



ALL-EO SOFTBALL TEAM



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

RICHARDS
By The Numbers

232
Strikeouts
(school record)

171 1/3
Innings
pitched

26
Pitching wins
(school record)

.461
Batting average
(third on team)

37
RBI
(second on team)

Pendleton senior pitcher Lauren Richards has been named as the All-EO softball player of the year.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

‘She refuses to lose’

Pendleton’s Lauren Richards is the 2018 All-EO Player of the Year

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Before Lauren Richards’ senior season even started, the talented Pendleton pitcher had already accomplished quite a bit on the softball diamond. The Buckaroo had all-conference awards, all-state selections, school records and conference championships in her back pocket, and was on the radar of college coaches from across the country. The only

thing missing from Richards’ trophy case was the ultimate accomplishment in high school sports — a state championship. She and the Buckaroos had come very close three times previous in her career, but missed out each time. For the intense competitor in Richards, being championship-less was frustrating. The thought fueled her late-night sessions in the hitting cages with her father, Steve, and it stayed with her during games and workouts for summer travel ball. So much

so that Richards made a change to her routine over the winter. She decided to give up playing basketball during the winter season and instead joined Pendleton’s swim team along with junior second baseman Aspen Garton with the goal of being better prepared for softball season. “I heard how good of a workout it (swimming) is, so I tried to talk Aspen into it,” Richards said. “We about died at a cou-

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2018 ALL-EO SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM



Lauren Richards
Pendleton, sr.
Stats: 26-2 record
1.42 ERA, 232 K;
.461 avg., 37 RBI



Alyssa Ray
Echo, sr.
Stats: 11-5 record
2.41 ERA, 138 K,
95 2/3 innings.



Ayana Aguilar
Pilot Rock, soph.
Stats: 14-3 record, 2.90 ERA,
86 2/3 IP, 108 K



Bailee Noland
Hermiston, soph.
Stats: .430 avg., 8
HR, 39 RBI, 7 2B,
24 runs, 1.275 OPS



Kila Solomon
Pendleton, jr.
Stats: .408 avg.,
7 HR, 33 RBI,
1.166 OPS



Alexi Brehaut
Pendleton, sr.
Stats: .531 avg.,
7 HR, 35 RBI, 9
2B, 31 runs



Kalan McGlothlin
Pendleton, sr.
Stats: .464 avg.,
10 HR, 36 RBI, 35
runs scored



Aspen Garton
Pendleton, jr.
Stats: .438 avg.,
6 HR, 39 RBI, 29
runs scored



Sydney Stefani
Hermiston, jr.
Stats: .571 avg.,
6 HR, 23 RBI, 39
runs, 12 2B



Sara Weinke
Pilot Rock, sr.
Stats: .662 avg.,
6 HR, 56 RBI, 14
2B, 9 3B, 41 runs



Kayla Deist
Pilot Rock, sr.
Stats: .492 avg.,
3 HR, 30 RBI, 37
runs, 5 2B



Kirah McGlothlin
Pendleton, jr.
Stats: .341 avg.,
.521 OBP, 10 2B,
45 runs, 17 HBP



Daisy Maddox
Hermiston, soph.
Stats: .360 avg.,
3 HR, 11 RBI, 18
runs, 1.002 OPS



Kendra Hart
Echo/Stanford, so.
Stats: .500 avg.,
20 XBH, 29 RBI,
51 runs

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

OSU offense keeps humming

Beavers one win away from CWS Final after a 12-2 win over Miss. St.

By ERIC OLSON
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — It has been decades since an offense at the College World Series has been as prolific as Oregon State’s. The good times — and the runs — kept rolling for the Beavers in a 12-2 win over Mississippi State on Friday. Oregon State used a five-run second inning to build a big lead, batted around twice and never were threatened thanks to

Brandon Eisert’s season-long 5 1/3 innings of one-hit shutout relief. Oregon State joined 1995 Cal State Fullerton as the only teams in CWS history to score 11 or more runs in three consecutive games. The Beavers’ 43 runs is the highest total by a team through four games since 2001. “When you’re swinging the bat well, you have a lot of confidence going up and down the lineup,” coach Pat Casey said. “We’ve got a team approach to swinging. I think they have a lot of trust in one another. I’ve been through spells during the year when we haven’t swung the bat well. They’re swinging it well at the right time. Cer-

tainly it’s something I’m excited about.” The Beavers (51-11-1) have staved off elimination three times since losing their CWS opener to North Carolina last Saturday. They beat Washington, North Carolina and now Mississippi State. Another win over the Bulldogs (39-18) on Saturday would send Oregon State to the best-of-three CWS finals for the first time since 2007. The Bulldogs, trying to return to the CWS finals for the first time since 2013, are not in unfamiliar territory. They were down to their last strike in regionals before beat-

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Oregon State’s Kyle Nobach (28) is greeted at the dugout after he scored against Mississippi State on a one-run single by Michael Gretler in the second inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball game in Omaha, Neb., Friday.