

LACROSSE: 'It is our goal as a team to get lacrosse growing in this area'

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Junior attacker Lauren Kombol has impressed Plut with the dedication she has brought to the program. "She was always the hardest worker in the room, super dedicated and runs outside of practice," she said. "She is what we want EOU lacrosse to be." Since most of EOU's roster remains intact, Plut signed eight incoming freshmen to join her program for the spring 2022 season. "I am really excited

about that," Plut said. "I want a couple more, just to round out some of our defense and middle positions. There are a lot of rock stars to look forward to." Now that the program's first season has concluded, Plut is excited to play her part in helping make the women's lacrosse program a strong entity and a bigger sport within the region. "It is our goal as a team to get lacrosse growing in this area," she said. "I plan to do some free clinics and camps over the summer to get the community excited."

COACH: Crawford has been a coach over 40 years

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the Outlaws during a career that has spanned three decades. He picked up his 500th win Feb. 22, 2020, when Enterprise defeated Heppner in overtime, 40-38, during a Blue Mountain Conference district tournament contest. A major factor in the success Crawford and Enterprise have had over

the years is due to his players, according to the coach. "I've been incredibly blessed to be at one school and have the people around me in that entire time to be able to accomplish the feats we have done together," he said. Younger said the award winners won't speak at the awards ceremony, but Crawford said if he were

allowed to, he would share how humbled he was to be considered. "Think of all the people that are in that category. To be the Section 8 winner puts me into where there are eight people who are vying for the National Coach of the Year. And to be in that finalist section — it is humbling," he said. "I don't have perspective for the whole country.

I know that it's not typical these days of coaches to be in the mix (that long). ... I've been coaching for over 40 years, and (still) feel like I'm young and can do it. I just really appreciate the acknowledgment. I don't know it's quite as deserving, but others thought so. "How do you express in words to say how incredible that is?"

ON THE SLATE

Schedule subject to change

TUESDAY, JUNE 1
Prep boys basketball
 Cove at Joseph, 5 p.m.
 Baker at Vale, 5:30 p.m. (MT)
 Imbler at Powder Valley, 7:30 p.m.
 La Grande at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
 Enterprise at Wallowa, 4:30 p.m.
 Vale at Baker, 5:30 p.m.
 Imbler at Powder Valley, 6 p.m.
 La Grande at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2
Prep boys basketball
 Union at Nixyaawii, 7 p.m.
 Powder Valley at Baker, 7:30 p.m.
Prep girls basketball
 Joseph at Wallowa, 5 p.m.

Union at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
 Powder Valley at Baker, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3
Prep boys basketball
 Ontario at Baker, 5:30 p.m.
 Imbler at Union, 7 p.m.
 La Grande at Nyssa, 7:30 p.m. (MT)
Prep girls basketball
 Baker at Ontario, 5:30 p.m. (MT)
 Imbler at Union, 5:30 p.m.
 La Grande at Nyssa, 6 p.m. (MT)
Prep wrestling
 La Grande vs. Baker/Powder Valley Dual Wrestling Meet, TBD

FRIDAY, JUNE 4
Prep boys basketball
 Pine Eagle at Union, 6:30 p.m.

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