

SPORTS

Redside girls remain unbeaten

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The highly regarded South Wasco County High Redside girls basketball team remained undefeated at 5-0 after winning three games last week.

The Lady Redside have the No. 1 ranked offense (51.6 points per game average) out of 45 OSAA Class 1A teams. South Wasco demonstrated its impressive offense in winning a pair of road games, including 58-51 over the Culver Bulldogs (0-7) May 31 and a 41-29 victory over the Echo Cougars (1-5) June 1.

The Redside then faced their most formidable opponent so far this short eight-game spring season in a matchup against Dufur High (3-2). Dufur came into the area rivalry matchup with momentum after two straight league wins. Dufur won 50-31 over the Horizon Christian Hawks (0-3) June 1, followed by a 61-41 home win over Sherman (0-4) June 2.

The Rangers, guided by Coach Nathan Morris, were on the verge of winning, but the Redside came from behind in the final moments of the game to win a thriller 43-42 Friday at South Wasco High in Maupin.

"It was a tough loss against a pretty decent team (South Wasco)," said Morris. "We didn't shoot the ball very well early in the game and we just didn't play well for three and a half

quarters. Instead of giving up, we fought back and gave ourselves a chance, but we just came up short. I was disappointed with the loss, but I was definitely not disappointed with our effort and heart."

South Wasco led 21-13 at the half and 30-23 after three quarters. Dufur trailed the entire game and then rallied by scoring 19 points in the fourth quarter to take a 42-38 lead with 28 seconds remaining. South Wasco freshman Julie Hull (six points) sank a three-point field goal trimming the margin to 42-41. On Dufur's ensuing possession the Rangers missed a free throw and South Wasco's Jade McCoy grabbed the rebound and passed the ball to her sister, Sadie, who scored the game-winning basket on a layup with three seconds left for a 43-42 win.

"We were a little flat in a hot gym to start the game, but we came alive in the second half with great effort and improved offensive movement," said Morris. "Hannah Kortge (four points) had some great defensive plays down the stretch and a couple of put back layins despite being the smallest player on the court. Piper Neal (seven points) hit a game-tying three-pointer with a couple of minutes left. Kierstan White played one of the best games of her career with 13 points and 12 rebounds. They (Redside) made two big shots down the stretch to come away



Redside freshman Julie Hull pops a shot over the Sherman County defense in a game in Maupin earlier this year.

with the one-point win. For South Wasco, senior Destiny Mora-Lopez scored a team-high 13 points, Sadie McCoy and Kylie Iverson both scored six points and senior Jade McCoy had five.

South Wasco's next game is on the road Wednesday against the Trout Lake Mustangs (6-0). The Redside conclude the season with a 4 p.m. contest June 12 at Dufur, followed by a June 14 season finale home game at 3 p.m. versus the Country Christian Cougars (6-1). The Cougars won 69-52 over the Redside in an OSAA first-round state playoff game Feb. 25, 2020, in the last matchup between the two 1A powerhouse squads.

Dufur played Horizon (0-3) Tuesday (results came after the printed edition deadline) and the

Rangers meet the Damascus Christian Eagles (2-1) on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Dufur High School, followed by a 4 p.m. home contest June 12 against South Wasco. The Rangers conclude the season with a 6 p.m. road game June 14 against the Lone/Arlington Cardinals (2-2), followed by a season finale home game June 15 versus the Trinity Lutheran Saints (4-0) of Bend.

Sherman played the Lone/Arlington Cardinals (2-2) June 8 (results came after the printed edition deadline) and the Huskies conclude their seven-game schedule with a pair of games this



Redside Senior Jade McCoy drives past Husky senior Mercedes Cardona in a game in Maupin earlier this year.

weekend. The Huskies will be seeking their first win when they play on the road against the Horizon Christian Hawks Friday at 6 p.m. in Hood River, followed by their season finale at home Saturday at 6 p.m. versus the Trout Lake Mustangs.

Horizon lost 49-24 on the road June 2 to Trout Lake, despite Zoe LeBreton's 13

points, and had a rematch at home with the Mustangs June 7, followed by a contest June 8 on the road against Dufur (results came after printed edition deadline). Horizon plays its final road game of the season Thursday at 5:30 p.m. against the North Clackamas Christian Saints (3-2) in Oregon City and hosts Sherman Friday.

South Wasco knocks Dufur from unbeaten ranks

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The South Wasco County High Redside boys basketball team remained undefeated after winning its fifth straight game 68-59 over the Dufur High Rangers Friday at South Wasco High in Maupin.

The win over Dufur (4-1) followed two double-digit road wins last week. The Redside, guided by Coach Jim Hull, won 64-47 over the Culver Bulldogs (0-5) May 31 and 61-27 versus the Echo Cougars (1-3) June 1.

"We played very well (against Dufur), we really did, and this was a big win," said Hull. "We had huge games from Oscar Thomas and Garrett Olson. Brock LeFaver only scored six, but he had five blocked shots and everybody else just kind of filled their roles the rest of the game, so that was good to see. I think we have a chance to win all our games and go undefeated. It's going to be a little tougher without Brock though, since he's on a family vacation now and he won't be able to play for the

remainder of the season. It was terrible week in Maupin with the hot weather, because our gym is way too hot since there isn't any air conditioning in it."

