

# Wilson: 'I'll play where they need me to'

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play, and 8-1 overall. They are on an eight-match win streak after dropping their season opener to Irrigon.

Because of COVID, there will not be any state championships this year.

"They don't get anything out of it," Mindy Wilson said. "We worked so hard for this year. This group of seniors has been playing together since the sixth grade. I'm not saying we'd win state, but we'd be at the tournament."

Heppner will finish its season on Tuesday, April 6, at Stanfield. Wilson said it will be harder on her mom than her.

"We don't talk about it," Wilson said. "She's been crying for a couple of weeks. It will be tough. I liked playing for my mom. She's a great coach, and she's tough on me, which is a good thing."

Coach Wilson doesn't deny the match on April 6 will be a tough night.

"It will be my last match with her," she said. "I will continue to coach, but it will be different. It's hard to be her coach and her mom."

Wilson has had a stellar career for the Mustangs. The 5-foot-8 outside hitter/defensive specialist, who has started since she was a freshman, has 594 kills, 32



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**Heppner's Sydney Wilson (12) hits a ball during the first set against the Stanfield Tigers during a game in Stanfield on Oct. 22, 2019.**

blocks and 1,594 digs to her credit. Her serve, which has a touch of the devil on it, has produced 240 aces.

"I can always count on her, not just hitting or digging the ball," Mindy Wilson said. "She will get the ball. If it's a crappy set, she will make sure it gets over the net. There is reliability and accountability — if it has to be done, she will get it done. She's all about the team."

Wilson is just as talented on the basketball court.

She was a key component when the Mustangs won the 2018 2A state title her sophomore year. That year, she was runner-up for 2A state Player

of the Year.

In three seasons, Wilson has scored 1,305 points. She has scored in every high school game she has played.

Her senior year of basketball is still in the air, as indoor contact sports have not yet been approved by the state.

### The recruiting process

Because of the COVID pandemic, campus visits are limited, as are in-person tryouts.

Before she visited WWCC, Wilson made the trip to Pasco, Washington, to check out Columbia Basin College.

When she arrived, Hawks coach DiShondra Goree had Wilson on the court by herself. The tryout didn't last long.

"I thought it was weird," Wilson said. "She had me in for a tryout, but it was just me. She didn't get to see how I would play with other girls and fight for a spot. She has never seen me play, but when she saw I was left-handed, she said she didn't want me because I was left-handed. I thought the whole thing was unprofessional."

A few weeks later, Wilson went to WWCC, and the experience was at the other end of the spectrum.

"Coach Speer introduced me to the coaches and players," said Wilson, who wants to major in nursing. "I felt really comfortable and the girls welcomed me. It was a tryout I was hoping for. I did all the things you would do to earn a spot. I thought I actually did really well. I was nervous, but the more I was out there, I became more comfortable."

Wilson said Speer has her tabbed as a libero, which is fine.

"She said she would work with me on my hitting from the right side to make me better in the front row," Wilson said. "I'll play where they need me to."

## PREP STANDINGS

Through games played April 4

### PREP FOOTBALL

#### 5A SPECIAL DISTRICT 1

Team	League	Overall
Pendleton	3-1	4-1
Redmond	4-1	4-1
Hood River Valley	3-2	3-2
Ridgeview	2-2	2-3
The Dalles	1-1	2-2
LaSalle Prep	1-2	3-2
Parkrose	0-1	1-4
Putnam	0-3	1-4

#### MID-COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Chiawana	6-0	6-0
Kamiakin	5-1	5-1
Kennewick	5-1	5-1
Richland	3-3	3-3
Walla Walla	2-2	2-2
Hermiston	1-3	1-3
Pasco	1-4	2-4
Hanford	0-4	1-4
Southridge	0-5	0-6

#### 2A BLUE MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Heppner	4-0	5-0
Weston-McEwen	2-1	4-1
Stanfield	2-2	3-2
Umatilla	2-3	2-3
Grant Union	1-2	2-2
Irrigon	0-1	0-3-1
Riverside	0-2	0-3-1

#### 1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 2

Team	League	Overall
Dufur	3-0	5-0
Walla Walla	3-1	3-1
Pilot Rock	3-1	3-2
Imbler	2-1	2-2
Crane	2-2	2-3
Powder Valley	1-1	3-2
Enterprise	1-1	1-1
Elgin	0-0	0-1
Union	0-2	0-2
Cove	0-3	0-3
lone/Arlington	0-3	0-4

