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Seufalemua and Green set sights on Western Oregon

TD seniors accept scholarship offers to play football at the Division II program

■ Ray Rodriguez

The Dalles Chronicle

On a recruiting trip to Western Oregon University in late January, Dalles Seufalemua had his team-mate and friend Okean Green by his side.

The campus tour, team and coach meetings and the vibe were a perfect fit.

Seufalemua and Green accepted scholarship offers to continue their football careers at Division II Western Oregon University, where Seufalemua plans to major in exercise science, while Green is focused on earning a degree in the medical field with an ultimate goal of being a cardiologist.

“On our recruiting trip, it felt like home,” Seufalemua said. “The players there were really welcoming, and they treated us like family. They brought us in like we were already part of the team, so it felt like home already. It is really good to feel that love because I don’t want to get

homesick or something or feel like I don’t belong. Now we get to start a new chapter together and I am grateful to have Ty there with me. I am extremely proud of my brother for that and it will be great for us in the future.”

Coming off a historic 2019 football season that featured the program’s first semifinal run since 1993, Seufalemua and Green earned spots on the OSAA 4A All-State Team with Seufalemua picking up first-team honors for the second year in a row as a defensive lineman and Green chalked up a second-team bid at wide receiver.

TD head coach Andy Coddling, who was a 2019 4A Coach of the Year finalist, said that Western is on the rise and WOU coach Arne Ferguson, who helped lead the Wolves to a 7-4 record last year, is getting two quality individuals to build their program to help continue that rise.

“Both of these kids as high school seniors were people that we, as football coaches, trusted with leadership responsibilities and that is something they will take to Western with them,” Coddling said. “They were good to the younger guys, and they were looked highly upon by their teammates and coaches. They are just two respectable young men and that is all aside from the fact that they are getting two very good

football players. They are both playmakers, they have different skill sets and they are going to contribute.”

Seufalemua had 37 tackles, 14 for loss, with a sack, an interception, a forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and added a blocked kick in 2018.

He had an increase in tackles in 2019, however, jumping to 56.5 tackles, seven for loss, and had a sack, two pass breakups, two pass-defenses, three forced fumbles and two blocks in 12 games.

“I really don’t want people to talk about me when it comes to legacy or all that other stuff,” Seufalemua said. “I just want every kid to know that they can do anything in life as long as they are willing to put the work in for it. They got to grind. Life is a grind, sports are a grind, school is a grind. It takes hard work, dedication and working in the mornings when you are not really feeling it to get where you want in life.”

This past fall, Green was dual threat in the ground game and through the air with 1,844 combined yards and 23 touchdowns.

When carrying the ball, green rushed 106 times for 1,066 yards and 14 scores, as he eclipsed 100 yards rushing in five of the team’s 12 games and he had a career-best 95-yard touchdown in quarterfinal playoff action versus Henley.



The Dalles seniors Dalles Seufalemua and Okean Green accepted scholarship offers to play football at Western Oregon University in Monmouth. In the photo with the duo are, from left to right, in the back row, Dave and Repeka Seufalemua (mother and father) and Shawn Hill (Green’s uncle). Ray Rodriguez photo

As a receiver, Green hauled in 43 catches for 743 yards with nine touchdowns and he had a long of 77 yards.

“There were a lot of times where I didn’t think that this would be possible. Honestly, if I would have stayed in (Compton) California, I don’t think I would be alive today to get to this point,” Green said. “I never thought that I was going to do this, so it really hasn’t sunk in yet. I am a first-generation college student and it means a lot to me to get this opportunity. I have worked my whole life for this, and I am glad, and

I am happy to see my hard work pay off.”

It takes a village to build up young children into upstanding citizens and great humans. It starts with great families and solid father figures as coaches to teach athletes that work ethic, dedication, education and positivity can open doors they never thought could have been possible.

Joining Seufalemua at his Letter of Intent signing were his parents, Repeka and Dave Seufalemua, two community stalwarts who have embraced their son’s coaches over the

years.

“It is a very emotional day for me,” Repeka said. “As a parent, you pray for your kids to be successful and healthy. This is just one of my prayers answered. It is a dream come true. I am thankful and I am so proud of Dalles and TJ and I am so happy and glad that they have made it this far and are going to be able to continue to play football in college. It is not about just sports. They have to study hard, work hard and do their best. It is important for them to do well in the classroom and hit those books.”

Julie Hull gets elusive Region 1 Hoop Shoot title

Crazy four-year ride ends with a perfect performance

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Ever since she started her run at The Elks Hoop Shoot four years ago, Maupin native Julie Hull has had lofty goals of making it to the National Championships in Chicago, being considered a top shooter and going 25-for-25 on the big stage of regionals.

Saturday at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Wash., the South Wasco County eighth grader sank 25-of-25 shots to claim her first Northwest Region 1 Hoop Shoot Championship and then hit 23-of-25 in a separate session and is currently in line to take National Championship honors, and have her name and likeness enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

“Because this was my last time competing, I wanted to get past regionals, and go 25-for-25 in a competition, so by accomplishing those goals, it proved to me that after all these years, my hard work has paid off,” Hull said.

