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# What is the Sports Yearbook?



■ By Noah Noteboom  
Columbia Gorge News

THE GORGE — As one of my final projects for *Columbia Gorge News*, I am proud to present the 2024-2025 Sports Yearbook. This section is meant to celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of local athletes in the Columbia River Gorge.

As the sports editor, my job is to coordinate content each week and ultimately decide what is prioritized for the print edition and what content will

get featured on our website. At the beginning of each sporting season, I compile each team's home game schedule and plan our coverage accordingly.

We consistently cover local high school teams in three communities: Hood River, The Dalles, White Salmon. Occasionally we include coverage for schools such as South Wasco County, Trout Lake, Dufur, Horizon Christian, Klickitat, Lyle/Wishram and Sherman. Every school year, *Columbia Gorge News* produces weekly sports pages thanks to a team of writers, photographers, editors, coaches, fans, athletes and athletic directors.

Every team and every athlete is important and deserves to be recognized, but sometimes there is simply not enough time in the day to include every team. We hope you understand

and appreciate the hard work the sports team does for *Columbia Gorge News*.

**Who is behind the sports pages?**

Joe Petshow, former sports editor at *Hood River News*, contributes every week and is very helpful when it comes to proofreading and copyediting. Joe is an excellent writer and I have learned a great deal from him. Mike Weber is another freelance writer who is very consistent with his writing and always includes the most important plays, scores and stats. *Columbia Gorge News* owner and publisher, Chelsea Marr, is also a very important contributor to sports in the Gorge. She resides in Washington and is always available to get photos for the White Salmon high school. She always knows who



Nathan Wilson makes sure the camera is on during a track meet in The Dalles on May 6.

to call if we need to identify an athlete, which is one of the hardest parts of the job if we don't have a roster. Flora Gibson and Nathan Wilson have been rockstars behind the camera. You may have seen it yourself, but their photography skills have improved tremendously. Additional thank you to Kelsie Cowart, Aziza Cooper-Hovland and Trisha Walker for your help editing sports. I direct all of my grammar related questions to them. Lastly,

thank you to our fearless delivery drivers, Ramon and Paul, for making sure every Gorge resident gets their newspaper on time.

I receive most of the content Sunday and work to format and proofread the stories once more before I put on the page. We use Adobe InDesign to layout the pages. This program gives the newsroom the opportunity to read as I



This photo may not be a sporting event, but Flora's photography has been invaluable to the sports section.

layout stories on the page. Per *Columbia Gorge News* guidelines, we strive to include a visual element for each story. Most of the time we are able to take our own photographs, but occasionally we rely on members of the community to share pictures.

Thank you to everyone who plays a role in getting high school sports coverage out every week. I hope you enjoy this years Sports Yearbook and if you have questions please don't hesitate to reach out. July 7 is my final deadline for CGN, so please email [news@gorge-news.com](mailto:news@gorge-news.com) or if you want to stay in touch, my personal email is [nnoteboom@gmail.com](mailto:nnoteboom@gmail.com).

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AJ Valencia  
CHS Athletic Director

■ By AJ Valencia  
For Columbia Gorge News

WHITE SALMON — For the third consecutive year, the Girls Cross Country team captured the TriCo League title, going back-to-back-to-back and proudly bringing home hardware once again.

Head Coach Michael Hannigan has been a tireless supporter of our athletes, not only shaping them into stronger runners but also better community members. Freshman Kathryn O'Connor turned in an impressive debut season, finishing 19th at the 1A Girls State Meet with a time of 20:05.20. Senior Helen Hoskins and sophomore Lilah Zimmerman also played crucial roles in leading the Bruins to a strong finish at state.

**Boys Golf: A Historic First Season**

The 2024-2025 season marked the launch of Columbia High's inaugural Boys Golf program, led by senior Garrett Kock. Garrett

capped the season with an outstanding 21st-place finish at the state tournament, setting the tone for the program's bright future. Garrett will continue both his academic and athletic career next fall at Whitman College — the first in what we hope will be a long tradition of Bruins golfers.

**Boys Soccer: A Season of Heart and History**

The Boys Soccer team delivered one of the most memorable seasons in Columbia High School history, finishing 4th in the state tournament — a historic result that energized the entire White Salmon community.

Under the leadership of Head Coach Gio Magaña and assistants Brady Trullinger, Alex Gutierrez, and Pablo Stavrou, the Bruins played with passion, grit, and unity. The season was about more than wins — it was about building a culture. Family BBQs, team dinners, and a raucous rooter bus filled with 55



Columbia students all helped fuel this unforgettable run. This team raised the standard for what is possible in Bruins athletics, creating a foundation for future teams to dream big and work hard, knowing that the entire community stands behind them.

**Looking Ahead**

The 2024-2025 athletic year has set the bar high for what Bruins athletics can achieve. As we head into the summer and prepare for another exciting year, the energy, determination, and heart shown by our athletes, coaches, and supporters promise an even brighter future. Thank you to all the players, families, coaches, and community members who made this an unforgettable year for Columbia High School. Go Bruins!



Sean Mailey  
HRVHS Athletic Director

■ By Sean Mailey  
For Columbia Gorge News

HOOD RIVER — The fall season brought tremendous success, with nearly all of our teams reaching the postseason. Girls soccer earned an at-large bid to the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) playoffs, while Boys soccer finished second in league and advanced to the state quarterfinals, falling in penalty kicks to eventual champions La Salle Prep. Head Coach Al Lara was named Northwest Oregon Conference (NWOC) Coach of the Year. Football placed third in the league and narrowly lost in the first playoff round. Boys cross country brought home a 4th-place state trophy, and both water polo teams reached state — boys finishing 4th and girls winning their third consecutive State Championship.

Winter saw multiple teams excel at the state level. The

# Hood River Valley High School Athletics Year in Review

Boys Snowboard Team, led by Coach Peter Lawson, secured their fourth straight State Title. The Girls alpine ski team, led by Giant Slalom State Champion Emily Teets and Coach Jesse Scroggins, won their first tate title since 2019. The Boys alpine team were league champions and placed sixth at state. Wrestling qualified three athletes for state, with the boys earning a top-five finish. Girls basketball celebrated their first winning season in 25 years, while boys basketball defeated top-ranked Wilsonville, La Salle, and Summit.

Spring was fast-paced and successful. Baseball and softball returned to state playoffs, with Softball finishing second in NWOC. Grace Rowan was named Pitcher of the Year, and Coach Madelynn Vallejo earned Coach of the Year. Boys golf sent three players to State, with Coach Erin Mason also earning Coach of the Year

honors; girls golf sent two players. Girls lacrosse made the playoffs, with Josie Faaborg earning All-State honors, and boys lacrosse also reached the first round. Track and field sent multiple athletes to State, with Sylvaine Farr placing 5th in pole vault and Savina Davis third in the 800. Boys volleyball rebounded from a winless season to a top-8 State finish. Girls tennis went 7-1 in league, placed second at districts, and sent a singles and doubles team to state. Boys tennis had a winning season and sent their top singles player to state.



# The Dalles High School Athletics 2024-2025 Year in Review

■ By The Dalles Athletics  
For Columbia Gorge News

THE DALLES — The Dalles High School (TDHS) wrapped up a standout 2024-25 athletic year filled with league titles, state finishes, academic honors, and seven athletes committing to compete at the collegiate level.

Fall sports set the tone with volleyball finishing 19-7, winning the Tri-Valley League, placing 4th at state, and producing two college signees: Laci Hoylman and Maddie

Brock.

Girls soccer went 12-2-2, won back-to-back league titles, reached the quarterfinals, and earned Academic All-State honors with a 3.64 GPA.

Boys soccer finished 12-4 and also reached the quarterfinals, with Hulises Najera Moreno committing to play in college.

Cross country saw the girls place third at state and boys second, with standout Alaina Casady placing second



individually. Casady and Trey Hodges both signed to run at the collegiate level.

Football wrapped up with a 3-6 record and several All-League selections.

In the winter, boys and girls basketball each posted their best preseason records in over a decade and reached the state playoffs. Sydney Newby committed to Linfield University for basketball.

Swim had multiple district champions and top-six finishes at state. Wrestling saw record turnout and debuted a girls team with 10 athletes.

Cheer placed third at Oregon School Activities Associations (OSAA) state

and earned multiple podiums elsewhere, with Ella Anderson committing to the University of Montana.

Spring sports added even more accolades. Baseball went 14-6 and reached the playoffs, with Avery Schwartz signing with Lewis-Clark State College. Softball finished 13-12 and also made the postseason, with Maddie Brock continuing both softball and volleyball at Mt. Hood CC.

In track, the boys 4x100

broke a school record and placed 4th at state — the school's first trophy in 30 years. River McClure signed with Mt. Hood Community College. Golf saw the boys earn Academic All-State (3.39 GPA), and the girls place 5th at districts. Tennis qualified athletes for both singles and doubles at districts.

From records and rankings to scholarships and state-level success, 2024-25 was a year to remember for TDHS athletics.



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VOLLEYBALL

The Dalles fourth at 4A state volleyball tournament



*Mike Weber contributed to this report*

THE DALLES — The Dalles High Riverhawks took fourth place in the Class 4A volleyball state championship tournament Nov. 8-9 at North Bend High School.

The Riverhawks (19-7), guided by second-year Coach Teresa Morris, brought home a state volleyball trophy for the first time since 1998, when The Dalles was third in the Class 3A state tourney.

The Riverhawks won 3-2 in a Nov. 9 consolation round over the Skyline Conference

champion Henley High Hornets (17-5). That victory advanced The Dalles to the fourth-place match which it won over Cascade High.

