

SPORTS

The Dalles netters start slow, finish fast for win over Eagles

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HOOD RIVER — The Dalles High School volleyball team (1-7, 1-6 league) picked up its first win of the season over Hood River Valley (3-6, 3-4 league) in four sets on Saturday.

HRV took the first set 25-20. Set point would mark the last Eagle lead of the day, as The Dalles controlled the net to win the final three sets 25-17, 25-17, 25-23.

The win was also the first for Riverhawk Coach Julie Summers, who was in her first week as coach after her predecessor Doug Magee stepped away. Despite starting the week with losses to Ridgeview and Crook County, Summers said she saw right away the team “just had to put the pieces together.”

“This week we worked really hard in practice as far as running a faster game and making sure our blockers are getting where they’re supposed to be,” Summers said.

The Riverhawks were helped by strong blocking from senior Charlie May, sophomore Kennedy Abbas, and freshmen Jeilane Stewart and Zoe LeBreton.

“We definitely were more aggressive today,” Abbas said. “We had to make sure we were keeping our chest off the net, but we were definitely more aggressive and tracked the ball better today.”

The fourth and final set was the closest of the game as HRV came back to tie it 18-18 after The Dalles jumped out to a 5-0 lead and held the Eagles at arm’s length to 16-11. Junior libero Kayla Sheasby held serve for the Eagles to tie the final set at 18. The two teams battled down the stretch, staying within two points of each other from 18-18 to the 25-24 finish.

Abbas said the late-season win over rival HRV would help motivate the team for its final three games. Summers said the team needed to use the win “as a stepping stone” and would continue “pushing through one point at-a-time.”



The Dalles High School sophomore Zoe Dunn, right, blocks a hit by Hood River Valley junior Reese Leiblein in a game at HRV (3-6, 3-4 league at press time) on Saturday, March 28. TDHS (1-7, 1-6 league) won in four sets for their first victory of the season, also the first win for new coach Julie Summers. TDHS never trailed after HRV won the first set. Walker Sacon photo

PREP SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

Baseball

March 31
Goldendale at Columbia

April 2
King’s Way at Columbia (DH)

Cross Country

March 31
Redmond at The Dalles; Crook County at Hood River.

April 7
IMC District Meet, Sorosis Park.

Football

April 1
Mitchell/Spray at Sherman
April 2
The Dalles at Hood River; Joseph at South Wasco County

April 3
Adrian at Dufur

Boys Soccer

March 30
Pendleton at Hood River; The Dalles at Redmond

March 31
King’s Way at Columbia

April 1
Hood River at The Dalles; Horizon at North Clackamas

April 3
Hood River JV at Trout Lake

April 5
Hood River JV at Trout Lake

April 6
LaCenter at Columbia

Girls Soccer

March 30
Redmond at The Dalles; Hood River at Pendleton

April 1
The Dalles at Hood River

Track and Field

April 1
LaCenter, Goldendale at Columbia

Volleyball

March 30
Redmond at The Dalles;