After draining her first 25 free throw attempts to score a regional triumph and qualify for nationals in Chicago, Ill., Hull then shot five sets of five shots to serve as a tiebreaker and went 5-of-5, 5-of-5, 5-of-5, 4-of-5 and 4-of-5 for her 23-for-25 output.

Because of the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), there will be no trip to Chicago as directors canceled the National Championships, which means that Hull’s 23 made shots will be put against everyone else in the United States.

“My family and I watched a Lakers-versus-Celtics 30-for-30 on ESPN and Larry Bird talked about when he played that he told himself, ‘I’m not going to miss a shot,’” Hull said. “That is what I told myself that morning until it

was my turn to shoot.”

Along the way, Hull dealt with adversity and road-blocks that kept her from realizing those regional and national goals.

After a third-place finish at regionals in 2017, in 2018 the eighth grader suffered a broken pinky, and participated with three fingers, and placed fourth at the Northwest Region 1 event.

Last year, Hull missed out on a regionals berth following a one-shot loss at state.

Back on Feb. 10 of this year, Hull sustained a knee injury, which put her elusive regional title shot in jeopardy.

Between working with her doctor and physical therapist, Hull eventually got strong enough to start practicing again two weeks ago.

“I didn’t want my Elks career to end on an injury and take away the chance I have been preparing over the last four years for,” Hull said.

Last time she lost at regionals, Hull said she had her father, Jim, take her up to the

gymnasium in Maupin for practice the very next day.

After her brother Jason made it to Chicago back in 2017, where he sank 12-of-25 from 15-feet away to place 12th, winning regionals and qualifying for nationals has been Julie’s motivation.

Julie and Jason are the only competitors from The Dalles Elks Lodge to ever make the National Championships, and they are the only two from the same family in history to earn that distinction.

To go from being so close, yet so far away, Julie Hull can now share some bragging rights in the Hull household.

Her Elks Hoop Shoot days may be done, but she takes several valuable lessons away from the experience.

“Losing in the past, taught me that there is a bigger picture than just being on the line,” Julie said. “It teaches me how to deal with pressure, and how to win and lose with grace. I was also able to gain a bunch of new friends from these competitions.”



Maupin native Julie Hull stands next to Northwest Region 1 Hoop Shoot Chairman Joe Basil after drilling a perfect 25-of-25 shot attempts to pick up her first-career regional title this past Saturday at Columbia Basin College in Pasco, Wash. Following her regional win, Hull then hit 23-of-25 in a separate session and is currently in line to take National Championship honors, and have her name and likeness enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. Ronda Hull/Contributed photo

Kainos Coffee teams up with TD track and field

Local business joins fundraiser to help program with growing costs ahead of 2020 campaign

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The Dalles track and field head coach Garth Miller has joined forces with co-owner of Kainos Coffee and Pizza and TDHS graduate Marten Boyden on a coffee fundraiser to help offset growing costs ahead of the upcoming 2020 spring campaign.

When Miller initially approached Boyden, it was an instant acceptance.

“It seemed like a win-win for us and this company,” Miller said. “We used to sell coffee as a fundraiser in the past and we got our coffee out of the Seattle area, but when I saw that we could get it locally, and support Kainos here, it just seemed like a good deal for the track team as well as this local business.”

All Kainos coffee is slow roasted in-house with three different flavors, but all coffee lovers can get the limited edition Riverhawk Blend in a one-pound bag in the ground or whole bean variety for \$15, while supplies last.

Boyden, a former high school athlete himself, is a

big believer in the organization of sports programs and discussed the fact that athletics allows kids to work in unison as teammates and with their coaches.

“All of the things that help me run my business I learned from being part of sports teams,” Boyden said. “We do everything together, we are a team and I think it is really important that we support local organizations to make sure they have the funds they need, the uniforms and the equipment they need to compete on a level playing field with everyone else.”

Kainos originally got its start in Portland, but in February of 2018, Boyden and his wife Mary had a desire to move closer to home.

“We have seen some good growth in this company in those two years and we are hoping for more during the spring and summer this year,” Boyden added. “As a small business, you are striving to be the best, but a lot of times, you are working hard just to get by. In athletics, during wrestling, football, baseball and track season, when you feel like you are at the end, but you just got to keep going. I think that kind of plays into everything you do in life, but especially in small business and athletics.”

Much of the Kainos foundation is built on giving to others and Boyden has spent summers working at the Dream Center in Los Angeles and volunteered time to help

kids in the Philippines to name a few activities he is involved in.

A portion of the revenues go towards different charities and organizations, but this is his first time helping a high school athletics program.

“As a company, one of things that we strive to do is give back,” Boyden said. “In the past, we have worked with local and international organizations and it is something we will always do because you want to be known for setting a good example for others to follow.”


Coffee can be purchased at Kainos, located at 418 E. 2nd Street, through any track and field athlete or Miller.

Call the shop at 541-769-0080 or contact Miller at 541-980-3181 to purchase a bag or a case for the office or job site.



The Dalles track and field head coach Garth Miller, on left, partnered with Kainos Coffee and Pizza co-owner and TDHS graduate Marten Boyden on a fundraiser to help offset growing costs ahead of the upcoming 2020 spring season. Bags of ground or whole bean coffee can be purchased from Kainos, through a track athlete or Miller. Ray Rodriguez photo

Athlete of the Week




Julie Hull

South Wasco County Eighth grader

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