The Riverhawks had two players chosen to the all-tourney teams: freshman outside hitter Jazzy Morris-Holmes (first team); and senior middle blocker Laci Hoylman (second team). Their fourth-place trophy contest marked the final game of The Dalles High School volleyball careers of Hoylman, Chrissy Geary, Alice Peluso, and Maddie Brock.



Edie May  
The Dalles

**4A All-State First Team:** Jazzy Morris-Holmes, freshman  
**4A All-State Honorable Mention:** Laci Hoylman, senior

**Tri-Valley All-Conference Selections**  
**Tri-Valley Conference Player of the Year**  
Jazzy Morris-Holmes, freshman, The Dalles  
**Tri-Valley Coaches of the Year**  
Teresa Morris, The Dalles  
Makayla Lindberg, Crook County  
**First Team:** Jazzy Morris-Holmes, freshman; Laci Hoylman, senior.  
**Second Team:** Maddie Brock, senior.  
**Honorable Mention:** Cleo Corbin, junior; Caitlynn Gatton, junior; Aizlynn Rubio, junior.

The Dalles freshman Jazzy Morris-Holmes (6) was named Tri-Valley Conference Player of the Year.  
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Redsides, Huskies conclude volleyball seasons in playoffs



Sherman junior Addison Smith was voted to the first team for the Huskies  
Jeremy Lanthorn photo

■ By Mike Weber  
For Columbia Gorge News

THE GORGE — South Wasco and Sherman concluded their 2024 volleyball seasons with losses in the Class 1A state playoffs. The No. 15-ranked Redsides (22-11) advanced to the second round of the playoffs for a fourth consecutive year. The Redsides lost Nov. 2 to defending state champion and top-ranked Crane, 3-0.

The Redsides, guided by second-year Coach Shelley Iverson, won an Oct. 30 first-round state playoff game 3-0 over the Mountain West

League champion Triangle Lake High Lakers (15-4) in Blachly (near Eugene).

The Redsides reached the state playoffs for a seventh consecutive season. They finished third in the Big Sky district playoffs.

Sherman High Huskies recap

The Sherman High Huskies (13-15) concluded their season by advancing to the volleyball playoffs for the first time in two years. The Huskies lost a first-round match 3-0 to the No. 5-ranked Casco League champion St. Paul High

Buckaroos (21-7) on Oct. 30. Coach Caitlin Cruickshank's team took second (to Lone/Arlington) in the Big Sky district tournament Oct. 26 in The Dalles.

"The girls played really well, but St. Paul showed that there's a good reason they're ranked No. 5," said Cruickshank.

Sherman started the season with just two players with varsity experience. "So, making it to the state playoffs really represented a very successful season for us," said Cruickshank.

Big Sky Volleyball Player of the Year

Jayda Iverson, junior, South Wasco



South Wasco junior Jayda Iverson was honored as the 1A Big Sky Conference Player of the Year.  
Noah Noteboom photo

Bruins narrowly miss out on volleyball playoffs

■ Staff report  
Columbia Gorge News

WHITE SALMON —Columbia High School's (CHS) district playoff hopes ended on the final week of the regular season when the Bruins finished in a tie for sixth place. Columbia High School junior outside hitters Sara Miller and Kiana Chambers were honored by the Class 1A WIAA Trico League for their volleyball play this past season.

Conference coaches selected Miller and Chambers as honorable mention for their play during the 2024 season. Columbia finished tied for sixth in the eight-team Trico with a 4-13 record, 7-13 overall.

The Stevenson Bulldogs finished second in the Trico behind champion La Center.



Kiana Chambers  
Columbia-White Salmon



**Trico Coach of the Year**  
Heidi Schultz, Columbia-White Salmon  
**All-Conference First Team:** Samia Rudd, senior, Stevenson; Olivia Fauth, senior, Stevenson  
**Second Team:** Piper Rudd, senior, Stevenson; Rebecca Townsend, senior, Stevenson  
**Honorable Mention:** Sara Miller, Columbia-White Salmon; Kya Stromer; Stevenson

HRV VOLLEYBALL

Lopez, Fridley tabbed All-NWOC

HOOD RIVER — Hood River Valley (HRV) juniors Abri Lopez and Aspen Fridley were honored by the Northwest Oregon Conference for their play this season.

Conference coaches selected Lopez as a second

team libero; Fridley earned honorable mention for her play as an outside hitter/middle blocker.

HRV was seventh in the nine-team NWOC with a 5-11 record, 7-15 overall.

Northwest Oregon Conference All League

**Second Team:** Abri Lopez, libero, Hood River Valley, junior  
**Honorable Mention:** Aspen Fridley, OH/MB, Hood River Valley, junior; Emily Doss, MB, Hood River Valley, junior; Kristen Fox, MB Hood River Valley, senior

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# SOCCER

## The Dalles reaches 4A quarterfinal



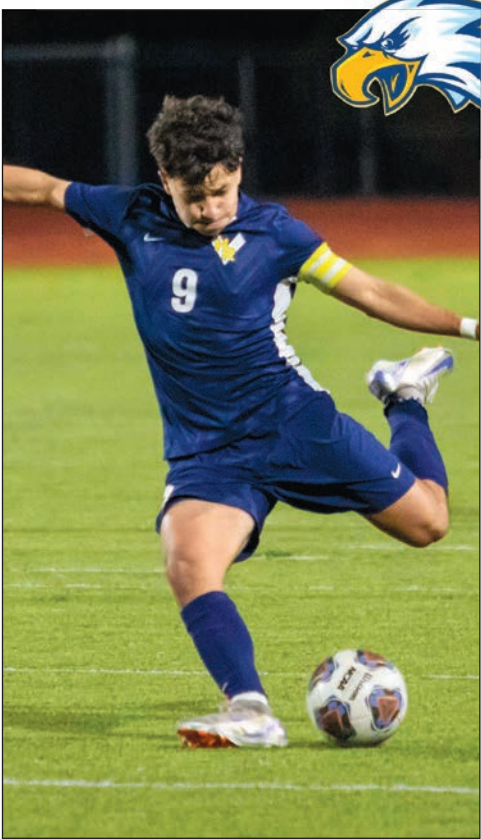
Columbia goalkeeper Ricardo Cortez makes an acrobatic save. Whan Cho photo



The Dalles senior Hulises Najera (10) turns the corner around the defender.



## Eagle boys ousted in 5A quarterfinals



Hood River Valley junior Andro Mendez (9) takes a free kick. Noah Noteboom photo

**5A All-State Selections**  
**First Team:** Oscar Moline, HRV, senior  
**Second Team:** Julian Lara, HRV, senior; Andro Mendez, HRV, senior

**Northwest Oregon Conference Boys Soccer**  
**NWOC Coach of the Year**  
Al Lara, Hood River Valley

**First Team:** Andro Mendez, forward, senior, HRV; Julian Lara, midfield, senior, HRV; Oscar Moline, defender, senior, HRV  
**Second Team:** Aran Garcia, senior, HRV; Emmanuel Galindo, junior, HRV  
**Honorable Mention:** Geovanni Macias, junior, HRV; Solomon Parson, junior, HRV; John Olsen, senior, HRV; Eamon Anslinger, senior, HRV

**4A All-State Selections**  
**Second Team:** Hulises Najera, The Dalles, senior

**Tri-Valley All-Conference**  
**First Team:** Marcos Quiroz, senior, The Dalles; Hulises Najera, senior, The Dalles  
**Second Team:** David McCracken, sophomore, The Dalles; Juan Camarillo, junior, The Dalles; Ivan Santana, sophomore, The Dalles; Anthony Santana, senior, The Dalles  
**Honorable Mention:** Angel Morales, junior, The Dalles; Marcos Meza, junior, The Dalles

**Trico Player of the Year**  
Isaac Reynoso, junior, Columbia-White Salmon

**Goalkeepers of the Year**  
Ricardo Cortez, junior, Columbia-White Salmon; Zach Catherall, senior, Seton Catholic

**Trico All-Conference Selections**  
**First Team:** Cole Wooding, senior, defender, Columbia-White Salmon; Matthew Miller, junior, midfield, Columbia-White Salmon; Benson Zendt, freshman, forward, Columbia-White Salmon  
**Second Team:** Nguyen Le, senior, Stevenson; Humberto Pulido, junior, Columbia-White Salmon; Uli Huerta, senior, Columbia-White Salmon  
**Honorable Mention:** Derek White, senior, Stevenson; Leavitt Woodall-Schaeffer, senior, senior; Wilhelm Lier, Stevenson

**Trico Girls All-Conference Selections**

**First Team:** Sequoia Cohen, senior, Columbia-White Salmon; Saylor Hauge, senior, Columbia-White Salmon  
**Second Team:** Isabel Brigham, senior, Stevenson; Sadie Hohensee, senior, Columbia-White Salmon; Mariela Casarez, junior, Columbia-White Salmon; Sage Witherite, junior, Columbia-White Salmon.  
**Honorable Mention:** Columbia-White Salmon: Willow Cohen, sophomore; Anya Romero

## Bruin boys finish fourth at state tournament



The Bruins boys soccer team.

