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EDITOR'S NOTE

Sports yearbook highlights high school athletics



By Noah Noteboom

Columbia Gorge News

My name is Noah Noteboom and I handle the sports section for the Columbia Gorge News. I graduated from the University of Oregon in 2021 and was lucky enough to find a position at my hometown newspaper. As time continued, my responsibilities

changed. When our managing editor and expert photographer Mark Gibson passed away last June, I wanted to continue his legacy and takeover preparing, organizing, and designing the sports section. Today, I have more journalism experience and the news team felt it was a good time to print a sports yearbook publication to spotlight the talented athletes in the Gorge.

There will be many different names throughout this edition but I want to credit Joe Petshow and Mike Weber for much of the information published. Throughout the school year, they watch games, do interviews with the coaches and athletes, compile statistics and follow important story lines. Chelsea

Marr and Flora Gibson also contribute to the images in the newspaper. I am grateful to have their help so I can focus on my photography. It is rare that I can include all of the photos we produce or receive, so this is an opportunity to share more photos of athletes that may not have been featured yet.

Every fall, winter and spring I try to visit each community and capture photos of the high school athletes competing. Traveling and watching sports is my favorite aspect of the being a journalist because I get to meet new people, challenge myself and be around athletics.

In this edition you will find notable results from nearly all of the high school sports teams from Hood River

Valley, The Dalles, Columbia (White Salmon) and many other smaller classification teams. We did our best to include every school at least once and I hope you enjoy the photos and coverage of high school sports.

Shoutout to Renee Mendoza, Shawn Meyle, Max Meckoll for sending their photos. Lisa Becharas was a huge help during the layout phase.

I have most of my photos available on my personal portfolio at NoahNoteboom.com. Please visit and check out the photos I have posted. Many are from previous seasons, but all of my contact info on there if you have questions.

I hope you enjoy the sports photos and coverage!

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VOLLEYBALL

The Dalles advances to 4A playoffs

Hayley Peterson



By Mike Weber

For Columbia Gorge News

The Dalles High Riverhawks capped a successful season by advancing to the OSAA Class 4A volleyball eight-team state tournament for the second straight year, where it lost both its matches.

The No. 8-ranked Riverhawks (14-10) were in the role of underdogs in their Nov. 3 quarterfinal contest against the defending state champion and No. 1-ranked Marshfield High Pirates (26-3). The Riverhawks, guided by first-year Coach Teresa Morris, lost 25-13, 25-19, 25-14 on Nov. 3 at Springfield High School.

The Dalles sophomore Aizlynn Rubio (9). Flora Gibson photo

Hood River finishes sixth in NWOC

Staff report

For Columbia Gorge News

The Hood River Valley High Eagles concluded their Northwest Oregon Conference volleyball schedule with two consecutive victories.

The Eagles' 3-1 home win over the Milwaukie High Mustangs (7-9 NWOC, 12-11 overall) Oct. 19, gave them back-to-back wins for the third time this

season. The Eagles (7-9 NWOC, 8-17 overall), guided by first-year Coach Susie Preston, won their first two league contests over Canby (6-10 NWOC, 9-16 overall) and Parkrose (2-14 NWOC, 5-21 overall) at the beginning of the season in late August.

They also recorded consecutive wins over Hillsboro and Canby in September.



Hood River senior Ryann Rosselle (2).

Noah Noteboom photo

Season ends on high note for young Bruins

By Mike Weber

For Columbia Gorge News

Playing for pride, the Columbia High volleyball team erased some of the disappointment that comes with a 1-9 record in league matches by winning their 2023 finale, 3-1, at Seton Catholic on Oct. 26.

The Bruins (4-10 on the season) entered the match winless in nine tries in Trico play, but topped the Cougars, 25-20, 25-17, 16-25, 25-17. Seton finished 5-5 and in third place in the Trico.

The Columbia Bruins varsity volleyball team.

