

# SHANER

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also entered unseeded, but didn't place. Despite having competed in the World of Wrestling Championships before, that didn't make it any less daunting for Shaner, especially when comparing it to competing in the state championships.

"There were like 22 mats; it's way bigger, a lot harder — it's like the nationals, pretty much," Shaner says.

Adding to that was an early hurdle blocking Shaner's path to success. After winning his first match in a 6-1 decision, Shaner lost his second match by fall, meaning he was immediately placed in a consolation bracket, putting more pressure on him and making it more difficult to claw his way back to the top.

"After I lost, I felt like I had a lot more stress," he says.

Despite the setback, Shaner went on to win his next nine matches, defeating some noteworthy wrestlers in the process. However, Shaner says that in order to avoid psyching himself out, he never looks at his bracket — a way to prevent himself from say, learning that he's about to compete against a nationally-ranked wrestler.

That didn't work, however, when he faced Bell in the fourth round of the consolation bracket and recognized him.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match going into... but I was ready to wrestle him," Shaner says, who defeated Bell in a 2-0 decision.

Shaner's toughest match, though, was the final match he won of the tournament against an opponent from California. After going down 4-0, and with less than half a minute left in the third period, Shaner gained the upper hand on his opponent, throwing him in a "lateral drop," according to Shaner, who came from behind, and weath-

ering a bloody nose, to win the match in a 5-4 decision.

Shaner dropped his next two matches, but had beaten enough opponents to get sixth place.

Baker was proud of the effort Shaner had given throughout the tournament.

"He fought hard and he had great heart," Baker says. "He puts in a lot of work and he believes in himself."

Shaner says he worked to cut some weight from last year and estimated that during the wrestling season, he trains for about five hours a day between the high school and the wrestling academy. But despite the work he's already put in, and the results he's already seen, Shaner is not yet satisfied and is looking forward to competing at an even higher level next year.

"I want to be a national champion," he says.

# EAGLES

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with 11 putouts in 13 chances.

The win over Redmond puts the team at a 7-7 record and an OSAA 5A ranking of 19, which puts HRV roughly in the middle of the pack. Halfway through the season and heading into league play, which starts this Saturday with a doubleheader in Pendleton, the Eagles are ranked behind The Dalles/Dufur (No. 7, 8-5 overall record), Pendleton (No. 9, 6-7), and ahead of Hermiston (No. 22, 6-6) in the Columbia River Conference.

After a bit of a lackluster start to the season, when the Eagles went 2-6,

HRV has gotten back on track, winning five of their last six games.

"We are starting to figure out and thrive in our style of softball," coach Eric Keller said. "They are playing defense to the best of their abilities and when they make plays, it helps boost our offense. It's fun to watch them battle and enter league (play) on a streak of solid games."

Keller added that HRV has been able to find success by working well together as a team, noting that "everyone has their role." He did highlight, however, the performances of freshman pitchers Hannah McNeerney and Kaylin Winans, whom he said "have become solid varsity pitchers."

HRV will also look toward the team's two heavy-hitting catchers —

freshman Zoe Munn and senior Kelsey Wells — who lead the team in hits with 20 and 18, respectively, and batting average, with .400 each. Wells also leads the team in RBI (14) and Munn leads the team in runs scored (13), doubles (6), stolen bases (15), and extra base hits (7). The team will also rely on the power behind the bat of senior first baseman Breanna Weekly, who leads the team in homers (4) and slugging percentage (.793).

As for how HRV will match up against other teams in the conference, it's hard to say, especially given the teams' similar records.

"League (play) is going to be a challenge for all teams," Keller said. "We have to go into each game ready to compete and play our best softball."