Nathan Wilson photo

## Columbia-White Salmon and Stevenson girls soccer All-Conference teams

At right, senior Sequoia Cohen (15) fights for possession during a game in September. See a list of the Trico All-League girls soccer players on the far righthand side of this page. Stacy Hogan photo

## Eagle Girls qualify for playoffs

The Hood River Valley High (HRV) Eagles capped a successful 2024 season by qualifying for the Class 5A girls soccer 16-team state tournament for the first time since 2019. The No. 14-ranked Eagles (8-5-2) lost in the first round of the playoffs, 6-0, Nov. 6 at third-ranked Caldera High (13-2-2) in Bend. The underdog Eagles were guided by third-year Coach Leonor Lopez-Agiurre, who stepped

down at the end of the season. Kevin Haspela is in line to take over in the fall of 2025. Four HRV seniors — Julia Rowan, Lucy Dierker, Ocean Rivera and Grace Rowan — concluded their high school careers by competing for the first time in the state playoffs.



Lilyana Gonzalez The Dalles



Josie Faaborg Hood River

The two-time Tri-Valley Conference champion The Dalles High Riverhawks (12-2-2) enjoyed a tremendous amount of success this year, as they reached the Class 4A girls soccer state quarterfinals once again. The Oregon West Conference champion North Marion Huskies (12-3-1) ended The Dalles' season

with a 4-2 overtime win — the second year in a row North Marion has eliminated the Riverhawks from postseason play. The quarterfinal contest marked the conclusion of The Dalles High School soccer career of seniors Jamie Bastian Palacios, Yadhira Cruz Torres, Madison Grant and Rowena Benjamin.

## Riverhawk girls advance to 4A quaterfinals

**Northwest Oregon Conference All-League Selections**  
**Second Team:**  
Magnolia Clermont, midfield, junior, HRV  
**Honorable Mention:**  
Josie Faaborg, forward, freshman, HRV; Ocean Rivera, midfield, senior, HRV; Hazel Haspela, defender, junior, HRV; Lily Clermont, defender, freshman, HRV; GK Valeria Miramontes, junior, HRV; GK Grace Rowan, senior, HRV

**All-State Selections**  
**All-State First Team:** Natalia Elias, junior, The Dalles  
**Second team:** Ariana Gonzalez, sophomore, The Dalles

**Tri-Valley Conference Player of the Year**  
Natalia Elias, The Dalles, junior  
**TVC First Team:** Natalia Elias, The Dalles, junior; Lilyana Gonzalez, The Dalles, sophomore; Ariana Gonzalez, The Dalles, sophomore  
**2nd Team:** Bryce Newby, The Dalles, freshman; Yaritza Torres Escobedo, The Dalles, sophomore  
**Honorable Mention:** Jaki Negrete, The Dalles, junior; Kaiya Doty, The Dalles, sophomore; Willow Ziegenhagen, The Dalles, freshman; Yadhira Cruz Torres, The Dalles, senior; Olivia Prado, The Dalles, sophomore

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CROSS COUNTRY

Columbia Gorge cross country runners bask in success



Columbia sophomore Lilah Zimmerman. Noah Noteboom photo



The Dalles Riverhawks girls cross country team. Joe Petshow photo



Hood River cross country runners, front row from left to right, Copeland Louis, Victor Coffman, Logan King. Noah Noteboom photo

**Trico Girls Cross Country All-Conference**  
**Trico MVP:** Lilah Zimmerman, sophomore, Columbia-White Salmon  
**Coach of the Year:** Mike Hannigan, Columbia-White Salmon  
**Trico First Team:** Helen Hoskins, senior, Columbia-White Salmon; Kathryn O'Connor, freshman, Columbia-White Salmon; Daisy Jones, sophomore, Stevenson; Ruby Langer, junior, Stevenson  
**Second Team:** A'Layjha Johnson, sophomore, Stevenson; Maya Tama, sophomore, Columbia-White Salmon; Maisy Kollman, junior, Columbia-White Salmon;  
**Honorable Mention:** Heidi Hoppus, freshman, Columbia-White Salmon; Damarys Alvarez, senior, Columbia-White Salmon; Eda O'Connor, freshman, Columbia-White Salmon.

**Trico Boys All-Conference**  
**First Team:** Noah Slayton, senior, Columbia-White Salmon;  
**Honorable Mention:** Cole Wooding, senior, Columbia-White Salmon; Luther Thomas, sophomore, Columbia-White Salmon; Jack Brooks, freshman, Columbia-White Salmon.

**The Dalles Boys All-Conference**  
**Tri-Valley First Team:** Tyson Long, Caleb Caldwell, Trey Hodges  
**Honorable Mention:** Noah Preston, Aiden Erickson  
**The Dalles Girls All-Conference**  
**First Team:** Alaina Casady, Abigail Pope  
**Second Team:** Kestley Hodges, Laura Black  
**Honorable Mention:** Ember Kahler, Josie Brace, Marley Perry

**Northwest Oregon Conference Boys All-Conference**  
**First Team:** Logan King,  
**Second Team:** Kai Wagner, Sam Knoll  
**Honorable Mention:** Davis Kerr, Victor Coffman  
**NWOC Girls All-Conference**  
**First Team:** Syl Perrin



Columbia Bruins cross country coach Mike Hannigan was honored as the Coach of the Year in the Trico. Noah Noteboom photo



The Dalles juniors Aiden Erickson and Tyson Long. Stacy Hogan photo



Hood River junior Syl Perrin during a race earlier this season. Noah Noteboom photo

Hood River Water Polo

Eagle girls water polo make history, win third state championship

HOOD RIVER — The Hood River Valley girls' water polo team secured their third consecutive state championship, defeating West Albany 15-11 in the final. After a lopsided 20-4 semifinal win over Hillsboro, the Eagles weathered a West Albany comeback thanks to key saves by senior goalkeeper Kikyo Hawkins. Hood River ended the season with Kykio Hawkins, Sophie Cross, Tess Marsden, and Kylin Elliot making first team all-state; Mackenzie Thurner on second team all-state; and Maya Arndt honorable mention.

This state championship win caps off a strong season and an unprecedented run of three championships in a row for the Eagles. Senior Kylin Elliot feels that this championship is different "because it was my last chance to play for such an amazing team with such awesome players and coaches." Senior Sophie Cross adds "this team is special because we are so bonded. The seniors have been playing together

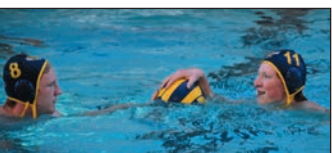


Kykio Hawkins, senior goalkeeper for the Hood River girls water polo team, played a major role in the teams three-peat. Hood River beat West Albany 15-11. Chris Hawkins photo

since right after COVID, so we know each other and how we play incredibly well. Everyone on the team is so inclusive and kind so no one is left out, and everyone feels like they're part of a team."

**Eagle boys place fourth**  
The Hood River water polo team narrowly lost 8-7 in the boys water polo semifinals to eventual champions Summit High School. Despite foul trouble and ejections, the Eagles mounted a strong fourth-quarter comeback that fell just short. In the third-place match, Hood River battled West Albany in another tight contest, ultimately losing 10-9. Seniors Forrest Hedberg and

Caiden Titus led the scoring efforts and head coach Cael Price praised his team's effort. Caiden Titus earned first team all-state honors, with Rohan Faber and Forrest Hedberg on second team and Johnson receiving honorable mention.



Caiden Titus and Rohan Faber.



Senior Forrest Hedberg takes aim at the goal. Stacy Hogan photo

- Coach of the Year**  
Kellie Dunn  
**Player of the Year**  
Sophia Cross  
**All-Conference Selections**  
**First Team:** Kylin Elliot, Tess Marsden, Sophia Cross  
**Second Team:** Kikyo Hawkins, Mackenzie Thurner  
**Honorable Mention:** Maya Arndt, Nyxey Heredia Merida  
**Central League MVP**  
Sophia Cross  
**First Team:** Kikyo Hawkins (goalkeeper), Sophia Cross, Kylin Elliot, Tess Marsden  
**Second Team:** Mackenzie Thurner, Maya Arndt  
**Honorable Mention:** Nyxey Heredia Merida

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# FOOTBALL

## HRV season ends in first round of 5A football playoffs



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HOOD RIVER — Big-play, quick-starting Dallas scored on two of its first four plays from scrimmage en route to a 28-13 win over visiting Hood River Valley (HRV) in the first round of the Class 5A state football playoffs Nov. 8.

Hood River Valley finished the regular season at 7-3 and 5-2 in 5A Special District 1. HRV has qualified for the state playoffs four successive seasons.



The Hood River Valley football team leaves the huddle and runs onto the field prior ro kickoff this season. The Eagles finished the season with a 7-3 record. Hood River were unable to get past the Dallas Dragons in the first round of the OSAA 5A state playoffs. Noah Noteboom photo



Bam Layna (3)

5A Football All-State Selections

Honorable Mention

Offense: Bam Layna, running back, junior, Hood River Valley

Honorable Mention

Defense: Toby Stintzi, defensive back, senior, Hood River Valley



Toby Stintzi (11)



The Dalles running back Josh Brackenbury takes the handoff during an away game vs. Astoria. Robert Hilson photo

## The Dalles football finishes season fourth in conference

**4A All-State Football Selections**  
Honorable Mention: London Letiz, punter, junior, The Dalles

**SD2 All-Conference Selections**  
**First Team Offense:** RB Julian Morehouse, The Dalles, senior; KR/PR Creighton Clack, The Dalles, sophomore  
**First Team Defense:** LB Trace Larson, The Dalles, senior; DB Reese Kenslow, The Dalles, junior; P London Letiz, The Dalles, junior  
**Second Team Offense:** WR Trace Larson, The Dalles, senior; OT Everest Lenardson, The Dalles, junior  
**Second Team Defense:** DL Hunter Bustos, The Dalles, junior; LB Josh Brackenbury, The Dalles, junior; DB Creighton Clack, The Dalles, sophomore  
**Honorable Mention Offense:** RB Josh Brackenbury, The Dalles, junior; G Bryce Lindsey, The Dalles, junior  
**Honorable Mention Defense:** DB Logan Mitchell, The Dalles, junior



“Obviously, I would’ve liked it if we could’ve had some more wins this year, but I’m definitely super proud of the boys and they’re all just a great group of kids who I really enjoyed coaching this year.”

