Next stop Blue Mountain

Hermiston standout Gavin Hunter signs with BMCC baseball

By ANNIE FOWLER

East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Blue Mountain Community College baseball coach Brad Baker has found that recommendations from his former players are a valuable recruiting tool.

Baker got word from former player Kaden Enriques that Gavin Hunter of Hermiston was worth a look, and he wasn't wrong.

"He came for a tryout and had a good workout," Baker said of Hunter, who signed his letter of intent on Monday, April 19. "I talked to the coach at Hermiston (Kevin Moore), and he had nothing but good things to sav about Gavin."

Hunter took a campus visit and had a workout with the Timberwolves two weeks ago. He instantly felt comfortable with the team and the school.

"It's a nice small, local campus," Hunter said. "They want to get a winning culture going on over there, and I want to be part of that."

Three Bucks

named to

team

coaches.

year."

5A-Special

District 1 first

PENDLETON-

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ton's Kyle Liscom was named

the 5A-Special District 1

Defensive Player of the Year

by a vote of the conference

the season with 85 tackles in

six games. He was a unani-

mous selection at linebacker.

Pendleton coach Erik Davis

said. "When he led us as a

sophomore in tackles, that is

unheard of. He has a nose for

the football, a high football IQ

and is as tough as can be. It

all stems from hard work and

getting his body ready. He is

a special talent. I'm excited

to have him back for another

"It's very well-deserved,"

A junior, Liscom finished



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is confident they can turn

things up in the field," he

said. "We get ahead of

ourselves. We commit one

or two errors and we put

our heads down instead of

ball since T-ball. He played

in the Hermiston Little

League organization, and

once he got to the Ameri-

can Legion level, he started

playing on teams in the

land Rattlers the summer

between eighth grade and

his freshman year of high

5A-SPECIAL DISTRICT 1 ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM

averaged 24.6

points a game.

him," Davis

said. "For our

kids to get

recognized is

players earn honors.

important."

proud

"I'm really

of

All told, the Bucks had 13

"We nominate the kids and

"It's hard this year, not

the other coaches vote," Davis

everyone played everybody.

It's hard when you don't get to

see other players. I think you

play a full season, and play

everybody, I think you get a

Stanfield/Echo at Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/

school.

Pendleton's Liscom earns top football honor

He played for the Rich-

Tri-Cities in Washington.

Hunter has played base-

getting back in the game."

"We just need to clean

things around.

Hermiston's Gavin Hunter (0) tags out Walla Walla's Will Kytola (11) as Kytola slides into second base during a game against the Walla Walla Blue Devils on April 16, 2021.

Hunter, who plays second base and pitches for the Bulldogs, said Baker talked to him about possibly moving to third base.

Hunter is hitting .333 this season, but it's his defense that makes him valuable.

'He is my best defensive player," Moore said. "He is pretty smooth. I'll put him up against anybody, that's how confident I am in Gavin. I'm ecstatic for him going to the next level. He's just a baseball kid and I'm glad coach Baker is giving him a roster spot. He will be a good addition to the Timberwolves program."

The Bulldogs have struggled this season, but Hunter

PENDLETON PLAYERS

Also earning first-team

Burns, who goes to school

honors were senior Tyasin

Burns at safety and sopho-

more center Clayson Cooley.

at Nixyaawii, was a unanimous selection by the coaches.

He also earned second-team

a first-team running back,"

Davis said. "But it's his first

year at Pendleton, and you

don't see everyone. We know

how valuable he was to us. He

proved himself on the defen-

Cooley was an integral part

of the Bucks' offense that

The 5-foot-9, 200-pound

sive side of the ball."

'Tyasin, in my mind, is

honors as a running back.

Linebacker — Kyle Liscom, jr. Center —

Clayson Cooley, so. Safety — Tyasin Burns, sr.

Running back — Tyasin Burns, sr. Zaanan

Bane, sr. Wide receiver — Payton Lambert,

FIRST TEAM

SECOND TEAM

He now is in his second year with the Hanford Flames.

'It's a blast playing out there," Hunter said of the Flames. "There's a lot of travel, but it's worth it."

Moore applauds Hunter's decision to play summer ball for a highly competitive team.

"I've really enjoyed watching Gavin grow as a baseball player," Moore said. "He's taken baseball knowledge and used it to his strengths. Gavin has gotten stronger over the past three years. He's more disciplined at the plate, he is starting to get pitches he can hit hard, and he's working the count to his favor."

Two of Hunter's Hanford Flames teammates — Cole Cramer and Matt Carlson also will play at BMCC.

"At least I will know a couple of guys," Hunter said. "I won't feel completely alone."

With the COVID-19 pandemic shifting sports around, the start of legion ball is less than a month

"They start May 15," Hunter said. "I will get one week of down time between high school and there, then a few weeks off before fall ball at college."

so. **Defensive line** — Blake Swanson, sr.

Isaac Urbina, sr. Linebacker — Sam Cole-

man, sr. Cornerback — Zaanan Bane, sr.