Photo by Ben Mitchell

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Depleted girls lax team edges Cleveland

Down four starters, HRV had a tough road to hoe going in Tuesday's match against Cleveland, but skated by with a 7-6 win despite the thin roster. Coach Andrew McElderry said JV players "did a good job filling (varsity) positions" of captains Lydia McElderry and Riley Bauer as well as Victoria Kohner-Flanagan and Laura Scarborough, who were absent or sidelined, respectively, due to a sprained hamstring, sprained ankle, a "mild concussion," and personal reasons. In particular, McElderry highlighted the play of Ella Mudry, "who has been solid at defense," he said, and that of Kat McElderry, whom he said "has an uncanny ability to get herself into solid shooting position." He added that Sloan Hall and Blair Holman are both "starting to find (their) groove" and that "Lauren Orr has recently turned it on as of lately. It is obvious that she has been putting in some extra time outside of practice." Kat McElderry led the team in scoring with four goals on 12 shots, Savannah Brentlinger followed with two goals on six shots, and Daisy Dolan had one goal on four shots. Ground balls were spread around the team, with almost every member of the roster getting at least one, but Erin Mayer and Savannah Brentlinger led the way with five apiece and Ellen Hudon close behind with four. Mayer also led in draw controls, winning four.

### Girls lax routs Central Catholic

The HRV girls lax took care of business against Central Catholic for the second time this season, defeating the Rams by a score of 14-4. Leading the scoring effort for HRV was Erin Mayer, who had four goals in nine shots and also led the team in ground balls (5), and draw controls (3, tied with Daisy Dolan). Following up in scoring was Kat McElderry (3), Lydia McElderry (3), Ellen Hudon (2), Sam Davies (1), and Riley Bauer (1). Goalie Ella Rand also had a productive night in net, stopping eight of 12 shots and posting a 66.7 save percentage — her best numbers of the season. With six games left, HRV sits in the middle of the field in the Portland league with a 4-3 league record (4-5 overall). Portland has big league games next week at Lincoln (Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.) and at Grant (Thursday at 7:30 p.m.), who as of Friday, were one game up on Hood River. Hood River lost to both teams by one point earlier this season, including an overtime loss against Lincoln.

### HRV boys tennis defeats The Dalles, 5-3

In what coach Jon Hiatt described as a "blustery day," the HRV boys tennis team had a competitive outing in The Dalles, winning 5-3, with five of eight matches going to third sets. Results are as follows: No. 1 singles: Scottie Ziegner, WIN, 6-1, 6-1. No. 2 singles: Cooper Holzman, loss, 5-7, 7-6, 5-10. No. 3 singles: Will Ferrick, WIN, 7-5, 4-6, 10-5. No. 4 singles: Cole Shepherd, loss, 0-6, 7-5, 5-10. No. 1 doubles: Victor Garibo and Patrick Humann, WIN, 6-4, 6-2. No. 2 doubles: Brandon Campos and Miguel de la Rosa, loss, 4-6, 6-4, 9-11. No. 3 doubles: Jorge Calderon and Hugo Sandoval, WIN, 7-5, 4-6, 10-3. No. 4 doubles: Jonathan Hale and Sawyer Bogard, WIN, 7-5, 6-2.

### Hawks golf v. Goldendale

Horizon competed in Goldendale on Monday against Goldendale High School, losing to the Wolves, 197-221, in a 9-hole match. Alex Tran had Horizon's best varsity score, shooting a 49, followed by Ian Walker (54), Mason Bloomster (57), and Zachery Walker (61). The Hawks start league action on Monday with a 1 p.m. match at Gledoveer Golf Course in Portland.

**Kegler's Corner**  
By JEFF OLSON

### Fireworks at the Lanes

Randy's Painting won the Monday night Industrial League at Hood River's Orchard Lanes last week. They absolutely crushed Columbia Hills RV in the championship match 28 points to 2. Randy Nieto was the driving force in the contest as he rolled a solid scratch 648 series that was capped by nifty 242 and 224 games. Randy was 90 pins over his average. That's some pretty darn good clutch bowling by Randy, who doubles as the sponsor of his team.

His teammate, the omnipresent Len Hickman, was also in fine form, chipping in a nice scratch 615 set that was highlighted by fine 224 and 222 games. Justin Gatewood, Jesse Flores and Wally Jakscha round out this fine team of winners. They wouldn't have gotten to the top without nice contributions from everyone on the team during the season. Team bowling is everything. Congratulations to the champions of the Industrial League!

