

Locals: BMCC’s Ostrom has a team-best .354 batting average

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• Hailey Kline (Pendleton), Eastern Oregon, sr. — The top starter for EOU, Kline holds a 10-2 record with a 2.06 ERA in 12 starts, recording 73 strikeouts and a .220 batting average against over 81 2/3 innings.

• Rayne Spencer (Pendleton), Eastern Oregon, jr. — Spencer has started all 26 games and is third on the team with a .325 average, adding three home runs, seven doubles, 19 RBI and 19 runs scored.

• Madison Parker (Pendleton), Eastern Oregon, fr. — Parker has appeared in 13 games for the Mountaineers, mostly as a pinch runner, where she has scored three runs.

• Collette Robert (MacHi), College of Idaho, jr. — Robert has been dominant in the circle this season, accumulating 97.0 innings over 16 games, sporting a 11-5 record with a 1.95 ERA and 73 strikeouts and a .234 batting average against.

• Micha Fortune (MacHi), College of Idaho, fr. — Fortune has limited action in her freshman season, totaling 14 at-bats in eight games. In that time, she has nine hits for a .643 batting average with three RBI.

• Mallory Copeland (MacHi), College of Idaho, fr. — Copeland has started 12 of the 13 games she’s appeared in for the Yotes this season, posting a .214 batting average with four runs scored and three RBI in 28 at-bats.

• Ellery Jones (Hermiston), Idaho State, fr. — Jones has played in 20 games and started six for the Bobcats, tallying a .111 batting average with one hit in nine at-bats, while also scoring four runs.

• Mikayla Kopacz (Hermiston), Columbia Basin College, soph. — Kopacz has been one of CBC’s top hitters, sporting a .449 average with eight home runs and 25 RBI, seven doubles and 25 runs scored.

• Jessica Lambert (Weston-McEwen), Eastern Oregon, soph. — After one season at Wenatchee Valley CC, Lambert jumped to EOU and has had mixed results. The former TigerScot has appeared in six games and started three

in the circle, tallying 12.0 innings but currently holds a 6.02 ERA.

• Bailey Hillmick (Weston-McEwen), Willamette, fr. — Used in a utility role, Hillmick has tossed 16 innings in the circle spread over nine games, while tallying 50 at-bats in 24 games on offense. At the plate, Hillmick is hitting .340 with one home run and 12 RBI and 10 runs scored.

• Sydney Peal (Weston-McEwen), Eastern Oregon, fr. — Taking her redshirt season for the Mountaineers.

• Bekah Roe (Pilot Rock), Mt. Hood CC, fr. — Roe has played in 12 games for Mt. Hood, putting up a .280 batting average in 25 at-bats with one double, one triple and three RBI.

• Tehya Ostrom (Pilot Rock), Blue Mountain CC, fr. — Ostrom’s first season in college has been a tough one, as she holds a 11.49 ERA in 53.0 innings spanning 13 games and 12 starts in the circle. She does have a team-best .354 batting average in 48 at-bats with one home run and five RBI at the plate.

• Stacy Fitzpatrick (Nixyaawii), Blue Mountain CC, fr. — In limited action, Fitzpatrick has three hits in 20 at-bats with one RBI and one run scored.

• Kenzie Gonzales (Stanfield), Blue Mountain CC, fr. — Gonzales has had a rough year at pitcher for the Timberwolves, too, with a 16.71 ERA in 34 1/3 innings over 11 appearances. She also has one home run and four RBI as a hitter.

• Sam McQuown (Echo), Blue Mountain CC, fr. — She is third on the team with a .225 average in 40 at-bats, with three runs scored and four RBI.

Baseball

There are currently 11 players from Pendleton, Hermiston, Stanfield and Irrigon playing in the college ranks this season, with one at the Division-I level, one at Division-III, and nine in the junior college ranks.

• Alex O’Rourke (Pendleton), George Washington University, r-soph. — In his first season with George Washington, the former Buckaroo and Oregon State catcher has appeared in eight



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
BMCC’s Tehya Ostrom winds up for a pitch during Friday’s doubleheader against Southwestern Oregon.

of his team’s 28 games with two starts this season. In nine at-bats, O’Rourke has zero hits with one run scored.

• Kyler Lunny (Pendleton), Blue Mountain CC, soph. — Lunny has appeared in 15 games for the Timberwolves and has a .132 batting average in 38 at-bats with eight runs scored, four RBI and two stolen bases.

• Devon Roe (Pendleton), Walla Walla CC, fr. — Roe has played in 15 games this season and boasts a .237 batting average with one home run, two doubles and four RBI in 38 at-bats.

• RJ Robles (Hermiston), Treasure Valley CC, soph. — The former Hermiston star pitcher has been dominant in his second year with the Chukars, posting a 2.67 ERA in 30 1/3 innings over seven starts with 36 strikeouts.

• Chase Root (Hermiston), Blue Mountain CC, soph. — Following a solid freshman season at pitcher, Root’s second year with the Timberwolves has been a bit

of a struggle with a 7.71 ERA in 16 1/3 innings this season between six total appearances and three starts.

• Tyler Sexton (Hermiston), Blue Mountain CC, soph. — The 6-foot-5 righty has appeared in 11 games this season with a .263 batting average with five runs scored, four RBI and two doubles in 38 at-bats.

