

HRV wrestling shows no mercy

Hood River Valley High School wrestling hosted The Dalles Thursday night for both teams' final dual meet of the season. The Eagles showed no mercy on the visiting Riverhawks as they battled their way to a 66-12 stomping.

The next home event for the team is Feb. 14, when the Eagles host the 5A Special District 4 regional championships.

HRV vs. The Dalles results

106: Jessica DeHart, win by forefit; 112: Angel Jones, win by fall (1:59); 120: Cade Parker, loss by fall; 126: Jason Shaner, win by forefit; 132: Juan Rios, win by forefit; 138: James Estes, win by fall (1:58); 145: Junior Manzo, win by injury def.; 152: Jorge Orgeta, 8-5 win; 160: Chris Castro, 10-3 win; 170: Ian Rand, win by forefit; 182: Steven Swafford, win by fall (:58); 195: Mark Reyes, win by forefit; 220: Max Lane, loss by fall; 275: Justin Wilson, win by fall.



ANGEL JONES picks up a first-round pin Thursday night in HRV wrestling's dual against The Dalles.

Photo by Adam Lapierre

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vated and the feeling is that we can beat everyone we have left on our schedule."

Highlighting Tuesday's effort for the Eagles was junior guard Skyler Hunter, who hit six three-pointers on his way to a season-high 20 points. Scottie Ziegner added 15 points and five boards and Dallas Buckley had 12 points

and eight boards to round out the team's top three scorers on the night. Despite the lopsided finish, the game was relatively close for all of the first half (tied 25-25 at halftime) and part way through the third quarter before HRV's relentless pressure wore down on the Riverhawks.

"When I hit that first three on the corner I knew it was going to be a good game," Hunter said. "I got the confi-

dence early and knew I was going to keep shooting the ball. I've been trying to shoot more threes lately; I've been working on them a lot."

HRV jumped out to an early lead in the first half but The Dalles employed a two-three zone defense to keep the Eagles from running away with the score. After halftime the ball bounced the way of the Eagles, and by the end of the third the home team had a

ten-point lead that they held for the remainder. Ziegner heated up after the break, scoring 12 of his 15 in the second half.

"Playing against The Dalles on our home court get us pretty excited, and also a little nervous," Ziegner said. "In the first half I'd say we played a little timid, but in the second half we really brought it to them. Where we're at right now feels really good. Our confidence level is up and we're looking forward to every day that we get to play basketball."

Hunter echoed Ziegner's comments on the team's morale this season.

"It's ridiculous," he said. "Compared to last year, not winning a game, and then coming out and winning nine games this year; it's hard to describe how much better this feels. We're having fun, we're playing basketball and we're loving it."

The Eagles hosted Pendleton Friday night (7 p.m., results not available as of press time) and have a rematch with Hermiston at

home next Tuesday.

"We're going to come right at them from the very beginning," Hunter said of the Hermiston matchup. "No going out and starting slow; we need to get after them right away and really go for it. Them knowing that we're going to be a fast pace offense means we have to have good ball movement. We need to swing the ball until we get the open shots, take the open shots and make them and then play hard defense on the other end."

HRV top scorers:
Skyler Hunter: 20 pts., 3 reb., 1 asst.; Scottie Ziegner:

15 pts., 5 reb., 2 asst.; Dallas Buckley: 12 pts., 8 reb., Noah Noteboom: 7 pts., 3 asst., 3 steals; Kaydin Gibbs: 7 pts., 7 reb.



TENACIOUS DEFENSE: HRV basketball players (from left) Zak Ellsworth, Kaydin Gibbs, Scottie Ziegner and Kam Walker guard the hoop in Tuesday's win over The Dalles.

Photo by Adam Lapierre

RESCUE

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tant named J. Pearce Beissinger who runs an outfit called Vertical Medicine Resources, assessed the injuries of the fallen climbers and actually called in a prescription for pain meds from the mountain.

A dozen or so volunteer climbers rushed over to help, offering blankets, heat packs, food and water and using their backpacks to create a human shield around the Carlsons, to fend off falling ice.

Paramedics from American Medical Response were on their way to help, but Broms decided to call in for air support to fly the injured climbers to safety as quickly as possible. "We weren't relying on a helicopter," he says, "but if it is available it is definitely the fastest way to get some seriously injured people off the mountain."

Just after they called in for a helicopter, about an hour after the Carlsons fell, another climber fell.

This climber, 29-year-old Karthik Jambunathan of Hillsboro, tumbled down and fell into a fumarole — essentially a hole in the ice and snow where the volcano vents sulphur and steam.

"He wasn't injured but he was shaken up," says Broms.

"He took a pretty good bounce. He hit the downhill side of the fumarole, the lip, and he bounced up maybe two or three feet and went right down into the hole. I mean, it was pretty scary. If you had been there, you probably would have thought, 'Jeez, that guy's dead.'"

Fortunately, Jambunathan was okay. But he was stuck.

"He was wedged in," says Broms. "He probably would not have been able to get out of that situation had we not been there, because he was sandwiched between the snow and the rock, down about 15 feet inside this hole."

Again, nearby climbers responded quickly. Broms set an anchor, got Beissinger on a rope, and lowered him down into the hole. With time and effort they were able to help out Jambunathan, who was uninjured but very shaken up. A rescue volunteer helped him down to the top of Timberline's Palmer Lift, and he caught a ride down to Timberline Lodge in a snowcat.

Meanwhile, the Carlsons were still waiting for the Oregon National Guard helicopter — and it ended up being a long wait. The helicopter arrived at around 4 p.m., landing in the firm snow near the Devil's Kitchen. Rescue personnel loaded the injured climbers and successfully transported

them down to Legacy Emanuel Medical Center in Portland as darkness was descending on the mountain.

Broms has been climbing Mount Hood for 20 years and volunteering with PMR for 14 years. He says he worries that the ever-increasing popularity of Mount Hood could be luring up climbers who may not have the skills, fitness and training for a safe climb.

"We are seeing more and more inexperienced people climbing," he says. "You can look around at the other people climbing and get a sense of their ability level — and some of these people just don't look that experienced from what I'm seeing."

I saw a couple of people that day just kind of scooting along on their butts, which is a big no-no. That's like down-climbing a ladder facing out. You really don't do that."

Broms and other search-and-rescue experts emphasize that no one should set out to climb Mount Hood with the assumption that rescue teams and a helicopter will be ready and waiting to lift them to safety if they fall or get stuck. Only people with proper gear, training and fitness should attempt to climb to 11,249 feet on Mount Hood — no matter how mellow the weather and snow conditions may seem.

Athlete of the Week



Skyler Hunter

HRVHS basketball

Skyler Hunter had a season-high 20 points Tuesday in the Eagles' 62-49 win over The Dalles.

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