Wide receiver — Collin Primus, jr. Offensive

tackle — Jacob Griffin, jr. Defensive line —

Tre Williams, jr. Linebacker — David Welch,

sr. Cornerback — Gabe Browning, jr.

HONORABLE MENTION

LOCAL STANDINGS

Through games played April 21

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overa
Corban	6-2	11-3
Oregon Tech	6-2	6-2
Bushnell	5-5	5-5
Warner Pacific	3-3	5-6
Southern Oregon	3-3	3-3
Eastern Oregon	3-5	7-7
Multnomah	0-6	1-22
#-Lewis-Clark State	0-0	22-2
#-Northwest	0-0	4-3
#-College of Idaho	0-0	8-9
Note: Due to COVID-	19 concern	s, Ever-
green and Walla Wall	la have ele	cted to
opt out of the 2020-2	1 season.	
#-Teams that have op	oted out of	Spring
Conference schedule	2	

NWAC EAST DIVISION				
Team	League	Overall		
North Idaho	3-0	3-0		
Big Bend	1-0	1-1		
Columbia Basin	2-1	3-1		
Treasure Valley	2-1	2-1		
Wenatchee Valley	2-1	2-1		
Walla Walla	1-1	1-1		
Yakima Valley	0-1	0-1		
Blue Mountain	0-3	0-3		
Spokane	0-3	0-3		

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE

Team League 2-Bushnell 9-1 Eastern Oregon 6-2 Warner Pacific 3-5 Corban 4-4 Oregon Tech 2-4 Multnomah 0-8 #-Lewis-Clark State 0-0 #-Northwest 0-0 Note: Due to COVID-19 concern: green, Southern Oregon and W. have elected to opt out of the 20 season.		CONFERENCE		
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#-Northwest 0-0 #-College of Idaho 0-0 Note: Due to COVID-19 concern: green, Southern Oregon and W. have elected to opt out of the 2		Multnomah	0-8	0-15
#-College of Idaho 0-0 Note: Due to COVID-19 concern: green, Southern Oregon and W. have elected to opt out of the 2		#-Lewis-Clark State	0-0	14-6
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		green, Southern Oreg	gon and W	alla Wall
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		season.		

z-spring season champions #-Teams that have opted out of Spring Conference schedule

NIWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overal
Big Bend	4-0	4-0
Treasure Valley	2-0	2-0
North Idaho	0-0	0-0
Walla Walla	2-1	2-1
Wenatchee Valley	2-1	2-1
Columbia Basin	1-2	1-2
Spokane	0-2	0-2
Blue Mountain	0-3	0-3
Yakima Valley	0-2	0-2

COLLEGE BASEBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE

NWAC EAST DIVISION

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE

CONFERENCE				
Team	League	Overall		
x-Southern Oregon	20-1	38-2		
x-College of Idaho	18-3	30-12		
x-Oregon Tech	16-5	32-6		
x-Corban	14-7	22-16		
Warner Pacific	9-12	17-18		
Carroll	7-14	12-26		
Eastern Oregon	7-14	12-26		
Bushnell	5-16	8-30		
Northwest	5-16	6-24		
Providence	4-17	4-23		
x-clinched playoff be	rth			

COLLEGE MEN'S

Spokane 1-0-1 Wenatchee Valley 1-0-1 1-0-1 Columbia Basin North Idaho 0-2-0 0-3-0 Treasure Valley 0-1-0

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

NWAC EAST DIVISION Team Walla Walla League Overall 3-1-1 Spokane 2-0-1 Blue Mountain 2-2-0 2-2-0 Columbia Basin 2-2-0 2-2-0 1-2-0 Yakima Valley Treasure Valley 0-2-0 0-2-0

PREP BASEBALL

5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overal	
Pendleton	3-0	3-1	
The Dalles	1-0	1-2	
Ridgeview	1-1	1-2	
Hood River Valley	1-2	2-2	
Redmond	0-1	0-1	
Crook County	0-2	0-3	
4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA			

Overall Team League Richland 6-3 5-2 4-3 Kamiakin 6-3 Chiawana 5-2 4-3 4-5 4-3 4-5 3-4 Walla Walla Hanford 3-6 0-8 Hermiston

3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 5 Overal Team League Burns 1-1 Wallowa Valley 0-0 2-0 Riverside Umatilla 0-0 2-3

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Icum	League	01010
Sherman/Arlingt	on/	
Condon	3-1	3-1
Heppner/Ione	1-0	4-0
Pilot Rock/Nixya	awii/	
Ukiah	1-2	1-2
Stanfield/Echo	0-0	2-2
Grant Union/Prai	rie City 0-0	0-1
Weston-McEwen	0-0	0-1
Union/Cove	0-0	0-2
Lyle/Wishram/Kl	ickitat/	
Trout Lake	0-2	1-3
Adrian	0-0	0-0
Dufur/South Was	sco Co. 0-0	0-0
Glenwood	0-0	0-0

Sherman/Wasco Co.