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FOOTBALL



Columbia Bruins

2023 Conference Finish:
sixth, Trico (WIAA 1A)

Overall Record: 1 win, 8 losses

Biggest win: 50-6, v. Fort
Vancouver, Oct. 27

Points Scored: 124

Points Allowed: 229

2024 Season Opener: away vs.
Hoquiam, Sept. 6 @ 5 p.m.

HRV Eagles

2023 Conference Finish:
fourth, SD1, (OSAA 5A)

Overall Record: 4 wins, 6 losses

Biggest win: 49-18, vs. Centennial, Oct. 20

Points Scored: 176

Points Allowed: 273

2024 Season Opener: home vs.
Reynolds, Sept. 6 @ 7 p.m.

TD Riverhawks

2023 Conference Finish:
fourth, SD2 (OSAA 4A)

Overall Record: 4 wins, 5 losses

Biggest win: 27-0 vs. La Pine, Sept. 1

Points Scored: 114

Points Allowed: 185

2024 Season Opener: away vs.
Umatilla, Aug. 30 @ 7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

The Dalles earns berth to 4A playoffs



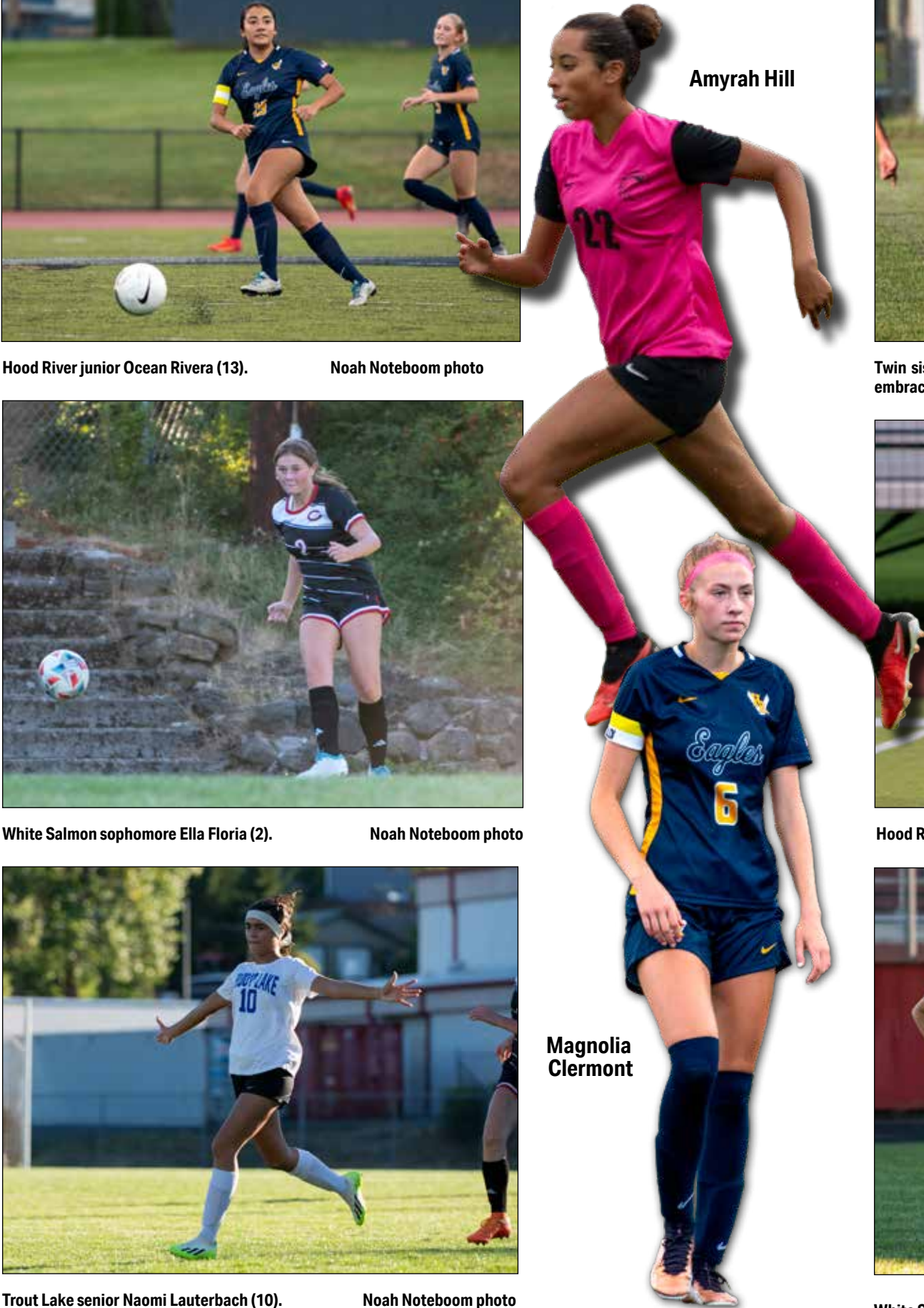
Hood River junior Ocean Rivera (13). Noah Noteboom photo



White Salmon sophomore Ella Floria (2). Noah Noteboom photo



Trout Lake senior Naomi Lauterbach (10). Noah Noteboom photo




Twin sisters and The Dalles freshmen Ariana (11) and Lilyana Gonzalez (9) embrace after a goal. Noah Noteboom photo



Hood River sophomore Yadira Solis (20). Noah Noteboom photo



White Salmon junior Saylor Hauge (6). Noah Noteboom photo



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WATER POLO

HRV girls win state championship, boys finish 2nd



Hood River senior goalkeeper Esmé Price. She was named to the 5A Central League first team.
Noah Noteboom photo



Hood River's Rohan Faber was honored with 5A Central League second team and the honorable mention list in the 6A Mt. Hood League.
Noah Noteboom photo

■ By Joe Petshow
For Columbia Gorge News

There are common characteristics of championship teams: senior leadership; a defensive mindset; tradition — to name a few.

Hood River Valley's 2023 Class 5A/4A state champion girls water polo team can check off each of those requisite boxes, and more.

Coach Kellie Dunn's Eagles beat West Albany, 13-10, on Nov. 11 at Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis for the title.

Hood River Valley celebrated another Class 5A/4A girls state water polo team championship Nov. 11, and the Eagles were recognized individually for their performances throughout the season, as well.

