

BARRIERS

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of hearing — Garlitz noted that she has almost been yellow carded before simply because she could not hear the referee's whistle.

"It's nice to know I'm not the only one who doesn't always hear my name being called for a sub. There's something comforting in that," she said. "I've learned so much about myself just by knowing this team for a short amount of time."

Garlitz will be one of 44 hard-of-hearing athletes representing the United

States from May 1-15 in Caxias do Sul, Brazil. Soccer players on the Deaf National Team play without any hearing device on, which is a change from her normal competitions. Garlitz noted that it adds a different element to the game, such as a heavy reliance on sight and hand gestures to communicate with teammates.

Through a common obstacle, Garlitz and her teammates have overcome challenges and excelled through sports as they get set to compete for gold at the 2022 Deaf Olympics.

"The team is made up of players who use different

methods of amplification and communication. Some of us use cochlear implants to access sound, some use hearing aids, and some don't use any amplification at all. We have players who use American Sign Language, some cued speech, and others who are totally auditory oral in communicating," Garlitz said. "When we come together, we figure it out and it all works."

A fundraiser for Garlitz's trip with the USA Deaf Women's Team to Brazil can be found at <https://fundly.com/audrey-garlitz-usdwn-t-deaflympics2022>.



Alex Wittwer/The Observer, File
Audrey Garlitz drives to the basket during practice drills at Cove High School on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021.

LOCAL STANDINGS

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Oregon Tech	5-0	8-5
Lewis-Clark State	4-1	11-2
College of Idaho	4-1	10-3
Warner Pacific	4-1	8-4
Multnomah	4-1	8-5
Northwest	2-3	5-5
Bushnell	2-3	4-6
Southern Oregon	2-3	5-8
Eastern Oregon	1-4	6-6
Corban	1-4	6-7
Evergreen	1-4	1-8
Walla Walla	0-5	1-10

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Southern Oregon	5-0	12-1
Lewis-Clark State	4-1	10-1
College of Idaho	4-1	10-2
Warner Pacific	4-1	6-4
Eastern Oregon	4-1	7-6
Bushnell	3-2	5-5
College of Idaho	2-3	8-5
Multnomah	2-3	2-10

Oregon Tech	1-4	8-4
Evergreen	1-4	2-6
Walla Walla	0-5	1-11
Corban	0-5	1-11

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Baker City	0-0	6-2
La Grande	0-0	5-1
McLoughlin	0-0	1-2
Ontario	0-0	0-5

2A BLUE MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Heppner	0-0	7-2
Union	0-0	6-3
Weston-McEwen	0-0	4-4
Stanfield	0-0	3-4
Pilot Rock	0-0	2-6
Enterprise	0-0	1-7
Grant Union	0-0	1-7

1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Powder Valley	0-0	8-0
Nixyaawii	0-0	4-2
Pine Eagle	0-0	3-3
Cove	0-0	2-5
Joseph	0-0	2-5
Wallowa	0-0	2-5
Griswold	0-0	1-5

Imbler	0-0	1-7
Elgin	0-0	0-4

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Baker City	0-0	6-2
McLoughlin	0-0	3-1
La Grande	0-0	3-3
Ontario	0-0	0-6

2A BLUE MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Union	0-0	8-1
Stanfield	0-0	6-2
Weston-McEwen	0-0	5-4
Heppner	0-0	4-4
Enterprise	0-0	4-5
Pilot Rock	0-0	3-6
Grant Union	0-0	2-5

1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Nixyaawii	0-0	5-1
Wallowa	0-0	4-3
Griswold	0-0	2-4
Joseph	0-0	2-5
Elgin	0-0	2-5
Pine Eagle	0-0	1-5
Cove	0-0	1-5
Powder Valley	0-0	1-7
Imbler	0-0	1-7

ON THE SLATE

TUESDAY, DEC. 21

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Linfield at Eastern Oregon, 6 p.m.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Horizon Christian/Hood River at Elgin, 7 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Horizon Christian/Hood River at Elgin, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Nixyaawii at Union, 6:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Nixyaawii at Union, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 23

PREP WRESTLING

Elgin at Rollin Schimmel Memorial Tournament, Pendleton High School, TBA

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Weston-McEwen JV at Elgin, 2:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Weston-McEwen at Elgin, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 27

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Powder Valley vs. McLoughlin, Baker Invitational, 2 p.m.

Wallowa vs. Stanfield, Echo High School, 2:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Powder Valley vs. McLoughlin, Baker High School, 3:30 p.m.

Wallowa vs. Stanfield, Echo High School, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 28

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Powder Valley vs. Burns, Baker High School, 11 a.m.

Wallowa vs. Condon, Echo High School, 2:30 p.m.

Joseph at Lone/Arlington, 3:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Powder Valley vs. Burns, Baker High School, 12:30 p.m.

La Grande at Henley, Sisters High School, 3 p.m.

Wallowa vs. Condon, Echo High School, 1 p.m.

Joseph at Lone/Arlington, 2 p.m.

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