

CLASS 5A PREP BOYS SOCCER

Dragons turn to local coach to lead team

Jones hopes to bring experience, stability to Dallas' boys soccer program

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DALLAS — If there's been one thing that defines Dallas boys' soccer team in recent years, it's change.

New coach John Jones, who is also a teacher at Dallas High, is hoping to put an end to that.

"Well, the one thing I hope to bring is some consistency because of the coaching changes," Jones said. "We've had some great coaches here in the past and for work or personal reasons, had to move on. I live in Dallas here."

"I'm in the building and I'm involved in the community and hope to bring some stability. I've been coaching



Jones The Dragons have seen five different coaches in the past five years.

The turnover has, in part, resulted in struggles on the field, including a winless campaign during the 2014 season.

But Dallas saw improvements on the field, and Jones said he hopes to continue in that direction.

"We're moving from using the skills they've picked up

with the Dallas United club for the last several years. It seemed like a good fit."

Jones has been involved with youth soccer in Dallas for 14 years. While he may be getting his first high school soccer coaching experience, he is confident that the community will help.

"As far as knowledge of the game, I have a lot to learn still," Jones said. "I think there's a lot of people in this community who can help with that. I think people will come together to help support this program."

Jones has met with players and begun the process of learning the ins and outs of

Tall Order

• Dallas coach John Jones becomes the Dragons' newest head coach.

• Dallas finished winless during the 2014 season and has not won a match since the 2011 season.

• Jones has more than a decade of experience working with Kids, Inc. and Dallas United soccer.

• The Dragons have never qualified for the OSAA Class 5A state playoffs in boys soccer.

his new team.

"I'm ready to get to know this group of boys better," Jones said. "I'm excited to see what skill sets we have, what our strengths are and

where our weaknesses lie and what we need to work on. I have to get to know their personalities of these boys."

Up next will be a summer workout program.

And while some kids are resting during the summer, Jones said the soccer squad will be laying the groundwork for the upcoming fall season.

"We had an interesting meeting," Jones said. "We have a summer workout schedule and hope to get them out to work on speed and agility and touching the ball as much as we can."

Dallas finished 0-13 overall in 2014. The Dragons saw four seniors graduate from last season's roster.

Jones will face a difficult challenge in 2015. Five teams from the Mid-Willamette Conference advanced to the state playoffs: Woodburn, Corvallis, South Albany, Crescent Valley and Central.

Woodburn advanced to the state title game before falling to Hood River Valley.

But Jones isn't daunted by entering what could be one of the state's most competitive leagues.

He's ready to give the boys soccer program something it's been lacking — a steady hand over the long term.

"I'm looking forward to it," Jones said. "I'm excited about the upcoming season and being involved with Dallas soccer."

Hedrick: Led move to Class 5A

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"I really enjoyed being in the classroom with the kids," Hedrick said. "I don't get to see them quite as much. I do miss the daily interaction. That's probably my biggest regret moving into an administrative role."

As football coach and athletic director, during the fall, Hedrick's schedule becomes a balancing act.

"It is a very demanding schedule in the fall," Hedrick said. "You're the AD and you want to support all the programs and create success and coach your own sport. It pulls you in different directions. Sometimes you just have to go for a long run or a bike ride."

But Hedrick isn't alone in handling everything.

"You rely heavily on people to help you," Hedrick said. "When everyone steps up to the plate and helps carry the load, it makes it easier. The coaches, administration and support staff that help you is instrumental to being successful."

During the spring, Hedrick deals with having to reschedule baseball and softball games on short notice.

"It takes a tremendous amount of teamwork with Denise Wallace, the athletic secretary, Becky McMillan, the transportation coordinator, the other ADs and the umpires association," Hedrick said. "All of those



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Central athletics director Shane Hedrick (right) coaches football in the fall. Hedrick will serve as an assistant coach at the Les Schwab Tires Bowl on June 20.

names mentioned have to be on the same page."

As hectic as it may be, Hedrick never loses sight on staying positive.