■ By Joe Petshow
For Columbia Gorge News

HRV won the 5A Central League and had four first-team selections by a vote of coaches: Sophie Cross, Tess Marsden, Michelle Graves, and Esmé Price (goalie). Kylin Elliott and Mackenzie Thurner were second-team picks, while an honorable mention award was earned by Avery Walker.

West Albany exacted a little revenge on Hood River Valley by winning the 2023 boys Class 5A/4A state championship in water polo Nov. 11.

HRV had eliminated the Bulldogs' title run a season ago with an exciting, 12-11, win in the 2022 state semifinals. West got payback by topping the Eagles, 11-8, in Saturday's championship at Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis. In the Class 5A Central League, four players were selected to the first team all-league: Elijah Adams, Caiden Titus, Finn Spence, and Owen Sheppard (goalie). Second team honors went to Jack Stehlik and Rohan Faber, while Forrest Hedberg earned honorable mention, among Eagle Coach Garrett Hall's players.

In the Class 6A Mt. Hood League, Adams was a first-team selection, Titus, and Sheppard (goalie) were second-team picks, and honorable mention status went to Spence, Stehlik, and Faber.

BOYS SOCCER

The Dalles boys soccer makes deep run in 4A playoffs

HRV boys soccer season ends in title game



The Dalles senior goalkeeper Luciano Alvarado claims a Hood River attack attempt on Sept. 7 in Hood River.
Noah Noteboom photo

■ By Mike Weber
For Columbia Gorge News

The No. 8-ranked Dalles High Riverhawks concluded their finest boys soccer season in school history by advancing to

the Nov. 7 OSAA Class 4A boys soccer state semifinals where they lost, 3-1, at Cottage Grove. The contest marked the final game of the The Dalles High School careers of 11 Riverhawk seniors: Luciano Alvarado,

Gilberto Gutierrez, Adrian Rodriguez, Jaeden Bullard, Hector Morales, Diego Rodriguez, Nolan Donovan, Bryson Seibert, Oswaldo Heredia, Carter Randall, and Angel Rodriguez.



The Dalles sophomore Angel Morales (19).
Noah Noteboom photo

Hulises Najera (10)

■ By Mike Weber
For Columbia Gorge News

Summit High's physical, stingy defense kept Hood River Valley's boys soccer scoring opportunities to a minimum and the result was a 1-0 OSAA Class 5A state championship win for the Storm.

The loss concluded an amazing season for HRV, which advanced to the state championship game for the first time since 2015 - when it won its second successive title.

In last week's match, Summit (15-1-3) outshot HRV, 30-3, (according to OSAA statistics), and the Storm defense made a goal in the 13th minute by senior Luca Gatto stand up for the victory.


HRV sophomore goalkeeper Emmanuel Galindo had an outstanding championship game in his own right, making 13 saves.



Hood River junior Aran Garcia (20) contests for a loose ball against Summit senior Ryder Poulin (5) in the 5A boys soccer state championship on Nov. 11.
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The Columbia Bruins and first-year head coach, Gio Magana, left, won the Trico district tournament and advanced to the WIAA Class 1A quarterfinals.
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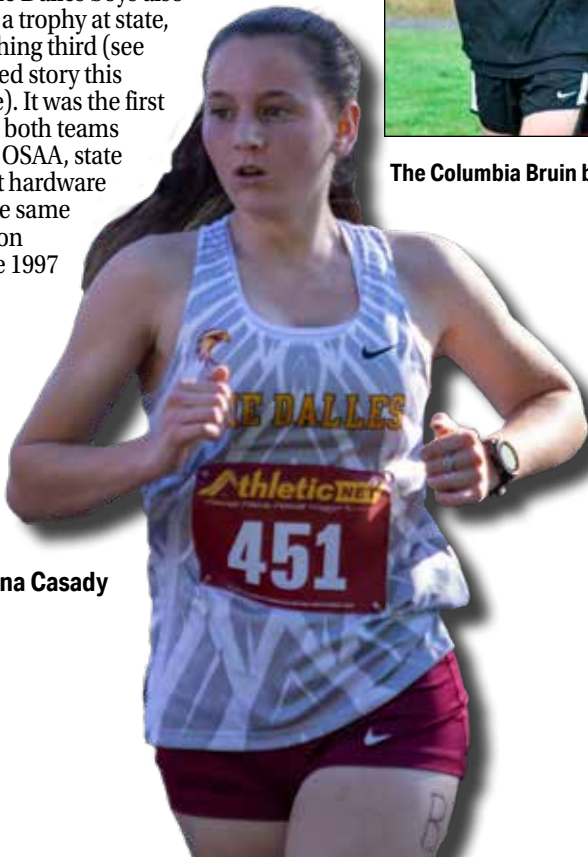
Hood River boys and The Dalles girls race to conference titles

■ **By Joe Petshow**
For Columbia Gorge News

District girls champion, The Dalles High, held off league rival Crook County to finish fourth in the Nov. 4 OSAA Class 4A state cross country meet at Lane Community College in Eugene.

