



In extra innings, HRV wins thriller over Pendleton

Eagles hold off Buckaroos, 2-1 in Hood River; go up 2-1 in the season series against league opponents

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There may not have been much offense to speak of from either team, but Tuesday's home game between the Hood River Valley Eagles and the Pendleton Buckaroos still provided plenty of excitement.

After coughing up a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning, the Eagles (10-6 overall, 2-1 Columbia River Conference) came back in extra innings to take out the Buckaroos (5-11 overall, 1-2 CRC), 2-1, in what was a high-tension, defensive battle that smacked of a playoff matchup.

HRV got on Traner Field's scoreboard quick after third baseman/relief pitcher Kellan Duffy knocked a line drive single into left field, allowing Skyler Hunter to advance from third base after he singled earlier in the inning.

Neither team could gain traction for the next few innings, with both Pendleton and HRV getting hits, but leaving runners stranded on bases. In the top of the fourth, with bases

loaded, Pendleton scored the equalizer on an HRV error to make it a 1-1 game.

After short stints for both teams in the fifth and sixth innings, as well as a short trip to the plate by Pendleton in the top of the seventh, came close to wrapping the game up in the bottom of the seventh when it once again loaded the bases up with just one out. However, Pendleton was able to shut HRV down again after executing a successful double play and preventing utility Chase Lariza from scoring what would have been the winning run, prompting some whoops from the Buckaroos as they returned to their dugout.

With their 9-8 loss to Pendleton last Saturday fresh on their mind — which saw the Buckaroos rally in the sixth inning to erase what had been an 8-5 HRV lead — the Eagles were determined to not let Pendleton skate by once again. After some stellar play by pitcher Kam Walker, who struck out six batters and allowed just four hits over seven innings, Duffy stepped in to relieve Walker, immediately striking out

a Pendleton batter, while HRV's infield and outfield did the rest by grabbing two quick outs to end the inning.

To start, HRV didn't have to do much work to get on the bag in the bottom of the eighth inning, with Pendleton's pitcher promptly beaming Patrick Harvey and Adam Cameron. With runners on first and second and no outs, outfielder Dallas Buckley laid down a bunt in between the pitcher and third base line, and Harvey was able to reach home on a Pendleton error to win the game for HRV. Harvey took off his helmet and cheered after touching home plate, and the Eagles' dugout emptied as players sprinted toward second base, where they collapsed into a celebratory dogpile.

With the win over Pendleton, HRV is ranked 10th in OSAA 5A, and first in the CRC over 18th-ranked The Dalles, 25th-ranked Hermiston, and 17th-ranked Pendleton. HRV will face the Hermiston Bulldogs (8-6 overall, 1-2 CRC) here Saturday in a doubleheader that starts at noon.



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THE FINAL PLAY: In the first frame, Dallas Buckley lays down a bunt, helping Patrick Harvey reach home (seen celebrating in the second frame), which gave HRV and prompted the dugouts to empty and a celebratory dogpile to form at second base (third frame).

HRV softball produces more offense, but can't find a way past Pendleton

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After winning five of their last six to close out non-league play, the Eagles have not gotten the start to Columbia River Conference games they were hoping for, dropping their third straight game to Pendleton Tuesday evening.

Last weekend, HRV (7-10 overall, 0-3 CRC) lost both games of a doubleheader in Pendleton (9-7 overall, 3-0 CRC), getting shut out in the first game by the Buckaroos, 0-9, and losing by a double-digit margin in the second game, which wound up 15-2.

After producing two runs over the course of two games, HRV returned to its home turf Tuesday looking to ratchet up its offense. And while the Eagles were able to put up five runs off of eight hits, they were no match for the Buckaroos' bats, which produced 21 hits and 18 runs — three of which were homers — in the six-inning game.

"Pendleton is a solid team," said coach Eric Keller. "They are tremendous athletes that make plays defensively and offensively."

After Tuesday's game, Pendleton ranked first out of all 33 5A teams in runs scored this season, with 140. But despite Pendleton's prowess, it was HRV that had control in the beginning of the game, not Pendleton.

