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Next stop Blue Mountain

Hermiston standout Gavin Hunter signs with BMCC baseball

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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 say 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."



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian
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

is confident they can turn things around.

"We just need to clean 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 getting back in the game."

Hunter has played baseball since T-ball. He played in the Hermiston Little League organization, and once he got to the American Legion level, he started playing on teams in the Tri-Cities in Washington.

He played for the Richland Rattlers the summer between eighth grade and his freshman year of high school.

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 away.

"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."

Pendleton's Liscom earns top football honor

Three Bucks named to 5A-Special District 1 first team

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PENDLETON — Pendleton's Kyle Liscom was named the 5A-Special District 1 Defensive Player of the Year by a vote of the conference coaches.

A junior, Liscom finished the season with 85 tackles in six games. He was a unanimous selection at linebacker.

"It's very well-deserved," 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 year."

5A-SPECIAL DISTRICT 1 ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL TEAM

PENDLETON PLAYERS

FIRST TEAM

Linebacker — Kyle Liscom, jr. **Center** — Clayton Cooley, so. **Safety** — Tyasin Burns, sr.

SECOND TEAM

Running back — Tyasin Burns, sr. **Zaanan Bane, sr.** **Wide receiver** — Payton Lambert,

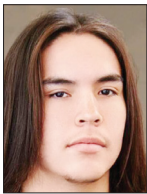
so. **Defensive line** — Blake Swanson, sr. **Isaac Urbina, sr.** **Linebacker** — Sam Coleman, sr. **Cornerback** — Zaanan Bane, sr.

HONORABLE MENTION

Wide receiver — Collin Primus, jr. **Offensive tackle** — Jacob Griffin, jr. **Defensive line** — Tre Williams, jr. **Linebacker** — David Welch, sr. **Cornerback** — Gabe Browning, jr.



Liscom



Burns



Cooley

Also earning first-team honors were senior Tyasin Burns at safety and sophomore center Clayton Cooley.

Burns, who goes to school at Nixyaawii, was a unanimous selection by the coaches. He also earned second-team honors as a running back.

"Tyasin, in my mind, is 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 defensive side of the ball."

The 5-foot-9, 200-pound Cooley was an integral part of the Bucks' offense that

averaged 24.6 points a game.

"I'm really proud of him," Davis said. "For our kids to get recognized is important."

All told, the Bucks had 13 players earn honors.

"We nominate the kids and the other coaches vote," Davis said.

"It's hard this year, not 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

few more kids with recognition."

La Salle quarterback Ryan 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 the Year.

LOCAL STANDINGS

Through games played April 21

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
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 concerns, Evergreen and Walla Walla have elected to opt out of the 2020-21 season.
#-Teams that have opted out of Spring Conference schedule

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 CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
z-Bushnell	9-1	11-2
Eastern Oregon	6-2	12-4
Warner Pacific	3-5	7-7
Corban	4-4	7-4
Oregon Tech	2-4	2-4
Multnomah	0-8	0-15
#-Lewis-Clark State	0-0	14-6
#-Northwest	0-0	6-3
#-College of Idaho	0-0	4-14

Note: Due to COVID-19 concerns, Evergreen, Southern Oregon and Walla Walla have elected to opt out of the 2020-21 season.
z-spring season champions
#-Teams that have opted out of Spring Conference schedule

NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
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 CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
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 regular-season championship, tournament host

NWAC EAST DIVISION

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

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 berth

NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
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

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Blue Mountain	2-0-1	2-0-1

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

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

NWAC EAST DIVISION

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

PREP BASEBALL

5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
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

Team	League	Overall
Richland	6-1	6-1
Kamiakin	6-3	6-3
Chiawana	5-2	5-2
Kennewick	4-3	4-3
Walla Walla	4-3	4-3
Hanford	4-5	4-5
Southridge	3-4	3-4
Hermiston	3-6	3-6
Pasco	0-8	0-8

3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 5

Team	League	Overall
Vale	2-1	2-2
Burns	1-1	2-1
Wallowa Valley	0-0	2-0
Riverside	0-0	2-2
Umatilla	0-0	2-3
Irrigon	0-0	1-1
Nyssa	0-1	0-3

2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 7

Team	League	Overall
Sherman/Arlington/Condon	3-1	3-1
Heppner/lone	1-0	4-0
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah	1-2	1-2
Stanfield/Echo	0-0	2-2
Grant Union/Prairie City	0-0	0-1
Weston-McEwen	0-0	0-1
Union/Cove	0-0	0-2
Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat/Trout Lake	0-2	1-3
Adrian	0-0	0-0
Dufur/South Wasco Co.	0-0	0-0
Glenwood	0-0	0-0

PREP SOFTBALL

5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Pendleton	3-0	4-0
Ridgeview	3-0	4-0
The Dalles/Dufur/Sherman/Wasco Co.	2-1	3-1
Crook County	1-2	1-3
Hood River Valley	0-3	0-4
Redmond	0-3	0-4

4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

Team	League	Overall
Kamiakin	7-3	7-3
Walla Walla	6-1	6-1
Kennewick	6-3	6-3
Richland	5-3	5-3
Chiawana	3-4	3-4
Hanford	3-4	3-4
Hermiston	3-6	3-6
Southridge	2-5	2-5
Pasco	0-7	0-7

3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 2

Team	League	Overall
Burns	2-0	4-0
Nyssa	1-0	1-3
Wallowa Valley	1-1	2-1
Riverside	0-0	1-2
Umatilla	0-0	0-3
Vale	0-3	0-4
Crane	0-0	0-0
Irrigon	0-0	0-0

2A/1A-SD6 SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

Team	League	Overall
Union/Cove	4-0	4-0
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii	0-0	4-0
Stanfield/Echo	0-2	0-2
Weston-McEwen	0-2	0-3
Adrian	0-0	0-0
Elgin	0-0	0-0
Grant Union/Prairie City	0-0	0-0
Heppner/lone	0-0	0-0

PREP BOYS SOCCER

4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

Team	League	Overall
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