

La Grande standouts earn all-league selections

Devin Bell named player of the year, Tigers claim eight spots on Greater Oregon League teams

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LA GRANDE — Following a successful basketball season, the La Grande Tigers were well represented in the post-season accolades.

Both the boys and girls teams at La Grande qualified for the 4A state playoffs after finishing the season with winning records. The Tigers saw five all-league honors on the boys side and three on the girls team, along with boys head coach Mark Carollo earning coach of the year.

On the boys side, senior Devin Bell earned league player of the year after leading the way for the Tigers in the post this season. Senior teammate Brady Hutchins was selected to the first team after serving as the team's top perimeter scorer this year. Sam Tsiatsos, a junior guard, also earned first-team honors.

The junior duo of Logan Williams, a point guard, and Jace Schow, a forward, earned second-team nominations.

Carollo led the Tigers to a 16-3 record on the year, going 5-1 in league play. La Grande earned a 69-52 win over Baker to take the Greater Oregon League title and advance into a home seed in the first round of the 4A state playoffs. The Tigers were ultimately defeated by Banks on a late buzzer-beater, 58-55, ending the season in the state playoffs.

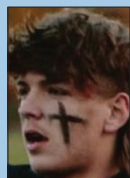
On the girls side, La Grande junior Makenna

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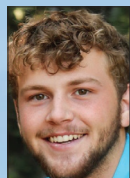
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Jorgensen



MacMillan



Dixon

Three Union County football players selected to play in annual East-West Shrine Game

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BAKER CITY — When the 69th East-West Shrine Game kicks off in Baker City in August, Union County will be well represented.

La Grande lineman Cole Jorgensen will start, lining up on the offensive and defensive lines. Powder Valley's Reece Dixon earned a spot, playing at quarterback and linebacker, and La Grande's Brody MacMillan was selected as an alternate.

"It's really cool to be selected, especially since

there are a lot of great athletes in our area," Dixon said.

Jorgensen was named this year's Greater Oregon League defensive player of the year and first-team league offense, as well as earning a spot on the all-state offensive and defensive teams. The senior was named first-team defense and honorable mention on offense among top 4A football players across the state.

Following the conclusion of his senior year at La Grande, Jorgensen is set to compete for Western Oregon University's baseball team.

"For Cole especially, I know he's excited to get another crack at football before he goes to Western for baseball," La Grande head coach Rich McIlmoil said. "He has really developed as an athlete."

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Baker Bulldog Memorial Stadium will host the East-West Shrine Game on Saturday, Aug. 6, 2022. Three Union County athletes will participate in this year's contest.

SPORTS SHORT

La Grande graduate named CCC softball player of the week

Jayce Seavert earns honor for Oregon Tech, leads squad in RBIs, home runs

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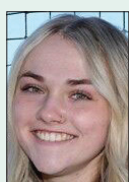
KLAMATH FALLS — A former La Grande softball standout recently earned recognition from her college conference.

Oregon Tech infielder Jayce Seavert, a member of the La Grande High School softball team from 2017-

2020, was named the Cascade Conference Embrace Health-Santiam Hospital Player of the Week on Tuesday, March 22.

Seavert hit .556 over a four-game sweep of No. 3 College of Idaho, tallying 10 RBIs, two home runs and a 1.444 slugging percentage. The freshman helped the No. 1-ranked Owls improve to 12-0 in the conference and 26-4 on the season.

Seavert currently leads Oregon Tech with 33 RBIs and eight home runs. She is hitting .394 and has a .873



Seavert

slugging percentage, while ranking second on the team with 30 runs, eight doubles, 62 total bases.

In Oregon Tech's doubleheader victory over the College of Idaho on March 19, Seavert went a combined 4-for-4 at the plate with six RBIs and three runs scored.

During her time at La Grande, Seavert helped the Tigers take home consecutive softball state championships in 2018 and 2019.

She is majoring in radiological science at Oregon Tech.



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Former La Grande catcher Jayce Seavert, a key piece of the Tigers' championship runs in 2018 and 2019, was named the Cascade Conference Embrace Health-Santiam Hospital Player of the Week for her performance March 14-20 for Oregon Tech.

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