After the Buckaroos scored a run in the top of the first to get things rolling, HRV fired back in the bottom of the same inning when first baseman Breanna Weekly grounded out to Pendleton's shortstop, allowing catcher/infielder Zoe Munn — who had just advanced to third off a stolen base — to advance home to make it 1-1. HRV added another in a similar fashion when catcher/infielder Kelsey Wells grounded out to shortstop again, allowing outfielder JoJo Karr to advance home from third.

Pendleton responded in the top of the second with another run, to make it 2-2, and after a scoreless inning from HRV, the Buckaroos' offense kicked into high gear, producing three runs in the third and four in the fourth to make it 9-2.

The Eagles added another run in the bottom of the fourth when outfielder Jessie Karr scored off a line-drive single to right field from outfielder Makena Zeller, but Pendleton con-

tinued to pour it on throughout subsequent innings, scoring another two runs in the fifth and seven runs in the sixth to go up 18-3. To start the final inning, Jessie Karr smashed one to the left field fences to make it 18-4 and Zeller was the final scorer for HRV, who came home off a fly ball hit to center field by Jessica DeHart, which was good for a double.

Kaylin Winans pitched the entire game for HRV, striking out two. Weekly led the team with five putouts on six chances, and Zeller was solid in the outfield with four putouts on five chances.

The three losses to Pendleton makes all the more important for HRV to come away with wins this Saturday afternoon when it plays a doubleheader in Hood River against Hermiston, currently ranked 23rd and only one spot behind HRV both in the state and the conference. HRV is ranked third in CRC and Hermiston is ranked fourth, with the second and third seeds selected for play-in games at the end of the season.

"It is going to be a battle between The Dalles, Hermiston, and us to earn the last two spots in the playoffs," Keller said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Girls lax loses to Lincoln

The girls lax team had what coach Andrew McElderry called a tough loss against Lincoln Tuesday night dropping the game 14-9 after going up by two goals in the first half at one point. Savannah Brentlinger led the way with three goals on four shots, followed by Erin Mayer with two goals, and Riley Bauer, Daisy Dolan, Ellen Hudon, and Lydia McElderry with one apiece. McElderry had a team-high six shots as well as the team's only two assists of the evening. Victoria Kohner-Flanagan was tops in the ground ball category with seven, and Mayer and Savanna Boersma led in draw controls with two each. Ella Rand stopped eight of 22 shots (36.4 percent).

Girls lax gets revenge against Grant

Last time the HRV Eagles faced Grant, the Generals snuck by HRV by a score of 6-5. On Thursday, though, HRV got revenge, beating Grant by a score of 10-9. McElderry was pleased with his team's "great composure" and its ability to hang on the ball; at one point HRV had possession for 10 straight minutes. Savannah Brentlinger led with five goals, Lydia McElderry was close behind with four, and Erin Mayer rounded out scoring with one. Mayer and Riley Bauer split the ground balls title with four, and Brentlinger, McElderry, Kelli Clarke, and Laura Scarborough all had a team-high two draw controls. Ella Rand was good in next, stopping 10 of 19 shots (52.6 percent). HRV next faces Wilson in Hood River Monday at 7 p.m.

Barajas breaks his own record

Sebastian Barajas shattered his own shot put record at a meet in The Dalles against The Dalles and Dufur. Barajas threw the shot 54 feet, 6 inches, breaking the school record he had set last week of 51-10. Overall, both the boys and the girls teams won the meet. HRV next travels to Bend to compete in the Summit Invitational Saturday.