#### 1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 4 (6-MAN)

Team	League	Overall
South Wasco County	5-0	5-0
Joseph	3-1	4-1
Dayville/Monument	2-0	2-2
Sherman/Condon	2-1	3-1
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler	1-3	1-3
Harper Charter	0-1	0-1
Prairie City	0-2	0-2
Echo	0-5	0-5

### PREP VOLLEYBALL

#### 5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Hood River Valley	9-1	12-4
Ridgeview	8-1	11-2
The Dalles/Dufur	6-4	9-5
Pendleton	3-6	3-8
Hood River Valley	2-8	2-9
Redmond	1-9	2-12

#### 3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Burns	4-0	12-1
Vale	2-2	5-7
Irrigon	0-0	6-4

Umatilla	0-0	2-6
Riverside	0-0	2-8
Nyssa	0-4	3-8

#### 2A BLUE MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Heppner	5-0	8-1
Grant Union	3-2	4-5
Union	1-0	11-1
Weston-McEwen	0-1	7-4
Enterprise	0-1	2-6
Pilot Rock	0-2	5-5
Stanfield	0-3	2-8

#### 1A BIG SKY LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Echo	8-1	8-2
Condon	7-1	7-2
Sherman	5-3	5-4
South Wasco County	4-1	5-5
Dufur	3-1	6-4
lone/Arlington	3-5	3-5
Lyle/Wishram	2-1	2-1
Trout Lake	1-3	1-4
Mitchell/Spray	1-6	1-7
Glenwood/Klickitat	0-4	0-4
Bickleton	0-8	0-8

#### 1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Imbler	4-1	5-3
Cove	2-3	3-5
Joseph	1-0	7-4
Walla Walla	1-1	5-5
Powder Valley	0-0	11-0
Nixyaawii	0-0	7-4
Griswold	0-0	2-8
Elgin	0-0	1-2
Pine Eagle	0-3	0-8

### PREP GIRLS SOCCER

#### 5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Redmond	3-0-2	6-1-2
Ridgeview	2-1-2	5-5-2
The Dalles/Dufur	2-1-1	4-3-1
Hood River Valley	1-0-3	2-4-3
Pendleton	1-4-0	1-8-0
Crook County	0-3-0	0-5-0

#### 3A/2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

Team	League	Overall
Riverside	2-0-0	6-2-0
Nyssa	2-0-0	5-2-0
Umatilla	0-1-0	1-2-3
Stanfield/Echo	0-1-0	0-4-2
Four Rivers	0-2-0	0-8-0

### PREP BOYS SOCCER

#### 5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

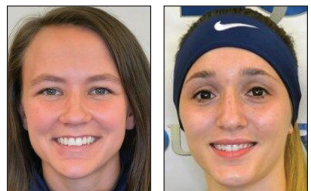
Team	League	Overall
Hood River Valley	5-0-1	5-2-1
Ridgeview	4-1-0	6-3-0
The Dalles/Dufur	3-2-1	4-3-1
Pendleton	1-3-1	1-4-1
Crook County	1-3-1	1-6-1
Redmond	0-5-0	1-8-0

#### 3A/2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

Team	League	Overall
Nyssa	1-0-1	3-4-1
Riverside	0-0-0	5-2-1
Umatilla	0-0-0	3-3-0
Irrigon	0-0-0	0-7-0
Four Rivers	0-1-1	0-6-2

## SPORTS BRIEFING

### Two Mountaineers earn player of the week honors



Lane

Slater

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University had a pair of athletes — Beverly Slater and Olivia Lane — earn Cascade Collegiate Conference Embrace Health-Santiam Hospital Player of the Week honors, the league announced on Monday,

April 5. Slater, a 5-foot-11 junior basketball guard from Boise, Idaho, posted a double-double in back-to-back wins

against Warner Pacific University. She shot over 50% from the floor in both wins and led the way in scoring for EOU both games. Slater also had six assists, two blocks and three steals on the weekend.

Slater's honor is the fourth time this spring she's earned the player of the week nod.

Lane, a senior from Clarkston, Washington, hit

the "A" qualifying standard in EOU's home meet and was the overall winner in the heptathlon to earn the women's track honor.

Lane finished with a score of 4,099 after running the 100-meter hurdles in 17.07 seconds, the 200-meter race in 27.55 seconds, and the 800-meter distance in 2:31.85. She also posted marks of 1.48 meters in the high jump, 10.29 meters in

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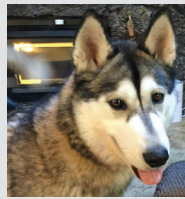
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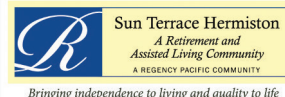
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