



Eagles softball weathers last-minute comeback by Century

Wells and Winans help fend off the Jaguars, 3-2, in Hood River

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HRV survived a seventh-inning rally by Century High during a Wednesday afternoon game in Hood River, sliding by the Jaguars, 3-2.

After the Eagles scored runs in the bottom of the first and second innings to go up 2-0, Century responded in the top of the seventh with two runners advancing off a hard ground ball single to left field and a passed ball that knotted the game up, 2-2.

In the bottom of the seventh, with Breanna Weekly on first base, Jessica DeHart on second, and with two outs, Kelsey Wells prevented the game from going into extra innings with a fly ball single to center field that allowed DeHart to advance from second to home and gave the Eagles the 3-2 win.

Kelsey Wells lead HRV with two hits and one RBI in three at-bats. Zoe Munn (1 for 4) and Make-

na Zeller (1 for 3) followed with other two hits for HRV, making four total — all singles. Scoring runners for the Eagles were Zeller, DeHart, and Weekly.

Kaylin Winans pitched all seven innings for HRV, striking out three, walking four, and giving up five hits. Infielder Breanna Weekly led the team in putouts with nine.

On Thursday, HRV's three-game win streak ended with a 17-6 loss at Barlow; full results not available as of press time. HRV's current overall record is 5-7.

HRV will host La Salle Monday, April 13 at 5 p.m. to play out the remainder of a March 31st game that was postponed due to rain. La Salle was up batting in the third inning and up on the Eagles, 6-0, when the game was called. The Eagles will then travel to Central Oregon on Wednesday to face Redmond in a 4:30 p.m. game for the last nonleague matchup of the season.



KAYLIN WINANS throws a pitch during Wednesday's game against the Century Jaguars. Winans pitched all seven innings for HRV, six of which were scoreless.

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HRV 24, Valley Catholic 0



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TORSENN BROWN looks for an open net earlier this season. The attacker led HRV in its 24-0 win over Valley Catholic with five goals and four assists.

Boys lax enjoys blowout against Valley Catholic

HRV now on three-game win streak

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The Eagles racked up a case of goals against Valley Catholic in what was a lopsided affair Wednesday evening with HRV routing the Valiants, 24-0, in Beaverton.

It's Matt Luchsinger's first year as head coach of the HRV squad, but he served as assistant coach for three years before that and said that to his recollection, he's never seen the Eagles outscore an opponent like that.

"HRV went out and played a high level of lacrosse," he said. "Guys were not just looking to score, but looking to make plays and find the open man, which is really good to see."

HRV put up five goals in the first quarter, then added another 10 before the half to make it 15-0, which Luchsinger said triggers a "mercy rule" that creates a running clock, meaning the clock doesn't stop when the ball goes out of bounds, during penalties, after scoring, etc. The Eagles scored four in the third to go 19-0 and then five in the fourth quarter for the final score of 24-0.

A caveat regarding the 24-0 drubbing: according to Luchsinger, this is Valley Catholic's first lacrosse season, with Luchsinger mentioning that the team supposedly practiced on their own for a month and a half to prove to the school they were committed to having a team.

"I give those guys a ton of credit," he said.

Long stick middle Alex Ellifritz had 12 ground balls — "that's huge right there," Luchsinger noted — Charlie Cohn won a majority of the faceoffs for HRV. Attack Torsenn Brown led the team with five goals and four assists and senior Kiefer Kreps, who's enjoying his first season playing attack after being a "long-pole (defender)" for the past few years, had five as well, Luchsinger said.

Starting goalie Dallen Olmstead played the first quarter and didn't see much action, with no shots on goal from Valley Catholic. That gave Luchsinger the opportunity to pull Olmstead and give Mikey Hall, a sophomore, a chance to play in net, who saved the four shots sent to him.

The team is now at 3-1 on the season and next plays at home on Saturday, April 11 at 2 p.m. against Bend.

HRV baseball shuts out Wilsonville

Eagles sit at 10th in OSAA

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Eagles baseball enjoyed their first non-tournament shutout of the season in a low-scoring affair against Wilsonville, where HRV came out on top, 1-0.

The game, held in Wilsonville, was the lowest-scoring contest in total runs between HRV and any opponent this season — with the Eagles getting a chance to showcase their defense they've been putting together over the past several games.

Leading that defense were two athletes whose names have been cropping up lately on the stat sheets: senior pitcher Ryan Ward and sophomore catcher Adam Cameron, who coach Eric Harjo said "worked great together to limit Wilsonville's bats to four hits."

Ward earned the win for HRV on the mound, pitching all seven innings, allowing only the aforementioned four hits and striking out seven batters. Cameron helped with seven putouts and an assist, behind first baseman Montana Kurahara, who had nine.

"Our defense was on point and the work we're putting in defensively is paying off," Harjo said.

The Eagles' offense scoring-wise was quiet, with Kellan Duffy the only player crossing home plate, helped by Cameron's lone RBI single in the top of the fourth inning. HRV still managed a total of five hits; in addition to Cameron, hits came from Chase Lariza, Patrick Harvey, Duffy, and Ward — all singles achieved over three at bats apiece.

As of Friday morning, HRV has won four out of their last six games and is currently sitting at 10th in the 5A OSAA rankings with an overall record of 7-5. The Eagles were scheduled to have one last nonleague contest on Friday versus Mountain View at 4:30 p.m. — results not available for press time — before league action kicks off April 18 with a doubleheader at Pendleton.



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MEMBERS of the girls lacrosse team battle for possession of a ground ball during Wednesday's game against OES.

Girls lax tested in tough outing against OES Aardvarks

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Hood River Valley had a tough matchup Wednesday evening with the league-leading Oregon Episcopal School Aardvarks, and the Eagles ended up experiencing their worst loss of the season, in what was ultimately a 15-3 decision.

"They've got a tough team, they've got some people who have already signed or verbally committed to D1 schools," said coach Andrew McElderry. After Wednesday's game, OES was listed as having the second-fewest goals allowed (10) of all 39 teams in the Oregon Girls Lacrosse Association.

The Eagles had difficulty rallying from a flurry of early scoring by the Aardvarks, who drew first blood just 20 seconds into the competition. HRV was able to get as close as 2-1 with 16 minutes remaining in the half, but never led as OES then went on a tear, scoring six unanswered goals. By halftime, the score was

11-2. Erin Mayer led the Eagles in the goals and drew control categories with two each. HRV's other goal came from Riley Bauer, who scored in the first half of play. Victoria Kohner-Flanagan led the team in ground balls, with five. On defense, goalie Ella Rand stopped seven of 22 shots on net. In total, HRV had nine shots against OES.

The loss may have been the worst of the season, but McElderry said they worked on some fundamentals during the game and experienced their some "great ball possession" and was able to slow the Aardvark offense in the second half, as well as starting and finishing the game "with a great attitude."

HRV next goes on a two-game road trip, facing off against Newberg on Saturday, April 11 at 11:30 a.m. and Cleveland on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:45 p.m.

JV team has remained undefeated through five games.