73), and Hannah Haight took top honors in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:22.48) and

all three of their relay squads had sweeps.

In the 200-yard medley relay, Webber, Haight, DiGennaro and Bree Webber timed out in a solid 2:12.89, and the quartet of Kendall Webber, Kennedy Abbas, Bree Webber and DiGennaro dominated the 200-yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:54.48, beating second-place Madras (2:04.60) by more than 10 seconds.

Haight, Lydia Evans, Paige Compton and Abbas then took a commanding win in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a final mark of 4:34.83.

Abbas claimed runner-up status in the 200-yard individual medley (2:48.79) and 100-yard backstroke (1:17.91), Bree Webber added a 1:28.57 to earn second in the 100-yard butterfly, which was a five-second personal-best, and Haight placed second in the 500-yard freestyle (6:48.62).

Compton placed third in the 200-yard freestyle (2:30.31) and the 500-yard freestyle (6:55.69, a nine-second drop), Bree Webber added a third in the 500-yard freestyle (30.53), Lydia Evans turned in a fourth-place tally in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:44.58) and sixth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:19.72), and senior standout Izabella Montesanti registered a 38.79 to get eighth in the 50-yard freestyle and tacked on an 11th in the 100-yard freestyle (1:33.71).

"Madras was a great meet for us," Evans said. "Everyone on the team showed a very



The Dalles swim team combined for 191 points to pull off a boys and girls victory at a four-team meet held on Jan. 24 in Madras. In the celebratory photo are, pictured from left to right, Nate Timmons (assistant coach), Grant Loughmiller, William Hoover, Jose Reyes, Will Evans, Izabella Montesanti, Hannah Haight, Jonathan Snodgrass, Michael Cole, and Derek Shortt (head coach). Following events in Gresham and La Grande, The Dalles travels to Hood River at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6.

positive attitude, which makes swim meets a lot of fun. Along with having great attitudes, everyone is working really hard to improve their personal times and contribute to the team by earning points. And since both teams got first place with half our team there, it's easy to see that our hard work is paying off."

Through 22 events, The Dalles girls reeled off 106 points to chalk up first place, with Corbett (55), Baker (41) and Madras (32) making up the rest of the standings.

On the boys side, TD had a closer point spread amongst four teams with 85 points, and behind them were

Madras (77), Baker (45) and Corbett (11).

"We had some great leadership from the seniors, who did a great job of getting the team energized and focused for the meet," coach Shortt said. "It was great for us to get another round in the pool that we will be swimming in for districts."

Michael Cole had a second-place outcome in the 100-yard butterfly (1:13.38), Bryce Harris was a runner-up in the 100-yard freestyle (58.13), and Loughmiller added a second in the 500-yard freestyle (7:27.46).

Will Evans (24.86), Harris (25.04) and Cole (26.37) were in second, third and fifth

place, respectively, in the 50-yard freestyle, Spencer Coburn grabbed third place in the 200-yard individual medley (2:50.28) and fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:24.47), Snodgrass (2:44.95) notched fifth place and Loughmiller (2:48.85) was sixth in the 200-yard freestyle, Hoover claimed sixth in the 100-yard freestyle (1:11.71) and seventh in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:26.30), and Jose Reyes ended up seventh in the 100-yard freestyle (1:28.52) and 12th in the 50-yard freestyle (38.42).

Coburn, Hoover, Cole and Harris were good for second place in the 200-yard medley relay (2:03.64), and the

grouping of Harris, Coburn, Cole and Will Evans paced to a 1:41.25 to secure a runner-up finish.

"Our season is going super well and it's great to see a motivated group of kids again," Harris said. "We went into Madras missing a lot of swimmers due to them being sick, but we still tried our hardest and earned some good points for our team. The swim team this year is really stepping up and working on improving themselves and it's definitely showing in our results."

Following tough events in Gresham and La Grande last week, The Dalles next travels to Hood River for a league dual at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6.

SWC boys and girls move up in the Big Sky standings

After beating Dufur Tuesday, both teams are tied for second

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It was a classic slugfest tonight between two of the Big Sky Conference's best teams.

And four quarters wasn't enough to settle matters.

