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Pendleton Girls Basketball/Contributed Photo  
Pendleton had five players named to the 2021 all-Intermountain Conference basketball team. From left, Daisy Jenness, Muriel Hoisington, Josie Wilson, Jaden Samp, Chloe Taber and Kevin Porter, who was named IMC Coach of the Year.

## PENDLETON DOMINATES IMC BASKETBALL TEAM

### Bucks have 5 players selected, Porter is Coach of the Year

By ANNIE FOWLER  
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**P**ENDLETON — There was hardly a night where Pendleton girls basketball coach Kevin Porter had the same lineup in his scorebook as he did the game before.

Injuries, family trips and other life moments had Porter shuffling his roster, but the Bucks still found success, including a nine-game win streak tucked into the madness.

Pendleton was rewarded for its efforts with five players named to the Intermoun-

tain Conference team, and Porter coming away with Coach of the Year honors for the third time in five years.

“I’ve had teams where we should have had five,” Porter said. “We showed we had as good a team as anybody. To have all five starters recognized is impressive. This was a total program year. Bringing kids up from JV at a moment’s notice. Some of those kids really stepped up when we needed them the most. They are competitors. This is the craziest season I hope I ever have to coach.”

Juniors Muriel Hoisington, Daisy Jenness and Chloe Taber were named to the first team, while junior Jaden Samp

#### INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE BASKETBALL TEAM

**Player of the Year:** Paige Pentzer, sr., Ridgeview  
**Coach of the Year:** Kevin Porter, Pendleton

#### FIRST TEAM

**Muriel Hoisington, jr., Pendleton;** Jenna Albrecht, jr., Ridgeview; **Daisy Jenness, jr., Pendleton;** Emma Bales, jr., Crook County; **Chloe Taber, jr., Pendleton.**

#### SECOND TEAM

Faye Davis, jr., Ridgeview; Brooklyn Homan, so., Ridgeview; Carson Castrow, fr., Redmond; Marina Castaneda, fr., Hood River Valley; **Jaden Samp, jr., Pendleton.**

#### HONORABLE MENTION

Grace Brooks, jr., Crook County; **Josie Wilson, sr., Pendleton;** Lauren Harding, so., Ridgeview; Katelynn Weaver, so., Crook County; Jenna Gallacher, fr., Redmond.

earned second-team honors, and senior Josie Wilson made the honorable mention team.

“We are still young,” Porter said. “Next

year, we will be old. Not only are four of five all-league recipients juniors, but the

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## Local 3A baseball players rake in awards

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**I**RRIGON — The 3A Special District 5 coaches recently handed out all-league honors, albeit with a little twist.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and because a full league schedule was not played, there was just one list of players. There was no Player of the Year or Coach of the Year.

Umatilla had three players chosen while Irrigon and Riverside each had two.

Seniors Tyler Garrett, James Wilson and Ryan Lorence were chosen from Umatilla.

Irrigon junior Frank Chapa and sophomore Braden Atkins earned honors, as did Riverside seniors Will Keefer and Cooper Szasz.

Wilson was a multifaceted player for the 8-7 Vikings. On the mound, he was 3-1 with a 4.50 ERA. He struck out 36 and walked 21. At the plate, he hit .574 with five doubles, one triple and 24 RBIs. He



Atkins



Chapa



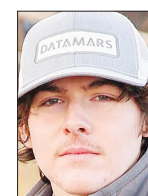
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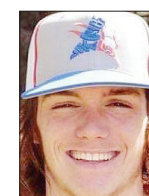
Keefer



Lorence



Szasz



Wilson

#### 3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 5

**Frank Chapa, jr., Irrigon; Braden Atkins, so., Irrigon; Tyler Garrett, sr., Umatilla; James Wilson, sr., Umatilla; Ryan Lorence, sr., Umatilla; Will Keefer, sr., Riverside; Cooper Szasz, sr., Riverside;** Flynn Nave, sr., Joseph; Trace Evans, sr., Joseph; Zeb Ramsden, sr., Joseph; David Salim, sr., Joseph; Eli Aldred, so., Vale; Kade Kurata, jr., Vale; Devan Otely-Smith, jr., Burns; JD Medley, sr., Burns; Michael Purcella, jr., Burns; Collin Hysell, so., Nyssa; Teagan Moody, sr., Nyssa; Brandon Vela, jr., Nyssa.

only struck out twice.

Wilson also played in the Oregon 3A/2A/1A All-Star Baseball Series.

Lorence, who played third base and pitched for the Vikings, hit .422 with 19 hits. He had three doubles, one triple, eight RBIs and 15 runs scored. In 27½ innings on

the mound, he had a 4.098 ERA. He struck out 44 and had a 3-2 record.

Garrett, a first baseman, hit .279 with 10 singles, eight RBIs and nine runs scored. In the field, he had just one error in 15 games.

Chapa, an outfielder, hit .357 for the season, driving in 13 runs and

scoring 11 times as the Knights finished the season 7-4 overall. In the field, he committed just one error.

An infielder, Atkins hit .379 and scored a team-high 18 runs. He also hit four doubles and one triple.

Keefer, a third baseman, hit .429 with 15 hits, seven RBIs, nine runs scored and five stolen bases for the 5-9 Pirates.

A shortstop, Szasz hit .344 with 11 hits, three RBIs, eight runs scored and eight stolen bases.

Lorence was named to the 3A all-state second team, while Wilson was named to the third team. Chapa, Atkins, Garrett, Keefer and Szasz were selected to the honorable mention team.

#### IN BRIEF

### Hermiston's Hottman sixth at The Outdoor Nationals

**E**UGENE — Hermiston's Caden Hottman threw a personal best 181 feet, 6 inches on Wednesday, June 30, to place sixth in the discus at The Outdoor Nationals at Hayward Field.

The meet, in its 30th year, features the top prep track and field athletes from throughout the nation.

Hottman, who will be a senior in the fall, hit his top throw on his second attempt. Hermiston track coach Emily Strot said the mark will replace Hottman's previous school record of 178 feet.

Pendleton's Sam Jennings finished seventh in the javelin with a toss of 189-10, which was below his personal best of 207-10. Jennings hit the mark on his first throw.

In the girls shot put, Hermiston's Bailey Young placed 28th with a throw of 38-7. Her personal best is 41-10¾.

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