

SPORTS

Hood River Boys Lacrosse gains momentum at mid-season mark

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Hood River Eagles boys Lacrosse team hosted the perennial powerhouse Lincoln Cardinals in a conference showdown last Wednesday night and came away with a huge win 8-6.

The game began with a three-goal deficit to end the first quarter with the Cardinals up 4-1.

The Eagles had the possession advantage in the second quarter thanks to strong face-off wins from freshman Finn Spence and came roaring back with five goals to enter the half 6-4.

The second half saw both teams scoring twice, but the Eagles outlasted the Cardinals, and in the end, the final score had the Eagles on top.

Highlights in the big win for the Eagles were a consistently strong defensive effort, with defenseman Jace Peterson causing key turnovers and rounding up seven ground balls and several great saves by goalie Hugh Dalbey. The offense was led with a hat trick of three goals for senior Diesel Henderson, two goals for senior Alex Arbogast, and one goal each for senior Nathaniel Meyer, sophomore Michael Frost and freshman Milo Kitchings.

The win was a great recovery after the Eagles ran into a headwind against the Summit Storm on Saturday where an aggressive Storm defense seemed to have all the answers to the Eagles offense. Penalties hurt the Eagles and stalled any momentum the team had, with over 12 minutes of



Hood River Eagle Senior Spencer Ersperer drives to the goal through the Lincoln defense.

Photo courtesy Tre Hendricks

penalties for the Eagles squad.

Even a balanced team scoring effort could not keep pace with the Storm, with a goal each for Henderson and Spenser Ersperer,

Frost, Kitchings and freshman Camden Moody accounting for the offense for the Eagles.

It was a tough loss for the team in the non-conference game with the

final Summit 10-6 over the Eagles.

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The season ends for the Hood River Valley Eagles with two home games on Friday, May 7 at 8 p.m.

versus Grant and Saturday, May 8 at 2 p.m. versus Wilson. Both games are at Henderson Stadium.

HRV boys continue win streak on links

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Hood River Valley's boys golf team squeaked out a four-stroke win over Crook County at a four-team tournament at Indian Creek on April 26.

"As I suspected, our rival from the south (Crook County) proved to be tough competition for us just like always," Eagle Coach Erin Mason said. "Rewind to the 2019 season, we were always back and forth with the Crook County Cowboys. Coach Zach Lampert has a great team of kids and we always look forward to having them."

HRV won 368 to 372 and was led by the 1-2 finish of Ren Tappert, who shot 80, and Dylan Santee, who shot 86.

The Dalles High was hoping to get second place for a third straight week but fell a little short in the windy conditions. The Riverhawks took third at 427, while Pendleton was fourth at 459.

"With the windy conditions up to 25 miles per hour, combined with the course's deep rough and fast greens, it made the day's round a little difficult," said The Dalles Coach Dan Telles. "Due to the elements, our scores were higher than normal. With the wind blowing like that, it was hard for us to make any adjustments. They haven't played on too many courses yet and this one really has lots of quirks and there's lots of tricks on it on basically every hole."

Sophomore Joseph Codding led The Dalles in sixth place with a 97. The Riverhawk trio of sophomore Kenneth Miller (101), senior Spencer Taylor (104) and junior Chase Sam (125) rounded out the team scoring.

"You have to make adjustments, but that's pretty

tough when you're not experienced with it," said Telles. "We have three very young players. It wasn't too bad of a day though. Obviously, Hood River has an advantage and they played very well on their home course and Crook County did a good job too."

Mason agreed with the conditions. "There were some tough elements that made for some tough golf today," he said. "Although it was sunny and mid-60s, the course was playing tough in true Indian Creek fashion. Fast greens made for some tough putting with the wind factored in."

HRV is now 5-0 in tournament play, having won a second tourney last week, a six-team affair April 29 at Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner. The Eagles added another quality player to their lineup last week, as Forest Lawson returned to the team with varsity experience from the 2019 season.

Willow Creek's nine-hole, par-60 layout presents golfers with a number of challenges, Mason said. "Willow Creek is a tough little nine-hole course; don't let the par 60 course fool you, it is short but there is danger everywhere. I like bringing my players to this event as it demands solid iron play to win."

"At Willow Creek you will hit every club in your bag."

The Eagles hit them fairly well, as HRV placed first, second, fourth and sixth. "I was happy with all my crew today as they played some smart golf and stuck to the game plan," Mason said.

Tappert and Santee again went 1-2; Owen Clemett was fourth and Lawson sixth.

The next event for The Dalles and Hood River is scheduled for May 10 back at Indian Creek at noon. An unofficial 5A state



The Hood River Valley boys varsity golf team stands for a group photo.

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championship tournament is scheduled for May 19 at Pine Ridge Golf Club in Springfield.

The May 3 league tourney at Pendleton was canceled. HRV was scheduled to test its skill instead that day at a Northwest Oregon Conference match at Portland's Glendoveer Golf & Tennis Club involving St. Helens, Wilsonville, Scappoose, and La Salle.

