

# Skiers dominate

*HRV alpine, freestyle teams sweep Mt. Hood Ski League, USASA comps*

Hood River Valley High School varsity ski team competed in its first giant slalom race of the season, held Saturday at Mt. Hood Meadows. Due to limited snow on the traditional GS courses, the race was run on Gemini, which is generally used for slalom racing. After two runs per racer, both HRV varsity boys and girls lineups came out in first place overall and with individual champions. On the boys side, Austin Keillor posted the fastest combined time of the day and Lucy McLean led the girls.

Top five finishers are as follows (times are two-run combined):

**Varsity boys:** 1st overall (Cleveland 2nd, The Dalles 3rd)

Austin Keillor, 1st, 51.48  
William Lamer, 3rd, 53.16  
Charlie Sutherland, 7th, 56.24

Patrick Crompton, 8th, 56.84  
Mitch Lamer, 9th, 57.30

**Varsity girls:** 1st overall (St. Mary's 2nd, Sandy 3rd)

Lucy McLean, 1st, 52.81  
Kelli Clarke, 3rd, 57.90  
Claire Davies, 7th, 1:02.45  
Sarah Hall, 9th, 1:03.48  
Hannah Bergemann, 18th, 1:10.08

## Freestyle dominates

HRVHS skiers dominated the first high school freestyle skiing contest of the season, held Friday at Mt. Hood Meadows under the umbrella of the USASA Mt. Hood Series, with supervisor Wally Inouye and judges Robis Marks, Scott Armstrong and Hudson Knoll running the competition. Top five male and female finishers are as follows:

**Boys:** 1st, Tucker FitzSimons, 83.7; 2nd, Trey Roeseler, 73.3; 3rd, Sammy Stevenson, 71.7; 4th, Patrick Crompton, 64.3; 5th, Bryce Donald, 62

**Girls:** 1st, Hannah Bergemann, 70; 2nd, Casey Sherrerd, 46.7; 3rd, Callie Crumpacker, 41.7; 4th, Savannah Boersma, 38.3; 5th, Avrie Van Tillburg, 31.7



**WINNING WAYS:** HRVHS ski team members (left) Hannah Bergemann (below) Tucker FitzSimons and Kelli Clarke are pictured in action Saturday at Mt. Hood Meadows. bergemann and FitzSimons took first place in a freestyle (slopestyle) contest and Clarke was second in a Giant Slalom contest (Lucy McLean was first for the girls and Austin Keillor was first for the boys).

Photo by Mark Crompton



# HOOPS

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out sluggish, scoring just seven points in the first quarter and falling behind 41-19 by halftime. On the reverse, Heritage was on fire from the field and managed an impressive 14 three-pointers by the end of the game. The Eagles finished with a solid 19-point fourth quarter, but the effort was too late to make much of a dent in their deficit.

Skyler Hunter and Dan Kuechmann chipped in with nine points and Andrew Roberts scored 8 to lead the team in scoring.

"We weren't closing out very well and they were," Noteboom said. "I think playing back-to-back like that hinders us a bit too."

After a home game this Friday against Stevenson (7 p.m. Vannet Court), the Eagles will put their turned-around tactics to the test

against CRC foes Pendleton and Hermiston on the road over the next two weeks. Headed into the meat of the season, coach Noteboom is optimistic about where his lineup is, both physically and mentally.

"I think the boys are excited about where we're at," he said. "They've bought into the new style of play and I think they're enjoying basketball a lot more than they did last year."

The Eagles went winless last season and finished at the bottom of conference and state standings. As of Tuesday, they're second in the CRC, with Pendleton leading with a 7-4 record and a No. 6 ranking.

"They're (Pendleton) definitely the favorite," Noteboom said. "But there's no reason we can't be second in the league, at least. If we can continue scoring the way we have, rebound better and not give up as many layups I think we'll be in great shape."



Photo by Adam Lapierre

**SCOTTIE ZIEGNER** drives to the hoop for two of 11 points Saturday vs. Heritage. The senior center and team leading scorer had 17 points the night before in HRV's 69-61 win over Woodburn. After a home game Friday night (7 p.m. vs. Stevenson), the Eagles go on the road to Pendleton and Hermiston to open their CRC schedule.

# FAST

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all in team standings behind Summit and Bend, reflecting a move up one place from the first OHSNO race of the season. Summits' Olivia Moeh was first with a time of 14:00.9. Freshman Valerie Fischer placed fourth with a time of 14:26.9, following two more Summit racers.

Bend and Summit racers filled in the next spots until sophomore Daisy Dolan of HRV came in tenth place with a time of 15:32.6. Junior Denali Emmons was hot on her heels at 11th place with a time of 15:35.6 and junior Lauren Robinson was 17th with a time of 16:36.6. Senior Terri Hewitt had a strong showing at 23rd and freshman Hannah Hill was 29th. Both boys and girls races had 68 competitors, which was a smaller field than normal.

Next up for the Eagles is a skate style race at Mt. Bach-

elor on Jan. 24. This is the first ever combined race between the OHSNO league and OISRA league and it will be the biggest high school Nordic event ever held in the state of Oregon. The Eagles look forward to testing their mettle against a larger field of Nordic racers.

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