



Eagles win defensive battle against Rams

HRV edges No. 3 6A Central Catholic, 2-1; will host a playoff game Wednesday

HRV CATCHER
Adam Cameron makes a catch during Wednesday afternoon's game against the 6A Central Catholic Rams. Cameron made a number of key plays including a putout at home that prevented a Rams runner from scoring. The game was a defensive one, with the two teams combining for seven hits and three runs.

Photo by Ben Mitchell



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HRV's game Wednesday against the Central Catholic Rams wasn't on the schedule to start the season, with Eagles' coach Erich Harjo adding the contest a few weeks ago with the intention of preparing his athletes for the playoffs by giving them extra practice against a highly competitive opponent.

The Rams, ranked third in Class 6A, certainly made things interesting for HRV, holding the No. 7 5A Eagles to just two hits and two runs in what was one of the least productive games offensively at Traner Field for the team this season. But despite the lack of production, and despite Central Catholic putting up five hits, HRV was able to hang on and defeat the Rams, 2-1.

It was the second game in a row where HRV held its opponent scoreless for the majority of the game, and then saw its opponent battle back in the final innings. HRV faced a similar situation against The Dalles last week, which saw HRV escape with a 5-3 win after going up 5-0 by the end of the fifth inning. Harjo said after that game that "we practice situational baseball a lot every week" and noted that "just staying calm and being able to trust our ability during tense situations" allowed the team to defeat The Dalles.

On Wednesday in Hood River, neither team could get much of anything going in the first part of the game. After two innings, the two teams had combined for three hits and no runs, with the sole hit for HRV coming from Ryan Ward, who hit a line drive to left field that was good for a single.

Things got a bit more interesting in the top of the third, when, with runners on second and third, Central Catholic second baseman Ishmail Shabazz hit one to center field, which was grabbed by Dallas Buckley and thrown to HRV catcher Adam Cameron, who was able to tag out Rams first baseman Sam Muskat and prevent from scoring the go-ahead run.

HRV got on the board next inning, when, after both Buckley and Kam Walker were hit by pitches and advanced, Ward hit a line drive to left field, allowing Buckley to score. It was HRV's last single and hit of the evening.

The Eagles took advantage of sloppy pitching in the bottom of the fourth, when Harvey, who has been hit by nine pitches this season (more than anyone else on HRV's roster), was beaned by Central Catholic's pitcher, Cole Stringer. A balk by Stringer sent Harvey to second and an error allowed Cameron to advance to first and Harvey advance to third, who then scored on a wild pitch to put HRV up 2-0.

Central Catholic didn't respond until the top of the sixth, when Stringer scored as HRV third baseman Kellan Duffy fielded a ground ball and threw it to Montana Kurahara to what would've been the final out of the inning. However, in a call that both those in the HRV stands and dugout protested, the runner was declared safe and Central Catholic narrowed it to 2-1.

HRV didn't respond in the bottom of the sixth and the Rams put HRV in an extremely uncomfortable position, grabbing a quick three hits to load the bases with no outs.

However, thanks to some good fielding by HRV — including a put out at home by Cameron — as well as the pitching of relief Ward, the Eagles held onto the win.

On the mound, Walker started for HRV, throwing out two batters in four innings, walking two, and giving up two hits. Ward gave up three hits, one run (none earned), and struck out five.

"What I've noticed about (Ward) and our other starting pitchers is that they have confidence in throwing all of their pitches," Harjo said after the game against The Dalles last week. "We aren't afraid to attack a hitter and challenge him to make contact. Defensively, we can play very well so I think that gives our pitching staff the confidence to try and force contact in three pitches or less."

A playoff opponent for HRV still hadn't been decided as of press time due to Friday play-in games, but what is known is HRV will host a playoff game Wednesday at either 4:30 or 5 p.m. according to HRVHS Athletic Director Keith Bassham.

Baseball team cleans up in all-league nominations

Columbia River Conference all-league nominations were recently announced, with a good portion of the HRV varsity roster making the cut. Most notable were the accolades for senior Ryan Ward, who was named both Player of the Year and Pitcher of the year for the CRC. Through 23 games and for players who have played five games or more, Ward leads the team in hits (30), RBI (21), batting average (.462), slugging percentage (.585), and is second in on-base percentage (.513), behind senior Kam Walker's average of .526 and stolen bases (five, behind junior Sklyer Hunter's impressive 17 bases). Through 50 pitched innings, Ward has thrown 82 strikes, walked 13, given up 32 hits and 16 runs, culminating in an impressive .980 earned run average.

Erich Harjo, who coached the team to an 18-8 overall record, a 9-3 league record, and the team's first district title win in over two decades, was named CRC Coach of the Year.

