

Ione’s McCurry named MVP of Big Sky League

Senior middle blocker averaged 12 kills, 4 blocks per match

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IONE — Tresslyn McCurry not only made a statement this season on the volleyball court, but she also put herself in the history books at Ione High School.

The 6-foot-1 senior middle blocker was named the Big Sky League player of the year by the league coaches. According to school records, she is the first Ione female athlete in any sport to earn such an honor.

“It’s pretty amazing,” McCurry said. “Honestly, a little, I thought

I’d make first team.”

Rounding out the first team were Faith McCarty and Tylene Skillman of Echo, Reese Millis and Laurynn Davis of South Wasco County, Jaelyn Justesen of Sherman County, and Emily Crawford of Dufur.

The Cardinals finished fourth in the Big Sky at 6-6 and 9-10 overall, but there was no denying that McCurry stood out. She averaged 12 kills and four blocks a match. She also was one of the team’s top servers and defensive players.

“She is a great kid, and she works really hard in practice,” Ione/Arlington coach Teren Humphrey



McCurry

BIG SKY LEAGUE

MVP

Tresslyn McCurry, sr., Ione/Arlington

First Team

Faith McCarty, So., Echo; Reese Millis, Sr., South Wasco County; Tylene Skillman, Sr., Echo; Jaelyn Justesen, Sr., Sherman County; Emily Crawford, So., Dufur; Laurynn Davis, Sr., South Wasco County.

Second Team

Mikayla Kelly, Sr., Dufur; Kalie Ellis, Sr., Dufur; Natalie Toombs,

Sr., Echo; Hailey Anderson, So., South Wasco County; Maria Rey, Sr., Mitchell-Spray; Trinity Blake, Sr., Dufur; Kylie Iverson, Fr., South Wasco County.

Honorable Mention

Eva Martin, Jr., Ione-Arlington; Emma Rietmann, Sr., Ione-Arlington; Elliot Glenn, Fr., Echo; Megan Aamodt, So., Condon; Megan Doherty, Sr., Ione-Arlington; Holly Miles, So., South Wasco County.

said. “She was always wanting to work to get better. She is a great athlete. She really was dominant.”

McCurry was one of four

seniors on a team that will return a lot of talent next year.

“I love the girls I play with, and to see them transition is amazing,”

McCurry said. “It sucks I won’t be there next year.”

McCurry who plans on playing basketball and tennis to finish out the school year, has drawn interest from Blue Mountain Community College for volleyball, but said she will keep her options open.

“I want to see where I can get the best offer,” said McCurry, who would like to major in business/accounting.

McCurry was joined on the all-league team by teammates Eva Martin, Emma Rietmann and Megan Doherty, who all were named to the honorable mention team.

Echo’s Natalie Toombs was named to the second team, while Elliot Glenn made the honorable mention team.

Pirates escape Challengers in overtime

Marisol Pacheco’s goal in overtime helps Pirates take first round of state playoffs

By BRETT KANE
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BOARDMAN — It was two years ago that the Riverside Pirates dropped the first round of the 3A/2A/1A girls soccer state tournament to Cascade Christian by one goal scored in overtime.

On Tuesday, the Pirates got the rematch they’d been waiting for.

In their first meeting since that playoff game in 2017, the Riverside Pirates, who cruised through Eastern Oregon League play to take the conference title, escaped the first round of the 3A/2A/1A state playoffs after Marisol Pacheco’s goal in overtime took down the visiting Challengers 2-1.

The win marks the second season in a row that the Pirates will advance to the quarterfinals.

“I’m really proud of my team,” said Pacheco, a sophomore forward. “Last year, we lost a lot of players, but we worked with what we had. We kept pushing forward. Hopefully, we can keep going.”

Both teams came close, but neither could manage a goal for the first 36 minutes of the contest. The Challengers got on the board with 2:45 left in the half when sophomore Katie Erno sent a goal sailing just above Riverside sophomore keeper Areli Cambero’s reach.

Riverside responded, but it wouldn’t be until after the half-time break.

Senior forward Neftali Pacheco sent a shot right into the Challengers’ net in the 42nd minute to tie the score at 1-1 and keep the Pirates afloat.

