

# GIRLS

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was perfect at the plate with a team-high four hits in as many at-bats, hitting three singles and a double, and leading the team in scoring with three runs. Sharing that honor was senior first baseman, who also led the team in scoring, led the team with three RBI, and was a perfect three for three at-bats, hitting two singles and a double. Other hitters for HRV included Jessie Karr (3 for 3, 3 singles), Hannah McNeerney (2 for 3, single, double), Jessica DeHart (1 for 3, single), Kelsey Wells (1 for 3, single), Jenni Packer (1 for 3, single), and Makena Zeller (1 for 3, single). The team totaled 16 hits and only had one error.

HRV's defense was arguably almost as impressive as its offense, especially considering that the Eagles are currently fourth in 5A in runs allowed. DeHart led the team with five putouts, as well as an assist. McNeerney was on the mound throughout all five innings, sending two batters packing and giving up seven hits.

The win was big in another way besides just beating a rival league opponent: it put No. 20 HRV two games up on No. 24 Hermiston (1-8 CRC, 7-15 overall), who is fighting with HRV for the final play-in spot in the CRC. HRV was scheduled to play No. 2 Pendleton on Friday and has a big game Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. against Hermiston that could determine HRV's eligibility for a play-in game.

# BOYS

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double by Buckley. All garnered one RBI each as well, excluding Van Hoose. Harvey, Hunter, Lariza, and Buckley led the team in scoring with two runs each; other scoring runners included

Walker, Kellan Duffy, Ryan Ward, and Van Hoose.

After hosting the No. 15-ranked Pendleton Buckaroos Friday evening — which could wrap up the CRC title for HRV if the Buckaroos lose — the No. 10-ranked Eagles will travel to Hermiston (No. 26) for their final road game of the season.



## May 2015: High mountain trout

Acting like a steelhead, the trout yanked our son's rod down and headed for the other side of the lake, stopping to perform a double somersault before falling back into the water, before changing directions and heading for a submerged stump near shore. Wade, our younger son (now 22), held his rod high and steered the torpedo-acting fish away from the bark-covered obstacle.

Wanting to arrive at our favorite mountain lake early, we'd left home just before 4 a.m. The birds were still chirping when we arrived at the Forest Service campground, launched our boat, and parked after placing a Forest Service, Discovery, and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife parking pass on the dashboard of my truck. The boat launch was empty, which surprised us considering the number of trout lurking, we knew, under the water's glassy surface.

Since the rules on Goose Lake (located on the south flank of Mt. Adams, west of Trout Lake) don't allow gas motors, we'd taken our Willie drift boat, complete with a cooler for lunch and fish. We see some anglers fishing this mountain lake using electric-trolling-motors for propulsion but, for us, rowing is easy and a lot less fuss.

We tried several fishing techniques during our morning adventure. The first was to slow troll, we're talking dead slow, small F-5 FlatFish 50 to 60 feet behind our boat. Dark-colored plugs like a frog, black and brown, are what produced best on this particular day — all tipped with a quarter-inch section pinched from a white-colored PowerBait maggot. It's always amazed me how fickle trout can be in regard to lure color and size on different lakes and at different times of year. Other plug colors we don't leave home without include gold and silver.

This method produced for the first hour, but the trout either moved or wised up to this tactic, which forced us to try something different.

It was then that we switched to casting and retrieving spinners. All fish, especially trout, can't resist the sonic vibration produced by a blade spinning on a wire shaft. The other thing appealing about fishing spinners (and casting spoons for that matter) is they allow you to cover a lot of water in a short amount of time.

Our best producing spinner — we've tried many different ones — was a black-colored Rooster Tail tipped with a half-inch section from an equally black Gulp! worm. Tipping lures with a scent-filled product works better than you might think and something we often do.

If you're new to lake fishing, keep in mind that fish may be holding near shore or the lake surface early or late in the day (or on overcast days) and will most likely move into deeper water as the light intensifies. After all, fish don't have eyelids (or sunglasses), so the only way they can control the amount of light entering their eye is by their location.

What we caught were a mixture of brown, rainbow, cutthroat and brook trout. The brook trout spawn naturally in Goose Lake and are so numerous they are mostly small, hardly ever do you catch one over 10-inches, which is what prompted the Department of Fish and Wildlife to first plant brown trout in the lake, which they do each and every year.