The Riverhawks secured a trophy/podium finish (top four teams) by scoring 141 points to 144 for Crook County.

The Dalles boys also won a trophy at state, finishing third (see related story this issue). It was the first time both teams won OSAA, state meet hardware in the same season since 1997

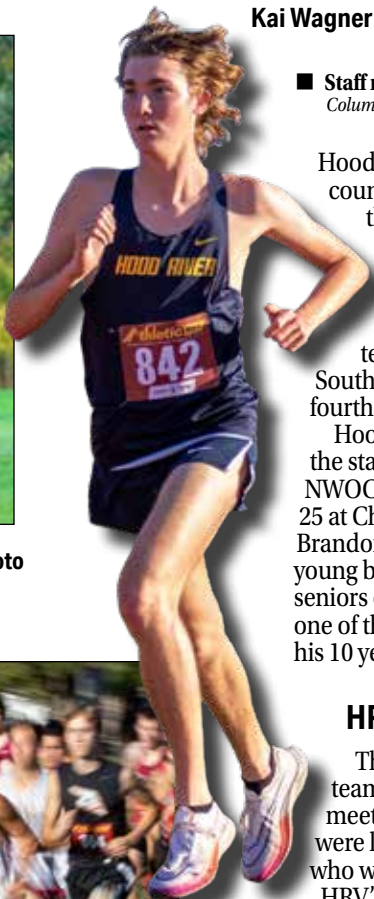


Alaina Casady



The Columbia Bruin boys cross country team.

Chelsea Marr photo



Kai Wagner

■ **Staff report**
Columbia Gorge News

Hood River Valley's boys cross country team finished fifth and the girls were ninth at the Nov. 4 OSAA Class 5A state meet at Lane Community College.

The Eagle boys scored 177 team points, just two behind South Albany, which won the fourth-place trophy.

Hood River had qualified for the state meet by winning the NWOC district championship Oct. 25 at Champoeg State Park. Coach Brandon Bertram has said this year's young boys team (there were no seniors on the state meet roster) was one of the most diligent he's had in his 10 years as head coach.

HRV girls ninth at State

The Hood River Valley girls team finished ninth in the 5A meet with 247 points. The Eagles were led by sophomore Syl Perrin, who was 15th overall in 19:25.

HRV's second through fifth runners were led by sophomore Charlotte Fuller, who was 51st (22:02); sophomore Sadie Baumann (65th, 22:51), junior Katie Godkin (67th, 22:57), and junior Olivia Millikin-Spray (71st, 23:05) completed the Eagle team score.

The Hood River girls had secured a state meet berth through the state's wild-card system after finishing third at the NWOC championships.



The Dalles boys cross country team leads the pack.

Noah Noteboom photo

WRESTLING

Hood River, The Dalles have placers at state



Josh Brackenbury and Alexander De La Torre at the Class 4A state wrestling championships. Contributed photo

The Dalles High Riverhawks wrestling team capped its season with Alexander De La Torre and Josh Breckenbury competing in the OSAA Class 4A state tournament Feb. 22-23 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

De La Torre finished fifth at 157 pounds. De La Torre, a sophomore, won four of six matches and scored 16.5 points. He concluded the season with a record of 34-7, including 29 wins by fall.

De La Torre was the first boys state placer since JR Scott in 2019

Breckenbury, a sophomore, competed in the 165-pound division, losing both of his matches. Breckenbury had an overall record of 23-11.

The Riverhawks had four fifth-place finishers at the OSAA Class 4A Special District tournament: Calvin Evans (175); Roman Fields (190); Amado Velador (106); and Brenden Manciu (215). Creighton Clack (132) and

first-year wrestler Quinn Brenner (175) placed sixth. Harley Scott (138) also competed at district for the Riverhawks.

Hood River sends seven to state

Hood River Valley's wrestling team finished 18th at the 2024 Class 5A state tournament at Portland's Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Hood River's seven-person state contingent was led by junior Connor Farlow, who finished sixth. He is now a three-time state placer. Jesus Ortega-Lara (18-6) won one of three 126-pound matches.

Sophomore Leyton Adams (25-8) won two of his four matches at 132 pounds and scored seven team points.

Six of seven state tourney wrestlers for the Eagles are underclassmen.

Hood River Valley's Natalie Solorio Campos wrestled in two matches at the 2024 6A/5A state girls wrestling championships.



Natalie Solorio Campos represented the HRV girls wrestling program at the Class 6A/5A state wrestling tournament. Contributed photo

Bruins relish in postseason success



White Salmon wrestler Ashley Totolhua, middle. Contributed photo

■ **By Mike Weber**
For Columbia Gorge News

Columbia High School's boys wrestling team finished second at the 2024 sub-regional tournament Feb. 3 at Castle Rock. Columbia was led by champion Sawyer Muehlbauer, who won his third sub-regional crown, this time at 190 pounds. The Bruins also had three runner-up finishers: Imanol Ruiz at 113 pounds; Holden Uffelman at 144; and Matthias Posini at 285.

Also advancing to regionals were: Levi Wamsley

(third, 132); Braylon Childers (third, 144); Liam Cox (third, 165); Humberto Pulido (fourth, 165); and Landon Castilla (third, 175).

