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HRV boys tennis team swept Benson Polytechnic Monday, playing hard and through adversity, according to coach Jon Hiatt, who said he couldn't remember the last time HRV swept and opponent. In singles, Scottie Ziegner won 6-0, 6-1; Cooper Holzman won 7-6(5), 6-0; Will Ferrick won 7-6(5), 4-6, 10-4; and Cole Shepherd won 7-5, 7-5. In doubles, Victor Garibo/Patrick Humann won 6-0, 6-2; Brandon Campos/Miguel De la Rosa won 6-0, 6-2; Jorge Calderon/Hugo Sandoval won 6-2 6-4; and Jonathan Hale/Sawyer Bogard won 6-2, 6-3.

HRV has first doubleheader

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The Hood River Valley baseball team's offensive prowess saw a resurgence during the first game of Friday's doubleheader down in Bend, where the Eagles first faced off against Ridgeview and defeated the Ravens 10-5.

However, HRV's offense couldn't muster the same productivity in its subsequent outing versus Summit, going down 3-1, despite putting up five hits to Summit's four.

The 11th-ranked 5A Eagles (6-5) ran away with the first game early on, and held the lead for the entire seven innings. HRV went up 3-2 in the first inning and then pulled away quickly, sending another five runners home in the second while the Ravens weren't able to add to their two-run score.

Catcher Adam Cameron, the sole sophomore on the varsity roster, led the Eagles with three hits in four at-bats and scored one run. In fielding, Cameron also led the team in putouts and assists, with eight and three, respectively.

Riley Van Hoose's two doubles helped propel to a team-high four RBI. HRV's offense was spread around nicely, with seven runners scoring for the Eagles, including Skyler Hunter, Dallas Buckley, Kam Walker (2), Adam Cameron, Kellan Duffy (2), Ryan Ward (2), and Andrew Roberts.

On the mound, Kellan Duffy got

the win, pitching five innings and sending seven Ridgeview batters packing, while walking two and giving up nine hits and five runs. Chase Lariza chipped in by pitching a perfect two innings, during which he struck out two batters.

After facing Ridgeview at 3 p.m., HRV turned around and squared off against Summit for a 5:30 p.m. game to finish the doubleheader.

The game was a defensive battle, with neither team scoring through the first three innings. Finally, in the top of the fourth, HRV got on board after Adam Cameron hit a fly ball to center field that allowed Ryan Ward to advance from third base to home plate.

Unfortunately, Summit answered immediately, scoring two runs in the bottom of the fourth and the final run for either team in the bottom of the sixth.

Patrick Harvey pitched the majority of the game, striking out four, walking three, and surrendering three runs and four hits in five innings and part of a sixth. Kam Walker also pitched for HRV. First baseman Montana Kurahara led the team with nine putouts in as and Skyler Hunter had a team-high four assists.

The varsity squad travels Wednesday to Wilsonville for a 5 p.m. game and then will be back home on Friday to take on Mountain View at 4:30 p.m.

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ference — an encouraging, albeit unreliable statistic at the moment, as it is early in the season. Luchsinger said that of course he'd like to see his squad make the playoffs, after narrowly missing them last year. But with a green roster, the first-year HRV head coach — assistant coach of the team for the past three years — is busy right now focusing on the fundamentals of the game.

"It's definitely a really young team, I think we only have two seniors on the team," he said. "Kind of the focus right now is building our stick skills up and working on fundamentals."

Luchsinger is also working with on growing what is already "a really good group of attack men," as well as teaching them to develop their fast-paced game of transition ball, or what Luchsinger refers to as "East Coast ball," a nod to Luchsinger's stomping ground of Central New York, where lacrosse enjoys a prominent status among high school sports. Speed is key to Luchsinger, who said that he doesn't



Photo by Ben Mitchell

COACH MATT LUCHSINGER discusses strategy with one of his players during a game against Hermiston last week, while assistant coach George Dolack looks on.

both drawing up plays to ensure the ball keeps moving. "Lacrosse is considered the fastest game on two feet," he said, "and I'd like to keep it that way."

HRV next meets in Valley Catholic in an away game Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

WINS

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They're also beginning to realize the importance maintaining control of the ball and locating their spots. Breanna Weekly (two home runs vs. Centennial) really hit the ball well and we scored some runs by utilizing good two-out base-running."