While the majority of brown trout average 12-to-14 inches, there are much larger, trophy size, ones lurking in this lake. For example, WDFW biologist John Weinheimer tells me he has handled 6- to 7-pound fish living in Goose lake. According to Bev Meyer, owner of the Trout Lake Grocery (509-395-2777), the three largest brown trout brought into her store from Goose Lake have included a 15.44-pound monster taken in 1994 that measured 31.5 inches, a 16.3-pounder caught from the east end of the lake on PowerBait in 2008, and a 10.28-pounder taken in May of 2009.

There are hundreds of high mountain lakes in the Northwest. Many only become accessible to anglers when lingering winter snows finally melt off the roads and trails leading to them, but this year's low snow pack has made for early access and a prolonged period of good fishing. Don't pass up the thrill of catching high mountain trout.

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# LAX

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Lydia McElderry and Kat McElderry in the waning minutes. The final goal of the night went to Brentlinger, who, hearing the countdown with 10 seconds remaining, bolted up the field and despite Cleveland swarming her with defenders, Brentlinger was able to poke her stick out and slide one past the Warrior's goalie as she fell sideways with one second left.

The spectacular move resulted in Brentlinger sustaining an injury that saw her carried off the field, but smiling, as her teammates and the crowd in the stands at Henderson Stadium roared their approval. Immediately after the match, McElderry said he believed it to be "a minor tear in her calf" that likely wouldn't keep her out of the playoffs.

"It was pretty crazy in there," he said of the shot. "She was guarded pretty well and saw an opening and took it high and put it into the back of the net."

Brentlinger was the team's leading scorer, with four goals on the evening and also leading the team in ground balls, with six. Daisy Dolan led on draw controls, winning three.

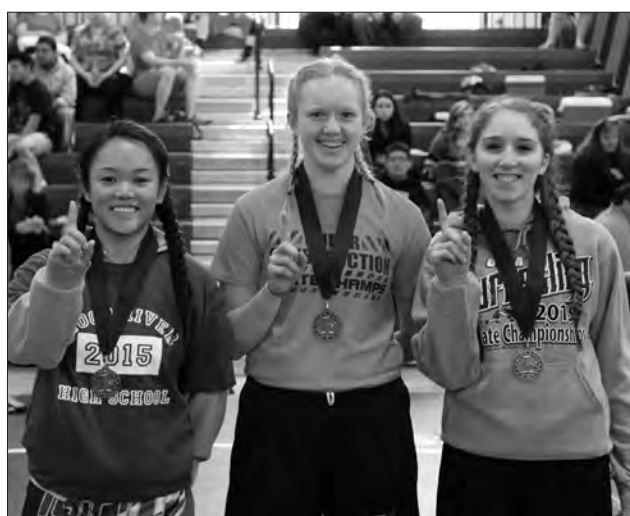
In net, frosh goalie Ella Rand had her best game of the season, making some key saves in the second half of the game that could have very easily been goals. She stopped eight of 12 shots to end the night with a 66.7 save percentage.

"Ella Rand had some great saves," McElderry said. "She's really kind of coming

into her own."

The Eagles, who are ranked 15th, will face No. 18 Marist on Monday; game time was not available at press time. The two teams have not faced each other this season. Marist has a 9-3 record in the South League (9-4 overall), while HRV ended the season with a 7-5 record in the Portland League (7-8 overall).

Look for an update on the News' web and Facebook pages when the game time is known.



Photos by Deona Rigert

LOCAL WRESTLERS had a good showing at the Oregon Freestyle and Greco-Roman State Championship this past weekend. In the left frame, Joanna Endow, Payton Rigert, and Sarah Sullenger display their first-place medals; in the right frame, Dylan Peterson, who took fourth in the Cadet Division of the Greco-Roman competition, grapples with an opponent.

## HRV wrestlers take spring championships by storm

By PAYTON RIGERT  
News intern

The Hood River Valley Wrestling Club competed at the Oregon Freestyle and Greco-Roman State Championship this past weekend. They weighed in Friday night and traveled down to Crescent Valley High School.