— Nate Timmons, The Dalles football head coach

## 1A Football Wrap Up



South Wasco linemen Coy Shirley (55), Marcos Chavez (77), George Barnett (12) and Gavin Hagan (5). Flora Martin Gibson photo

**1A All-State Selections**  
**First Team:** Nolan Cates, LB, Dufur; Foster Harvey, C, Dufur.  
**Second Team:** Gavin Anderson, QB, Dufur; Nolan Cates, RB, Dufur; Scott Graham, P, Dufur; Daylen Hammitt, OL, Dufur; Foster Harvey, DT, Dufur; Sonny Wilson, DB, Dufur

**Special District 3 All-Conference Selections**  
**SD3 Offensive Player of the Year:** Nolan Cates, Dufur; **SD3 Lineman of the Year:** Foster Harvey)  
**First Team:** Gavin Anderson, QB, Dufur; Nolan Cates, L/RB, Dufur; Scott Graham, DE/P, Dufur; Daylen Hammit, OG, Dufur; Foster Harvey, C/DT, Dufur; Sonny Wilson, DB, Dufur; Gavin Hagan, WR/DB, South Wasco; Storm McCoy, QB, South Wasco; George Barnett, LB, South Wasco; Coy Shirley, OL, South Wasco; Marcel Sandoval, K, South Wasco; Marcos Cahvez, C, South Wasco  
**Second Team:** Gavin Anderson, DB, Dufur; Bryson Cates, DB, Dufur; Scott Graham, K/RB, Dufur; Kyle Wilson, OG, Dufur; Sonny Wilson, WR, Dufur; Storm McCoy, LB, South Wasco; Lincoln Delco, OL, South Wasco  
**Honorable Mention:** Austin Kuehnl, DT, Dufur; Chase Peterson, DE, Dufur

### BRUINS FOOTBALL

## Posini is top lineman in Trico football

WHITE SALMON — Columbia senior Matthias Posini was selected as the Lineman of the Year by a vote of Trico League football coaches for the 2024 season. Posini, a two-way player, triggered the Bruins’ offensive running attack this season with his aggressive play up front.

The Bruins were 3-6 overall and 2-5 in the eight-team Class 1A Trico League.



Nadalake Photography

**Trico All-Conference Selections**  
**Second Team:** Junior Wongani Schlegel (running back), Senior Kai Brasuell (defensive end/linebacker), Senior Bryce Wang (wide receiver/defensive back)  
**Honorable Mention:** Senior Jaden Wang (wide receiver/defensive back); Senior Brendan Donica (offensive lineman)

“We dealt with so much adversity this year. I don’t know if I’ve been a part of the team that’s had to deal with the kind of adversity we’ve had. It would have been really easy to throw in the towel at some point and they just never did. They just kept fighting no matter what was thrown our way ... The seniors were such a huge part of that.”

— Shawn Frieze, Columbia-White Salmon football head coach



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# WRESTLING

## Mitchell, Solorio place fifth at state

Hood River senior Kyra Mitchell.



Shawn Meyle photo

HOOD RIVER — Natalia Solorio and Kyra Mitchell each placed fifth to highlight the finishes by the Hood River Valley (HRV) girls wrestling team at the 2025 state wrestling tournament.

Solorio (37-10) won three of her five 190 pound matches. Mitchell (38-14 this

season) had a slower start at 130 pounds, losing by fall to Amerie Medina of Hillsboro in the opening round. But Mitchell then won four of her five remaining matches en route to fifth place. Xiomara Gordian Gomez (37-15) lost both her matches at 145 pounds.

## The Dalles wrestling



THE DALLES — The Dalles High Riverhawks boys wrestling team capped the 2024-25 season with juniors Harley Scott and Josh Brackenbury qualifying for the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) Class 4A wrestling state championships Feb. 27-March 1 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Scott, who was appearing in the tourney for a second

straight year, lost his opening match in the 138-pound division to Greg Hall of St. Helens. Scott then came back and won a consolation round match before losing his third match by fall.

Brackenbury, a first-time tournament participant, won his first match in the 175-pound weight class by fall over sophomore Hayden Williams of Hidden Valley.

## Farlow leads HRV boys to 15th at state tourney



Hood River senior Connor Farlow, right, grapples at the state tournament in Portland. Contributed photo

HOOD RIVER — Hood River Valley (HRV) senior Connor Farlow finished fourth and led the Eagle boys team to 15th place at the 2025 Class 5A state wrestling tournament Feb. 28 and March 1.

Farlow (39-5 this season) was fourth at 120 pounds in the championships held at Portland's Veterans Memorial Coliseum. He won three of five matches at state as HRV scored 34 points among the 29 schools with wrestlers competing.

Drew Lucas (27-10) of Hood River won by a quick fall in the first round in the 113-pound weight class, but lost his next two matches. Junior Leyton Adams (37-11) won two of his four 138-pound matches at state.

### Northwest Oregon Boys All-Conference Selections

**First Team:** Connor Farlow (120 lbs.)  
**Second Team:** Leyton Adams (136 lbs.), Drew Lucas (113 lbs.)  
**Honorable Mention:** Aiden Marquez (285 lbs.), Omar Sedano (265 lbs.), Aaron Smith (190 lbs.), Owen Waits, Sam Blosser (165 lbs.), Jack McLaughlin (157 lbs.), JR Mendez (144 lbs.), Abelardo Gomes Gordian (135 lbs.), Octavio Giles (126 lbs.), Copeland Louis (126 lbs.), Ethan Clough (120 lbs.), Marcus Patrick (113 lbs.), Cohen Wagner (106 lbs.)

Brackenbury lost in the quarterfinals by fall to junior Luke Rosa of Sweet Home, and he then lost a consolation round match to Elijah Cruz of Sweet Home.

### The Dalles girls

The Riverhawk girls wrestling squad, guided by second-year Coach Barry Abrams, concluded the season

in February, however, none of their team members qualified for the state meet. Two seniors, Jamie Bastian Palacios and Ashley Totolhua, concluded their high school wrestling careers after competing for the final time. This year marked the first time that The Dalles had a girls wrestling team.

Mike Weber contributed to this report.

## Posini fifth at WIAA state tourney

WHITE SALMON — District runner-up Matthias Posini placed fifth for Columbia High School (CHS) at the 2025 Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Mat Classic XXXVI boys state wrestling tournament Feb. 21-22 at the Tacoma Dome.

Posini won four of six wrestled matches at 285 pounds, including the Class 1A fifth-place match over Rowdie Tafoya of Tenino. The CHS senior finished the season with a 32-7 record and scored 20.5 of the Bruins' 26.5 team points at state.

Everett Coyner (third at district, 165 pounds) lost both his matches and Giovanni Ruiz won one of his three matches at 126 pounds (six team points). Holden

Uffelman (fourth at 157 at district) also lost both of his state matches, as did Razo Salazar at 215.

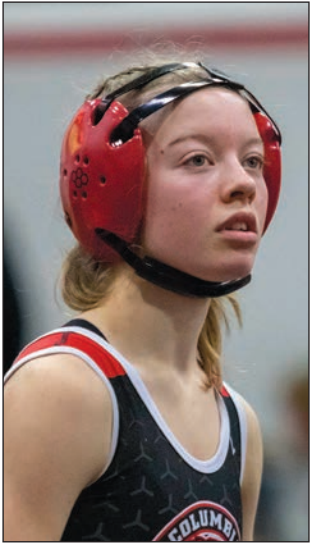
The Columbia boys finished 31st out of 39 1A schools with wrestlers who qualified for state.

The Columbia girls — specifically Eda O'Connor — scored 10 teams points and were 55th in the 1B/2B/1A division at state (out of 72 schools with wrestlers). O'Connor, who was district runner-up two weeks prior, won three of her five 110-pound matches at state for the Bruins' team score.

Also competing at state for the CHS girls team were freshman Sage Lofgren at 145 pounds, and senior Caroline Meinzer at 155 pounds, who each lost two matches.



CHS junior Giovanni Ruiz. Contributed photo



CHS freshman Eda O'Connor. Contributed photo

Here is a list of the conference placers that qualified for the state tournament and if there were placers:

**WIAA District 4 Girls 1B/2B/1A**  
110 lbs. - Eda O'Connor - 2nd place  
145 lbs. - Sage Lofgren - 4th place  
155 lbs. - Caroline Meinzer - 6th place  
**WIAA Boys District 4 1A Trico**  
126 lbs. - Giovanni Ruiz - 4th Place  
157 lbs. - Holden Uffelman - 4th Place  
165 lbs. - Everett Coyner - 3rd Place  
215 lbs. - Razo Salazar - 2nd Place  
285 lbs. - Matthias Posini - 2nd Place  
**WIAA Boy Mat Classic XXXVI, WA State Placer:**  
285 lbs. - Matthias Posini - 5th Place

## Doty, Lenardson lead Riverhawks at state swim meet

THE DALLES — The Dalles sophomore Kaiya Doty finished fourth in the girls 100 yard breaststroke to highlight finishes by the Riverhawks' swimming team at the 2025 Class 4A/3A/2A/1A state meet Feb. 21-22

at the Tualatin Hills Aquatic Center.

