



# Team effort leads Eagles to revenge vs Hermiston

*HRV boys basketball in three-way tie for first in conference*

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Led by Dallas Buckley's 16 points and Skyler Hunter's 14, the Hood River Valley Eagles' varsity boys basketball team gave Hermiston a taste of good old-fashioned revenge Tuesday night at Vannet Court.

After losing to the Bulldogs by 11 points in the first of three meetings this season (Jan. 30 at Hermiston), the Eagles hosted their Columbia River Conference rival in a must-win matchup that ended 58-48 in favor of the home team. The win puts HRV in a three-way tie for first in the conference with Hermiston and Pendleton — all at 3-2 — with four games remaining in the regular season.

Although Buckley and Hunter scored more than half of the team's points, the win was a total team effort, and for much of the game it was even more one-sided than final score reflects. At half-time the Eagles were up by ten (28-18) and came out firing in the third with an exciting 14-point run that fired-up the sizable home



Photos by Adam Lapierre

**SOLID DEFENSE** contributed to the Eagles' 58-48 win Tuesday over Hermiston. Pictured above are (from left) Dallas Buckley, Andrew Roberts, Skyler Hunter, Austin Clark and Tyrone Stintzi holding-down the defensive end. At top, Noah Noteboom drives up court while looking for a dish; Noteboom had a team-high five assists in the game.

crowd and gave the boys their largest lead of the night.

On the other side of the court, Hermiston seemed lackadaisical

from the get-go, managing just four points in the first quarter against HRV's zone defense and never really regaining footing after. The Bulldogs did have a late run in the fourth to trim the margin considerably and spare some dignity before the final buzzer.

"We are now tied with Hermiston and Pendleton for the conference lead," coach Steve Noteboom commented. "We play three of our last four league games on the road, which makes it more of a challenge, but not insurmountable. Our goal at the beginning of the season was to be one of the top three teams in league; we will

reevaluate that after Friday's game (7 p.m. at The Dalles)."

With a legitimate shot at the first Columbia River Conference title in team history, the team will have to continue evaluating strengths and weaknesses and see where it can improve, even from a win like Tuesday night.

On the upside, the Eagles played an all-around solid game of basketball, and the team's new approach of fast-paced, in-your-face basketball seems to be improving with every game. The boys also rebounded exceptionally well, tallying 28 total (11 offensive, 17 defen-

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## Kegler's Corner

By **JEFF OLSON**

### Tim Furlong and Joyce Ebersole are leaders at the lanes

**Team of the Week (Jan. 26-31)**

- Tim Furlong, +188 (839)
- Len Hickman, +150 (750)
- John Miller, +131 (731)
- Jason DeGeus, +128 (785)
- Ray Sollman, +120 (720)

**Team of the Week (Feb. 2-6)**

- Len Hickman, +141 (792)
- Joyce Ebersole, +112 (712)
- Randy Nieto, +107 (761)
- Rita Schneeberg, +87 (687)
- Nancy Asai, +84 (738)

Tim Furlong and Joyce Ebersole took top honors over the last few weeks at Orchard Lanes, as you'll read in this combined report from league action in the last week of January and the first week of February.

**Jan. 26-31:** Tim Furlong played a starring role at Hood River's Orchard Lanes to close out January with a spectacular display of bowling prowess in the Monday night Industrial league. Tim notched his first ever career scratch 700 three game series. He scattered the sticks to the tune of big 266 and 245 games ending up with a spiffy 713 set that was a whopping 188 pins over his average. That first 700 is always memorable and it sure feels good to climb over that magical mark.

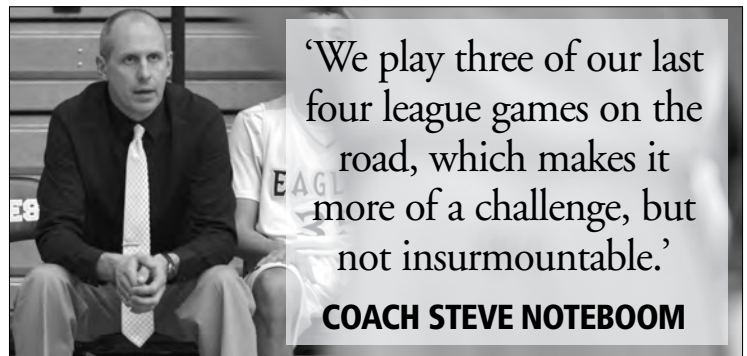
The inimitable Len Hickman, who has been a long time Orchard Lanes mainstay and a true ambassador of the great game of bowling, displayed some of his old time moxie in the Wednesday afternoon senior Colts and Fillies league where he rolled a super scratch 675 series.

Our next two hot shots are making their first appearance on the Team of the Week this season. Grabbing the big hitter slot is none other than the gregarious lefty John Miller, who was "in the zone" during the Colts and Fillies where logged a nice scratch 202 game and 569 series that was 131 pins over his average.