On Saturday, the athletes competed in the Oregon Freestyle State Championships in either the Junior or Cadet divisions. Freestyle wrestling is a different style of wrestling that is not used in competition throughout the normal high school season, but the fundamentals are the same. Wrestling in the Junior division, Joseph Linebarger at 220lbs, placed fifth after a grueling battle, and Max Lane at 285 pounds placed sixth. In the Cadet division, Jason Shaner wrestled hard for a fourth-place finish at 132 pounds and Justin Wilson, who was the last match of the night, placed fifth at 285 pounds.

The next day was the Oregon Greco-Roman State Championships. In Greco-Roman wrestling, the athletes are not allowed to touch the legs of the other opponents, which makes the matches all about arm strength and technique.

In the Junior Division, Max Lane placed second at 285 pounds after a day of tough matches. Cadet wrestler Angel Jones placed second at 113 pounds, finishing out a great year. Also in the Cadet Division, Jason Shaner placed fifth at 132 pounds, Dylan Peterson battled for fourth place at 138 pounds, and Justin Wilson finished in fourth place at 285 pounds.

The Hood River Valley Wrestling Club women's team also competed in the Oregon Women's Freestyle and Greco-Roman State Championships. In the Oregon Women's Freestyle State Championship, Sarah Sullenger at 121 pounds, Joanna Endow at 125 pounds, and Payton Rigert at 159 pounds were all named state champions. Next, in the Oregon Women's Greco-Roman State Tournament, the girls had another fantastic day. Sarah Sullenger at 121 pounds, Joanna Endow at 125 pounds, and Payton Rigert at 159 pounds were again named state champions for the Women's Greco Roman State Tournament.

Sarah Sullenger and Payton Rigert were then named Triple Crown winners for being state champions in Folkstyle, Freestyle, and Greco-Roman wrestling.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Veatch receives recognition in rookie season

Annie Veatch received an honorable mention when the announcement for the 2015 All-Northwest Conference Softball Team was made this week. Veatch, a graduate of Hood River Valley High School, currently plays Division III softball as a freshman at George Fox University. In her rookie season, playing in 41 of the 44 games, Veatch led the team in batting average with .395 and on-base percentage with .505. She was second in slugging percentage (.593), RBI (25) and homeruns (3).

### Swimmers bring home hardware from Bend Invite

The Hood River Valley Swim Team competed at the Bend Invitational this past weekend at the Juniper Aquatic Center in Bend. Teams from Corvallis, Bend, Portland, Hood River, Redmond, Sweet Home and Camas, Wash., participated in this early season long-course meet. Top scorers for the HRV Osprey included Dhani Freeland, with wins in the senior 50-meter freestyle (29.26 seconds) and in the 100 freestyle (1:02.23); Kylie Webb with a win in the senior 400 individual medley (5:35.06), and Sarah Arpag showed her strength with two third-place finishes in the 12 & under girls 100 backstroke (1:22.10) and 50 butterfly (36). Also scoring for the team was Allie Burke with 16th in the senior 400 freestyle (5:22.84), Celilo Brun with 13th in the 13 & over 200 butterfly (3:27.63), and Shea Kasenga with a 12th-place finish in the 12 & under girls 50 breaststroke (45.45). Other participants included Michelle Graves, Dacia Kasenga, Thea Smith, and Nadia Smith.

### Girls tennis match rescheduled

Due to the rain/thunder/hail storm, Wednesday's HRV girls tennis home match against Hermiston was rescheduled for Tuesday at 4 p.m. It will be their final home match and regular season match. Recently, the Eagles came away with a 1-3 record at a duals tournament in Bend last weekend, losing to Mt. View, Ashland, and Hermiston (3-5, 2-6, 3-5, respectively), but beating Summit's JV team by a score of 5-3. The team also lost to The Dalles April 29 in a 3-5 decision.

### Boys lax wins at Cleveland

The HRV boys lacrosse are trying to keep their post-season dreams alive and helped themselves out Thursday evening with a 14-8 road win over Cleveland. Currently, the team is sitting in 25th place in the LaxPower rankings, just one spot out of the playoffs. The Eagles will have their last game of the regular season May 14 at 7:30 p.m. against the formidable Central Catholic, which will be played at Milwaukie High School.

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**Athlete of the Week**

**Savannah Brentlinger**  
HRV girls lacrosse

Savannah led HRV with four goals and six ground balls during Thursday's 12-4 win over Cleveland.

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