

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Baseball to host Dallas May 27

With the conclusion of last week's play-in games, the HRV baseball team now has an opponent: the Dallas Dragons, who edged Springfield, 9-8, for the honor of playing HRV. The No. 10 Dragons, representing the Mid-Willamette Conference, finished with a 16-5 league record, 19-8 overall record. They will face the No. 7 Eagles Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Hood River at the high school baseball field.

### Handball tourney May 30

Forty handball players from all over Oregon have been paired up and will be battling it out in the first-ever Hood River Invitational Handball Tournament this weekend. The event is free to attend, but all profits from sponsors, entry fees, beer sales, and raffle items will go to the Lila May cancer fund. The event will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elks Lodge located at 304 Cascade Ave. For more information, call Stephen Stenberg at 541-399-2656, email hoodriverha@gmail.com, or go to the Hood River Handball Association's Facebook page.

### Ziegner's run at state tourney ends in quarterfinals

The HRV boys tennis season came to an end last week at the West Hills Racquet Club in Portland, where Scottie Ziegner, the lone representative for the Eagles in the OSAA 5A State Championships, made it as far as the quarterfinals of the singles bracket before he was defeated in the first round on May 21, Ziegner defeated Mischa Kirby, of Ashland, in a gritty, three-set match. Ziegner won the first set, 6-3, then dropped the first set, 3-6, and battled back to win the final set, 6-4. Ziegner had a rough matchup in the quarterfinal round, facing No. 4 seed Rajul Chikkalingaiah, of Crescent Valley, who defeated Ziegner in two sets (6-1, 6-1). Chikkalingaiah would ultimately place fourth overall in the singles tournament. Coach Jon Hiatt described Chikkalingaiah as a "very crafty and experienced player. He travels all around the country playing year-round. Just a great player." Hiatt reflected on what he called a "great season," which saw the team win its first-ever Columbia River Conference title, tying for second in the district championship, and sending an athlete to state for the fourth season in a row. The team graduates nine seniors this year, one of whom is Ziegner. "They will be missed. What a great group of student-athletes," Hiatt said.

## HRV

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the shot with a throw of 53-02.5 and first in discus with a throw of 175-07 on what Herneisen said were "very cool and wet conditions Friday morning." Herneisen said Barajas went with his usual discus M.O.: get a big throw early and let his competitors chase him, usually in vain. The junior's winning throw may have been 13 feet shorter than his personal record, but it was 10 feet ahead of the second-place

finisher and "was good enough to win, when winning was all that mattered," Herneisen said.

It was the third consecutive year Barajas won the state title in discus, one of only six athletes ever to do so in Oregon. If Barajas wins again next year, he will become the first-ever Oregon boys discus thrower to win four consecutive titles.

On Saturday, the boys were led by Tyrone Stintzi's third-place finish in the high jump (6-02), as well as Parker Kennedy and senior Patrick Crompton finishing third and fourth in pole vault, re-

spectively with vaults of 14 feet; this was the second podium finish in the pole vault for Crompton in four appearances. Herneisen said the boys also got "a surprise podium finish" in the 4x100 relay. HRV's team composed of Gabriel Campos-Davis, Stintzi, Parker Irusta, and Kennedy finished in eighth with a time of 44.03. Other points came from Justin Crosswhite in the 3000 (7th, 9:04.16) and Irusta in the long jump (20-04).

The meet was a bit of an odd one for the HRV boys, with only four of the team's 44 points coming from track

events, which Herneisen said was "definitely not how we planned out our state meet performance." He added that being "able to trophy without a strong performance on the track" demonstrates the depth of the team.

"Our boys should be extremely proud of their season, even though we didn't have the state championship meet we could have very easily had," Herneisen said. "The boys have the superstars and the supporting cast to make a great run next season, and possibly be the best boys team ever at HRVHS."

## HAWKS

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with Big Sky Conference rival Kelsey Ranger of Echo before bounding to her state championship distance on her final jump. Kempf, jumping last in the preliminary rotation based on the best qualifying mark (34 feet), warmed up and then had to check out of the event before attempting any jumps because the 200 final was at the same time. While the other jumpers were completing their prelim efforts, Kempf was racing by them a few feet away en route to her runner-up finish in the 200 (27.62 seconds).

Kempf checked back in - albeit a bit winded - and opened with a 33-foot, 1/4-inch jump, one and a half inches behind

Ranger's first mark. Kempf improved to 33-3.5 before fouling on her third prelim attempt. Meantime, Ranger improved to 33-7.5, making her the last jumper in the competition as the athletes were re-seeded for the final.