Ridgeview at Hood River; Glenwood at South Wasco; Sherman at Mitchell/Spray

March 31
Pendleton at The Dalles

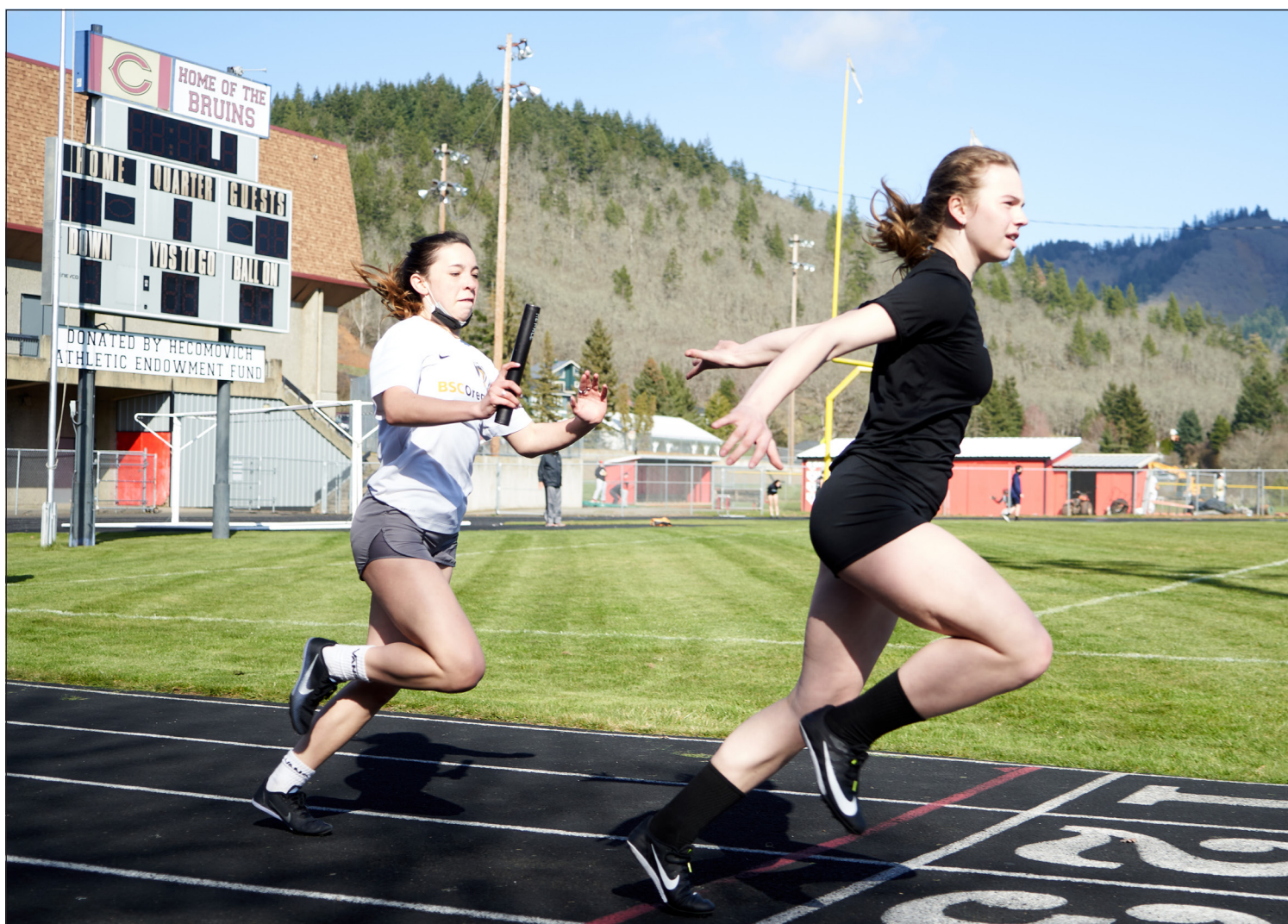
April 1
Dufur vs. South Wasco; Glenwood at Lyle; Bickleton at Sherman

April 2
Sherman at South Wasco

April 3
The Dalles at Crook County; Hood River at Pendleton; Condon at Dufur

April 5
Glenwood at South Wasco

April 6
Dufur at Trout Lake; South Wasco at Lyle; Sherman at Echo



Above: Piper Hicks hands to Hannah Polkinghorn at practice March 27. Below: Josiah Nelson prepares to shot put.

Walker Sacon photos

Columbia on track for a five-meet season

Columbia High opens its COVID-shortened track and field season Thursday at home against Goldendale and LaCenter.

The Bruins will compete in a five-meet season in April, culminating with the District IV championship. Columbia will also host a three-way meet Friday, April 16 against Goldendale and Seton Catholic.

Bruin Coach Jim Anderson has a number of his athletes on the mend from football, and/or who are working their way into track and field shape after a short break from “fall” sports.

A canceled 2020 track and field season and uncertainty with COVID has reduced numbers in many sports programs. But the Bruins have two of the Trico League’s top returners in juniors Hannah Polkinghorn and Chanele Reyes. Polkinghorn won district titles in the 100 meters and 200 in 2019, and she finished ninth at the 1A state meet in each event. Her best times — 12.76 seconds 100, 26.43 200 — are Nos. 3 and 2 on

the school’s all-time list. Reyes was second in the 300 low hurdles and fourth in the 100 highs at the district meet. She is the fastest Columbia high hurdler since future collegiate Mary Ann Graves set the school record in 2001, with bests of 17.11 in the highs and 47.85 in the lows.

Reyes and Polkinghorn also ran legs on Columbia’s 4x100 relay which was third at district in 2019.

Among the top returners for the Bruin boys is senior thrower Juan Acosta. His 38-foot, 10-inch shot put mark as a sophomore is the third best returning Trico throw from 2019. He is one better among returners in the discus with a best of 110-1.

2021 Columbia Track & Field

Thursday, April 1, LaCenter, Goldendale at Columbia, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 12, Castle Rock, Columbia at Seton Catholic, 3:45



p.m.
Friday, April 16, Goldendale, Seton Catholic at Columbia, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 23, Trico League Championships at Seton Catholic,

3:45 p.m.
Friday, April 30, District IV 1A Championship at Seton Catholic, 4 p.m.