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Pendleton boys, girls soccer claim IMC honors, break school records

Jaime Rico-Mendoza scored a team-high 13 goals this season

By **BRETT KANE**
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — To end their second year in the 5A Intermountain Conference, the Pendleton boys soccer team placed four in the league's all-star selec-

tions, and broke some school records along the way.

Senior goalkeeper Andrew Wolotira was selected as a first-team goalie. Wolotira allowed 22 goals on the season, breaking the previous record of 27 that was set in 2010.

"I would credit a lot of our success to him," Pendleton head coach Alex Erazo said of Wolotira. "He was huge in the leadership department. He brings that level of experience and knowledge that other guys



Little Sky



R. Lovercheck



K. Lovercheck

first-team selection.

"He may not have scored the most goals, but he definitely was a huge part of our offense," Erazo said. "We wouldn't have scored as many goals without him in the middle. He got the ball going forward and kept it going for us. Defensively, he helped keep our midfielders in check."

Junior midfielder Juan Ortega was Pendleton's lone

second-team selection. Ortega broke the school record for most assists in a season, posting seven by the year's end.

"It was great coaching him," Erazo said. "He's a great, well-rounded player. The stats show his ability to contribute to the team's scoring and putting others in successful positions. He was

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Irrigon's Collins earns EOL MVP honor

Knights White and Mueller named to first team

By **ANNIE FOWLER**
East Oregonian

IRRIGON — Irrigon libero Makenna Collins shared Eastern Oregon League Player of the Year honors with Vale setter Maycee DeLong and Burns outside hitter Allie Hueckman.

Vale's Shannon Steele was named Coach of the Year.

Collins, who also was the Player of the Year last year as a sophomore, was joined on the first team by teammates Emma Mueller (setter) and Haley White (outside hitter).

The Knights (15-13 overall, 5-5 EOL) finished third in EOL play, and just missed out on a second trip to state.

The second team features Riverside libero Lily Rockwell, Umatilla outside hitter Chantal Lemus, and Irrigon middle Alyssa Luna.

Defensive specialist Clarissa Deloera of Irrigon, and Delmy Barerra (outside hitter) were selected to the honorable mention team.

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Collins



Mueller



White

DAWGS PLACE 4 ON MCC FOOTBALL TEAM



Bradshaw

Coughlin

Wagner

Walchli



Offensive lineman Chase Bradshaw earns first-team honors

Staff photo by Ben Lonergan, File

Hermiston lineman Dustyn Coughlin (77) lifts wide receiver Garrett Walchli (5) into the air following a 63-yard touchdown run against North Central on Nov. 8, 2019, at Kennison Field in Hermiston. Walchli earned Mid-Columbia Conference second-team honors as a wide receiver, while Coughlin was an honorable mention offensive lineman.

By **ANNIE FOWLER**
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HERMISTON — Hermiston offensive lineman Chase Bradshaw earned first-team Mid-Columbia Conference football honors for the second year in a row.

The 6-foot-5, 275-pound senior, had a grade of 92 percent on the season for his blocking execution.

"It's always a good feeling when opposing coaches recognize your play, and you as a player," Bradshaw said.

Bulldogs wide receiver Garrett Walchli and punter Trevor Wagner were named to the second team, while senior offensive lineman Dustyn Coughlin earned honorable mention honors.

Walchli, a senior, had 49 catches for 634 yards and nine touchdowns in 10 games. He finished the season with 1,099 all-purpose yards, and was sixth in MCC scoring with 72 points.

"I'm excited and humbled," Walchli said. "The MCC is one of the hardest leagues in the state. I am grateful, but I am

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MID-COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

FIRST TEAM

Defensive back — Kelen Rutz, sr., Kamiakin; Des Licon, jr., Pasco; Aiden Mason, jr., Chiawana; Dion Lee, sr., Chiawana.

Linebacker — Riley Cissne, sr., Chiawana; Cameron Breier, jr., Chiawana; Roy Colvin, sr., Chiawana; Luis Salgado, so., Kamiakin.

Defensive line — Jagger Childs, sr., Kennewick; Bridger Feldman, sr., Chiawana; Tanner Sullins, sr., Kamiakin; Isaiah Anderson, so., Chiawana.

Offensive line — Baylor McElroy, sr., Kennewick; Baiden McElroy, sr., Kennewick; Casey Moddrell, sr., Hanford; Tanner Sullins, sr., Kamiakin; Chase Bradshaw, sr., Hermiston.

