

SPORTS

Riverhawk boys take win streak to district play

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The Dalles High Riverhawk boys basketball team went into the Intermountain Conference district playoffs with the momentum of a two-game winning streak and were hoping to extend the streak to three with a victory over the Ridgeview High Ravens.

The Riverhawks (3-7 IMC, 3-8 overall) won their final two league contests, including a 49-40 victory last Thursday at home over the Ravens (3-7 IMC, 4-9). On June 15, The Dalles won at home 63-55 over the Pendleton High Buckaroos (0-9 IMC), snapping a five-game losing streak.

The Riverhawks tied Ridgeview for fourth place in the six-team IMC and then earned a tiebreaker to get the No. 4 seed in this week's district playoffs. The Dalles, guided by second-year Coach Greg Cummings, faced No. 5 seed Ridgeview for the third time this season in Monday's quarterfinal contest at The Dalles High School (results came after the printed edition deadline). Monday's winner plays Wednesday at 7 p.m. against the league leading Crook County Cowboys (10-0 IMC, 14-0) in Prineville.

"The kids played very good in the last two games," said Cummings. "We came out and played with a ton of energy against Ridgeview, we just outplayed them, and it was a good overall team effort. We played really, really good defense and we forced 29 turnovers. Our team is definitely fun to watch. Our kids really wanted to win, and they were well focused on doing that in the first half."

"Things kind of were just the opposite in the second half when they (Ravens) made a comeback and



The Dalles senior Spencer Taylor (42) watches the first free throw shot of two during a game against Redmond.

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seemed to play with a higher energy level."

The Hawks built a 20-point first-half lead, but the Ravens came back and narrowed the margin to seven late in the game. Senior Spencer Taylor led the Hawks in scoring with 13 points. Sophomore guard Styles DeLeon had nine points and six rebounds. Junior Jaxon Pullen had eight points and a team-high five steals. Junior forward Tristan Bass had nine points and four steals and junior guard Shane Floyd had seven points and four steals.

In the win over Pendleton, DeLeon scored a season-high 22 points and had four steals and five assists. It was Senior Night at The Dalles High as Taylor and senior Kenape Stewart were honored along with their

parents, for their successful careers on the Riverhawk basketball team.

"We should've won by 30 over Pendleton, but these kids just don't know how to put a team away whenever we have big lead," said Cummings. "It seems like whenever we get a lead, we always let our opponent creep back into the game to make it more competitive, but we were able to hold them off."

Taylor's father, Jim Taylor, who is an assistant coach, was honored in a special ceremony prior to the game; he retired after a 17-year career on the Riverhawks basketball team. Taylor will continue as an assistant coach on the football and track and field teams.

Losses relegate HRV boys to third in IMC

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Hopes for, first, a co-Intermountain Conference championship, and then a first-round playoff bye, were dashed last week when the Hood River Valley boys basketball team dropped successive road games at Redmond and Crook County. The losses left the Eagles in third place in the final regular season standings and a home playoff date against Pendleton on Monday (result came after the printed edition deadline).

Redmond defeated Hood River, 59-58, in an Intermountain Conference game June 15 and the Eagles lost 80-52 two days later at league champion Crook County. HRV closed the week Friday with a home win against Pendleton, 62-55.

"[It was a] super long week with school out and graduation over. We learned a lot last week and hope to clean it up for the playoffs this week," Eagle Coach Christopher Dirks said. "It's been a really long season even though it's been short. Being at the end of the year we faced a lot of distractions that were draining."

HRV led at Redmond with two minutes remaining, but some defensive lapses and missed free throws enabled the Panthers to pull out the win on their home court and clinch second place in the final standings.

"We took [the] weekend to refocus on what we need to get done this week. So, starting [Monday], it's play till we lose," Dirks said. "We feel like we can make some noise if we can put everything we learned this year together."

The playoff format has



Hood River Valley senior Davis Yates eyes the basket as he goes for two during a game earlier in the season.

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the top two teams in the regular-season standings earning first-round byes in the six-team district. The No. 1 and 2 seeds advance to the June 23 semifinals and home games against Monday's winners. The championship game is June 25 at the site of the higher seeded team.

Crook County (14-0, 10-0) clinched the top seed in the playoffs. Redmond (10-2, 8-2) earned a first-round bye with the win over HRV (8-4, 6-4). Monday's HRV-Pendleton winner plays Wednesday at Redmond. Crook County hosts Monday's The Dalles vs. Ridgeview winner.

Hood River's girls team finished as the No. 5 seed in the IMC and will play a

5:30 p.m. game Monday at Redmond. The Eagles (0-12, 0-10) finished sixth in the final standings, but moved up a playoff spot when The Dalles (2-8 overall, league) decided to end its season after its final league game Thursday.

The improved Eagles lost a close game to visiting Redmond on June 15, 53-49. They lost 50-33 to Crook County on Thursday and then 50-33 to league co-champion Pendleton on Friday. HRV trailed by one point at halftime at Pendleton but was outscored 19-11 in the fourth quarter. Hood River freshman Marina Castaneda led all scorers with 20 points, 15 of which came in the first half.



Caleb Peretz



Dov Rohan

Wildwood Academy's 2021/22 Math Program

For the 2021/22 school year, we are re-organizing and investing heavily in our math program to help prepare our students for the next stages of their education and entering the "real world."

The program will be led by Dov Rohan - a physics major from Cal Poly, and Caleb Peretz - a science major from UC Davis. Both Dov and Caleb are passionate about teaching middle school math with the ability to instruct at multiple levels.

Our student to educator ratio will be no larger than seven students for every educator! These ratios ensure that each student will have a significant amount of individual attention and differentiation based upon their ability and pace of learning.

The program will consist of learning math theory in the classroom and applying those theories in real world applications. Examples include building catapults and zip lines at our eight-acre outdoor campus, visiting solar farms, studying sailboats, constructing replicas of Stonehenge and the Pyramids of Giza, and even analyzing bridge engineering on Portland architecture walks.

Our students will study business math to develop a solid understanding of compound vs simple interest, balance sheets and income statements, account payables and receivables, budgeting, toxic debt, mortgage finance, and investment strategies. We'll have local businessmen and women as guest speakers to emphasize the importance of business math in real life settings.

Finally, in addition to more traditional math texts, we're investing in The Art of Problem Solving - a next generation program that will appeal to visual and text learners.

Our math program will be accessible for every student, at every level, with every learning style.

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