Doty also was eighth in the 200 yard individual medley in 2:30.6 — another personal best. Doty swam the anchor leg on the Riverhawks' 200 yard freestyle relay, which was eighth in



Everest Lenardson and Kaiya Doty

swim meet in the 100 yard backstroke, swam that event and the 200 yard freestyle at state. He was 11th in the free race in 2:00.73, as well as in the backstroke in 1:04.93.

Joe Petshow and Mike Weber contributed to this report.

## Hood River swimmers compete at state



Hood River swimmer Charlie Marcotte.

Nathan Wilson photo

HOOD RIVER — Hood River Valley's (HRV) girls swimming team finished third in the 400 yard freestyle relay at the Class 5A state meet to cap the Eagles' 2024-25 season. The HRV team of Nyxey Heredia, Maya Arndt, Sophia Helleberg, and Sophia Cross swam the event in 3 minutes, 54.62 seconds

Heredia, Ava Giordano, Delaney Hackett, and Cross teamed up to finish sixth in the 200 yard freestyle relay final. In individual races, Cross

capped her Eagle swim career with six state relay qualifications and four individual qualifying spots. HRV's girls finished ninth with 10 points and the Eagle boys were 12th with two points.

The HRV boys were paced by junior Felipe Mendez, who swam on two relay teams and in two individual races. Mendez was fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke (two team points) in a personal best 1:02.29. Mendez was 11th in the 200 yard individual

medley.

He swam on HRV's ninth place 200 yard medley relay (1:51.19) along with Francisco Solberg, Liam McGeeney, and Max Webster. The Hood River 200 yard freestyle relay team included Solberg, Kane Wagner, Mendez, and Webster. HRV's 400 freestyle relay of McGeeney, Logan Griffith, Charlie Marcotte, and Wagner was 11th in the prelims.

Joe Petshow contributed to this report.

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# BASKETBALL

## Sherman finishes sixth in 1A boys basketball tourney

THE GORGE — Sherman County's district championship boys basketball season ended with one win in three tries at the 2025 Class 1A state tournament in Baker City.

Sherman finished the season 24-7, including a 12-0 record in the Big Sky Conference. Four of the Husky seniors — Gabe Fritts, Jamie Phelps, Calvin Avila, Ben Avila — were part of a four-year varsity run that compiled a 67-34 record. More impressive was the improvement in the program over that span: 4-11 in 2021-22, 14-13 in 2022-23, to 49-10 the past two seasons. Coach Max Martin guided the varsity team the past two seasons.

Josh Ward  
Sherman

**Big Sky Boys Player of the Year**  
Jason Hull, SWC, junior

## Dufur Ranger boys end season at 1A state tourney

A district title in 2024, a district runner-up finish this season, and an appearance in the Class 1A boys basketball state tournament for the first time since 2004 were some of the highlights of the careers of nine Ranger senior players.

The Rangers' 2024-25 season ended in the consolation round of the state tourney in Baker City. Six Dufur seniors were on varsity for their final three seasons: Adrian Chavez, Jacob Brown, Klayton Schanno, Jacob Kent, Kordell White, and Foster Harvey. Three other seniors also played their final games for the Rangers at state: Nolan Cates; Michale Seitz, and Hunter Woods.

Under coach Hollie Darden, Dufur was 36-6 in the Big Sky over the last three seasons..

Kordell White  
Dufur

Adrian Chavez  
Dufur

## Big Sky Champs



South Wasco County girls basketball head coach Carly Johnson wears the net as a necklace after winning the 2025 Big Sky championship.  
Noah Noteboom photo

THE GORGE — The No. 14 seeded South Wasco County Redsides (19-7) — the 2025 Big Sky district champion — lost its first-round playoff game, 45-34, to Umpqua Valley Christian (18-9).

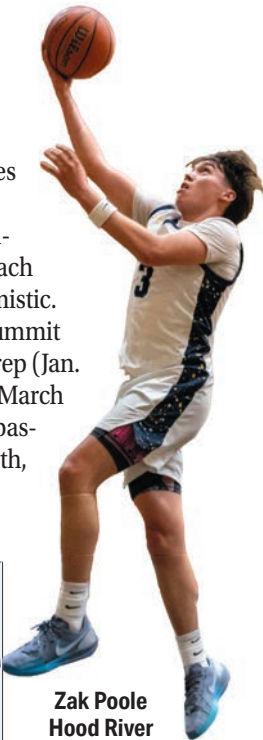
The Trout Lake girls (19-5), the No. 8 seed in the Class 1A girls state playoff bracket, finished one win shy of qualifying for the 2025 tournament, losing 54-48 to visiting Echo.

**Big Sky Player of the Year**  
Violette Anderson, senior, Trout Lake/Glenwood

## HRV basketball recap

HOOD RIVER — The Hood River Valley (HRV) boys basketball (12-12 overall, 7-9 Northwest Oregon Conference) team enjoyed their season finale on Monday, March 3 at Milwaukie High in Oregon City. The Eagles did not qualify for the Oregon School Activities Association's (OSAA) Class 5A state playoffs, but quality wins against highly-ranked playoff teams gave head coach Chris Dirks' team a reason to be optimistic.

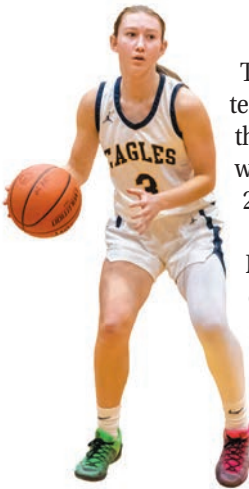
Highlight wins include: 57-55 vs. Summit (Dec. 16), 70-66 OT win vs. La Salle Prep (Jan. 10), 62-57 at Wilsonville (Feb. 4). The March 3 game marked the final high school basketball game for seniors Matthew Fauth, Davis Parr, Davis Kerr and Zak Poole.



Zak Poole  
Hood River

**NWOC First Team:**  
Zak Poole, HRV, senior

**Honorable Mention:**  
Matthew Fauth, HRV, senior; JJ Poole, HRV, sophomore



Bella Howe  
Hood River

playing in her final game for HRV along with point guard Sarah Mason and reserve wing Kennley Benefield. The past three seasons Eagles improved from 8-16, to 11-14, to 13-11.

### Girls finished above .500

The Hood River Valley girls basketball team finished the 2024-25 season on a three-game winning streak, clinching a winning record for the first time in at least 20 years.

The Eagles (13-10 overall, 7-7 Northwest Oregon Conference) concluded their regular season at Milwaukie on March 3, winning 45-27. HRV, under the guidance of head Coach Steve Noteboom, finished in fifth place in the league standings. Julia Rowan was one of three seniors

**NWOC First Team:**  
Julia Rowan, HRV, senior

**Second Team:**  
Bella Howe, HRV, junior; Sarah Mason, HRV, senior

## Sydney Newby is TVC Player of the Year



Sydney Newby (14) was selected as the Tri-Valley Conference Girls Basketball Player of the Year.  
Rob Hilson photo

### Tri-Valley Conference Player of the Year

Sydney Newby, The Dalles

**TVC All-Conference Selections**

**First Team:** Sydney Newby, The Dalles, senior; Hailey Johnston, The Dalles, junior

**Second Team:** Bryce Newby, The Dalles, freshman

**Honorable Mention:** Maddie Brock, The Dalles, senior



Jackie Begay  
The Dalles

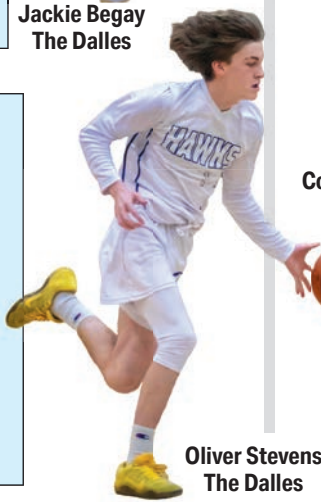


Calder Morrison  
The Dalles

### Tri-Valley All-Conference Selections

**First Team:** Oliver Stevens, The Dalles, sophomore

**Second Team:** Calder Morrison, The Dalles, junior; Derek Goulart, The Dalles, junior



Oliver Stevens  
The Dalles

## Columbia girls finish one win shy of state playoffs

WHITE SALMON — The Columbia High Bruins advanced to semifinals of the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Class 1A District 4 girls basketball playoffs before their season ended with a loss to the King's Way Christian High Knights.

The Bruins (13-9) had hoped to get an upset win over the Knights (15-5) and reach the state playoffs for the first time in recent history. The Bruins played well but lost 31-24 on Feb. 22 at Centralia High School.



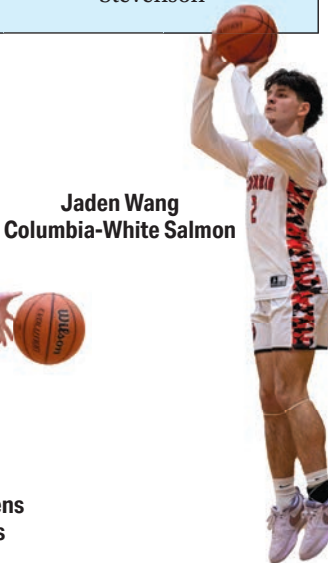
Jacquelin Huerta  
Columbia-White Salmon

### Trico Girls All-Conference

**First Team:** Halle Kock, junior, Columbia-White Salmon

**Second Team:** Sara Miller, junior, Columbia-White Salmon;

**Honorable Mention:** Joella Posini, sophomore, Columbia-White Salmon; Dani Wallace, senior, Stevenson



Jaden Wang  
Columbia-White Salmon

## Bruin boys lose playoff game

WHITE SALMON — The Columbia High Bruins boys basketball team capped its season by advancing to the eight-team Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) District 4 playoffs for the first time in recent history.