Totolhua wins sub regional

Columbia High's Ashley Totolhua won the 105-pound weight class at the 2024 girls wrestling sub regional tournament Feb. 3 at Hockinson High School. Columbia's Caroline Meinzer also competed at sub regionals at 170 pounds.



Sawyer Muehlbauer finished second at the WIAA state wrestling tournament Dave Blevins photo

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BOYS BASKETBALL

2023-24 Boys Basketball Roundup



Lyle/Wishram sophomore Carson Ramsay (30), senior Zeke Marble (22) and senior Riley Smith (21). The Cougars finished the season sixth in the Class 1A Big Sky with an overall record of nine wins and 15 losses. Noah Noteboom photo



The Dalles

■ By Mike Weber
For Columbia Gorge News

The Dalles High Riverhawks split their final two Tri-Valley Conference Class 4A boys basketball games to clinch third place in the six-team league and also earn an OSAA play-in round contest on Feb. 24. The Riverhawks lost their play-in round road game, 85-68, to the No. 6-ranked North Marion High Huskies (18-7). Senior guard Henry Begay (pictured at right) finished his The Dalles High career with more than 1,000 points



Hood River senior Grady Williams (2). The Eagles finished tied for seventh place in the OSAA Class 5A NWOC with 10 wins and 14 losses. Noah Noteboom photo

■ Staff report
Columbia Gorge News

The Eagles finished the 2023-24 season with a 10-14 record, and they were 4-12 and tied for seventh in the Northwest Oregon Conference. Six Hood River Valley seniors played their final high school boys basketball games this past week when the Eagles season ended with home losses to state tourney teams Putnam and Parkrose. The six seniors, Sawyer Clemett, Aidan Smith, Grady Williams, Sixto Garcia and Ben Bauman, were honored before the Putnam contest along with family members.

Dufur crowned 1A Big Sky champs

The No. 5-ranked Dufur High Rangers won the Class 1A boys basketball Big Sky League District Championship for the first time in 15 years following a 49-41 win over the No. 6-ranked Sherman High Huskies on Feb. 17 at The Dalles High School.

Horizon goes to State

The No. 27-ranked Horizon Christian High Hawks took an unusual path to the Class 1A state boys basketball playoffs. Despite losing in

the district playoffs, the Hawks earned an at-large berth in the 32-team OSAA state playoffs. The Hawks qualified for state for the first time since 2019.

Lyle, Trout Lake battle it out

Lyle defeated Trout Lake 51-49 on Feb. 12 in a district tiebreaker at Klickitat High. The teams finished tied for third place in the West Division at the conclusion of the regular season.

Columbia Bruins look to next season

Columbia finished the season 4-17 overall and 1-9 in the WIAA Trico League. Brady Trullinger, who completed his first season as head coach, said the plan for the future is to continue to play pressure basketball. "I really want to stay true to this plan that I have — we're going to press; we're going to ... (give) everything we have and just push the ball in transition on offense," Trullinger said.



Horizon Christian senior Mason Bates (10) spins away from South Wasoc junior Gavin Hagan (5). Bates was named Big Sky player of the year. Noah Noteboom photo



The Dalles senior Will Lee (13). Noah Noteboom photo



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GIRLS BASKETBALL

South Wasco wins Big Sky title, falters in playoffs

■ By Mike Weber
For Columbia Gorge News

The South Wasco County High Redsidess won the OSAA Class 1A girls basketball Big Sky League District championship for the first time since 2019 following a 48-36 win over the Wheeler County High Rattlers (8-5 league, 17-9 overall) Feb. 17 at The Dalles High School.

The Redsidess (12-1 league, 21-6 overall), guided by sixth-year Coach Carly Johnson, qualified for the state playoffs for a second straight year and the fifth time in six years.

South Wasco lost their first-round playoff game to Crosspoint Christian Eagles, 39-32.

For the Redsidess, guided by the husband-wife team of Carley and Codey Johnson, the disappointing loss marked the end of their season a little too abruptly as they had hopes of reaching the state tournament in Baker. It marked the second straight year the Redsidess were in the state playoffs and the fifth time in the last six years.

Trout Lake 3rd in Big Sky tourney

The Big Sky West Division No. 1-seeded Trout Lake High Mustangs (12-1 league, 20-4 overall) won 60-18 over Lone/Arlington to earn third place in the district tournament Feb. 17 at The Dalles High School.

The Mustangs qualified for the state playoffs for a third straight year. In the first round of the OSAA playoffs, Trout Lake defeated the Mowhawk Mustangs, 48-16.

Dufur Rangers make district tourney

The East Division No. 2-seeded Rattlers won 58-38 over the West Division No. 3-seeded Dufur High Rangers (4-9 league, 5-16 overall) in a first-round district playoff crossover contest Feb. 14 at Spray High School to clinch a district semifinal match-up against Trout Lake. The Rangers were in the district playoffs for the first time since 2020.