Ward also made first team all-league for pitcher, along with Walker. Sophomore Adam Cameron also made the squad for the catcher position.

Hunter, Walker and junior Patrick Harvey were all named to the first team's infield, with Ward and senior Riley Van Hoose named to the outfield. Rounding out the first team selections was junior Chase Lariza, who made it under the designated hitter position.

For second team, Kellan Duffy made the cut and was named to the infield group, while junior Dallas Buckley went to the outfield.



ERICH HARJO
CRC Coach of the Year



RYAN WARD
CRC Player and Pitcher of the Year

Erin Jones takes 17th at World Triathlon event

Triathlete Erin Jones, a Hood River native and 2009 HRVHS graduate, has been busy this spring, traveling the globe to compete in a world series of triathlon races. Most recently, Jones competed in the International Triathlon Union Yokohama event in Yokohama, Japan, where she placed fourth on the American team and 17th overall in a field of 60 world-class athletes in the Elite Women category. Jones completed the bike, swim, run event in just 2 hours, 0 minutes, 15 seconds, which her father, Tony, said, was her best race so far of the world series. Jones, who currently trains in San Diego, Calif., will next head for a race in Ixtapa, Mexico and is looking to eventually qualify to compete in the ITU World Olympic Qualification Event to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in August.



ERIN JONES

Kegler's Corner: Men with Balls wins Fraternal League to close out the season

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At Hood River's Orchard Lanes on Wednesday, May 13, the Fraternal League had its season-ending championship roll-off between three round winners: Men with Balls, Team Hirata, Cardinal Glass and the wildcard, who didn't win a round, but had the most points won: Myassis Dragon. Yes, you've got to hand it to them, there are some creative team names there!

The contest was conducted on a most-pins-knocked-down basis for the three-game match and Men with Balls squeaked in to the winners circle with 2,018 total pins — a mere 22 pins ahead of the second-place finishers, Team Hirata. Congratulations to the champs: Levi Phelps, Court Barker and Casey Barker. The incomparable father-and-son duo of Court and Casey Barker powered their team to the title with scratch 634 and 629 sets, respectively. Great bowling, you three — you can be proud to be the champs of the Fraternal League, the highest average and most competitive league from Pendleton to Gresham.

The 2014-15 bowling season is now in the books. Here are the high scratch scores for the season at Orchard Lanes: **High Series:** Men: Pat Olson (832). Women: Mary Finley (679). Senior Men: Lynn Spellman (750). Senior Women: Charlotte Severns (565). **High Game:** Men: Pat Olson (300). Women: Nancy Asai (289). Senior Men: Gordon Sim (279). Senior Women: Polly Bull (234).

Note, this past season was somewhat unusual as there was only one perfect 300 game and one 800 series rolled at the lanes, both by Pat Olson. Usually, we have several. That may indicate that scoring was a bit tougher this past season.

As we always do after every season ends, here are your city ALL-STAR teams for 2014-15 using the top five scratch

averages (minimum 2/3 league games): Men: 1. Pat Olson (218); 2. Greg McDaniel (218); 3. Jeff Miller (214); 4. Bryan Mason (213); 5. Josh Worth (207). Women: 1. Nancy Asai (192); 2. Sandy Holmes (184); 3. Bernie Keys (178); 4. Jenna Hert (164); 5. Lee Montavon (164).

So, who do you think should be the most valuable player? If you use the season's high game, series and average as criteria, clearly Pat Olson and Nancy Asai would be MVPs. But, there is more to value than just high games, series and averages. What if we factor in who bowled the best on the teams that won and did well in leagues? That's mighty important. Let's take a look:

The high-powered Fraternal League is discussed above and Men with Balls won it, paced by Casey Barker's 205 average. In the Monday night Industrial League, Randy's Painting won and the star on their team was Wally Jaksha, who averaged 188. In the Tuesday morning ladies Workshirkers League, Nobi's won and Nancy Asai led the team with a 183 average. The Tuesday nite Mixed League had two good teams. Team Nishi won the league and Rick Nishimoto led the team with a 177 average. But, the Take Ten team won the most points in the TNM and Carl Casey starred on that team with a 191 average. In the Thursday County League, the Flintstones team won the most points, led by Joyce Wilson with a 156 average. But, The Dudes won the County League and Matt Mombouquette powered their win with a 149 average. That leaves the seniors. In their Wednesday Colts & Filies League, the Mighty Ducks took the most points, led by Len Hickman, who averaged 180. And in their Thursday Lads & Lassies League the 3 Pugs team was the point leader, led by Clifford Beat with a 182 average.

