



SKYLAR HUNTER drives to the hoop for two of his season-high 20 points Tuesday vs. The Dalles.

Photo by Adam Lapiere

'We're loving it'

HRV boys happily take aim at league title

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What a difference a year makes. At the beginning of this season, coach Steve Noteboom's goal for the Hood River Valley varsity boys basketball team was simply to build intensity and positive energy among his players, many of whom returned to the lineup with painful memories of a winless 2013-14 campaign. After Tuesday's 62-49 win over The Dalles, however, the Eagles have that intensity and energy, as well as a legitimate shot at the first Columbia River Conference title in team history.

Living up to their reputation as the most improved boys basketball team this season (labeled such in a recent Oregonian article), the boys utilized their unorthodox style of high-pressure play and continuous substitutions to wear down the Riverhawks and finish with their fourth 10-plus

point win of the season.

The victory puts the 9-8 Eagles in a tie for first place in the CRC with Hermiston (both at 2-1) – a situation few would have predicted earlier this season. Hermiston defeated HRV but lost to Pendleton, while HRV defeated Pendleton by ten points in their conference opener. The Dalles also defeated Pendleton, so those two teams are in a tie for third and fourth. A new state qualifying system this season foregoes rankings and places the top CRC team in the 16-team 5A bracket, while the second and third place teams qualify for a play-in game and the fourth place team is out.

CRC standings (as of Feb. 5)

HRV: 2-1 (9-8)
Hermiston: 2-1 (5-12)
Pendleton: 1-2 (11-7)
The Dalles: 1-2 (2-16)

"The feeling at this point last season was that we didn't really have a chance at winning any games," Noteboom said. "This season it's the opposite. The boys are having fun, they're moti-

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'Compared to last year ... It's hard do describe how much better this feels. We're having fun, we're playing basketball and we're loving it.'

SKYLAR HUNTER



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Hood River Valley High School was one of three locations across the country to host a special USA Wrestling womens wrestling clinic on Feb. 4. Pictured above are clinicians Kelsey Campbell (Olympian and two-time world team member) and Whitney Conder (two-time US Open champion and two-time world team member) showing the roughly 70 kids in attendance basics to a proper wrestling stance. Below, the group works stance and a single leg shot during the free clinic, which was divided into a skills portion and a motivational talk and question and answer portion. The three free clinics and talks were held in Hood River, Los Angeles and New York City. Hood River was selected as a location because of its high number of young female wrestlers participating in local club and high school programs.



'Somebody yelled 'Falling!' and I looked up, and here they come ...'

A first-hand account of wild double rescue on Mount Hood

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JAN. 31, 2015: Erik Broms was climbing down from the summit of Mount Hood Saturday morning when two climbers roped together came plummeting down the mountain, right at him.

"Somebody yelled 'Falling!' and I looked up, and here they come," Broms recalls. "I had to hesitate for a moment to make sure that if I stepped one way or the other they weren't going to go in that direction. Basically I waited until the last possible moment and then moved out of their path."

Broms, an experienced rescue leader with Portland Mountain Rescue who has summited Mount Hood "somewhere between 225 and 250" times, responded quickly to help the fallen climbers below.

"I got to their location in about 2 minutes, and already they were both just shivering like crazy," he says. "After a fall like that when you're all busted up, you start losing body heat real fast. You just start

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getting cold immediately."

The fallen climbers were a married couple, Michelle and Brian Carlson of Portland, and they were seriously injured and in shock after falling 450 feet. Their crampons had gotten caught up in the ice and snow as they tumbled, wrenching their legs and resulting in two broken ankles and a broken leg.

Fortunately, it was a mild weekend day on the mountain, and there were plenty of climbers and rescue experts around to help. PMR rescue leader Mark Morford radioed for help, contacting another PMR rescue team that was training down near Timberline Lodge. Another PMR volunteer, an emergency room physician's assis-

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MOUNTAIN RESCUE: Volunteers form a protective line to stop falling ice from hitting an injured climber on the south side of Mount Hood last Saturday.

Photo courtesy of Eric Broms

Zack signs to play for Humboldt State

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Collete Zack will soon trade the blue and gold of the Hood River Valley Eagles for the green and yellow of the Humboldt State Lumberjacks. Zach, a senior at HRVHS, signed a letter of intent Wednesday – National Signing Day – to play soccer for the D2 school in Arcata, Calif.

"I'm really excited," Zack said. "I feel like I've been waiting for this for a long time. I had a really big list of schools I was looking at and it took a while to narrow it down. It

(Humboldt State) feels like the right fit for me. It's far enough away from home that I'll get some independence, but it's also close enough that it will be pretty easy to visit and my parents can come to my games."

Guided by coach Kevin Haspela, who was at the signing with Zack and her parents, Sherri and Kirk, Collete worked her way up the program at HRVHS, starting on the JV team as a freshman and ending as varsity captain last fall, when the Eagles claimed the Columbia River Conference title and made it to the state quarterfinals.

"As a freshman (at Humboldt), I'm probably not going to start," she said. "I'm not sure where they'll use me yet either. Maybe right-back, but I'm not sure; they will see how I mesh with the other players on the team. I'm just really excited to have the opportunity to play D2 soccer; as soon as I started playing club soccer in high school I knew this was something I really wanted to do."

Zack says a major reason she chose Humboldt State is because the college has a masters program in kinesthesiology, which will be her field of study.



COLLETE ZACK signs as coach Kevin Haspela and parents Sherri and Kurt watch.

Lamer, McLean lead HRV ski team

Hood River Valley High School varsity ski team continued its undefeated streak of Mt. Hood League racing last weekend at Mt. Mead Meadows. The HRV girls placed four racers in the top ten and the boys placed five on their way to overall team victories in the slalom race

Individual results are as follows:

HRV Boys:

- William Lamer: 1st, 1:19.91 (40.54, 39.36)
- Patrick Compton: 5th, 1:24.52 (42.26, 42.26)
- Charlie Sutherland: 6th, 1:26.15 (43.60, 42.55)

- Mitch Lamer: 7th, 1:28.36 (44.63, 43.73)
- Oskar Anderson: 9th, 1:33.58 (46.78, 46.80)
- Onar Smith: 14th, 1:39.60 (49.70, 49.90)
- Zack Colson: 16th, 1:41.60 (52.20, 49.48)

HRV Girls:

- Lucy McLean: 1st, 1:25.35 (41.79, 43.55)
- Sarah Hall: 4th, 1:35.48 (47.87, 47.61)
- Claire Davies: 6th, 1:39.70 (48.88, 50.82)
- Kelli Clarke: 10th, 1:45.01 (58.11, 46.90)
- Nicolette Paulus: 16th, 1:55.91 (58.34, 57.47)
- Sophie Caldwell: 20th, 1:59.11 (1:00.74, 58.37)
- Rosalie Dillon: 47th, 2:25.49 (1:14.35, 1:11.14)