The contest marked the final game of the Columbia High School basketball career of seniors Huerta, Anthony Salcedo, Bryce Wang, Jaden Wang and Seth White.

### Trico Boys All-Conference

**First Team:** Mason Hamilton, junior, Columbia-White Salmon

**Honorable Mention:** Jude Travinski, senior, Stevenson; Hunter Wang, junior, Columbia-White Salmon



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# SOFTBALL

## HRV enjoys 21-win softball season

HOOD RIVER — Hood River, coached by Madelynn Vallejo, finished the regular season with a 21-5 record, 13-3 in the Northwest Oregon Conference (NWOC). Vallejo, in her third season as coach, helped guide the Eagles to a spot in the playoffs for the first time since 2019. Hood River was a combined 12-18 in its first two years of the NWOC before its 2025 breakout season.

**5A All-State Selections**  
**First Team:** Addi Van Metre, sophomore, INF; Kenadie Lucas, junior, UTIL/DH  
**Second Team:** Grace Rowan, senior, P; Isa Rivera, sophomore, C

**NWOC All-Conference Selections**  
**Pitcher of the Year:** Grace Rowan  
**Coach of the Year:** Madelyn Vallejo  
**First Team:** Grace Rowan, senior, pitcher; Isa Rivera, junior, C; Addi Van Metre, sophomore, OF; Kenadie Lucas, junior, UTIL  
**Second Team:** Sarah Mason, senior, INF  
**Honorable Mention:** Bella Belcher, junior, INF



Seniors Sarah Mason and Grace Rowan before their regular season home finale. Mason was a NWOC second seam selection and Rowan was named NOWC Pitcher of the Year. Noah Noteboom photo



The Columbia Bruins softball team qualified for the postseason after finishing with a 10-8 overall record. Noah Noteboom photo

## Bruins softball second in Trico

WHITE SALMON — The Columbia High Bruins finished a successful Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Class 1A softball season by advancing to the District 4 playoffs May 14-17 in Centralia after finishing second place in the Trico League. The Bruins (10-4 Trico, 10-8 overall) won their final two Trico games over the Stevenson High Bulldogs (6-8 Trico, 9-10 overall). The Bruins, guided by Coach Jesse Bryan, lost back-to-back games in the double-elimination district tournament to conclude the 2025 season.

**Trico Softball All-Conference Selections**  
**First Team:** Joella Posini, sophomore, C, CHS; Julia Mullinix, sophomore, UTIL, CHS; Halle Kock, junior, INF, CHS; Josie Dickey, senior, OF, CHS; Rebecca Townsend, senior, INF, Stevenson  
**Second Team:** Kiera Bucher, sophomore, CHS; Fiona Grabb, sophomore, CHS; Sophia Nordgaard, freshman, Stevenson  
**Honorable Mention:** Danica Herman, sophomore, CHS; Cayden Hulsey-Bible, junior; Abigail Swanson, junior.

## The Dalles rallies to qualify for postseason

THE DALLES — The Dalles placed second in the Tri-Valley Conference with a 11-4 record

The Dalles Riverhawks softball team is coached by Duane Witter, and finished their season 13-13 overall. The Dalles Riverhawks softball team lost 4-3 to No. 3-seed Astoria in the May 27 first round of the OSAA Class 4A state playoffs.

**Tri-Valley All-Conference Selections**  
**First Team:** Maddie Brock, senior, INF; Ava Graves, junior, OF  
**Second Team:** Siyra Faulkner, junior, P; Hailey Johnston, junior, C; Edie May, sophomore, OF; Bryce Newby, freshman, UTIL  
**Honorable Mention:** Aizlynn Rubio, junior, OF; Cadence Young, sophomore, 1B



The Dalles senior Maddie Brock (15) was a first team selection playing shortstop for the Riverhawks in the 4A Tri-Valley Conference. Noah Noteboom photo

# BASEBALL

## Hood River Valley Baseball

WHITE SALMON — Columbia High's 2025 baseball season ended May 9 when the Bruins lost 3-0 to Elma in a district play-in contest.

Columbia finished 8-12 overall and 7-7 in the Trico.

"This group made it clear that they wanted to be a part of changing the culture and history of our program and I think it's safe to say that they kickstarted that this season. Incredibly proud of this group and will miss them big time."

**Trico Boys All-Conference**  
**First Team:** Kai Brasuell, senior, OF, Columbia-White Salmon  
**Second Team:** Seth White, senior, Columbia-White Salmon;  
**Honorable Mention:** CHS: Wyatt Stelma senior; Kellen Olson sophomore; Jaden Wang, senior

**All-State Selections**  
**Second Team:** Davin Snyder, sophomore, OF  
**Honorable Mention:** Kingston McAdam, junior, C; Addison Postlewait, senior, INF

**NWOC All-Conference Selections**  
**First Team:** Kingston McAdam, junior, C; Addison Postlewait, senior, INF/P; Davin Snyder, sophomore, OF;  
**Honorable Mention:** Tyson Harjo, freshman, INF; Bodie Stuben, junior, INF/P; Davis Parr, senior, OF



Columbia catcher Ben Borton (6). Noah Noteboom photo



Hood River senior Addison Postlewait (13) was a first team selection playing shortstop and as a pitcher. Noah Noteboom photo



The Dalles senior Avery Schwartz. Flora Martin Gibson photo

## The Dalles Riverhawks

THE DALLES — The Dalles Riverhawks baseball team lost 8-3 to No. 2-seeded Junction City Tigers on May 27 in the first round of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) Class 4A baseball playoffs. The Riverhawks (14-14 overall, 11-4 Tri-Valley Conference), are led by head coach Pat Clark had entered the playoffs at the No. 15 seed.



**4A All-State Selections**  
**First Team:** Finley Corbin, senior, OF;  
**Honorable Mention:** Cody Agidius, senior, 1B; Avery Schwartz, senior, INF; Will Booth, senior, OF; Trey Hodges, senior, UTIL  
**TVC All-League Selections**  
**First Team:** Will Booth, senior, OF; Cody Agiduis, senior, 1B; Finley Corbin, senior, OF; Avery Schwartz, senior, INF; Sawyer Dray, sophomore, C; Trey Hodges, senior, UTIL  
**Second Team:** Trey Hodges, senior, P  
**Honorable Mention:** Evan Ortega, junior



Coach William Gross, Kai Brasuell, Deegan Bryan, Ben Borton, Seth White, Dylan Landgren, Wyatt Stelma, Jaden and Bryce Wang, and assistant coach, Trenton Howard. Chelsea Marr photo

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# TRACK AND FIELD

## Six Hood River Valley tracksters place at state

HOOD RIVER — Hood River Valley's (HRV's) track and field team had six individual placers, and the same number of personal bests May 30-31 at the 2025 Class 5A state meet in Eugene. Eagle freshman Savina Davis led the way with her third-place effort in the girls 800 meters final May 31 in 2 minutes, 17.26 seconds. Her teammate Syl Perrin ran a lifetime best of 10:14.51 to place eighth in a stellar 3000-meter field. Davis and Perrin, a junior, ran together on May 31, placing ninth and 10th in the 1500 meter final.

Senior Sylvaine Farr cleared a lifetime best of 10-7.5 (3.24 meters) to place fifth in the pole vault for HRV. Farr finished her HRV career ranked No. 6 all-time in the vault.



The Hood River Valley boys track and field relay team: Sam Knoll, Kai Wagner, Solomon Parson, and Logan King. Shawn Meyle photo

Davis, junior Sadie Baumann, freshman Georginia Williams, and junior Hazel Haspela ran the 4x400 relay. Their time of 4:10.10 is No. 10 in school history. The Eagle 4x100 relay also qualified for state, finishing in 51.69 seconds (17th). Team members were sophomore Keira Brennan, freshman Camila Luna, senior Alex Bronson, and Williams.

State meet placers on the boys side included: senior Logan King, junior Jack Miller, and junior Francisco Solberg. King set the school record and placed eighth in the 3000 in 8:35.69. Miller was sixth in the javelin at 163-5 (49.81 meters). Solberg placed eighth in the pole vault at 13-0.75 (3.98 meters).



The Dalles sprinter Derek Goulart recieves the baton from David McCracken at the state championships. Noah Noteboom photo

## The Dalles boys get fourth at state meet

THE DALLES — Coach Garth Miller's The Dalles Riverhawks track and field team scored 42 points in the two-day meet at historic Hayward Field. The Riverhawks clinched fourth place when their 4x400 meter relay finished fourth in a season best 3 minutes, 25.98 seconds. The state meet 4x400 relay time is the second fastest in The Dalles school history.

Senior River McClure bounced back from his second place in the boys 300 meter hurdles in a huge way by clocking a 49.26-second 400-meter relay split. Senior Julian Morehouse won an individual state crown in the pole vault, adding 10 points to the team total. Morehouse cleared a personal best 14 feet, 7.5 inches (4.46 meters). He finished his prep track and field career as No. 3 on the all-time vault list.