“We were just very prepared,” Pacheco said. “We knew it wasn’t going to be easy. We had to bring



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

Riverside’s Valeria Echevarria (7) fights for control of the ball with Cascade Christian’s Hannah Krug (3). The Riverside Pirates defeated the Cascade Christian Challengers 2-1 in the first round of the OSAA state playoffs at Riverside High School in Boardman on Tuesday afternoon.

the pressure and not get down on ourselves just because (Cascade Christian) scored a goal. It felt really good to know that I made a goal to keep us going.”

Riverside sophomore midfielder Valeria Echevarria dribbled the ball downfield in an attempt to pull ahead in the final seconds, but Challengers junior

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Ohio State running back J.K. Dobbins, left, scores a touchdown against Wisconsin during the second half of an NCAA college football game on Oct. 26, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio. Ohio State beat Wisconsin 38-7.

Top 4 teams named in 1st CFP rankings

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NEW YORK — Two from the Big Ten. Two from the Southeastern Conference. And the undefeated defending national champions on the outside looking in — for now.

Ohio State, LSU, Alabama and Penn State were the top four teams Tuesday night in the College Football Playoff selection committee’s first rankings of the season.

Next up was Clemson, winner of two of the last three playoffs, followed by Georgia and Oregon. The 13-member committee will produce four more weekly top 25s before the only ones that really count come out on selection Sunday, Dec. 8.

The semifinals will be held this season at the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Arizona, and the Peach Bowl in Atlanta on Dec. 28. The national championship game is Jan. 13 in New Orleans.

The top four in the selection committee’s initial rankings have never all reached the semifinals in the playoff’s five-year history. Eleven of the 20 teams that started in the top four of the CFP rankings have reached the playoff, but, oddly, never the team ranked third.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Panthers place QB Cam Newton on IR; out for regular season

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Panthers have placed quarterback Cam Newton on injured reserve, meaning he can’t play for the rest of the regular season.

Panthers general manager Marty Hurney said in a statement Tuesday that Newton is still experiencing pain in his foot and needs to continue to rehab from the injury.

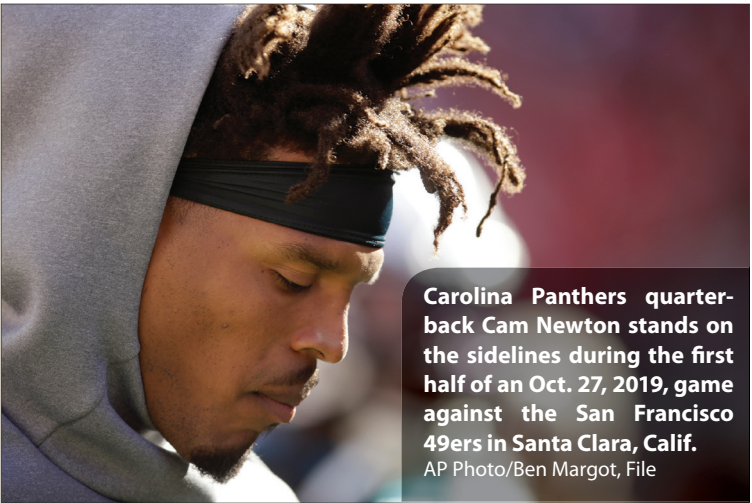
“He saw two foot specialists last

week who agreed that he should continue that path prescribed by the team’s medical staff, and that it likely will take significant time for the injury to fully heal,” Hurney said. “We have said all along that it is impossible to put a timetable on this injury. Nobody is more frustrated with that fact than Cam.”

Newton could possibly return this season — if the Panthers reach the playoffs.

According to NFL rules, Newton could hypothetically be designated to return from IR after eight weeks if the Panthers (5-3) were to qualify for the postseason, although that scenario would be a longshot since he would not have played since Week 2.

Newton has missed the last six games while trying to rehab from a mid-foot sprain he initially suffered during the preseason.



Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton stands on the sidelines during the first half of an Oct. 27, 2019, game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif. AP Photo/Ben Margot, File