South Wasco County's Jennifer Best had a rebound and putback with 38 seconds left, Dufur hit 1 of 2 free throws to get within 55-52 and, following two SWC missed free throw tries, had back-to-back desperation 3-pointers rim in and out, and the Lady Redsidess survived by a 55-52 overtime margin in league girls hoops action Tuesday in Maupin.

Dufur fell behind 20-7 in the first half, but cut the deficit to 37-34 at halftime.

The Lady Rangers grabbed a 45-40 lead midway through the final period and jumped ahead 47-42 at the 1:56 mark,

until SWC made 2 of 4 free throws and Iverson drained a 3-pointer with 1:03 left.

Down the stretch, Dufur missed two free throws and each squad traded turnovers to send the game into the extra session.

McCoy gave the Redsidess a 53-48 lead at the 1:14 mark of overtime after a layup and a foul shot, then Dufur hit two free throws and Best had her rebound and putback with 38 seconds left to make it 55-51.

Destiny Mora-Lopez dropped 21 points, pulled down 22 rebounds and blocked seven shots, and Kylie Iverson added 14 points, four rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Hailey Ocacio scored seven points, Jade McCoy finished with five points, 11 boards and four steals, and Best notched three points for SWC, who made 14 field goals, two 3-pointers, and sank 25 of 49 free throws.

Dufur totaled 17 field goals from five players and hit 18 of 39 free throws.

With the win, SWC moves

into a second-place tie with Dufur.

South Wasco County (9-8 overall, 5-2 league) heads to Condon at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7, and then travels to play Sherman at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

Dufur (10-7, 5-2) hosts Condon at 6 p.m. Tuesday, and travels to Condon for a league matchup slated for 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

The crazy Big Sky Conference boys standings changed dramatically again Tuesday, as the South Wasco County Redsidess built as much as a 22-point first-half lead and held off a late rally in a 71-65 triumph at Maupin.

The Redsidess led 21-8 through one quarter and 39-25 at halftime.

Dufur got to within a 65-61 deficit with 1:15 left in the fourth period after consecutive baskets by Jacob Peters.

SWC then got a layup and a dunk from Garrett Olson to extend the cushion to 69-61 at the 40-second mark.

With 15.8 seconds left,

Cooper Bales sank a deep ball, but then SWC ran out the final few ticks.

Oscar Thomas paced the Redsidess with 25 points, seven rebounds, eight assists and five steals, and Olson added 23 points, 11 rebounds, three assists, three steals and two blocks.

Tanner Davis totaled 11 points, seven assists and a steal, Brock LaFaver went off for nine points, 10 boards, three assists and a block, and Ben Birman chipped in three points and three rebounds.

SWC hit on 29 of 57 from the field, 6 of 18 three pointers and hit 7 of 12 free throws.

Dufur finished 26 of 64 from the floor, 5 of 19 from long distance, and converted 8 of 12 from the stripe.

Peters posted 30 points (21 in the second half) Bales poured in 15 (four in the second half) Trey Darden tallied 12 points and Josh Taylor ended up with seven points.

As of Thursday, SWC (12-5 overall, 5-3 league) was tied for second in league, while Dufur (9-9, 4-4) dropped to a

fifth-place tie with Horizon.

The Redsidess host Horizon at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and will be at Condon at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7.

Dufur hosts Condon at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, and plays at Horizon at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8.

The Sherman Huskies started league play with four straight wins and jumped atop the Big Sky Conference boys standings. Following back-to-back losses to South Wasco County and Dufur, they were tied for fourth place in league and a district berth seemed to be teetering.

Tuesday night in Moro, Wade Fields rattled home a game-high 12 points, Kole Martin scored nine points and Nick Riggs contributed seven of his eight points in the fourth quarter, as the Huskies went on a 13-7 fourth-quarter run to defeat Horizon Christian 48-37 Tuesday in a Big Sky Conference tussle.

By virtue of their win, the Sherman Huskies vaulted

into a second-place tie along-side South Wasco County.

Sherman held a 10-5 advantage after one quarter and matched Horizon 25-25 over the second and third quarters for a 35-30 entering the final period.

In all, the Huskies (8-9 overall, 5-3 league) tallied 18 field goals, one 3-pointer, and drilled 11 of 19 free throws.

Will James notched eight points, Luke Stone pitched in seven and Jed Harrison reeled off four points.