South Wasco seniors Espi Baca (24) and Julie Hull (10). Hull was named the girls Big Sky player of the year, but the Redsidess lost in the first round of the Class 1A playoffs.
Noah Noteboom photo

HRV, The Dalles and White Salmon fight for wins



Hood River junior Sarah Mason (5) gets out on the fastbreak.
Noah Noteboom photo



White Salmon freshman Kiera Bucher (20), freshman Joella Posini (22), sophomore Madison Russum (3) and junior Sheyenne Antis (15)
Noah Noteboom photo



Hood River sophomore Bella Howe (3) and senior Marina Castaneda (1).

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The Dalles junior Sydney Newby (14). Newby and The Riverhawks finished third in the Tri-Valley Conference with an overall record of nine wins and 14 losses.
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SWIMMING



Hood River senior Elijah Adams swims in the breaststroke discipline. Shawn Meyle photo



The Dalles swim team from, left to right, Maverick, Aidan, Everest, Kaiya, Reta, Carter, Sawyer, Jesus, Rhett, Rowena and Lahja. Contributed photo



Hood River swimmers start out of the blocks. Shawn Meyle photo



SOFTBALL

Gorge softball teams bask in success



Columbia freshman Kiera Bucher (8) and Madison Russum (3) pose for s selfie. Noah Noteboom photo



Keiliani Crichton-Tunai



The Dalles junior Despina Seufalemua (13).

■ By Mike Weber
For Columbia Gorge News

The No. 15-ranked Scappoose High Indians (10-16) won 2-0 May 22 over the defending Class 4A state champion and No. 2-ranked The Dalles High Riverhawks (21-3) in the first round of the 2024 state softball playoffs.

Hood River

The Eagles finished in sixth place in the eight-team NWOC standings and hoped to get an at-large berth in the playoffs.

The Eagles (6-8 NWOC, 14-13 overall) needed to win all three games the final week but managed to get the lone victory May 17 at home on senior night against Hillsboro.

Columbia Bruins

The Columbia High Bruins concluded their WIAA Class 1A softball season after losing two games in the District 4 playoffs, May 15 at Fort Borst Park in Centralia.



Hood River freshman Isa Rivera (22).

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Girls make OSAA playoffs



■ **Staff report**
Columbia Gorge News

The Hood River Valley girls lacrosse team finished its 2024 season with a loss in the first round of the state championship playoffs on May 14.

The Eagles, 9-9 on the season and 1-5 in Portland League play, lost in the playoffs, 15-7, at West Linn.

Hood River qualified for the playoffs by finishing ranked 10th in the state. No.

7 West Linn advanced to the quarterfinals where it lost 18-5 to second-ranked Jesuit (15-2). Leading scorers in 2024 were: Sky Vaivoda Kerr, 34 goals, 14 assists; Lily Goldman, 26 goals, five assists; Isis Stenn, 24 goals, one assist; Renie Spence 18 goals, three assists; Georgia DeResta, 14 goals, three assists; Rozella Berens 14 goals, nine assists; Malian Bukovansky 12 goals, two assists; and Ryann Rosselle

10 goals, nine assists.

Senior Isis Stenn and sophomore Jennica Rigert were selected by a vote of coaches to the 2024 Portland League all-star team for girls lacrosse.

Stenn, a midfielder, and Rigert, a defender, were second-team selections for the Eagles, who finished the season with a 9-8 record, 1-5 in league play. Hood River finished the season ranked 11th in the Oregon Girls Lacrosse Association.



Boys lacrosse finds success through defensive acumen



■ **Staff report**
Columbia Gorge News

Hood River Valley's boys lacrosse team won its first round 2024 state playoff game, 10-3, over visiting Glencoe on May 17 at Henderson Stadium.

The 12th-ranked Eagles, coached by Jacob Bohince, were stingy on defense against the 21st-ranked Crimson Tide (9-6 overall), who won the Pacific League this spring.

The three goals allowed by HRV were the fewest Glencoe had scored in a match all season.

Hood River completed its regular season with a 6-4 record, tied for third with Portland's Grant High.

Hood River Valley's third-place Columbia Conference boys lacrosse team had 10 players honored on the postseason all-league squads.

Hood River, which finished the 2024 season with a 13-6 record, 6-4 in conference, had three, first-team picks by a vote of coaches. Senior attacker Milo Kitchings, senior defender Walker Dunn and senior goalie Killian DeHaven were voted to the first team. Senior Aidan Edholm was a second-team selection in the midfield.

Hood River Valley, coached by Jacob Bohince, had six players who were honorable mention: Sophomore attacker Landon Edholm, midfielders Leyton Adams (sophomore), Aksel Kitt (senior) and Jaxon Green (senior), faceoff specialist Finn Spence (senior) and senior defender Ben Bauman.



BOYS/GIRLS GOLF

HRV, TD and Dufur compete at state



The Dalles senior Katelyn Vassar Mike Weber photo



■ **By Mike Weber**
For Columbia Gorge News

A trio of Hood River Valley High Eagles capped their spring sports seasons by competing in the OSAA Class 5A Golf State Championships May 13-14.

In the 5A girls tournament at Trysting Tree Golf Club in Corvallis, HRV junior Kristin Fox shot 48 on the front nine

and 53 on the back nine for a first round score of 101.

