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## Heppner rakes in BMC football honors

6 Mustangs earn first-team honors on both sides of the ball

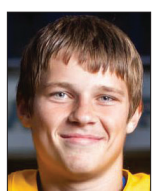
By ANNIE FOWLER  
East Oregonian

HEPPNER — Gavin Hanna-Robinson's name doesn't pop up too many times in the game stats, but in the Blue Mountain Conference, the 6-foot, 190-pound senior is well-known.

The two-way lineman for the Heppner Mustangs earned first-team all-conference honors on



Wilson



J. Lehman



Rea



M. Lehman



Wolters



Hanna-Robinson



Sanchez

both sides of the ball, along with five of his teammates.

"We are a lineman-centered program," Heppner coach Greg Grant said. "They get the best part of the locker room, when we load the bus, they go first. It's easy to give the kid with the ball credit — and they deserve it — but you play

hard for each other. The kids who do the work are appreciated."

The Mustangs (10-0) won the league title and will host Warrenton in the 2A state quarterfinals at noon Saturday.

Joining Hanna-Robinson on first-team offense and defense are seniors Mason Lehman (wide

receiver/defensive back), and Jason Rea (linebacker/offensive line).

Juniors Blake Wolters (running back/defensive line), Jayden Wilson (quarterback/defensive back), and Jackson Lehman (linebacker/wide receiver) join the group.

"Generally, this time of year we are still around, and it's nice

to have people notice," Grant said. "It's important to them. We have some very talented kids at all positions."

Stanfield's Mario Sanchez also earned first-team honors as a lineman on both sides of the ball, while his cousin, Rene Sanchez, earned first-team honor as an offensive lineman.

The Tigers' running back Enrique Arellano joined Wolters on the first team.

Weston-McEwen's Theo White was named a first-team receiver — the lone TigerScot voted to the first team.



Staff photo by Brett Kane

Hermiston juniors Georgia Stevenson (left) and Abigail Sharon pose for a portrait after practice on Tuesday evening. The two swimmers will compete in the WIAA state finals this weekend in Federal Way, Wash.

## Hermiston swimmers Georgia Stevenson and Abigail Sharon will compete in the WIAA state finals this weekend

By BRETT KANE  
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — When Hermiston swimmer Georgia Stevenson first competed in the state meet as a freshman, she could sum up the experience in one word:

"Epic."

Since then, it's been two years since the Bulldogs swim team has sent an athlete to state. Stevenson was the only Hermiston girl to earn a trip to the meet.

"It was a great experience," Stevenson said of her 2017 showing. "I got to hang out with more experienced swimmers. They helped me become a better athlete."

Soon, Stevenson will get another chance to show her skills in the water at state.

This weekend, Stevenson and fellow junior Abigail Sharon will travel to Federal Way, Washington, to compete against over 20 other teams and over 150 other girls in the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association state finals meet. The competition begins on Friday and runs through Saturday. Stevenson and Sharon are the first swimmers in the state of Oregon to make it to state in a Washington league.

But they aren't concerned about the pressure.

"There's never been a lot of pressure," said Stevenson, 16. "I've always been focused on how I'm doing, especially at such a big meet like this."

Like Stevenson, Sharon, 16, shares the enthusiasm for testing the waters at a Washington state competition.

"I'm not nervous," she said. "It's

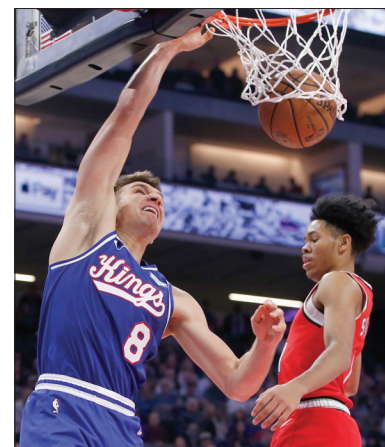
something I've never done before. I'm excited."

Sharon earned her trip to state with her third-place finish in the 100-meter butterfly at last weekend's 3A districts meet in Kelso, Washington. Stevenson was Hermiston's only other state qualifier with her second-place finish in the 100 backstroke.

"They push each other quite a bit," Hermiston girls swimming coach Sara Sargent said of Stevenson and Sharon. "It's nice to see them together. There's always a little competition between them there. They do everything I ask of them. When it came to districts, they laid it all out there."

Stevenson and Sharon will be the first of Sargent's Hermiston swimmers to

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AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli

Sacramento Kings guard Bogdan Bogdanovic, left, dunks next to Portland Trail Blazers guard Anfernee Simons during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game on Tuesday in Sacramento, Calif.

## Kings beat Trail Blazers 107-99

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Bogdan Bogdanovic had 25 points and 10 assists, Nemanja Bjelica added 19 points and 12 rebounds and the Sacramento Kings won in their first game since losing leading scorer De'Aaron Fox to an ankle injury, beating the slumping Portland Trail Blazers 107-99 on Tuesday night.

The Kings overcame a sloppy first half, made a big run in the third quarter, then pulled away in the fourth to end a two-game losing streak to the Blazers.

Fox suffered a Grade 3 sprain in his left ankle during practice Monday. The third-year point guard, who started 81 games last season, will be reevaluated in a few weeks.

Bjelica helped make up for the loss of Fox. He made eight of his 14 shots and set a season-high for rebounds in his first double-double of the season. Buddy Hield added 20 points.

Damian Lillard had 27 points and CJ McCollum added 24 for the Blazers (4-7), who have lost five of six.

The Kings led by 14 early in the

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### SPORTS SHORTS

#### MLB checking after report 2017 Astros illegally stole signs

Associated Press

HOUSTON, Texas — Major League Baseball has expanded its investigation into the Houston Astros after The Athletic website reported the team stole signs during home games in 2017 by using a camera positioned in center field.

The report Tuesday quoted pitcher Mike Fiers, who played for the Astros that season, and three other unidentified people with the

club. The Astros won the World Series that year — two sources told The Athletic that Houston used the system into the playoffs while another source said it ended before the postseason.

The website said the process was started by a struggling hitter and a coach, neither of whom was identified. The camera at Minute Maid Park was connected to a television monitor in the tunnel between the Astros' dugout and clubhouse, The Athletic said, and

team employees or players would communicate expected pitches by banging a trash can to signal off-speed pitches.

"I just want the game to be cleaned up a little bit because there are guys who are losing their jobs because they're going in there not knowing," Fiers told the website. The Astros said in a statement the team "has begun an investigation in cooperation with Major League Baseball" and declined additional comment.



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This Sept. 11, 2016, file photo shows a wide angle view of Minute Maid Park in downtown Houston.