



Aggressive Eagle offense leads 5A state in scoring



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IN ACTION: Noah Noteboom (above) eyes the lane while Dan Kuechmann and Tyrone Stintzi battle two defenders for a loose ball during Saturday night's home game against Heritage of Vancouver.

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With a running total of 857 points scored in 13 games, the Hood River Valley High School varsity boys basketball team is currently the highest-scoring 5A lineup in the state (as of Tuesday); No. 2 ranked Summit is the second highest with 791. The Eagles, 6-7 after a win Friday night against Woodburn and a loss Saturday against Heritage, will look to carry that offensive momentum into the coming weeks, as they move into a nine-game Columbia River Conference schedule starting next Friday at Pendleton.

The Eagles boosted their offensive numbers Friday night with a 69-61 win at home over Woodburn – their tenth 60-plus point game of the season – over the struggling 5A Mid-Willamette Conference Bulldogs. Noah Noteboom led the offensive effort with 21 points; Scotty Ziegner had 17 points and nine rebounds, Tyrone Stintzi, Kaydin Gibbs and Skyler Hunter, each had seven and Parker Kennedy chipped in with six points and six rebounds.

"It was probably more exciting than it should have been," coach Steve Noteboom



said of Friday's game; Woodburn is currently 1-7. After jumping out to an early lead, HRV got a big overzealous in the second half and allowed Woodburn to stay in the game. "I think we pushed the tempo a little too much in the third quarter that cost us some points."

An up-tempo offense has been HRV's game plan from the get-go this season, and for the most part it has been serving the Eagles well, as is evident by their state-leading scoring numbers.

"That's certainly our goal: to score points," Noteboom said. "The great thing for us this season is we have a lot of players who can score. It seems like every night it's someone different stepping up."

Scotty Ziegner, currently the HRV's leading scorer, led with 11 points Saturday night in a somewhat surprising 68-53 loss against Heritage High of Vancouver. After a solid game the night before, HRV came

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HRV girls win TD invite, boys second

Swim team tests mid-season form at 12-team invitational

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The Hood River Aquatic Center was jam packed over the weekend with 12 teams of high school swimmers from across the state in-house for the annual The Dalles Invitational. At mid-season, the meet is a great way for teams to test their athletes against those from both near and far, giving coaches a good idea of how their teams will fare at the rapidly approaching district and state championships.

If results from the weekend are any indication, Hood River Valley High School will measure up quite well. HRV's varsity girls team won the meet outright, with 405 points – 85 points ahead of the next best team, CRC rival Pendleton. Pendleton got the best of the varsity boys field with 394 points, followed by the HRV boys in second with 324.

Highlighting individual performances were first-place finishes by Dhani Freeland (200 freestyle, 100 freestyle), Kylie Webb (200 IM, 100 breaststroke), Carlos Galvez (500 freestyle) and the girls 400 freestyle relay team of Webb, Freeland, Caitlyn Fick and Yasmeen Ziada.

The Eagles continue their schedule with an away meet Saturday at Crescent Valley, a home meet Jan. 24 and a final meet Jan. 31 at Baker before hosting the Columbia River Conference championships Feb. 14.

Top five TD Invite finishes are as follows:



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TOP NOTCH: Eagle swimmers Dhani Freeland (top) David Walker and (below, front) Caitlyn Fick are pictured at Saturday's The Dalles Invitational at the Hood River Aquatic Center, where the HRV girls finished first overall and the boys second.

HRV girls:

Top five teams: 1st Hood River, 405; 2nd Pendleton, 320; 3rd La Grande 304; 4th The Dalles, 202; 5th Madras, 192

200 medley relay: 3rd, Courtney Castaneda, Kylie Webb, Katherine McElderry and Caitlyn Fick

200 freestyle: Dhani Freeland, 1st, 2:02.18; Allison Burke, 3rd, 2:11.47
200 IM: Kylie Webb, 1st, 2:17.34
50 freestyle: Caitlyn Fick, 5th, 27.68

100 butterfly: Courtney Castaneda, 3rd, 1:14.03
100 freestyle: Dhani Freeland, 1st, 55.96

500 freestyle: Allison Burke, 2nd, 5:46.53; Courtney Castaneda, 3rd, 6:19.37

100 backstroke: Caitlyn Fick, 3rd, 1:10.62

100 breaststroke: Kylie Webb, 1st, 1:12.68

400 freestyle relay: 1st, Kylie Webb, Caitlyn Fick, Yasmeen Ziada and Dhani Freeland; 4th, Courtney