Girls golf

The senior duo of Samantha Stansbury and Bella Evans continued the outstanding play last week which they've been accustomed to throughout the season on The Dalles High girls team. The Dalles, guided by Coach Amy Wilson, competed in two events last week and enjoyed remarkable success. In a four-team event that included Hood River Valley, Pendleton

and Goldendale, Evans and Stansbury took first and second place at Goldendale Golf Club.

"Our Lady Riverhawks golf team had two medalists," said Wilson. "Bella fired her personal best tournament score of 105 to take first place. Samantha (108) was only three strokes behind to secure second. All the ladies in the tournament played hard and there were

four others in the field from Pendleton and Hood River who also shot their personal best scores. Our freshman, Katelyn Vassar, is proving to be quite a bomb off the tee will be a force to be reckoned with in the future."

In the April 30 Dufur High Invitational at The Dalles Country Club, Stansbury shot a 99 for second place, trailing medalist Tora Timinsky, a Dufur High

Ranger sophomore. Dufur freshman Nellie Wilkinson took third at 106, followed by Evans at 111.

Hood River's girls team continues to improve under the guidance of Coach Jeremiah Lembcke. The Eagles have three returning players: sophomore Maysie Kern, junior Ava Krentz and junior Elysa Mayner. Sierra Donnelly-Lavoie, Juliana Moore, and Makenna Losee are new to golf, Lembcke said.

The Eagles' best individual finish thus far was Kern's third place at Birch Creek in Pendleton on April 12, when she shot 125. Mayner's 116 last week at Goldendale was the lowest 18-hole score for HRV.

"It's my second year coaching, but we are all coming off a one-week season last year cut short by the COVID lockdowns," Lembcke said. "They are a great group of kids and it's been a really fun season. This is one of those seasons where it's mostly about building a basic skill set and giving the kids as many opportunities as possible to hit that first shot that sparks that good feeling many new golfers talk about."

"Without a doubt, seeing and hearing about these moments has been the highlight of this season."

Timinsky leads Ranger golfers

Dufur's Tora Timinsky was medalist, shooting an 82, as the Rangers won their own invitational Friday at The Dalles Country Club.

Dufur shot 435 as a team as the Rangers were the only school with four scoring girls golfers. Timinsky won medalist honors for the third time in as many tries this season. Other golfers were from Heppner, Echo, The Dalles and Wallowa. Also for Dufur,

Nellie Wilkinson finished third with a 106, Hannah Kortge tied for sixth, Piper Neal was eighth, Audrey Anderson ninth and Molly Cochenour tenth.

Dufur's boys were third with a 548; the team scorers were Alex Barret, Tyson Byers, Peyton Neal, and Konner Donovan.

Dufur's next match is Friday at the Milton-Freewater Invitational.

GORGE SPORTS SCHEDULE

May 4 - May 12

Baseball

Tuesday, May 4: Redmond at Hood River; Crook County at The Dalles; Sherman at Dufur
Wednesday, May 5: The Dalles at Redmond
Friday, May 7: Dufur at Grant Union (DH)
Saturday, May 8: The Dalles vs. Bend, Prineville; The Dalles at Crook County; Hood River at Redmond, also vs. Summit; Lyle at Irrigon; Umatilla at Sherman

Tuesday, May 11: Hood River at The Dalles
Wednesday, May 12: Redmond at The Dalles

Boys basketball

Thursday, May 6: Seton Catholic at Columbia
Saturday, May 8: Columbia at King's Way
Tuesday, May 11: LaCenter at Columbia

Girls basketball

Thursday, May 6: Columbia at

Seton Catholic
Saturday, May 8: King's Way at Columbia
Monday, May 10: Columbia at Castle Rock
Wednesday, May 12: Columbia at LaCenter

Boys golf

Monday, May 10: Pendleton, The Dalles at Hood River, Indian Creek

Girls lacrosse

Tuesday, May 4: Grant at

Hood River
Thursday, May 6: Hood River at Lincoln
Tuesday, May 11: Hood River at Wilson

Boys lacrosse

Friday, May 7: Grant at Hood River
Saturday, May 8: Wilson at Hood River

Softball

Tuesday, May 4: The Dalles at Crook County; Hood River at

Redmond
Saturday, May 8: Redmond at Hood River; Summit at Hood River
Tuesday, May 11: The Dalles at Hood River

Boys Tennis

Thursday, May 6: Hood River at Pendleton
Monday, May 10: Redmond at Hood River
Wednesday, May 12: The Dalles at Hood River

Girls Tennis

Thursday, May 6: Pendleton at Hood River
Monday, May 10: Hood River at Redmond
Wednesday, May 12: Hood River at The Dalles

Track and Field

Wednesday, May 5: Pendleton, Horizon Christian at Hood River; Crook County at The Dalles