HRV juniors John Olsen and Davis Kerr played in the 5A boys tourney May 13 at Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks. Olsen, competing in the event for the first time, shot 41-43 for an 18-hole score of 84 on the first day.

TD, Dufur at state

The Dalles High Riverhawk senior Katelyn Vassar and Dufur High Ranger sophomore Tygh Timinsky capped fabulous seasons by competing in the OSAA Class 4A/3A/2A/1A Golf State Championships on May 13-14 at Tokatee Golf Club in McKenzie.

Timinsky shot 85-91 for a 36-hole score of 176; she was

seventh out of a field of 65 golfers.

Vassar, guided by third-year Coach Nate Timmons, was competing in the final event of her The Dalles High School golf career. She shot 97-97 for a 36-hole score of 194 and finished in a tie for 20th. Vassar qualified for the state tourney all four of her spring seasons playing for The Dalles.

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BASEBALL

Gorge Baseball Roundup



White Salmon junior Bryce Wang (3). Noah Noteboom photo



Sherman seniors Brody Geer (12) and Talon Dark (10).



The Dalles junior Avery Schwartz (12). Flora Gibson photo

■ By Mike Weber
For Columbia Gorge News

Second-ranked North Marion beat The Dalles 4-0 on May 24 in the Class 4A state baseball semifinals. For seniors Cooper Cummings, Donovan, Cooper Klindt, Luciano Alvarado and Shaver, the contest marked the conclusion of their The Dalles High baseball careers.

Those seniors helped No. 7-ranked The Dalles (21-8), guided by second-year Coach Pat Clark, advance to the 4A baseball state quarterfinals following a 6-3 home win over the No. 10-ranked Philomath High Warriors (18-9) in a first-round playoff game May 22.

Hood River
Hood River finished the season 7-10 in league (tied with Centennial) and 9-17 overall. Senior outfielder/pitcher Grady Williams led Hood River Valley's all-Northwest Oregon Conference selections on the 2024 baseball all-star team. Also making the second team for the Eagles was sophomore Bodie

Stuben as an infielder. Senior Jordan Webber was honorable mention as a designated hitter, and junior teammate Addison Postlewait was honorable mention as a pitcher.

Columbia Bruins
The Columbia High Bruins (2-10 league, 5-14 overall) concluded their 2024 season

May 3, falling one game short of their goal of reaching the postseason after a 14-4 loss to the King's Way Christian High Knights (5-7 league, 8-12 overall) in Vancouver.

1A baseball
The 2024 baseball season ended for the Sherman/Condon/Wheeler High Huskies after they lost a May

7 Special District 7 playoff game, 7-3, at Union. The Huskies qualified for the playoffs after finishing fifth in the 10-team league. The Huskies (6-6 SD7, 9-11 overall) needed to win two games to continue post-season play. The confident Huskies had won three of their past five games while Union entered the contest on a three-game losing streak.

BOYS/GIRLS TENNIS

Tennis teams rally at districts

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Hood River Valley's girls tennis team was a perfect 8-for-8 in first round matches of the Northwest Oregon Conference district tournament, but none of the four singles nor four doubles teams advanced past the quarterfinals. HRV finished second in the conference dual-match season and was second in the district tournament. Hood River's Kendall Sales, the sixth seed, and Ava Giordano won in the second round but lost in the quarters in singles play. The sixth-seeded doubles team of Sylvia Moores and Randy Galindo also won in the second round before losing in the quarters.



White Salmon's Claire Hayes earned a berth to the state tennis tournament. Contributed photo



The Dalles tennis player Gisele Ortega. Flora Gibson photo



Hood River tennis players Noah Boris Jr. and Emmy Galindo. Noah Noteboom photo

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BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Gorge schools hit the track at state championships



Hood River senior Jackson Bullock. Noah Noteboom photo

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Senior Jackson Bullock, one of nine Hood River Valley athletes to qualify for the 2024 Class 5A state track and field meet, capped his Eagle career with a fifth-place finish in the 800-meter run at historic Hayward Field in Eugene.

Bullock held the lead after one lap, which has been his trademark style this spring

when he set the HRV school record in the event. His 55.43-second first lap set the pace for a tight pack of all eight finalists.

There would be no stringing out of the pack over the second quarter, as the first six finishers were spread from 1:54.5 to 1:55.83. Bullock was fifth at 1:55.79.

Bullock, who placed seventh at state as a sophomore in the 800, ended his HRV running career with

the school record in the two-lap race (1:54.8), and as a member of the school record 4x800 and distance medley relay teams.

Also competing at state for the Eagles last weekend were pole vaulters Francisco Solberg and Micah Castro, javelin thrower Jack Miller, and junior distance runners Logan King and Kai Wagner. The latter two finished 10th and 11th in the May 17 3000-meter final in 8:56.73 and 8:58.11, respectively. Miller, a sophomore, was 13th in the javelin.