Horizon (7-9, 4-4) finished with 13 field goals, two 3-pointers, and shot 9 of 15 from the line.

Josh Rogers led the Hawks with 10 points, Alex Whitaker added nine, and both Kai Robertson and Caleb Lingel had seven points each.

Sherman hosts Dayville at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3, and hosts Lone/Arlington for a game slated for 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 7.

Horizon travels to SWC at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 4, and goes to Mitchell at 7:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 7.

Hawk wrestlers take four wins at league dual in Pendleton

TD loses 59-24, as Preston, Dodge and Carrera score pins

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Steven Preston, Dusty Dodge and Mauricio Carrera each posted pins, and Zak Tackett won by forfeit, but Pendleton notched seven pinfall wins, a technical fall and two forfeits to take a 59-24 victory over The Dalles in a 5A Intermountain Conference wrestling dual Wednesday in Pendleton.

"This match was a reminder of the unforgiving nature of the sport of wrestling," TD head coach Paul Beasley said. "Lack of focus, effort, and intensity will result in a humbling experience."

"But the beauty of the sport is we have a chance in our next match or tournament to respond to adversity and be successful."

Starting at 105 pounds, The Dalles lost seven of its first eight matches, six by pin, four of those coming in the first round.

The only win was at 113 pounds, where Zak Tackett claimed a forfeit victory.

TD's Nathan Ganders (106 pounds) lost to Dawson

Tremper in 42 seconds, Angel Oregon (120) was pinned by Gabe Browning at the 3:45 mark of the second round, and Conor Blair (126) ended up losing to Collin Primus.

At 132 pounds, Elejah Sutton-Lott lost to Pendleton's Jack Lieuallen in 30 seconds, Austin Music (138) was pinned by Grant Clark, Matthew Robertson (Pendleton) scored a forfeit win, and TD senior Ben Nelson (152) could not stop a pinfall loss in 2:34 against Danner Hamilton.

"Elejah showed why she

received the 2019 Coaches Award by stepping into the lineup at 132 pounds and battling a ranked wrestler, without question," Beasley said.

As the weights increased, however, the Riverhawks went on to win three of their final six matches, all three by pin, two in the first round and the other in the third round.

In his 160-pound tussle, Preston dropped the hammer down on Jaime Rico at the 1:21 mark of the first round, and Dodge, a two-time state

placer, who won last weekend's tournament in Hood River with a 4-0 record, reeled off his 13th consecutive win in the 170-pound division with a pin over Patrick Simpson (1:22).

Pendleton's Isaac Urbina then posted a 17-2 technical fall versus Taylor Morehouse

at 182 pounds, and Carrera, the Hawk senior, pulled out a pin of Greysen Clark with a little more than a minute left in the final stanza (4:56) of their 195-pound bout.

"Taylor continues to improve too. He withstood a strong effort by Urbina, a ranked wrestler, in defeat. He understands that success is improvement, regardless of the outcome," Beasley said.

"Mauricio continued his team-first effort, winning by pin at 195, even though he weighed in at 177," Beasley added.

Jacob Griffin (220) capped Pendleton's seventh pinfall win at the 3:32 mark of the second round against



The Dalles wrestler Taylor Morehouse, on top, grapples his opponent during last weekend's daylight tournament in Hood River. In Pendleton Wednesday, the Riverhawks logged pinfall wins from Steven Preston, Mauricio Carrera and Dusty Dodge in a 59-24 loss.

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Miguel Torres, and Roper Cartmell picked up a forfeit at heavyweight.

After Friday's home dual

with Hood River, The Dalles girls have the regional qualifier scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, at Century

High School in Hillsboro, while the boys head out to Madras for a tournament on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Dr. Cullen's Student of the week

Shaelyn Scott for AP English Language:

She is a very perceptive student and writes with depth and nuance, a leader in classroom discussions and other students comment on how much they have learned from her insights on important issues.

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Athlete of the Week

Destiny Mora-Lopez

SWC Junior

With a tie for second place on the line Tuesday night at home against Dufur, South Wasco County post presence Destiny Mora-Lopez racked up 21 points, 22 rebounds and seven blocked shots to aid in the Lady Redsidess' 55-52 overtime triumph. Overall for the year, the 6-foot junior is putting up 14 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks a contest.

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