Castaneda, Allison Burke, Mackenzie Booth and Jocelyn Pedrotti

HRV boys:

Top five teams: 1st Pendleton, 394; 2nd Hood River, 324; 3rd La Grande, 300; 4th, La Salle, 296; 5th, Seaside, 223

200 medley relay: 3rd, David Walker, Brooks Maddy, Carlos Galvez and Trey Schilling

200 freestyle: Daniel Mears, 4th, 2:10.19

200 IM: David Walker, 2nd, 2:17.15
50 freestyle: Trey Schilling, 4th, 24.27
100 butterfly: Carlos Galvez, 2nd,

59.92
100 freestyle: Stan Ocheskey, 3rd, 53.38

500 freestyle: Carlos Galvez, 1st, 5:41.94

200 freestyle relay: 3rd, Trey Schilling, Carlos Galvez, Daniel Mears, Stan Ocheskey

100 backstroke: David Walker, 4th, 1:01.84

100 breaststroke: Stan Ocheskey, 5th, 1:13.35

400 freestyle relay: 3rd, Trey Schilling, Andrew Rinella, David Walker, Stan Ocheskey



HRV Nordic racers (from left) Nils Engberson, Leif Bergstrom, Jesse Wiley and Daniel Fischer all finished in the top ten over the weekend to lead the team to its second win of the 2014-15 OHSNO season.

Nordic team continues run at OHSNO reign

Hood River is continuing to insert a wedge into the historical Central Oregon dominance of Nordic skiing in the Oregon High School Nordic Organization league. The Eagles won their second meet of the season over the weekend in Bend, beating both traditional powerhouses Summit and Bend High by placing four racers the top ten.

The 4K Classic style race was held at Mt. Bachelor under sunny skies, on a hilly and fast course. This was a last-minute change in venue because of low snowpack at Mt. Hood Meadows and Teacup SnoPark.

HRV's junior Daniel Fischer was hot on the heels of Summit's winner Zeb Millslagle (11:29.0) to take a second-place finish with a time of 11:36.9. Close behind him was sophomore Leif Bergstrom in third place with a time of 11:36.9. Senior Nils Engberson was seventh with a time of 12:24.0 and sophomore Jesse Wiley rounded out the top ten with ninth place in a time of 12:40.0

The Eagles reflected a nice depth with strong finishes by freshmen Muir Emmons at 23rd, Conner Truax at 24th and senior Mason McDowell at 27th. Sophomores Joey Slover, and Luke Serra, and Freshman Elkin Parker were next and sophomore Alec Matthews, seniors Alex Chadney, and Garret Kelly, and freshman Gabe Campos-Davis finished out the pack for the Eagles.

The HRV girls placed third over-

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Get stoked Backcountry Film Fest is free, tonight

The Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival comes to Hood River Jan. 14, with a free showing of the festival's nine video pieces starting at 7 p.m. at Double Mountain Brewery. In its 10th year running, the festival celebrates the human powered winter experience through film. It aims to entertain while helping to raise funds and awareness for Winter Wildlands and their like-minded partners. The festival premieres in Boise, then travels to more than 100 locations worldwide. Along the way it raises money for local organizations working on advocacy, snow safety, outdoor education and SnowSchool programs.

Films start at 7 p.m. but patrons are encouraged to come early to get seats and participate in the raffle.

This year's lineup is as follows:

■ From the Road (21:00): Fischer Creative; Join the Dynafit team on a journey to Alaska.

■ Afterglow (11:35): Sweetgrass Production; This visually spectacular film lights up the backcountry like never before

■ Backcountry Baker (5:15): Jeremy Lurgio; The story of Labrador retriever, Baker, and his owner as they pursue their love of mountains through backcountry skiing in Montana's Bitterroot Mountains.

■ Out on a Limb (6:44): T-bar Films; The story of Vasu, whose love for skiing and the backcountry overcomes all obstacles.

■ 95 to Infinity (3:30): Doglotion Media; Follow brothers Andy and Mike Traslin as keep the torch lit for 95 months of winter turns.

■ IRS Traverse (8:00): Luc Mehl; A fun and corky adventure through the Alaska Wilderness

■ Powder Pilgrimage (20:00): Joey Howell; Two friends ventures of ski bumming it to Valdez, a trip we should all take just once.

■ Sundog (5:15): Sturge Films; Capturing the dog days of skiing in Patagonia.

■ Higher (20:00): Tetun Gravity Research; Continuing the journey of athlete Jeremy Jones as he reaches new heights.