

## SPORTS

## TD girls end season with playoff loss at Silverton

## Players take pride in creating new program benchmarks for the future

■ Ray Rodriguez  
The Dalles Chronicle

SILVERTON - Down 37-12 at the half, The Dalles girls basketball team amped up the defensive tenacity and limited Silverton to six second-half field goals by only two different players, but could not get enough shots to fall to log a major threat as they worked a 20-16 second-half run in a season-ending 53-32 loss to the top-ranked Foxes in 5A state sub-round action Friday in Silverton.

"I was just so proud of our team and what we did this year, especially in this game, where it could have been really easy for all of us to give up," all-league guard Jenna Miller said. "We fought the whole time and that shows who we are and that's what we have proven to do all season. We lost a lot of good

girls last year and just the fact that we were able to fight back and come out here and work our butts off like we did is exciting."

In the first half, TD's goal was to pack the paint and get every rebound, but instead Silverton hit eight threes on 8 of 12 from the 3-point line.

Silverton post Truitt Reilly led her squad with 17 points, 10 in the second half, eight in the third period, and the duo of Riley Traeger and Josslyn Ames tacked on 12 points apiece.

TD trailed by as much as 26 points in the second half, but towards the end of the third quarter and the early part of the final quarter missed on seven of eight possessions after making defensive stops, but could not dip into the Foxes' commanding cushion.

TD's Kilee Hoylman posted 10 points; Jenna Miller added eight; Gus Decker finished with six; Rainie Coddling dropped four and both Pearl Guzman and Lauryn Belanger hit for two points each.

In three seasons, Stevens finishes with a 31-36 overall record and an 11-13 mark in league games with one

postseason appearance.

He has seen standouts like Paulina Finn, Jodi Thomasian, Ella Salvatori, Molly Taylor give everything to the program, and now he has seven seniors ready to graduate in three months.

Stevens was emotional after the game, saying that he was going to miss his players.

That's what they talked about in the locker room after the game, was missing each other and missing everything that went into creating a positive environment that breeds a successful program.

"When I was hired three years ago, I took over a group that weren't basketball players. This was their third sport at best," Stevens said. "Those girls, with hard work and some extra time with me, played as hard as they could and got into the playoffs. I couldn't have asked for anything more than that from a group that wasn't expected to see this amount of success over what they have had over the last two years. Through everything, they kept their fire and never gave up. That's what this team has been all about for three years and that's why I love these girls."

Hoylman, Coddling, Belanger and Miller took on huge chunks of varsity time last season, and Stevens mixed in Decker Pearl Guzman, Grace Schatz and a few others for bigger roles which translated into the programs most overall wins and highest season-ending ranking since 2015-2016.

"This year, we came in with less experience than last year, with a few of us playing more junior varsity, but we knew we had to push harder, work harder and work our way up to the top harder than any of the other teams in the state if we wanted to meet our goals," Schatz said. "We pushed ourselves in practices and in games and it allowed us to get to the point we are today."

While several of the varsity players will fragment off into track and other spring activities, Belanger, Hoylman and Schatz want to bring the same culture of positivity, togetherness, motivation and drive that they attained from the basketball program, to the softball diamond.

In a weather-shortened 2018-2019 campaign, the hoops squad finished tied for second place and was denied



The Dalles girls basketball team had its season cut short following a 53-32 loss at No. 1-ranked Silverton Friday in 5A state sub-round action.  
Ray Rodriguez photo

a postseason berth, but then this past winter, the Hawks won 13 games, placed third in league and punched a playoff berth for the first time since 2016-2017.

On the softball side, the program went 11-39-1 over a tough two-year span, but last year, they won 14 games, placed fourth in league, ended up ranked ninth in the 5A rankings, and were not invited to the playoff dance.

"If we can bring what we achieved together through that environment to softball, I hope it gets us up to at least a third-place spot because

finishing ninth in state last year and not to earn a playoff spot, we felt robbed," Belanger said. "At the same time, it goes to show that we can have a little more grit and really push through because not many people are fighting for what we are fighting for. We are fighting to be respected, we are fighting for what we deserve and we are fighting to have people look at us and say, 'their girls' sports are going to push through and they are doing something that the guys can't. They're making a name for themselves."

## Riverhawk trio lands on IMC all-league roster

## Hoylman nets first-team spot; Miller and Coddling chalk up second-team honors

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Under third-year coach Brian Stevens, The Dalles girls basketball team went 13-12 overall and added a 7-3 mark in league to earn a state sub-round qualification for the first time since the 2016-2017 season.