• Nychal Gritz (Hermiston), Blue Mountain CC, fr. — Arguably the best starting pitcher for the Timberwolves this season, Gritz has a 4-0 record with a 3.11 ERA in 34 2/3 innings spread over six starts. He also has a team-high 30 strikeouts.

• Slade Gritz (Hermiston), Blue Mountain CC, fr. — Known more for his catching prowess as a Bulldog, Gritz has made an early impact as a pitcher for BMCC. He has five relief appearances totaling 4 2/3 innings with a 3.85 ERA.

• Dylan Grogan (Stanfield), Yakima Valley College, fr. — Consistent playing time has been hard to come by for

Grogan. He has appeared as a hitter in five games with one hit, three runs, three walks and two RBI in 12 at-bats. On the mound, Grogan has thrown nine innings with 15 strikeouts and four walks in three appearances, but he hasn’t pitched since March 17.

• Tony Flores (Stanfield), Blue Mountain CC, fr. — Flores has appeared in eight games with only three at-bats, where he recorded one hit, two walks and one run scored.

• Austin Rice (Irrigon), Whitworth University, fr. — In Rice’s first year at the Division III level, he has appeared in eight games with one start on the mound, with 16 strikeouts and a 6.00 ERA in 18.0 innings.

Track & Field

Pendleton and Hermiston have produced several tremendous track and field athletes over the past few years, and now those athletes are making names for themselves in college. The Bucks litter the rosters at Portland State and Eastern Oregon, while Hermiston has a heavy presence at EOU.

• Donte Robinson (Pendleton), Portland State, jr. — Robinson has been busy this spring. He won first in the decathlon at the Boxer Combined Event on March 28 with 6,868 points and most recently finished fifth in the 110-meter hurdles and fourth in the javelin at the Al Manuel Northwest Dual Invite on March 31.

• Hunter Frazier (Pendleton), Eastern Oregon, soph. — A thrower for the Mountaineers, Frazier’s best finish was 15th in shot put (33-feet, 2-inches) at EOU Team Challenge on March 17, 10th in discus (105-feet, 4-inches) at the NNU Open on March 24, and ninth in hammer throw (108-feet, 2-inches) at the NNU Open.

• Kiara Glover (Pendleton), Portland State, fr. — Has not competed.

• Alex Cisneros (Hermiston), Portland State, r-Jr. — Cisneros has competed twice this spring season, finishing first in the 5,000 meter run (14:28.96) at the L&C Spring Break Open on March 17, as well as a 15th place finish in the 10,000-meter run

(29:54.96) at the SF State Distance Carnival on March 30.

• Makayla Akers (Hermiston), Eastern Oregon, fr. — Competing in javelin, Akers set her best throw of the season during the EOU Team Challenge in Hermiston on March 17, recording a distance of 135-feet, 4-inches — fifth best in the NAIA.

• Abby Johnston (Hermiston), Eastern Oregon, r-Jr. — Competing in 100-meter dash and hurdles, Johnston’s best finish was a fourth place in the 100 hurdles at the EOU Team Challenge on March 17.

• Ebony Wilson (Hermiston), Eastern Oregon, fr. — Currently holds the top mark for EOU in 100-meter dash (12.79), long jump (5.35 meters), and triple jump (11.07 meters).

Golf

Only four golfers are college rosters this spring, with two in their first year, one in his second season and one finishing up her college career.

• Haley Greb (Pendleton) Colorado State, fr. — The former state champion has had a solid debut season with the Rams, scoring five finishes in the top 25 out of nine tournaments this season. Her best finish of the spring season was a three-round score of 224 (plus-8) for an 11th place finish at The Rebel Beach on Feb. 27.

• Reilly Hegarty (Pendleton), Whitworth, soph. — Hegarty has played nine tournaments this season and has an average score of 76.90 (plus-5). His best finish was a three-over 75 at the Whitman Men’s Invitational on Oct. 28.

• Blake Greenup (Heppner), Lewis-Clark State, sr. — Greenup most recently posted a weekend score of 83-88—171 to finish third on her team at the Warrior Spring Invitational on Mar. 20.

• Riley Chester (MacHi), Walla Walla CC, fr. — In Chester’s only action of the spring season, he shot a two-round score of 89-90—179 to finish third on his team at the Warrior Spring Invitational on March 20.

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BLAZERS: Portland scored the first seven points of the second half

Portland Trail Blazers forward Evan Turner, right, drives around Houston Rockets center Clint Capela, left, during the first half of Thursday’s game in Houston.

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McCollum led the Trail Blazers with 16 points, and Jusuf Nurkic had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Portland scored the first seven points of the second half and cut a 22-point halftime deficit to 13 at the beginning of the fourth. The Trail Blazers were down by 18 late in the third quarter before capping it with a

five straight points to cut it to 84-71 entering the fourth.

A basket by Shabazz Napier got the Trail Blazers within 85-75 with about 10 minutes left before both teams began struggling offensively. The teams combined to miss 10 shots over the next three minutes before Clint Capela ended Houston’s drought with a dunk. That started a 7-0 run for the Rockets that made it

92-75.

Harden was shaken up when Wade Baldwin pushed him in the torso as he attempted a layup with about 3 1/2 minutes left in the second quarter. He fell to his knees and stayed on the court for a minute before talking to a trainer and remaining in the game.

The Rockets led 66-44 at halftime behind 20 points from Paul and 15 points from Harden.

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