Tyson Long, a junior, also added some individual team points (eight) with his

runner-up finish in the boys 800 meters in 1:59.4. Junior Derek Goulart was fourth in the boys high jump at 6-1.5. David McCracken finished fifth in the 200 in 22.63 seconds (PR) and seventh in the 100 (11.09).

### Casady leads girls

Senior Alaina Casady led The Dalles' girls' team, which finished 20th with 9.5 points. Casady ran lifetime bests in the 3000 meters of 10:38.92 (sixth place) and in the 1500 in 4:53.5. Freshman Willow Ziegenhagen finished in a tie for fifth place in the high jump at 5-0.25 (1.53 meters) and also ran a leg on the Riverhawks' 4x400 relay, which was sixth. The relay team also included Laura Black, Ebany Mondragon, and Marie-Louise McCracken and ran a season best 4:12.58. Laci Hoylman (99-9.25 javelin) and Sydney Newby (high jump) also competed at state for The Dalles.



Columbia sprinter Saylor Hauge holds the new school record in the girls 300 meter hurdle race. Noah Noteboom photos



New Standard: Columbia high jumper Samantha Evans set a new school record when she successfully jumped 5 feet, 5 inches.

## New CHS records from Evans, Hauge

WHITE SALMON — Columbia High's Samantha Evans and Saylor Hauge each placed second and set school records at the 2025 WIAA Class 1A state track meet in Yakima, helping the Bruins finish 11th overall with 18 points. Evans jumped

a personal-best 5-5 in the high jump, while Hauge ran a lifetime-best 46.34 in the 300 hurdles prelims and placed second in the final. Hauge also placed seventh in high jump. The Bruins had earlier placed second at the District 4 finals on May 22.

### Other highlights:

- The girls 4x100 relay team placed 11th in prelims (51.15).
- Hailey Tolbert was 14th in the 100 hurdles (17.34).
- Lilah Zimmerman (1600) and Helen Hoskins (3200) each finished 16th.
- Sara Miller was top-15 in all her events, with her 9th in the 200.
- Freshman Jaime Perez was 10th in the boys high jump (5-10).
- Gavin Clifford placed second in the ambulatory 200 (31.82 PR) and third in the 100.



Historic Hayward Field was the site of the 2025 high school track and field championships. Noah Noteboom photo

# LACROSSE

## Faaborg, Adams, Whiteman top All-Conference team for HRV



Hood River senior lacrosse players Rohan Faber, Tyler Howell, and Ethan Sheppard. Shawn Meyle photo



Malina Bukovansky (8). Noah Noteboom photo

**Hood River Valley Boys Lacrosse**  
(2-13 overall, 2-8 Columbia Conference)  
**All-Conference Selections**  
**Second Team:** Leyton Adams, junior (faceoff); Zachary Whiteman, junior (goalkeeper)  
**Honorable Mention:** Evan Parr, sophomore (attack); Ethan Sheppard, senior (Short-stick Def Mid); Rohan Faber, senior (defense); Andrew Stehlik, sophomore (defense)

**Hood River Valley Girls Lacrosse**  
(12-5 overall, 2-8 Portland Conference)  
**All-State Selections**  
**Second Team Attack:** Josie Faaborg, freshman (only freshman on any All-State team)  
**All-Conference Selections**  
**First Team:** Claire Kealy, senior (goalkeeper), Josie Faaborg, freshman (mid)  
**Second Team:** Jennica Rigert, junior (defense)  
**Honorable Mention:** Lyla Mall (mid)

## Donica, Hartmann named to GHSL All-Conference lacrosse team



Brendan Donica and Julian Hartmann attend Columbia High but play lacrosse for the Union High lacrosse team. Contributed photo

The Greater Saint Helens League has announced its Regional All-Conference First Team for boys lacrosse, with two Columbia High School players earning top honors. Senior Brendan Donica was recognized for his performance on defense, while sophomore Julian Hartmann

was named as a top goalie in the league. Both athletes traveled to Vancouver throughout the season to compete with the Union lacrosse team. Donica will continue his lacrosse career next year at the University of Montana, marking an exciting next step in his athletic journey.



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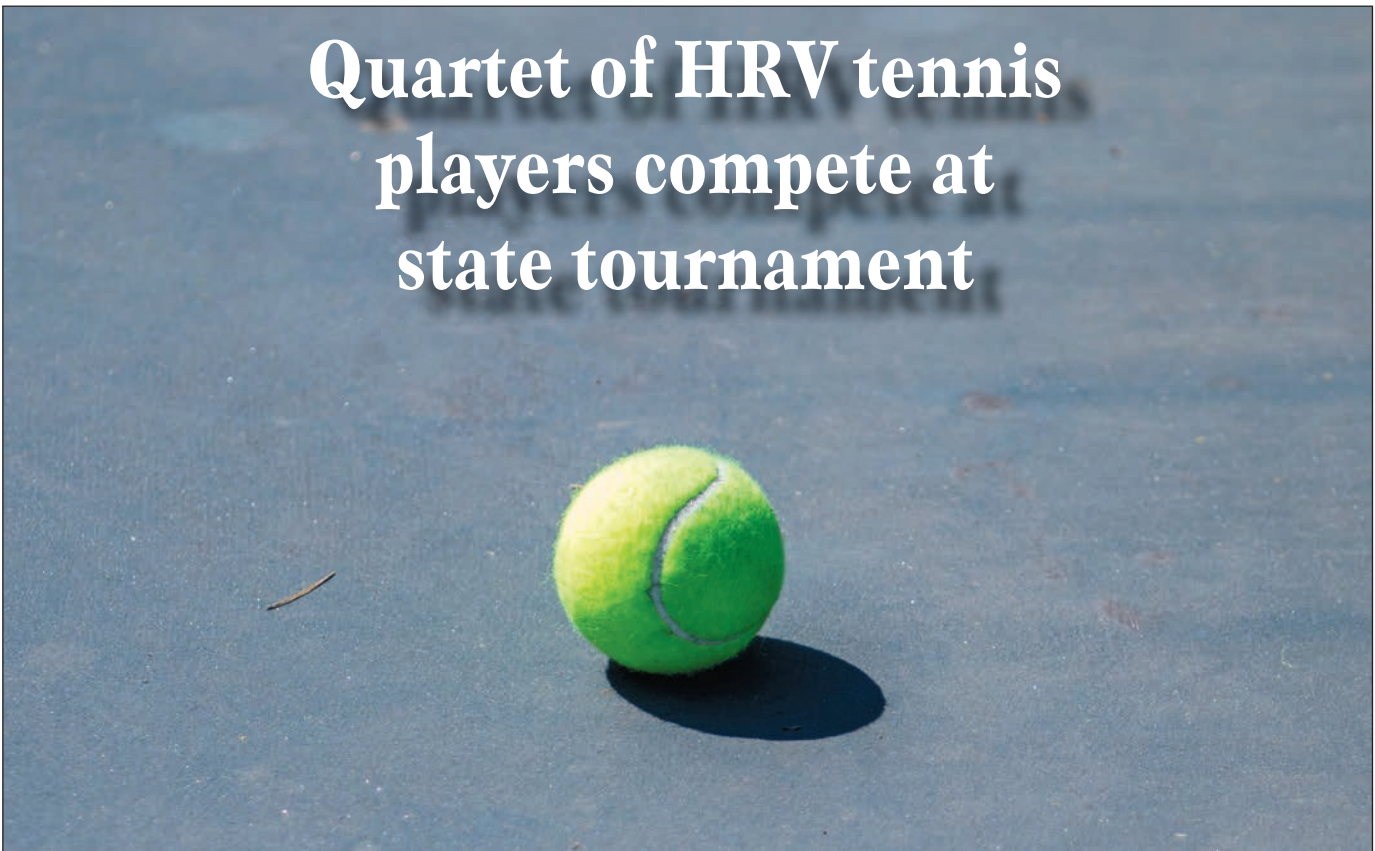
# TENNIS



Hood River senior Judah Caudill. Contributed photo



Stevenson twin sisters Samia and Piper Rudd. Noah Noteboom photo



Gorge tennis teams took to the court this spring. Most of the time athletes enjoyed sunny weather and victory. Hood River had four players qualify for the state tournament. Read more about Hood River and The Dalles tennis teams below. Noah Noteboom photo



Hood River tennis player Poppy Miller. Noah Noteboom photo



Hood River senior Jena Hager. Noah Noteboom photo

## HOOD RIVER

### Sales, Caudill, Mooney, Hager qualify for state

■ Staff report  
Columbia Gorge News

HOOD RIVER — The Hood River Valley High (HRV) Eagles' quartet of seniors Judah Caudill, Kendall Sales, Jena Hager, and Poppy Mooney capped successful seasons — and their prep tennis careers — by competing in the Oregon

School Activities Association's (OSAA) Class 5A state tournament May 23-24. Caudill advanced to the quarterfinals where he lost to Caldera High senior Aiden Cruz.

Sales then moved into the consolation bracket, and she won a quarterfinal match, 9-7, over Luci Reid of La Salle Prep. Sales concluded the

tournament by advancing to the consolation semis where she lost

The HRV girls doubles team of Hager and Mooney lost a close May 23 first-round match. In the consolation round, Hager and Mooney rebounded with a quarterfinal match win, 8-2, over Wilsonville's Julia Tatsumi and Teagan Hamilton.

## THE DALLES

### Riverhawks rally at the Tri-Valley district tournament

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THE DALLES — Freshmen Christian Santillan and Julian Rodriguez won two boys doubles matches to lead The Dalles at the 4A/3A/2A/1A Special District 4 tennis tournament in Madras. Also competing at

district in doubles for Coach Sergio Lopez's squad from The Dalles — but not advancing out of the first round — were Dante Kim and Orlando Vargas, Leonardo Casillas and Oscar Kovalchuk, and Zack Pothier and Eden Rodriguez.