"I remind myself that today we have cellphones," Hedrick said. "I can't imagine what my predecessors had to go through before the cellphone and computers were around. I feel blessed."

The 2014-15 school year

may have been one of Central's most special after moving from Class 4A to 5A.

"I thought the transition went very smoothly," Hedrick said. "I thought the players, coaches and community responded to it very well and courageously. We represented Central High School, and the community, very well."

And while he may not get much of a break, seeing the

kids succeed on the field and the support from the community, makes every last second put in worth it.

"The Central crowd and support is as good of any around," Hedrick said. "That was something that came into play very well. We were well attended at home and away contests and sometimes outnumbered our hosts. That's always fun. ... It's worked out well."

Perkins: Dallas placed third

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Dallas reached the state quarterfinal round twice during Perkins' tenure in 2012 and 2013, and won a league title in 2012, earning the No. 2 seed entering the state playoffs.

"The girls worked very hard and played hard," Perkins said. "Even though we didn't always have the top athlete in the league,

they competed very well. All the teams that I had played hard. We were fortunate enough to have one conference championship and dedicated players."

Perkins said the community, whether through sponsors to help with costs facing the team, parents, or the school's athletic staff, helped make his tenure leading the Dragons enjoyable.

"Tim Larson was very supportive and helpful," Perkins said. "We were able to put together a team off the field that provided lots of support to help these girls be successful. ... It's essential that folks help us out, which the community did very well for us."

The Dragons saw six seniors from this year's squad graduate: Cassidy Totten,

Teri Bunnell, Erin Taylor, Katie Mitchell, Keisha Sickles and Sarah Mitchell, but Perkins is confident the program is set up for future success.

"Their work ethic was responsible for the success that they had," Perkins said.

Larson said the school expects to move as quickly as possible to fill the vacancy.

SCOREBOARD

CLUB SWIMMING

BLUE DOLPHINS JUNE INVITATIONAL
at Albany Community Pool
June 5-7 Results
(BDST placers)

GIRLS
200 freestyle (9) — 3, Kaitlyn Landis, 3:40.39. 800 freestyle (15 and over) — 1, Jolie-Rae Ford, 10:04.25; 3, Emily Beasley, 15:23.95. 200 freestyle (10) — 4, Taylor Hagedorn, 3:16.96; 5, Savannah King, 3:19.79; 8, Madison Hanson, 4:58.37. 100 backstroke (10) — 6, Savannah King, 1:52.28; 9, Lonny Stork, 1:59.98; 12, Madison Hanson, 2:19.20. 100 breaststroke (8 and under) — 4, Kadence King, 2:34.26. 100 breaststroke (9) — 7, Kaitlyn Landis, 2:25.53. 100 breaststroke (10) — 5, Taylor Hagedorn, 2:05.24; 9, Sydney Alamein, 2:12.57; 13, Madison Hanson, 2:34.97. 50 butterfly (9) — 7, Kaitlyn Landis, 1:05.51. 50 butterfly (10) — 5, Lonny Stork, 58.90.
50 freestyle (8 and under) — 3, Gentry Hagedorn, 47.72; 4, Kadence King, 50.83. 50 freestyle (9) — 9, Kaitlyn Landis, 45.38. 100 freestyle (10) — 3, Taylor Hagedorn, 40.09; 5, Savannah