Kegler's Corner

Ruff-N-Tuff wins second half of Lads & Lassies League

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Last week the Ruff-N-Tuff team won the second half of the Thursday afternoon senior Lads & Lassies League at Hood River's Orchard Lanes. Like its big counterpart (the Wednesday afternoon senior Colts & Fillies), this league doesn't have a roll-off for an overall champion — instead it honors the winners of the first and second halves. Bowling for the Ruff-N-Tuff squad were Larry Scroggins, Michael Ross, Allan Ross and Vicki Ross. The Ruff-N-Tuffers join the 3 Pugs, winners of the first half in the elite winners circle. Bowling for the Lads & Lassies this season. As always, thanks to everyone for bowling this league with us. We love the seniors! Many of these veterans of the bowling wars are with us four times a week. More of this senior action will continue this summer with a cracking good league run by our eminently capable Hood River Bowling Association manager, Joyce Ebersole. Stay in touch, because that summer league will start in just a few weeks; sign-ups are available now at the front desk of the lanes. All seniors are welcome! And, the very popular senior Monte Carlo will run as usual on Monday and Friday — that should give everyone plenty to do this summer. We look forward to seeing you.

Well, that leaves just one to go. The powerhouse Wednesday night Fraternal League still has a couple of weeks left in the season. Right now, it's a close race for the third-round lead in the league between Team Hirata and Your Rental Center. This competitive league will have a four-team roll-off on its last night for the championship between the winners of the three rounds and a wildcard team that had the most points, but didn't win a round. This is always a donnybrook, worth the price of admission (just kidding, it's free!) to watch the big boys (and girls!) duke it out for bragging rights in the best league in the Gorge. Stay tuned. I'll be there to watch this spectacle, how about you?

League Highs:

Wednesday evening Fraternal:
Lynn Spellman: 285 game & 740 series
Jeremy Bloom: 258 game & 684 series
Brandon Kawachi: 258 game & 672 series
Bob Reid: 659 series
Bernie Keys: 216, 201 games & 579 series
Fred Bergren: 237 game
Spencer Johnisee: 236 game
Jenna Hert: 200 game



Photo by Ben Mitchell

MAKING THE CUT

HRV middle Bruce Ostler cuts around a defender during Hood River's 15-3 loss to Lincoln on Tuesday at home. Ostler scored two goals in the game and Levi Glass added another. Coach Matt Luchsinger said the team had Lincoln "on its toes" at the end of the first quarter, down 4-3, but weren't able to match Lincoln's ability to grab ground balls in the second half. HRV rallied on Wednesday to take down league opponent Grant by a score of 10-5. HRV's next game will be at Wilson on Monday evening.

Hood River 14&U water polo takes bronze at Rose Cup tourney

Hood River Water Polo's 14&under team traveled to the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center last weekend to play in the Rose Cup Tournament, an annual three-day event in Beaverton that attracted competitive teams from Canada, Oregon and Washington. Teams played against five teams in a round-robin format on Friday and Saturday, with playoffs on Sunday. The 14 players on the coed Hood River team club finished with a record of 3-2 after the initial round, with wins against teams from Tualatin Hills (16-1), Eugene (13-9), and Victoria (13-4) and losses against teams from Bainbridge Island (3-8) and Bellevue (10-12). The team had enough wins to move into Sunday's playoff battle for third place.

Playing against a very evenly matched team from Eugene for

the bronze, Hood River trailed by two goals at the end of the first quarter, but picked up steam to lead by one goal at halftime. The team kept the momentum going in the second half, increasing their lead by two goals at the end of the third quarter and then opening their lead even wider to finish with an 11-8 victory.

"The team played in their first Rose Cup tournament last year, and our kids were a bit shell-shocked at that time to learn just how physical water polo games can be," said coach Dave Cameron. "They have really come a long way in one year to finish third out of six teams, especially given the high level of competition at this tournament."

The Hood River Water Polo Club, now in its fourth year, has programs for all age groups,

ranging from an introductory Splash Ball program for elementary school students to a senior group of players preparing for the fall high school water polo season. Practices

are held at the Hood River Aquatic Center. Contact hoodriverwaterpolo@gmail.com for more information.



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HOOD RIVER PLAYERS who participated in the tournament included (l to r): Olivia Sumerfield, Teddy Parkinson, Tae Carlson, Leo Kissinger, Chad Klaas, Corbett Blackman, Cole Sisco, Sean Arpag, Sammy Einhorn, Faith Ocheskey, Jack Schofield, Jamie Robinson, and Madaket Greenleaf. Not pictured: Hannah Roser.