In boys singles, Jesus Chavez and Arnolfo Flores won one match apiece, while

Jonathan Rodriguez and Gunderson Emmett both lost their first matches. Rodriguez bounced back to win four matches and the consolation singles championship over Alvaro Abriz of Sherman County.

#### Girls tennis

Leading Coach Debby Jones' The Dalles girls team were junior Ayanna Munoz and freshman Leila Garcia, who won

singles matches at the tournament.

The Dalles sophomore Liz Murillo and freshman Olivia Anderson lost their opening singles matches at district. Murillo won two consolation matches to advance to the semifinals in that bracket.

Riverhawks Amber Foley and Nancy Dias lost in the first round, but they won twice in consolation play.

# GOLF

## Tygh Timinsky headlines Dufur golf team



Dufur senior Tygh Timinsky finished sixth at the 2025 state tournament. Mike Weber photo

DUFUR — The Rangers' squad, guided by Coach Travis Kane, was led by top 10-ranked golfer junior Tygh Timinsky, who has won the first-place medalist award in eight of 10 events this year. Timinsky finished seventh in the 2024 state tourney.

The Dufur High Ranger girls golf team competed in the Mac-Hi Invitational Tournament on April 25 in Milton-Freewater and junior Tygh Timinsky earned medalist honors. Timinsky shot a

76 for the Rangers. Timinsky's teammates Cynthia Medina and Kaylee Wiles also competed in the event. Medina shot 97 for 11th place in the 32-player event and Wiles had a 121.



Dufur High Ranger golfer Tygh Timinsky capped her 2025 high school season with a sixth-place finish in the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) Class 4A/3A/2A/1A girls state tournament.

## The Dalles golf team leaves it all on the links

THE DALLES — The five-member Riverhawks' squad, guided by Coach Dan Telles, included seniors Gabe Hoff and Leighton Voodre. Hoff's goal was to reach state for the first time in his four-year career and Voodre had hopes of qualifying for the second time in his career. Voodre advanced to the 2023 state tourney with his Riverhawks teammates. Voodre's season-best score is 79.

The five-member Riverhawks squad also included Andrew Westin, Harley Beaver, and Camden Whipple.

It was the final tourney for longtime The Dalles Coach

Dan Telles, who is retiring from coaching the Riverhawk golfers.



The Dalles golf coach Dan Telles calls it a career. Noah Noteboom photo



The Dalles senior Leighton Voodre. Contributed photo

## Five Eagle golfers qualify for 5A golf tourney

HOOD RIVER — The Eagles' squad was led by freshman Aksel Betz, who shot a career best 75 on April 29 in Prineville. Other members of the Eagle squad include senior Davis Kerr, John Olsen, David Shepherd, Ren Sandahl, and Wyatt Bahn.

The Dalles High Riverhawks and the Hood River Valley (HRV) High Eagles both competed in OSAA boys golf regional tournaments May 12-13, when HRV qualified three golfers for the 2025 state tourney. John Olsen, Aksel Betz, and David Shepherd qualified for the Class 5A tournament.

The tournament marked the final event of the season

for Eagle players Kerr, Sandahl and Bahn. Kerr, a senior, was a three-time state qualifier.



Hood River senior Kristin Fox. Noah Noteboom photo

#### Fox is finishes 12th

Hood River Valley senior Kristin Fox placed 12th at the state tournament. Sophomore Rayla Yasui also competed for the Eagles.

## Trico First Teamer, Koch, swings at state tournament

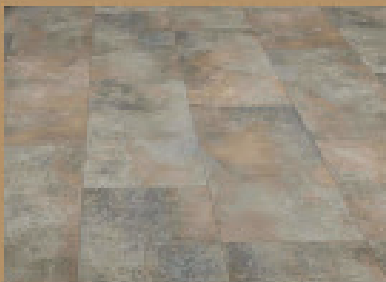
WHITE SALMON — Columbia senior Garrett Kock competed in the WIAA Class 1A boys golf state tournament May 20-21 at Liberty Lake Golf Course, where he finished 21st out of 60 golfers. It was Kock's first time competing in the state tourney.

#### All-Conference Boys Golf

Trico First Team: Garrett Kock, senior, Columbia-White Salmon

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SKI AND SNOWBOARD

Ski and snowboard teams send it

THE GORGE — The Hood River Valley High (HRV) Eagles and The Dalles High Riverhawks ski teams concluded the regular season by competing in two Mt. Hood Ski Race League races in February and March.

Hood River's boys team won both races and clinched the 2025 Mt. Hood Ski Race League (MHSRL) regular season title.

HRV's trio of Lars Welch (second), Beckett Eaton (sixth), and Davis Pruder

(eight) recorded top-10 boys finishes on Feb. 17 at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl.

**Postseason results: Giant Slalom (43-gates)**

The Eagles boys team finished 6th at the state championships behind the prowess of senior Lars Welch. Welch's giant slalom combined time put him 8th, Beckett Eaton was 13th, and Davis Pruder 45th.

**Slalom (23-gates)**

Welch had the 8th fastest time, and Beckett Eaton, another newcomer to the HRV ski team, had the 19th fastest time, 53.13 seconds.

Pruder, who finished 48th, 59.87, turned in the third counting time for the boys.

After the two-run slalom, the Hood River boys team was in 7th place.

Rowan Shuman of Trout Lake was 15th after the first run in the giant slalom, but fell the second run as his binding pre-released in the fourth paneled gate.

**HRV girls win state championship**

Hood River Valley High School girls claimed the 2025 Oregon high school ski championship.

**Girls Giant Slalom**

Arlee Sparling, a newcomer to the Eagles ski team,

had a time of 54.86 seconds, and Zoe Mortensen, in 1:00.78 seconds, were the three counting times, putting HRV in 3rd place after the first run. Teets finished atop again following her second run Mortensen finished 21st with a time of 54.15, and Sparling finished 32nd at 56.15 seconds. HRV's combined time of 5:24.59 left them in the same third place behind Bend.

Kaiya Doty of The Dalles finished 28th in the state after Thursday's giant slalom skiing as an individual. Her first run under extremely tough conditions placed her 40th.

**Girls Slalom (23-gates)**

Teets would end up eighth in the slalom and, the team she led all season would rise with her. First, it was Zoe Mortensen, who would finish in 18th after the first run. Sparling would finish close behind in 20th, and Eliotte Walsh would finish 31st. Walsh would end up being the catalyst for the HRV girls' comeback.

The Eagle girls won the slalom and finished with a team time of 4:42.72, six seconds faster than Grant High School.

Mike Weber and Chris Dawkins contributed to this report

HRV snowboard wins sixth state title

THE GORGE — The Hood River Valley boys snowboard team claimed their sixth state championship in seven years at the OISA state championships at Mt. Hood Meadows, with boys and girls competing in four events: halfpipe, slopestyle, boardercross, and banked slalom. Coached by Peter Lawson, the team received support from Columbia Area Transit and Mt. Hood Meadows for additional practice.

In boardercross, freshman Emilia Greenwood finished fourth in the girls' event, while junior Diego Paredes won the boys' race. Junior Landon Edholm placed highly in slopestyle, taking first place. Greenwood also earned top-four finishes in the banked slalom and halfpipe events, while Edholm, Paredes, and McQuade swept the top three spots in the boys' banked slalom.



Trout Lake skier Rowan Shuman in the slalom course.



Hood River's Emily Teets goes downhill.



The Hood River Valley boys snowboarding team took first place overall at the Oregon Interscholastic Snowboarding Association (OISA) on March 1-2.

CHEERLEADING



Hood River senior cheerleaders, left to right, Jynel Heredia, Josslyn Blue, Joselin Aguilar, Crystal Lopez, Oliva Garcia, Alice Torres, Sydney Stanley and Tania Grajeda.



Dufur cheerleaders have fun supporting the football team.

The Dalles cheer team places 3rd in Coed Cheerleading



The Dalles cheer squad placed third at the OSAA state championships and earned multiple podiums elsewhere, with Ella Anderson committing to the University of Montana.



The Dalles cheerleaders celebrate a score during a Riverhawks football game this fall.



Dufur cheerleaders show support during the boys basketball conference tournament.

Hood River speech and debate team at Nationals

**■ Staff report**  
Columbia Gorge News

HOOD RIVER — The Hood River Valley Speech and Debate Team went to Nationals in June.

Abigail Carsley, Rylen Heck, Everen Garrett, Isaac Serrano, Gillian Reed, and Adrianna Brink traveled with coach Ann McDonald and assistant coach Kristi Heck to Des Moines, Iowa, for the Nationals Speech and Debate

Tournament June 15-20. Over 6,700 students, 1500 schools, and 42 Champions were in attendance.

Special recognition goes to Abigail Carsley (Spoken Word Poetry), who made it to two supplemental elimination rounds, just missing semi finals by one point.

Adrianna Brink (Spoken Word Poetry) and Isaac Serrano (Storytelling) made it to one supplemental

elimination round.

"Impressive achievements at Nationals!" said McDonald. "Thank you to all those in our community who supported and helped them attend this event! HRVHS students, come join us this fall. We welcome new members. Learn to use your voice and speak out!"

Ann McDonald contributed to this report.



Isaac Serrano, Adrianna Brink, Rylen Heck, Abigail Carsley, Everen Garrett, Gillian Reed.

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