The Lady Hawks also beat Pendleton on the road for the first time since Feb. 12, 2014, swept two games apiece versus Redmond, Crook County and Hood River Valley, and were a win from taking second place and hosting a postseason game.

For their efforts and focus on team ball, TD had Kilee Hoylman, Rainie Coddling and Jenna Miller each take

home all-Intermountain Conference awards for their outstanding all-around efforts on the hardwood.

A year after posting 17.2 points, 4.6 assists, 5.6 rebounds and 5.2 deflections a game, Hoylman, who missed some time with a knee injury, posted a team-high 10.4 points and added 4.1 assists, 4.2 rebounds, 4.6 steals, and 7.7 deflections a matchup in 10 league tilts this past winter to earn first-team league honors for the second consecutive season.

Hoylman eclipsed 18 points in the Hawks' road win at Pendleton on Jan. 31, reeled off 17 points to lead her squad to a 54-31 romp over Redmond, and added a pair of 15-point efforts against Crook County and Redmond.

Stevens said that each coach at the all-league meeting devised game plans to try to stop Hoylman, which is one of the biggest compliments a player can receive.



The Dalles girls basketball players, from left to right, Kilee Hoylman, Jenna Miller and Rainie Coddling picked up all-Intermountain Conference awards after last week's coaches meeting. Hoylman scored first-team, all-league recognition for the second year in a row, and both Miller and Coddling were second-team winners.  
Ray Rodriguez photos

"Kilee was our team leader in most every way," Stevens said. "When she missed two weeks, we lost two games we should have won. It wasn't her offense as much as it was what she brings on defense. She is our best defensive player. She makes so much happen by

jumping into passing lanes, pressuring full court, making her opponents uncomfortable, and in turn, the opponent is scared and throws a ball high or low and one of her teammates gets a steal."

Coddling, a standout senior inside presence, was named

to the second squad after putting up an impressive statistical line of 9.1 points, 5.9 boards, 1.8 steals, .8 blocks, 1.5 assists and 2.8 deflections in 10 league matchups.

Coddling notched 12 points at home versus Redmond, had 10 points at Pendleton, get offensive rebounds over girls 4-to-8 inches taller than her is unmatched. "When we miss shots, our girls know that Rainie will be there to grab the ball and lay it in," Stevens said.

Stevens touted Miller as the team's emotional leader and like a team mom, she always seems to say the right things at the right moment, whether it's a serious adjustment or a pressure situation. "She knows just what to say to make everyone laugh and relieve the pressure," he said.

Miller developed her stroke over the last few years, which added to her ferocious defensive disposition and made enough of an impression on other coaches to snag a second team bid.

In league, the senior contributed 8.9 points, 5.7 rebounds, 2.4 steals, 1.2 blocks 2.2 assists and 3.6 pass deflections a contest.

On two occasions, Miller had her rhythm flowing with 18 points apiece against Crook County and Redmond, she dropped 11 points at Crook County, tacked on a nine-point output in a game with Hood River Valley and pulled down a career-high 10 rebounds on Feb. 4 at Ridgeview.

On the season, she led with

her season-high of 18 points in TD's home game versus eventual league-champion, Ridgeview.

"Rainie was like our Dennis Rodman. An undersized ball of energy who outworks everyone," Stevens said. "Her ability to rebounding," Stevens said. "The other coaches said they had someone spy on her at all times because they didn't want her to be left open. Her 3-point shot can be lethal. Her ability is to always find herself around the ball and, much like Rainie, grabbing defensive rebounds over people much taller than her to help us compete and win games."

Ridgeview's Paige Pentzer had her name called as Player of the Year, and Alicia Love earned Coach of the Year.

On the first team along with Pentzer and Hoylman were Muriel Hoisington (Pendleton), Alaina Clark (Ridgeview) and Jenna Albrecht (Ridgeview).

Taking spots on the second team with Miller and Coddling was the group of Ellie Corwin (Redmond), Sami Sprit (Pendleton), and Chloe Taber (Pendleton).

There were six IMC players scoring honorable mention awards, led by senior Grace Meyers (Hood River Valley), juniors Dallas Hutchins (Crook County), Marley Sargent (Ridgeview), Natalie Neveau (Pendleton), and Liz Barker (Crook County), and Skyla Gonzalez, a sophomore from Redmond.