Next, we've got to consider the bowlers who shined in the city tournaments, in the most valuable discussion, because

SPORTS BRIEFS

Girls lax players receive all-league honors

The HRV girls lacrosse team capped off a successful season with a few of its players selected for all-league honors that were recently announced. Making the first team for the Portland League on attack was junior Lydia McEldery. Sophomore Riley Bauer, an attack, made second team and Erin Mayer, a junior, also made the second team at the midfield position. Laura Scarborough, a junior, received an honorable mention.

Softball racks up all-league awards

Numerous names from the HRV softball roster made it on this season's all-league list for the Columbia River Conference. The future seems bright for the team, with two HRV freshman making the list: Hannah McNeerney, making first team as pitcher and Zoe Munn making first team for catcher. Only four freshman total in the CRC were named to any all-league team. JoJo Karr, a senior, was also named to the first team's outfield. HRV athletes making second team were seniors Breanna Weekly, Kelsey Wells, and Jessica DeHart, all for the infield. Rounding out the second team honors for HRV were senior Jessie Karr, for outfield, and senior Jenni Packer, as utility player.

ICMGA tourney results

Indian Creek Men's Golf Association recently announced its 2015 Spring Handicap Tournament winner as Phil Cannell. Cannell reportedly overcame a Day 1 two-stroke deficit to win by two strokes over Brian Fallow, with a net score of 69 on Saturday and following that up with a net 68 on Sunday. Awards were also given to the top three net scores and top gross score in three flights. Winners: Overall Champion: Phil Cannell (Net 137). A Flight: 1st low net: Mark Daly (144); 2nd low net: John Cochran (146); 3rd low net: Mitch Huru, Paul Armerding (tie, 147); Low gross: Eudoro Cervantes (156). B Flight: 1st low net: Brian Fallow (139); 2nd low net: Pat McAllister (144); 3rd low net: Randy Yoshimura (145); Low gross: Jim Slusher (170). C Flight: 1st low net: Jim Ferrer (145); 2nd low net: Tim Howland (147); 3rd low net: Matt Stoneberg, Dan Nielson (tie, 149); Low gross: Pat Connolly (178). The ICMGA Match Play tournament kicks off on Saturday, May 30.

HRMGA tourney results

The Hood River Men's Golf Association held a two-man best ball tournament at the Hood River Country Club golf course on May 17. First place, gross, was won by Kevin Hay and Doug Hamada, while first place, net, was won by Gary Sollman and Robin Goodyer. Second place was shared by Mike Beckner and Harold McBain with Bill Van Ek and Bruce George. Individual prizes were awarded to Kip Miller, No. 7; Bruce George, No. 11; Kevin Hay, LD; Gary Sollman, LP, No. 9; Leonard Hickman; and Bill Van EK, No. 18. The prize for No. 18 was a bone-handle obsidian knife donated by Scotty Lindsey. The next HRMGA tournament is June 14 and is open to any golfer with a handicap.

Gorge Roller Girls host bout May 30

The Gorge Roller Girls All Stars will have their final home bout of the season on Saturday, May 30 at The Dalles Armory located at 402 East Scenic Drive. Doors open at 5 p.m., action starts at 6. General admission is \$10; students and seniors pay \$5; kids under 6 get in for free. Tickets are available at gorgerollergirls.org.

Oregon Beach Wrestling Champs May 30 in HR

The Oregon Beach Wrestling Championships makes its return to Hood River on Saturday, May 30 at the Hood River Marina Beach, where wrestlers will square off in the sand and battle for medals and glory. Competition consists of senior, high school and kids divisions, with and male and female divisions within the senior and high school categories. On-site registration is \$10; male competitors are required to wear athletic swimming trunks and women can wear a one- or two-piece bathing suit (fight/board short and compression shirts are okay). No charge for spectators. Registration runs from 9 to 10 a.m. and wrestling begins at 11. For more information, contact Trent Kroll at trent.kroll@hoodriver.k12.or.us or 541-399-6123.

WDFW expands fishing area on WS River

White Salmon River anglers will be allowed to fish for hatchery spring chinook from the county bridge below the former power house upstream to the Northwestern Road Bridge beginning May 23 through July 31. Through June 30, the daily limit is two hatchery chinook or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Effective July 1, the hatchery salmon/steelhead daily limit will be three fish, of which no more than two may be hatchery spring Chinook. Salmon minimum size is 12 inches. Wild chinook and wild steelhead must be released. Release all gamefish except hatchery steelhead. Selective gear rules will be in effect. A Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement is required. This action will implement new permanent rules recently adopted during the gamefish and North of Falcon salmon regulation processes. Spring Chinook strays have been found in the system. This regulation opens an additional 3 miles of river to fishing for salmon. Information contact: (360) 696-6211. For latest information press *1010.