Solberg, a sophomore competing at state for the second time, finished in a tie for eighth in the vault at 12 feet, 6.75 inches (3.83 meters). Castro was one of seven Class 5A vaulters who did not clear a height (the event opened at 12-6.75). The HRV senior capped his prep vault career with a district title at the NWOC meet two weeks ago with a personal best 13 feet, 3.5 inches (4.05 meters).

Bertram steps down

HRV head coach Brandon Bertram resigned his track and field and cross country coaching positions because he wanted to spend more time with his young daughter.

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Julian Morehouse and Derek Goulart placed in individual events and also ran legs on a state-placing relay for The Dalles at the May 17-18 OSAA Class 4A state track and field meet in Eugene.

The Dalles finished 17th in the boys team race with 14 points in the meet held on two sunny days at historic Hayward Field.

Sophomore Goulart, who won the high jump at 6 feet, 2.75 inches at the Tri-Valley Conference district meet two weeks ago, cleared 6-1.5 (1.87 meters) and finished fifth at state. Morehouse, a junior, did one better with his fourth-place pole vault effort of 13 feet, 5 inches (4.09 meters). Morehouse was runner-up at the Tri-Valley final with his 14-foot vault.

Morehouse and Goulart joined freshman David McCracken and junior River McClure in the state 4x100 relay, which finished fourth in 43.84 seconds. That time was a season best and the fourth-best mark all-time in school history.

The Dalles boys also had a 4x400 relay competing at state and that group of Egan Ziegenhagen, Vincent Ziegenhagen,



The Dalles junior Julian Morehouse. Max Meckoll photo

Tyson Long and Noah Preston finished 11th in 3:36.94. Tyson Long, who qualified for state as a wild card entrant in the 800, ran 2:02.78 in the two-lap prelims and also placed 11th for the Riverhawks.

Bruins at the WIAA State Meet

The Columbia boys thrower Luke Harrison was second in the discus (132-9) and fourth in the 100 meters (PR 11.83 seconds). Harrison's throwing

teammate, Ezekiel Wilson Ramirez, was third in the discus at 116-0, and also qualified for district. Also in field events, junior Garrett Kock was fourth in the triple jump and advanced to district with his sub-district mark of 35-4.

On the track, distance runners Noah Slayton and Luther Thomas finished second and fourth at sub-district in the 1600 to move on to district. Slayton ran 5:10.14 and Thomas 5:25.61.

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD



HRV senior Simone Tillman. Tillman will attend West Point next fall and compete on the track and field team. Max Meckoll photo

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Senior Simone Tillman anchored Hood River Valley's 4x400 meter relay to a school record and fourth-place finish in the event at the 2024 Class 5A state track and field meet May 17-18 in Eugene.

Tillman earned the other eight points with her runner-up finish in the 200

meters in a personal record 25.24 seconds, and fourth place in the 400 (58.26).

Also falling in a similar PR category for HRV was sophomore Syl Perrin, who raced to a lifetime best in the 1500 meters of 4:57.17 on May 18.

The Dalles

Senior Madelyn Harrison and junior Alaina Casady

finished third and fourth in their specialty events.

Harrison was third in the 400 meters for The Dalles girls, who were 18th in the team competition with 15 points.

Harrison also qualified for state in the 200 and 100; she ran 26.75 in the 200 preliminaries and placed ninth and was 11th in the 100 prelims (13.13). Teammate Lily

Adams also ran in the 200 prelims on May 17, placing 11th in 27.15. She just missed a spot in the 400 final alongside her teammate.

Junior Rowena Benjamin also earned a berth in the 4A state meet with her second-place finish in the district 100 hurdles (in a personal best 17.35) and ran 17.64 (11th) in the state prelims.



Jessica Polkinghorn will attend Western Washington University on a track and field scholarship. Noah Noteboom photo

Columbia Bruins

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Columbia High senior Jessica Polkinghorn capped her high school track and field career by winning the state championship in the girls shot put at the 2024 WIAA 1A state meet May 23-25 at Zaepfel Stadium in Yakima.

Polkinghorn threw the shot 44 feet, 11 inches (13.69 meters), resetting her school record in the event. She also finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 115 feet, 3 inches (35.12 meters)

Columbia's 4x100 meter relay finished fourth at state in 51.31 seconds. The team of Bella Hamilton, Saylor Hauge, Sequoia Cohen, and Sara Miller had qualified for state by winning a district title.

Samantha Evans placed in a tie for seventh in the high jump at 4-10 (1.47 meters).


Columbia's other state meet mark came from the Bruins' 4x200 relay of Hamilton, Cohen, Miller, and Hauge. They finished 10th in the preliminaries with a time of 1:48.49.

Sherman's Hulke wins two state titles

Sherman County senior Sophie Hulke won her third girls state discus championship last weekend and added a title in the shot put, as well.


Hulke joins an elite group of high school athletes who have won three state titles in the same event.

Hulke won the OSAA Class 1A discus crown on May 16 and a day later won the shot put at historic Hayward Field in Eugene. Hulke will attend Linfield University on a track and field scholarship




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The Dalles cheerleading seniors Katelynn Vassar, Lanie Dirks, Aris Castaneda, Lidia Moreno and Alexia Diaz.
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HRV snowboard team wins at OISA championships



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