Dufur also had momentum coming into the matchup with a four-game win streak, including a 73-48 win over Sherman High on June 2.

"We controlled the game from the very beginning, and we built an 18-point lead in the fourth quarter," said Hull. "At one point in the third quarter, Oscar scored 11 straight points for us. Dufur is a very good team and Dufur did what good teams do, and they made a nice comeback."

The Redside will play four games in six days, beginning with their next contest Wednesday on the road against the Trout Lake Mustangs (0-4) at 7:30 p.m. South Wasco meets the Lyle/Wishram Cougars (1-3) at Lyle High School at 6 p.m. Thursday. The Redside have a rematch with Dufur on June 12 at 5:30 p.m. at Dufur High, followed by their season finale at home June 14 at

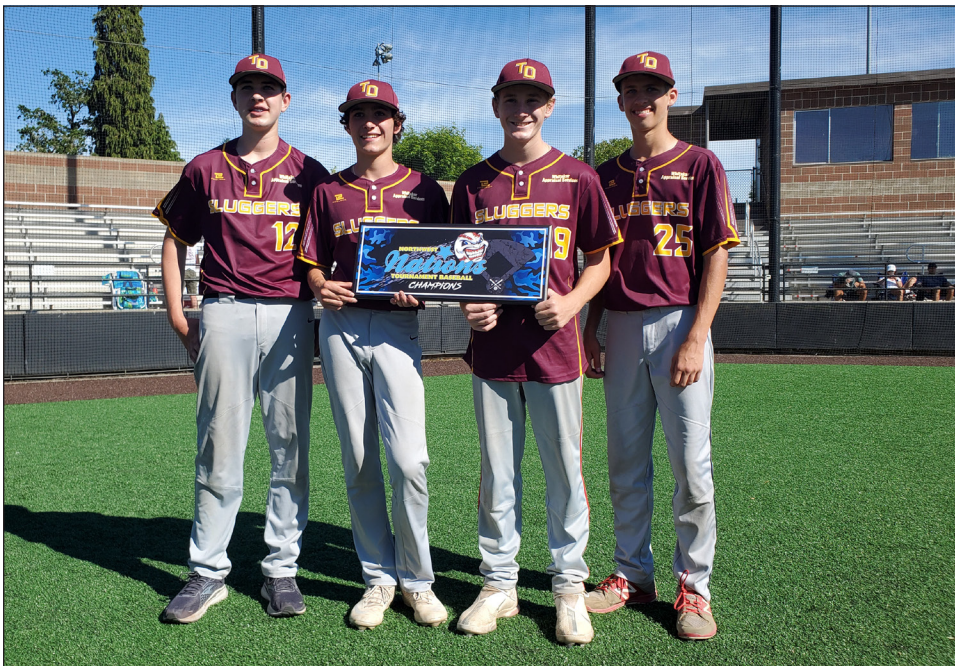
4:30 p.m. against the Country Christian Cougars (3-5) of Molalla.

Thomas (27 points) and Olson (26 points, 14 rebounds) combined to score 53 points to help lead the Redside to the win. The Redside led 18-15 after the first quarter and 28-19 at halftime.

Dufur's senior duo of Cooper Bales (13 points) and Jacob Peters (14 points) led the Rangers in scoring. South Wasco junior Brock LeFaver had six points and 11 rebounds.

The Rangers faced the Horizon Christian High Hawks (2-4) June 8 (results came after the printed edition deadline) and their next game is Wednesday at home at 7:30 p.m. versus the Damascus Christian Eagles (5-0).

Horizon snapped a three-game losing streak with a 55-33 win at home June 1 over the Mitchell/Spray Loggers (1-3). The Hawks were looking for two straight wins Monday when they played the Trout Lake Mustangs (0-4) (results came after the printed edition deadline).



Five members of The Dalles Sluggers youth baseball team played in the final 14U game of their careers recently: From left, Cody Agidius, Finley Corbin, Will Booth and Trey Hodges. Not pictured is Sterling Coburn (out with injury). Submitted photo

The Dalles Sluggers win season finale

The Dalles Sluggers youth baseball team capped the 2021 season with a first-place finish in the Silver Bracket last week at a 14U tournament in Hillsboro.

The Northwest Nations Memorial Day Challenge included pool play followed by bracket play based on pool play results.

The Dalles split two pool play games, defeating Clackamas 12-4 before losing 8-7 to Tigard. The Dalles won 9-5 over Westview and then 12-8 over Tualatin in the Silver Bracket championship game.

Team members are: Joshua Brackenbury, Brock Armstrong, Evan

Ortega, Sawyer Dray, Jack Thiemann, Hudson Case, Hunter Bustos, Cody Agidius, Trey Hodges, Finley Corbin, Will Booth and Sterling Coburn. Coaches are assistant Bailey Ortega and head coach David Ortega.

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