Our clean-up man is Jason DeGeus, who blasted a mighty fine scratch 728 set in the Wednesday night Fraternal league which was 128 pins over his rapidly climbing average. He's going to have to shoot some really monstrous numbers to make the big five in the future because his average is going sky high but he's got the talent to do it! Finally, our anchor man on the Team of the Week is none other than the ubiquitous Ray Sollman. Ray is quite simply an institution in bowling at Orchard Lanes and in Hood River. He's been at the lanes forever and this marks his second appearance on the big five this season. He punched out a nifty scratch 213 game in the Colts and Fillies ending up 120 pins over his average for the session!

**Feb. 2-6:** Len Hickman is an institution in Hood River; he has been in a bit of a slump on the maples this season, but for the past couple of weeks he's bowled like he graduated back from the senior tour to the regular tour. Len put on a display of old time veteran bowling savvy in last week's

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**COACH STEVE NOTEBOOM**

## Teacup Nordic racers compete in Utah

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For the news

The Teacup Nordic Junior Racing Team is a cross-country skiing team that trains regularly at Teacup Lake Nordic Club on Mount Hood. The team trains year-round to race at Junior National Qualifier races around the Pacific Northwest. By earning five qualifying times, an individual can join the Pacific Northwest all-star team and compete at Junior Nationals in Truckee, Calif.

The team recently sent six of its 12 racers to Soldier Hollow, Utah, the site of the 2002 Winter Olympics. On Jan. 30, the racers skated a 1.3-kilometer sprint course. Warm, slushy, man-made snow made for challenging conditions. With about one hundred skiers in each age group, the course only became softer and more trying as the races progressed.

Daniel Fischer (U18), Nils Engbersen (U18), Leif Bergstrom (U18), Jesse Wiley (U16), Kimbert Schlichting-Robinson (U16) and Valerie Fischer (U16) all had strong races, with Daniel Fischer earning his fourth Junior National

qualifying time at the race.

The next day was the distance classic ski race, which varied in length for different age groups — U18 skiers raced 15 kilometers and U16 skiers raced five kilometers. Skiers started in a mass start format, but their proximity to the front depended on their results from the day before. Many race teams struggled to find wax that would be fast yet provide enough grip to enable skiers to ski the course to their best ability.

Teacup Nordic's wax wizard and coach extraordinaire, Karl Andersson, came through for the team yet again, and every Teacup Nordic racer was able to show the competition the results of their hard work.

In the U16 boys' race, Jesse Wiley moved from 46th place to 29th and Kimbert Schlichting-Robinson raced up from 67th to 28th. In the U16 girls' race, Valerie Fischer skied from 59th to 30th place. In the U18 and U20 combined boys' race, Daniel Fischer moved from 62nd to 46th place to earn his fifth qualifying time and a spot on the regional Junior National team.



**TEACUP TEAM** members in Soldier Hollow. Submitted photo

Leif Bergstrom moved up from 80th to 56th place and Nils Engbersen skied a strong race to move from 82nd to 62nd.

The challenging snow conditions made for grueling climbs, terrifying descents and plenty of spectacular crashes, but no serious injuries.

Every racer learned valuable lessons and new racing strategies during this trip and most importantly, they had fun skiing fast.

As coach Andersson reminded them all, "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity."

■ For information about Teacup Nordic Ski Club visit [www.teacupnordic.org](http://www.teacupnordic.org).

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### A busy weekend for local sports

This is an action-packed weekend for prep athletics in Hood River. On Friday evening and all day Saturday, HRV wrestling hosts the 2015 5A Special District four championships at HRVHS. Saturday action will be highlighted by the championship matches scheduled for 5 p.m.

Also taking place in Hood River is the Columbia River Conference swimming championships. Action will run all day Saturday (starting at 11 a.m.) at the Hood River Aquatics Center.

### HRV baseball fundraiser Feb. 21

Hood River Valley High School baseball is hosting its third-annual fundraiser dinner and selection auction on Saturday, Feb. 21 at Springhouse Cellar in downtown Hood River. Tickets are \$20, available at the door or in advance by members of the team. Proceeds from the event will go to support the HRV baseball program and improvements to its stadium and field. Entertainment for the event will include live music by the local band, Toy Gun Conspiracy.

## CHEER UP

The Hood River Valley High School winter competitive cheerleading team performs their routine at halftime at Tuesday night's boys basketball game. Their competition routine is two and a half minutes of stunting, cheering, dancing, jumping and gymnastics. Holding signs from left to right are Olivia Brink, Hope Kaady, Hannah Barry, Morgan Graves, Jenna Chamness and Madi Wofford. Executing a scale stunt in the back are top girl Katie Middel, front spot Jayden Shelton, back spot Taylor Shelton and bases Emily Viuhkola and Brandi Fletcher (unseen). Not pictured is team member Kelsey Beam.

The cheerleaders will compete in their last event of the season Saturday afternoon at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland, for the Oregon School Activities Association State Championships. Along with competitions, the cheerleaders attend and cheer at HRVHS home boys and girls basketball games.

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