

# SPORTS

## The Dalles hangs with league leaders for a half

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Early in a Class 5A Intermountain Conference girls basketball game last week, the underdog The Dalles High Riverhawks appeared to have a slight chance of an upset win over highly regarded Ridgeview.

The Riverhawks (1-4 IMC, 1-4 overall) trailed the league-leading Ravens (5-0 IMC, 7-1 overall) by three points midway through the second quarter. The Riverhawks, guided by first-year Coach Keith Howe, played the Ravens evenly through most of the first half to keep the contest close. The talented Ravens pulled away in the second half though for a 55-27 victory Friday at The Dalles High School.

"Ridgeview is the best team in our league; they're undefeated in league and we were in the game, so I'm just very proud of our effort," said Howe. "This was one of our more relaxed efforts, which is good, because I've been trying to get the girls to relax a lot and they did and they actually played good ball tonight. We played good pressure defense and we created some turnovers. If there's such a thing as a good loss, then this was a good loss."

Ridgeview, a 2019 OSAA first-round state playoff participant, scored first to take a 2-0 advantage. Riverhawk senior Cadence Snyder sank a seven-foot baseline jumper from the right side, knotting the game 2-2 with 6:40 on the clock. On the Hawks' next possession, sophomore Marisa Rojas fired in a jumper from the free throw line, giving The Dalles its only lead of the game at 4-2.

"I had lots of fun and we played pretty well against the top team in our league," said Snyder, one of three seniors along with Keisha Oregon and Hanna Ziegenhagen who participated in The Dalles High graduation ceremony June 5 at Sorosis Park. "We were all expecting to come out here and lose by a lot more, but that didn't happen. It kind of sucks because it's my last season and it's been real short, but we're making the most of it with the people that we have on our team and it's been a really fun environment for me."

The Ravens scored four straight points to take a 6-4 lead and they never trailed again. The Hawks played with a high energy level and stayed within striking distance. The teams traded baskets and when Natasha Muzechenko (five points) fired in an outside jumper, the Hawks trailed 8-6. Oregon helped keep the score close and after her jumper in the post area, Ridgeview led 13-8 at the end of the first quarter.

"I think we all had a good effort and we were pretty well focused on this game," said Ziegenhagen. "In some of our other games, we haven't played very well, but we did a better job today because we just tried to stay more calm. I honestly felt a little surprised when I saw how close the score was during the first half and I actually felt like we were doing a good job against them (Ravens). I'm having a lot of fun and I'm glad that I came out to play on our team. Hopefully, we'll get one or two more wins."

After Ridgeview went up 15-8 in the second quarter, Snyder sank a 10-foot jumper in the lane, making it 15-10 with 6:44 left. The Hawks then closed the margin to 15-12 with 4:36 left in the quarter. Ridgeview scored 10 straight though, to build a 25-12 halftime advantage.

"The fact that we were in the game as long as we were,



The Dalles Senior Cadence Snyder shoots a jumper in the post.

Mike Weber photos



Veronica Robledo (#2) drives towards the basket as Cadence Snyder (#1) sets a screen.

indicates that we competed really well and it was just a fantastic effort and everyone played with all their heart," said Howe. "We only had two weeks of practice, so we didn't have much time to prepare for the season and for a young team like this (two freshmen, three sophomores), that's really hard. We had one girl (Ziegenhagen) who showed up for us one day before our season opener (May 25). Jeilane Stewart was still playing softball and so she couldn't start practicing with us until a couple of days prior to the season."

"I was just hoping to see steady improvement throughout the season and that's exactly what I've been seeing. We're hoping to win one or two more games before the end of the season."

The Ravens played tough man-to-man defense in the third to slow the Hawks offense and they scored 12 straight in the quarter to take control of the contest, 37-12. Snyder scored the Hawks' first four points of the fourth period and her jumper in the lane trimmed the margin to 43-22. Ridgeview regained some momentum with a 10-0 run, making it 53-22. Snyder, who scored the Hawks first basket, finished the game the way she started by scoring the Hawks last basket for the 55-27 final margin.

"I'm happy with my



Hanna Ziegenhagen (#20) drives to the hoop.

performance and I was surprised about how well I actually played," said Snyder, who led the Hawks in scoring with 12 points. "We're hoping to win a couple of more games and I think we'll get another win against Hood River. I'm also very excited to be graduating and it couldn't come any sooner, but I'm also kind of sad about it too. I'm glad that my mom and grandmother came out to watch me play tonight too, so that was great."

The Hawks faced the Redmond Panthers (2-4) on Tuesday (results came after the printed edition deadline) and they meet the Hood River Valley Eagles (0-6) in a

6:30 p.m. contest at home Thursday. The Hawks beat the Eagles 47-38 May 27 at Hood River Valley High School.