King, 42.18; 9, Lonny Stork, 44.77; 14, Sydney Alamein, 48.46. 50 backstroke (13-14) — 3, Molly Gallagher, 36.78; 11, Rhylee Pendley, 1:02.09. 200 backstroke (15 and over) — 2, Lizzy Dressel, 2:44.93; 3, Jolie-Rae Ford, 2:47.72; 7, Emily Beasley, 3:51.50. 200 freestyle (15 and over) — 1, Jolie-Rae Ford, 2:21.81; 4, Emily Beasley, 3:36.34. 100 butterfly (15 and over) — 3, Lizzy Dressel, 1:20.10. 50 breaststroke (13-14) — 4, Molly Gallagher, 48.79. 100 freestyle (13-14) — 10, Molly Gallagher, 1:13.16; 22, Rhylee Pendley, 1:54.84. 100 freestyle (15 and over) — 1, Jolie-Rae Ford, 1:03.80; 4, Lizzy Dressel, 1:10.09; 8, Emily Beasley, 1:39.83. 200 individual medley (9) — 7, Kaitlyn Landis, 4:16.99. 200 individual medley (10) — 7, Lonny Stork, 3:52.89; 8, Savannah King, 3:53.43. 100 butterfly (10) — 1, Taylor Hagedorn, 1:48.32. 50 breaststroke (8 and under) — 3, Gentry Hagedorn, 1:01.62; 6, Kadence King, 1:13.55. 50 breaststroke (10) — 6, Taylor Hagedorn, 58.42; 9, Savannah King, 59.60; 10, Lonny Stork, 1:01.77; 15, Madison Hanson, 1:09.39. 50 backstroke (8 and under) — 1, Gentry Hagedorn, 50.22; 4, Kadence King, 54.73. 50 backstroke (9) — 7, Kaitlyn Landis, 55.22. 50 backstroke (10) — 7, Madison Hanson, 1:03.35. 100 freestyle (8 and under) — 4, Kadence King, 1:47.50; 5, Gentry Hagedorn, 1:52.01. 100 freestyle (9) — 7, Kaitlyn Landis, 1:42.90. 100 freestyle (10) — 3,

Taylor Hagedorn, 1:29.26; 5, Lonny Stork, 1:33.71; 9, Savannah King, 1:35.63; 14, Madison Hanson, 2:22.54. 200 individual medley (15 and over) — 3, Jolie-Rae Ford, 2:49.35; 5, Lizzy Dressel, 2:55.98; 10, Emily Beasley, 3:58.23. 50 butterfly (13-14) — 9, Rhylee Pendley, 1:03.54. 200 butterfly (15 and over) — 5, Emily Beasley, 4:10.83. 50 freestyle (13-14) — 20, Rhylee Pendley, 49.41. 50 freestyle (15 and over) — 1, Jolie-Rae Ford, 30.26; 3, Lizzy Dressel, 31.79. 100 backstroke (13-14) — 16, Rhylee Pendley, 2:15.81. 100 backstroke (15 and over) — 3, Lizzy Dressel, 1:18.74. 100 breaststroke (15 and over) — 5, Emily Beasley, 2:10.15. 400 freestyle (15 and over) — 1, Jolie-Rae Ford, 4:52.74.

BOYS
400 freestyle (11) — 5, David Beasley, 7:59.03. 200 freestyle (11) — 8, David Beasley, 3:34.31. 100 backstroke (11) — 6, David Beasley, 1:58.46. 50 butterfly (11) — 10, David Beasley, 52.86. 50 backstroke (13-14) — 3, Gabe Applegate, 45.18. 200 backstroke (15 and over) — 5, Ian Sayers, 3:10.77. 200 freestyle (12) — 10, Gabe Applegate, 3:02.49. 200 freestyle (15 and over) — 8, Ian Sayers, 2:42.32. 50 breaststroke (12) — 7, Isaiah Dressel, 50.12. 50 breaststroke (15 and over) — 2, Ian Sayers, 48.03. 100 freestyle (12) — 6, Isaiah Dressel, 1:20.75. 100 freestyle (13-14) — 13,

CLUB GOLF

CROSS CREEK GOLF COURSE MEN'S CLUB
Tuesday, June 2 Results
Low gross/low net

Gross — 1, Paul Disney, 37; 2 (tie), Jim Cain and Jim Schroeder, 38.
Net — 1, John Mangini, 31; 2 (tie), Jack Duncan and Michael Winkley, 32; 4 (tie), Eldon Rivers, Lynn Hurt and Dave Voves, 33.
Saturday, June 6 Results
Two-man scramble
Gross — 1 (tie), Kevin Moen-Wayne Weathers and Steve Richards-Cole Brown, 69.
Net — 1, Bob McCleery-Tom McCleery, 60.75; 2 (tie), Greg Hickman-Gary Ball and Ken Ross-Landon Ross, 61.75; 4, Ken Dankenbring-Mike Largent, 62.25.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Program hopes to boost cycling

POLK COUNTY — Travel Oregon invites Polk County businesses to join its Bike Friendly Business program to embrace the growing cycling tourism in Oregon.