## Three Wildcat wrestlers roar on to state tournament

## Berkovich, Neely and Schellinger will represent TDMS this weekend in Woodburn

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Following non-stop action at the Eastern Oregon Middle School Regional Tournament Saturday in Boardman, the trio of Summer Schellinger, Wesley Neely and Jacob Berkovich will be representing The Dalles Middle School at the Oregon Middle School State Championships this Saturday in Woodburn.

Entering action, Berkovich had a 22-0 overall and had posted six straight wins, all by pin, in his previous two events and then went 4-1 with three pins and a major decision to notch second place.

The 150-pound eighth grader breezed through his first three regional matches by pin, dropping Andrew Farrell (Nyssa), Ethan Morgan (Baker) and Timmy Desanto (Scappoose) in the opening round.

In the semifinals, Berkovich battled for three rounds and scored an 8-0 major decision over Graison Stone (Baker).

One win from a perfect going to state, Berkovich faced Baker's Adam Rushton in the finals, with Rushton taking a

first-round pinfall victory.

At 220 pounds, Neely went 1-2 and placed fourth and scored seven team points.

After a quarterfinal bye, Neely lost by pin to Stephanie Romero (Irrigon) to move into the consolation semifinals, where he pinned Miranda Nicholson (The Dalles) in the first round.

Already staked to a state bid, Neely had a chance to earn third place in a match opposite Jose Armenta (Baker), but ended up losing by a 14-2 major decision.

Schellinger (117 pounds) had to take the long route to her state berth, and notched a win and lost in the third consolation round.

Following a 9-2 decision loss to John Koklich (Milton-Freewater), Schellinger (The Dalles) received a consolation bye and then won by second-round fall over Gabe Hoff at the 2:27 mark.

Up next, Schellinger lost by pinfall in 36 seconds against Zander Flores (Enterprise).

Middle School 117 Alexander De La Torre (117 pounds) scored the most points, 11, of his teammates and he started out with back-to-back first-round pins of Hood River Valley's Sam Blosser (42 seconds) and Baker's Orrin Cobb (21 seconds).

He then lost in the quarterfinals by pin at 31 seconds against Ridge Kehr (La Grande).

De La Torre bounced back to defeat Dan Padgett (Vale) in the first round (47 seconds) and ended his day with a first-round pin loss to Michael Gisi (La Grande).



The Dalles Middle School had three wrestlers pick up state qualifying berths at the Eastern Oregon Middle School Regional Tournament this past Saturday in Boardman. In the photo are, from left to right, Summer Schellinger (girls state qualifier at 115 pounds), Wesley Neely (fourth place at 220), and Jacob Berkovich (second place at 150 pounds). Alexander Kramer/Contributed photo

In the 160-pound bracket, TDMS' Merik Peacock looked to be in complete control early, with a 15-13 overtime triumph versus Conner Tennant (Hood River) and worked a first-round pinfall win versus Riley Lantis (Riverside).

With a move into the semifinals, Peacock lost by a 9-2 decision versus Jose Martinez (Skyview) and lost his tournament finale against Brennan Baxter (Pendleton), 6-3.

Zakery Greene scored six team points in the 90-pound classification with his 1-2 record, with his only win coming in the second rounds by disqualification against Eddie Cervantes (Hermiston).

Now in the quarterfinals, Greene lost by fall at 1:06 to Noah Campos (Hermiston) and lost in the first round versus Baker's Conner Norton in 29 seconds.

Colton Sawyer (117 pounds) had a 1-2 showing

at regional with his win coming against Baker's Cobb (1:28), but then he lost a 2-0 decision versus Daniel Garza (Hermiston) to have his tournament end in the third consolation round.

Noah Preston (85 pounds) lost his first bout and won his second match by fall at 3:54 of the second round against David Asbridge (Heppner), and lost a tough 6-3 decision to Wyatt Cox (Vale).

Maureese Sagapolutele (150 pounds) lost his first match, had a consolation bye and defeated Emilio Romero (Irrigon) by a 7-3 margin, but had his tournament cut short by Jester Posey (Hood River) in the first round.

TDMS' Harley Scott (85 pounds), Gabe Hoff (117), Austen Manciu (102), Orlando Garibay (125), Jovani Virgen (132), Calvin Evans (160) and Miranda Nicholson (220 pounds) lost two matches each for their early tournament exits.

## Dr. Cullen's Student of the week

## Alma Garcia, Senior:

She is working very hard. She is sticking to getting her goal of graduating. She sits down, gets her work out and gets what she needs done. She has had pretty good attendance and will readily do make up work when she misses school.



Alma Garcia, TDHS

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