The Dalles has three games remaining in the short 10-game spring season. The Hawks play their final home game June 11 at 6:30 p.m. versus the Crook County Cowgirls (3-4) on Senior Night at The Dalles High School. Snyder, Oregon and Ziegenhagen will be honored along with their parents in a pregame ceremony.

The Dalles concludes the season with road games June 15 at Pendleton (3-1) and June 17 at Ridgeview.

### HRV, The Dalles prepare for another girls basketball matchup

Wins are a premium for the young Hood River Valley and The Dalles girls basketball teams this spring-summer season in the Intermountain Conference.

The two teams are scheduled to square off for the second time in as many weeks Thursday in The Dalles, where at least one squad will be able to earn an elusive victory.

The Dalles (1-4 overall and league) and Hood River (0-7) are fifth and sixth in the six-team IMC. The Dalles defeated HRV, 47-38, when the two teams first played May 27.

Since that contest, HRV suffered three successive losses: 60-27 at Crook County; 52-27 June 1 at Redmond; followed by a 62-23 home-game loss Friday against Pendleton.

Saturday's home game against Centennial was canceled. The Eagles played Tuesday at home against Ridgeview and are at rival The Dalles on Thursday.

The Dalles also lost three straight last week after earning its first win at HRV. The Riverhawks lost 62-29 at home to Pendleton on June 1; lost 52-17 at Crook County on Thursday; and, a day later, lost 55-27 at home to Pendleton.

The latter contest was close early as both teams were firing on all cylinders on offense. But after a 17-15 Pendleton first-quarter lead, the visiting Bucks allowed 14 points the rest of the game. Pendleton used a 34-9 second-half run to seize control.

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The Dalles played at Redmond on Tuesday and then hosts Hood River and Crook County on Thursday and Friday.

Ridgeview (7-1, 5-0) leads the IMC standings and Pendleton is second. Ridgeview's lone loss was June 3 at Class 6A Mountain View of Bend, 49-48.

### Riverhawks win first game of 2021 at Pendleton

The Dalles won its first boys basketball game of the 2021 season June 1, 56-45 at Pendleton.

The Riverhawks started the COVID-forced spring season 0-3, including a 66-54 loss to Gorge rival Hood River on May 27. The two teams play a rematch Thursday in Hood River starting at 6:30 p.m.

At Pendleton last week, The Dalles won, 56-45, against the winless Buckaroos.

The Riverhawks followed the road win with a home loss to league-leading Crook County 58-44 on Thursday, and a close 56-52 loss at Ridgeview in

Redmond on Friday. The Dalles had success with a half-court trapping zone defense early in its game against Crook County. The game was tied 2-2 midway through the first period, as the Cowboys tried to figure out the Riverhawk defense.

The Dalles was scheduled to play Redmond at home Tuesday leading up to its Thursday game against HRV.

The Eagles recovered from their two-game, home losing skid (Crook County and Redmond) to beat Pendleton 70-41 on the road Friday. HRV was scheduled to play at Ridgeview in Redmond on Tuesday (results unavailable at press time).

## Gorge Sports Schedule

### June 8 - June 15

**American Legion baseball**  
Sunday, June 13: Columbia Gorge Hustlers at Bend (DH, 2 p.m.)

Monday, June 14: Columbia Gorge Hustlers at Bend (noon)  
Tuesday, June 15: Oregon City at Columbia Gorge Hustlers (DH, 5 p.m.), Quinton St.

### Boys basketball

Tuesday, June 8: Redmond at The Dalles; Hood River at Ridgeview; Horizon at Dufur; Lyle at Trout Lake; Lone at Sherman.  
Wednesday, June 9: South Wasco at Trout Lake; Damascus at Dufur

Thursday, June 10: The Dalles at Hood River; South Wasco at Lyle; Horizon at North Clackamas Christian  
Friday, June 11: The Dalles at Crook County; Sherman at Horizon

Saturday, June 12: South Wasco at Dufur; Trout Lake at Sherman  
Monday, June 14: Country Christian at South Wasco; Dufur at Lone

Tuesday, June 15: Pendleton at The Dalles; Hood River at Redmond; Trinity at Dufur  
Thursday, June 17: Ridgeview at The Dalles; Hood River at Crook County  
Friday, June 18: Pendleton at Hood River

Saturday, June 19: Crosshill Christian at Dufur  
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Friday, June 18: Hood River at Pendleton

### Boys Wrestling

Wednesday, June 9: The Dalles at Hood River

Saturday, June 12: Hood River at Happy Canyon Tourney, Pendleton

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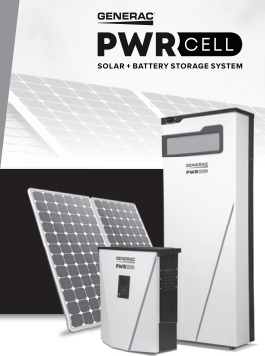


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