4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 2

Crook County

Redmond

Team

Kamiakin

Walla Walla

Kennewick

Richland

Chiawana

Southridae

Hanford

Pasco

Team

Burns

Nvssa

Riverside

Umatilla

Vale

Crane

Wallowa Valle

Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii

Stanfield/Echo

Weston-McEwen Adrian

Hood River Valley

PREP SOFTBALL 5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE Team League Overall Pendleton 4-0 Ridgeview The Dalles/Dufur/

0-3 0-3

League

6-1

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League

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League

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0-2

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Overall

6-3

3-4

3-4

2-5

Overall

1-3

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Overal

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CONFERENCE		
Team	League	Overa
z-Lewis-Clark State	23-1	31-3
Corban	14-14	15-25
Oregon Tech	12-12	17-21
College of Idaho	11-17	19-24
Eastern Oregon	4-20	4-24
z-clinched CCC regul	ar-season	champi
onship, tournament	host	

Team	League	Overall
Spokane	4-0	11-3
Yakima Valley	7-1	7-1
Columbia Basin	3-1	7-5
Treasure Valley	4-2	4-2
Big Bend	1-3	2-6
Walla Walla	1-3	1-3
Blue Mountain	1-5	1-7
Wenatchee Valley	1-7	1-7
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Cooley

few more kids with recogni-

Rosumey was named the

conference's Offensive Player

of the Year, while Henry

Buckles out of Hood River

Valley was the Lineman of

the Year, and Redmond's Seth

Womack was named Coach of

Enterprise, Griswold, Heppner, Pilot

Rock, Stanfield/Echo, Umatilla at

Weston-McEwen, 3 p.m.

Heppner at Imbler, 10 a.m.

Prep boys golf

Prep girls golf

La Salle quarterback Ryan

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NWAC EAST DIVISION				
Team	League	Overa		
Big Bend	2-0	2-4		
North Idaho	9-1	10-1		
Walla Walla	6-3	6-3		
Wenatchee Valley	3-3	4-4		
Columbia Basin	2-2	2-2		
Treasure Valley	2-6	3-10		
Yakima Valley	1-3	2-4		
Spokane	0-7	0-8		
Blue Mountain	0-0	0-0		

SOCCER

NWAC EAST DIVISION		
Team	League	Overal
Blue Mountain	2-0-1	2-0-1

Elgin 0-0 Grant Union/Prairie City 0-0 Heppner/Ione

2A/1A-SD6 SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

PREP BOYS SOCCER

4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

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

Trout Lake (2), 3 p.m. Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa/Elgin at Heppner/Ione (2), 2 p.m.

ON THE SLATE

Times subject to change **THURSDAY, APRIL 22** Prep softball

Echo/Stanfield at Riverside, 4 p.m. Prep track and field
Pendleton, Crook County at Ridgeview, Weston-McEwen, Pilot Rock, Umatilla,

Heppner at Prairie City, 4 p.m. Riverside at Don Walker Invite, Nyssa, Prep boys tennis

Weston-McEwen at McLoughlin, 3 p.m. Prep girls tennis Weston-McEwen at McLoughlin, 3 p.m. College baseball Blue Mountain at Big Bend (2), 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23 Prep baseball Kamiakin at Hermiston (2), 4 p.m. Pendleton at La Grande, 4:30 p.m. Dufur/South Wasco County at River-

side (2), 2 p.m. Umatilla at Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat/

Prep softball Chiawana at Hermiston (2), 3 p.m.

Ukiah (2), 2 p.m.

Heppner/Ione at Umatilla (2), 1 p.m. Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Union/Cove Prep track and field lone at Jeff Agar Memorial Invite, Reardan, Wash., 3 p.m.

Heppner at Imbler, 10 a.m.

the Year.

Men's college basketball Blue Mountain at Spokane, 7:30 p.m Women's college basketball Blue Mountain at Spokane, 5:30 p.m

SPORTS SHORT

Oregon to allow indoor, full-contact sports despite surge

Associated Press

PORTLAND — State officials say despite a fourth surge and rising numbers of patients hospitalized because of COVID-19, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown will ease restrictions by allowing "indoor full-contact sports" to restart by the end of

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the governor's office and the Oregon Health Authority said the move is in recognition of

the physical and mental health of Oregon's youth athletes," although the loosened restrictions also apply to adults. Low-contact indoor sports

"the importance of athletics for

already were permitted, but the new rules for the first time since spring 2020 will allow Oregonians of all ages to engage in indoor basketball, cheerleading, wrestling and water polo, among

Over the past month, new daily cases have increased about 150%, including 55% in the past two weeks. That's faster than the national

average, with new cases rising in the United States 4% in the past two weeks. The number of hospitalized

patients in Oregon also has jumped from 106 people a month ago to 255 on Tuesday, April 20, roughly a 140% increase. In the past two weeks, Oregon's number of COVID-19 patients have grown by 49%, compared with the national average of 10%.



14, flies through the air while performing with Weston-McEwen cheerleaders during a girls basketball game against McLoughlin on Dec. 6, 2019. Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian, File

Faith Shurtz,