

SPORTS

Panthers pounce on Eagles



HRV junior Zac Wells (11) looks to pass the ball Jan. 31 at Vannet Court in Hood River.

By **GABRIEL BRAVO**
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Hood River Valley's varsity boys basketball team fell short against Redmond High School 49-39 Friday, Jan. 31. This marks Redmond's fourth consecutive win.

The Panthers' dangerous offense was the main focus in the first quarter.

Redmond seniors Cooper Browning and Dylan Moss netted a total of three three-pointers. With help from senior Henry Chambers and sophomore Garrett Osborne, the Panthers lead the first quarter with 17 points. The Eagles only dropped nine points.

As the quarter ended, HRV junior Ian Searcy was fouled after making a bucket. Searcy nailed the free throw, closed out the

quarter with assurance and an enthusiastic home crowd.

In the second quarter, Redmond kept their offensive momentum going with hard and fast passes but HRV's defense lowered their scoring to nine points. Eagle offense did manage to drive into the paint multiple times, but couldn't execute.

Christopher Dirks, head coach for the Eagles, said both junior Jack Siekkinen and senior Cruise Hawk were going to be aggressive in the key, which they were.

Entering the second half, the Eagle squad came out with energy and outscored the Panthers 12-9. In the fourth quarter, HRV outscored Redmond again 13-12, but was not enough for the win.

The Eagles' was also in a lot of foul trouble: 10 fouls plagued the team in the second half and eight in the first.

"We knew they were going to come out with fire in the second half," Reagan Gilbertson, head coach for Redmond, said. "They hit some tough shots in the second half, and they played well."

One player that proved to be tough for the Eagle offense was Moss. At 6 feet five inches, Moss easily rebounded and muscled his way out of trouble.

"He's our everything. He's averaging 20-10 this year," Gilbertson said. "It's a nice luxury to have when a shot goes up most likely he's going to get it. So, we don't have to work on rebounding as much as we did in the past."

HRV hits the court again Friday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. as they visit The Dalles.



HRV senior Noah Webster (2) goes for a lay-up on a crowded floor.

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HOOD RIVER VALLEY Senior Adam Burke swims past Ridgeview and Redmond athletes Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Hood River Aquatic Center.

Ridgeview and Redmond swim teams visit HRV

By **SHELLY RAWDING**

For the News

The Hood River Valley Eagles boys and girls swimmers took on Intermountain Conference teams Ridgeview and Redmond in a double dual meet last Thursday at the Hood River Aquatic Center. The girls came out ahead in both duals: 119-41 against Ridgeview and 139-26 against Redmond.

For the boys, they lost a close dual with the strong Redmond team 88-80, but came out on top against Ridgeview 99-50.

There was a very close race to start off the individual events of the meet. Madeket Greenleaf won the 200-meter freestyle

by 0.06 over Ridgeview's Aria Mascall. Greenleaf also swam to a second place finish in the 100-meter butterfly.

Sarah Arpag continued her domination of the 100-meter butterfly and 100-meter backstroke events by finishing first in both. Faith Ocheskey won both the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyles to help the girls lead the Eagles to their wins.

Adam Burke won the 400-meter freestyle for the boys and was fifth in the 200-meter freestyle while Olivia Sumerfield won the girls 400-meter freestyle and was third in the 200 individual medley. David Hecksel swam to the win in the 50 freestyle and was second in the 100-meter backstroke.

Clayton Lee was first in the

100-meter butterfly and third in the 200 individual medley while Luke Southall took top honors in the 200-meter freestyle and was second in the 100-meter freestyle. Celilo Brun was second in both the 200-meter individual medley and 100-meter breaststroke while Chloe Bullcock swam to second in the 400-meter freestyle. Owen Summersett was second in the 400-meter freestyle and fourth in the 200-meter freestyle while Lillie Tomlinson swam to second place in the 50-meter freestyle and third in the 100-meter freestyle against the Redmond teams. Gavin Hackett was third in the 100-meter butterfly and fourth in the 100-meter breaststroke. Mary Rose Kissinger was third in the 100-meter butterfly, to finish

the Eagles' sweep of that event. Emma Titus was third in both the 200-meter freestyle and 100-meter breaststroke events. Abby McCormack finished third in the 50-meter freestyle and fourth in the 100-meter freestyle while Campbell Keller was fourth in the 200-meter individual medley and third in the 100-meter backstroke. Teddy Parkinson was fourth in the 100-meter breaststroke while Tristin Smith swam to third in the 100-meter freestyle.

The Eagles have one more home dual meet at Hood River Aquatic Center versus The Dalles on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. Seniors from both Hood River and The Dalles will be honored.



Photo by Shana Sweitzer

COOPER SPUR Alpine Team's Tippen Adams holding her first place trophy at Mt. Hood Meadows Sunday, Jan. 26.

Kids compete in Meadows Challenge

By **SHANA SWEITZER**

For the News

The first youth ski race of the year was held at Mt. Hood Meadows last weekend. Skiers ages 5-13-years-old raced the slalom and giant slalom with athletes coming from all over Oregon and Washington.

Hood River local skiers from Cooper Spur Alpine Team were impressive with U12 girls Annabel Webster winning and Sky Valvado Kerr

taking second in the giant slalom. Rachel Giordano placing third in the U8 age class.

CSAT boys topped the giant slalom podium with Cameron Beck in first for U10 boys. Boden Irving took first for U8 boys. Sunday's slalom challenging icy conditions proved CSAT's own Tippen Adams can stand on the downhill ski when she topped the podium in first place for U12 girls. The team's next race, the Cooper Dual, will be Sunday, Feb. 9 at 9 a.m.