Hood River fell behind 2-0 after three innings versus Centennial, of the 6A Mount Hood Conference. Weekly's solo home run in the fourth trimmed the margin to 2-1. HRV then came back and knotted it 2-2 in the fifth on an RBI single by freshman Zoe Munn (1 for 4). Another solo homer by Weekly (2 for 3) provided HRV with its

first lead of the game at 3-2 in the top of the sixth. It was Weekly's fourth homer this year and she leads the Eagles with a total of 10 RBI. HRV extended it to 4-2 on an RBI single by sophomore Makena Zeller (1 for 3), driving in Kelsey Wells, who earlier drew a walk.

Led by McNerney (one strikeout, one walk), who pitched the complete game and scattered six hits, HRV played solid defense the last two innings to get the win. Centennial got a hit in the bottom of the sixth and also one in the seventh to bring the potential tying run to the plate both times. The Eagles executed key defensive fielding plays to get putouts and prevent Centennial from scoring as they maintained their two-run cushion.

"We're playing good, solid

defense and we're hitting the ball pretty good and when we do that, then good things happen," said Keller. "We're making good defensive plays now when the ball is put into play. We know what we need to do and what we need to work on to improve. It's just a process of utilizing what we've learned in practice and executing that same way during the games."

It was definitely a good Friday for HRV in snapping a four-game losing streak versus Mountain View. The Eagles jumped ahead 2-0 in the second and then took control with a five-run, fourth inning scoring outburst. Senior Jenni Packer (1 for 3, RBI) ignited the rally with a leadoff single. Winans (2 for 3, two singles, RBI) followed her on base when she was hit by a pitch.

Both runners then scored on McNerney's double to left field for a 4-0 Eagle lead.

HR then extended it to a 7-0 advantage on RBI singles by Munn (3 for 4), Jojo Karr (2 for 3, two singles) and Wells (3 for 4, three singles). The Eagle offense was in high gear as 11 batters went to the plate and they produced a total of six hits in the inning. The No. 22-ranked Cougars got a run in the fifth, making it 7-1. HRV continued its strong offensive attack and extended its lead to 9-1 in the sixth. Mountain View added two in the seventh for the final margin.

Winans had a strong performance in the pitching circle as she struck out four, walked four and allowed seven hits while pitching the complete game.

Horizon track teams smash school records

Girls team takes 1st, boys team takes 2nd in Sherman County Invitational

Numerous school records and the first girls team championship in school history were recorded by the Horizon Christian School track and field team Saturday in Moro.

The Hawk girls won the Sherman County Invitational over 13 other teams, including runner-up and host Sherman. Horizon was led by senior Hannah Kempf, who won the 800-meter run in her first attempt at the event and anchored two relay teams which set school records. She ran the two-lap race in 2 minutes, 44.84 seconds, a school-record time.

The 4x100 relay finished fourth and the 4x400 team was third. Kempf was joined on the short relay by Haley Becnel, Kloee Brown and Jodee Hicks. The long relay included Kempf, Becnel, Miranda Roberts and Savannah Hawk.

Paulina Finn also was a big contributor in the girls team title, as she won the 300 low hurdles, was second in the triple jump and fifth in the high jump. Teammate Amy Regua was second in the 1500 and fourth in the 3000, and Brown was second in the 400.

The Horizon boys finished second in the meet to Bickleton and were led by Mason Bloomster, who won the 100 and 200 and anchored the Hawks' first-place 4x100 relay. Salvador Ramirez was Horizon's other champion, racing to a Class 1A state leading time in the 1500 of 4:25. Senior Ryan Aldrich added a second place in the shot put, with a school-record mark of 40 feet, 2 inches.

Distance runner Jony Nelson was second in the 3000 and ran a near personal best (4:39) to finish fourth in the 1500.

Horizon also won the boys 4x100 relay in a state-leading time of 47.1. The team consisted of Bloomster, Aldrich, Quinn Roetcisoender and Luke Holste.

Horizon competes this week in Aloha at the Life Invitational, and Saturday at the Meet of Champions at Willamette University in Salem.

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