Wide receiver — Woodley Downard, jr., Kamiakin; Ben Fewel, jr., Richland; Des Licon, jr., Pasco; Kelen Rutz, sr., Kamiakin.

Quarterback — Easton Wise-Hyde, jr., Hanford.

Running back — Myles Mayovsky, so., Kennewick; Tuna Altahir, jr., Kamiakin.

Punter — Seamus Hall, jr., Walla Walla.

Kicker — Xavier Uvalle, jr., Hanford.

Returner — Des Licon, jr., Pasco.

SECOND TEAM

Defensive back — Arnaldo Cabrera, sr., Kennewick; Aarloh Valdivinos, jr., Chiawana; Elijah Rodriguez, so., Richland; Simeon Howard, so., Kennewick.

Linebacker — Konner Oberman, sr., Hanford; Cody LaFontaine, sr., Kennewick; Caleb Stevenson, sr., Kennewick; Nathan Torres, jr., Pasco.

Defensive line — Sam Stanfield, sr., Richland; Cole Schmidt, sr., Walla Walla; Bryson Knapik, sr., Kennewick; Isaiah Arline, jr., Pasco.

Offensive line — Cole Schmidt, sr., Walla Walla; Michael Chvedov, sr., Hanford; Austin Schoffstall, sr., Kennewick; Nic Gutierrez, sr., Pasco; Payten Collins, sr., Hanford.

Wide receiver — Dion Lee, sr., Chiawana; Dylan Ashbeck, sr., Walla Walla; Jaxon Farrah, jr., Hanford; Garrett Walchli, sr., Hermiston.

Quarterback — Henry Mercado, so., Kamiakin.

Running back — Kamari Durmas, sr., Hanford; Gabe Schilz, sr., Chiawana.

Punter — Trevor Wagner, jr., Hermiston.

Kicker — Francisco Valle, jr., Pasco.

Returner — Simeon Howard, so., Kennewick.

HONORABLE MENTION

Defensive back — Hunter Polley, sr., Walla Walla; Kamari Durmas, sr., Hanford; Tuna Altahir, jr., Kamiakin; Aidan Leonard, sr., Kamiakin; Gabe Martinez, sr., Hanford.

Linebacker — Gerardo Alonso, so., Chiawana; Camron Ball, jr., Richland; Gilbert Marquez, jr., Kamiakin.

Defensive line — Josh White, sr., Richland; Omar Cruz, jr., Walla Walla; Lucas Martin, jr., Southridge.

Offensive line — Wyatt Eller, sr., Hanford; Dustyn Coughlin, sr., Hermiston; Jackson Owen, sr., Walla Walla; Jaiden Anderson, sr., Chiawana; Aaron Tano, so., Kamiakin.

Wide receiver — Simeon Howard, so., Kennewick; Gabe Martinez, sr., Hanford; Messiah Jones, jr., Kamiakin; Caleb Harvey, jr., Hanford.

Quarterback — JP Zamora, so., Chiawana; Blaine Chavez, sr., Kennewick.

Running back — Jakob Humphrey, so., Walla Walla.

Punter — Simeon Howard, so., Kennewick.

Kicker — Evan Dawes, sr., Chiawana.

Returner — Josiah Wik, sr., Walla Walla.

SPORTS SHORTS

Gasol waived by Blazers but may have new role with team

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
Associated Press

PORTLAND — The Portland Trail Blazers have waived center Pau Gasol but his career with the team may not be over.

Gasol, who never played in a game with the Blazers, announced on social media Wednesday that the team had released him. In a video he posted, Gasol said he is still recovering from surgery on his left foot in May.

"I underwent surgery in hopes

that it would expedite my return, but unfortunately in the last few days we have assessed that my recovery is going to take longer than we had originally hoped for," he said.

Gasol said he plans to remain in Portland to continue his rehabilitation, and he is discussing a new role with the Trail Blazers.

"I have the same excitement and passion for the game of basketball that I had when I first started playing, and I will work as hard as I can on my recovery with a clear

goal in mind: To get healthy in order to continue to play the game that I love," Gasol said.

Gasol signed with the Blazers in the offseason as a free agent.

He played in three games for the Milwaukee Bucks last season before undergoing surgery for the stress fracture. The Bucks had signed him in March after he reached a buyout agreement with the San Antonio Spurs. In total, he played in just 30 games last season, averaging 3.8 points and 4.6 rebounds.

In this Sept. 30, 2019, file photo, Portland Trail Blazers' Pau Gasol poses during the NBA basketball team's media day in Portland.

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