Three cycling events are scheduled in Polk County this summer: Cycle Oregon, Rogue and Bike Multiple Sclerosis. A subcommittee of the Rural Tourism Studio is making a flyer to distribute to participants at these events listing bike friendly businesses.

Deadline to be listed on the flyer is Monday. For more information: Marshall Guthrie, guthrie@wou.edu or Shawn Irvine, irvine.shawn@ci.independence.or.us.

Softball signups close Thursday

DALLAS — Registration for the city of Dallas' co-ed softball league is open through Thursday.

Games will take place Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from June 16-July 30 at 6 or 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$170 per team. Each squad must have a minimum of nine players.

All games will take place at Whitworth Elementary School. Each contest will be seven innings or a max of 70 minutes long. Make checks to city of Dallas. Registration may be dropped off or mailed to 187 SE Court St.

Forms are available online at: www.dallasor.gov/index.aspx?nid=756.

For more information: David Brautigam, 503-831-3559; email to david.brautigam@dallasor.gov.

Pickleball lessons begin Monday

DALLAS — Free pickleball lessons begin Monday at the tennis courts at Roger Jordan Community Park. Lessons will be offered every Monday from June 15-Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Open play will also be offered on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome to attend.

For more information: 503-803-8065.

Dallas to offer two tennis tournaments

DALLAS — Signups are open for a pair of tennis tournaments July 11-12 and Aug. 8-9. Registration deadline is July 9 for the first tournament and Aug. 6 for the second. Cost is \$15 for singles and \$25 for doubles. Players may enter two events.

There will be multiple brackets for different ages and skill levels. Registration may be mailed to Dallas City Hall, 187 SE Court St., Dallas.

Forms can be found online at: www.dallasor.gov/index.aspx?nid=756.

For more information: Jordan Sollman, 503-686-8120; email, jordansollman@dtd2.org.

Signups for cheer camp open

MONMOUTH-INDEPENDENCE — The Monmouth-Independence YMCA will offer a July 4 cheer camp. The camp is open for beginners; no prior experience necessary.

Participants will be taught cheers, chants, dances and jumps. All cheerleaders will participate in the Monmouth-Independence Fourth of July Parade, as well as be a part of the YMCA float.

Cost is \$80. The camp begins June 22 and meets Monday through Friday for two weeks. Registration deadline is June 19.

For more information: Natascha Cronin, 503-838-4042.

Moskal signs letter of intent

VANCOUVER — Bret Moskal, a 2013 graduate of Dallas High, accepted a scholarship and signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Kansas Wesleyan University next season. Moskal has been playing at Clark College in Vancouver.

Moskal, a catcher, appeared in 17 games for Clark College during the 2015 season. He recorded eight hits while batting .190.

Hedrick cut by CFL team



Hedrick

BRITISH COLUMBIA — Boise State quarterback Grant Hedrick will look for a new opportunity to continue his football career. Hedrick was released by the Canadian Football League's BC Lions on May 30. Hedrick joined the Lions after a tryout with the NFL's Denver Broncos failed to land him a roster spot.

Hedrick led the NCAA with a 70.8 completion percentage as a senior with Boise State, leading the Broncos to a Mountain West Conference title and its third Fiesta Bowl victory.

Hedrick, a 2010 graduate from Central High, threw for 3,696 yards during his senior season at Boise State. He averaged 306.3 total yards of offense per game.

Dallas to hold sports physicals

DALLAS — The Dallas Booster Club and Oregon Family Health will offer sports physicals on June 17 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 607 SE Jefferson St. No early entry. Please bring the form needed for your sport.

A limited number of high school and Pop Warner forms will be available. Cost is \$25 with proceeds going directly toward the Dallas Booster Club to support Dallas athletics.

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