Both Kempf and Ranger improved on each of their final three jumps. Kempf caught Ranger on her second-to-last jump, reaching 33-8.75 to the Echo junior's 33-8.5. Kempf then hopped, stepped and jumped 33-10.75 and watched as Ranger bounded 33-9.75.

The state title was a fitting end to the high school track and field career of Kempf, as she finished as a seven-time placer at the state championships. (The top eight finishers at state score team points.)

"The championship was validation for Hannah for her four years of dedication to the

sport," said Horizon Coach Emma Neiworth-Petshow. "She's a great athlete and a great person."

Kempf's teammates may be just getting started. Five other Horizon girls competed at state, including freshman Paulina Finn, who was sixth in the triple jump and joined Kempf on the eighth place 4x400 relay. Other relay members were sophomore Haley Becnel (who also ran a leg on Horizon's non-scoring 4x100 relay) and sophomore Kloe Brown (who was on the 4x100, as well, and also raced to an eight-second PR in the 800 of 2:42.36). Freshman Miranda Roberts ran the other 4x100 leg and sophomore Savanna Hawk was ninth in the pole vault.

Joining Ramirez as a boys team placer at state was fellow distance runner Jony Nelson.

The sophomore registered a nine-second PR in the 3000, finishing fourth in 9:40.42. Horizon seniors Mason Bloomster and Ryan Aldrich finished fourth and seventh in the discus to complete Horizon's team scoring. Bloomster, who battled a hamstring injury most of the season, finished his high school career as a state placer in four different individual events and one relay over the past three seasons.

## Second annual Hood 2 River Relay returns this weekend

The 2nd Annual Hood 2 River Relay returns this weekend. This multi-sport relay race, put on by Breakaway Promotions, starts up at Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort and descends to the Hood River Marina.

Last year over 300 competitors started the event high on the slopes of Mt. Hood and alpine skied, Nordic skied, mountain biked, road biked, ran, and paddled their way down 50 miles to the finish on the Hood River Marina Lawn. Due to the lack of snow this year the alpine and Nordic ski legs have been replaced with two running legs.

"We are bummed with the incredibly low snow year this year," says event director Chad Sperry. "However, we are excited to have come up with two fun legs to replace the skiing portions of the race. Huge kudos go to the U.S. Forest Service and Meadows for working through these changes and allowing us to keep the race going."

This year's event will start at the main lodge at Mt. Hood Meadows and entail a short uphill sprint for leg #1. This will be followed by a 1.5-mile trail run along Umbrella Falls Trail for leg #2, and then onto the mountain bike to take a fast 6-mile lap around Teacup Nordic Park for leg #3. Next up will be the road cyclists who have a 27-mile downhill run into the Hood River Valley for leg #4, where they will exchange their bike shoes for running shoes at the old Pine Grove Elementary School. Runners will then head down Eastside and Highline roads before winding through town and out to Marina Beach

for leg #5 to begin the paddling leg and the final leg of the race. Competitors can choose between kayaks or stand up paddle boards (SUP) to complete this leg that takes them upriver to the Best Western Hood River Inn and back. The final stretch requires the paddlers to jump off their vessels and sprint the last 400 meters to the finish at the Hood River Marina Lawn.

It's still not too late to sign up. Register online at www.hood2riverrelay.com or sign up at packet pickup and registration at Shortt Supply on Friday May 29th. This event has categories for individuals, two person teams and six-person teams. The general public is welcome to come out and cheer these competitors on and enjoy the Full Sail Brewing post-race party at the Hood River Marina. Many outdoor equipment vendors will be on-site, along with music, great food, and Full Sail on tap.



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Today May 27	Sunny	80° / 59°
Thurs. May 28	Sunny	86° / 61°
Fri. May 29	Mostly Sunny	89° / 62°
Sat. May 30	Partly Cloudy	87° / 61°
Sun. May 31	Partly Cloudy	84° / 60°
Mon. June 1	Partly Cloudy	72° / 58°
Tues. June 2	Mostly Cloudy	68° / 55°

**Oregon Weather Map**

**Today's Forecast**  
A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 11 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. West wind around 8 mph.

Humidity 80%  
Wind Speed S 2 G 4 MPH  
Barometer NA  
Dewpoint 47°F (8°C)  
Visibility NA  
Last update 26 May 7:00 am PDT

**Actual High / Low**  
AGRIMET HOOD RIVER OR  
Lat: 45.6842 Long: -121.5181 Elev: 510  
http://uspest.org

May 18	-	80/50
May 19	-	70/55
May 20	-	81/49
May 21	-	77/55
May 22	-	65/57
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