

North Douglas Winter Sports



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North Douglas Boys Basketball



(Left) A large crop of freshmen presents challenges this year, but sets up the Warriors for the future. (Right) Senior Jake Gerrard defends his brother, freshman Ray Gerrard.

Head Coach: Tyler Vancil
Asst. coaches: Jeff Derrick, Ricco Lang
2018-19 record: 18-11 overall, 10-3 league (3rd in Skyline)
Final OSAA rank: #24
Playoff result: L in R16 to Damascus Chris., 44-41

A chat with head coach Tyler Vancil

This is your third year as head coach and the third year is when it often starts coming together as far as buy-in and team-coach chemistry. Do you feel that's true?

I'm hoping that's true. The odd dynamic we have this year is we have five seniors and six freshmen. We don't have anybody in between. It's only my third year, but I've never experienced that before.

Is that a challenge for you as a coach?

Well, the good news is, it's a pretty talented group of seniors and actually a pretty talented group of freshmen. They just have no experience playing varsity sports, but we're so low on numbers this year with 11 guys that we're not gonna have a JV team.

What kind of dynamic does that create on the team?

This year we're trying to mesh the two. The seniors have done a really good job of accepting the freshmen. There's no butting heads between the seniors and freshmen ... well, at least the first few days.

This team has been competitive the last couple years, but maybe still looking for a big break-through. Could this year be that year?

It could be. It's hard to say. Like I said, I've got six guys that have never really played for me before except for summer league. My other five have been with me since my first year. I just gotta get them to play together and focus on defense.

One-on-one with senior Jake Gerrard

What's your sport: football or basketball?

Kind of both, but I like basketball a lot. I'd say it's my favorite sport.

What are your goals for the season?

I'd like to win out league and then from there, hopefully we can continue on to the state tournament and make a run.



Team Schedule

Date	Location	Time
12/4/19	Alsea	7:30 p.m.
12/6/19	vs. Tri. Lake @Elkton	4:30 p.m.
12/7/19	vs. Hos. Chr. @Elkton	2:30 p.m.
12/11/19	Oakland	7:30 p.m.
12/13/19	Lowell (ND Inv.)	7:30 p.m.
12/14/19	Reedsport (ND Inv.)	5:30 p.m.
12/20/19	@Lowell	7:30 p.m.
12/21/19	@Crosshill Christian	6 p.m.
12/30/19	@Reedsport	7:30 p.m.
1/4/20	Umpqua Valley	7:30 p.m.
1/7/20	@Days Creek	7:30 p.m.
1/10/20	Perrydale	7:30 p.m.
1/11/20	@New Hope	7:30 p.m.
1/14/20	Camas Valley	7:30 p.m.
1/17/20	@Yoncalla	7:30 p.m.
1/18/20	Elkton	7:30 p.m.
1/24/20	@Umpqua Valley	7:30 p.m.
1/25/20	Days Creek	7:30 p.m.
1/31/20	Yoncalla	7:30 p.m.
2/1/20	@Elkton	7:30 p.m.
2/5/20	Coquille	7:30 p.m.
2/8/20	Glendale	7:30 p.m.
2/14/20	@Riddle	7:30 p.m.

What's your forte or playstyle?

I like to share the ball and help everybody score. Playing as a team you can overcome anything and having lots of threats is hard to guard so that's pretty key.

Is there anything new or exciting this year, especially since it's your senior season?

We've got a lot of young guys, a really talented freshman class so hopefully they'll be able to do a lot for us along with the seniors we have too. I think the freshmen are gonna be able to keep up pretty well so I think we'll be solid.

Can you tell me something about yourself outside of sports?

I like the outdoors and just going out and about, hunting, fishing. That's about it.

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