The Tuesday morning ladies Workshirkers League

also finished their season last week. The Nobi's dynasty team returned in force to win the league again as they have so many times in the past. This season, Nobi's dominated by winning both the first and second rounds and as a result, there is no playoff for the title in this league. Nobi's takes the title outright. That's a true measure of how good this quartet is! Bowling for Nobi's were local legends in Hood River's women's bowling: Shirley Thornhill, Nina Kruckenber, Charlotte Severns and Nancy Asai. Congratulations to the champions of the Workshirkers League!

The Wednesday afternoon senior Colts & Fillies finished up too. This league doesn't have an overall champion, instead it honors the winners of the first and second half. The second half winners were the Mighty Ducks: Adolph Bonfiglio, Delores Slavin, Len Hickman and Tom Culp. The winners of the first half were the Hits and Misses: Karen Driver, Kevin Rogers, Adria Erwin and Kim McCartney.

**Team of the week**

Milo Prideaux: +105 (753)

Pat Olson: +91 (748)  
Ken Ingram: +90 (690)  
Randy Nieto: +90 (744)  
Roger Montavon: +85 (742)

3,677 total pins (handicap)  
Milo Prideaux led the parade of big shooters who made the team of the week. Milo fired scratch 223 and 203 games in the Industrial, finishing his set 105 pins over his average. This is his second appearance on the big five. Next, Pat Olson was simply spectacular in the tough Wednesday night Fraternal League where he tossed his 17th career perfect 300 game. Onlookers report that every one of his twelve strikes in a row were perfect pocket hits. What an incredible number! 17 perfects, can you believe anybody can be that good at this game? Pat went on to notch a spiffy scratch 739 series that was 91 pins over his average, making the classy crew for the second time this season. Ken Ingram gets the third spot based on his solid outing in the Thursday afternoon Lads & Lassies League. Ken logged a fine scratch 211 game and finished his series 90 pins over his average. This is Ken's first-ever appearance on the team of the week. Randy Nieto grabs the fourth slot based on his fine effort in the Industrial. This is his fourth appearance on the fab five. Getting the anchor on the vaunted five is Roger Montavon who had a great showing in the Fraternal where he notched a near perfect 299 game. "Sarge" had a nervy 10th frame, getting the first two strikes on high hits but his 12th and final ball went wide, leaving the two pin. Perhaps he over adjusted

on that last toss because of the previous high hits. Nevertheless, Roger finished up 85 pins over his average with a nifty scratch 715 series. This is Roger's fifth appearance on the team of the week this season tying him for the most in town this season. Great bowling everybody!

### League highs

**Monday evening Industrial:**  
Randy Nieto: 242 game & 648 series  
Lynn Spellman: 258 game  
Fred Bergren: 248 game  
George Buck: 244 game  
Jann Halstead: 243 game  
Greg McDaniel: 242 game  
Pat Olson: 236 game  
**Tuesday morning Ladies Workshirkers:**  
Nancy Asai: 502 series

Mary Neville: 207 game  
**Wednesday evening Fraternal:**  
Pat Olson: 300, 247 games & 739 series  
Roger Montavon: 299, 256 games & 715 series  
Jeff Miller: 654 series  
Josh Worth: 255 game & 652 series  
Bernie Keys: 212 game & 584 series  
Bryan Mason: 256 game  
Bill Pullum: 249 game  
Jeff Brittle: 246 game  
Lynn Spellman: 238 game  
Greg McDaniel: 236 game  
**Thursday afternoon Lads & Lassies:**  
Clifford Beat: 227, 204 games & 603 series  
Joyce Hert: 481 series  
Ken Ingram: 211 game

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## Athlete of the Week

**Kat McElderry**  
HRV girls lacrosse

Kat McElderry scored seven goals this week for HRV, helping lead the Eagles to wins over Cleveland and Central Catholic. The freshman's four goals against Cleveland were a team-high.

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