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Vertrees, Hagel earn MCC volleyball honors

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HERMISTON — Hermiston senior outside hitter Grace Vertrees, and freshman libero Camryn Hagel, were named to the Mid-Columbia Conference honorable mention team for volleyball.

Vertrees, who recently signed to play for Blue Mountain Commu-



Vertrees

nity College, finished the season with 129 kills, eight blocks, 87 digs and 30 service aces.

Hagel finished the season with 181 digs, served at 94 percent and had 23 service aces.

Kennewick's Autumn Larson was named the Player of the Year, while Morgan Schauble of Kamiakin was voted Coach of the Year by her peers.



Hagel

MCC SWIMMING

Hermiston sophomore Lily Teegarden was named to the Mid-Columbia Conference second team in the 50 freestyle and the honorable mention team in the 100 butterfly.

Teegarden was the only Hermiston swimmer to earn all-conference honors.

Richland senior Bryn McGinnis was named the Swimmer of the



Teegarden

Year, while Richland sophomore Isabella Zumini was named the Diver of the Year.

Coach of the Year honors went to Trine Tippet of Kennewick and Nancy Rose of Walla Walla for swimming, and Hanford's Mitch Piper for diving.

IMC BOYS SOCCER

Pendleton sophomore midfielder Renee Ortega Cruz was named to the Intermountain Conference second team.

Ortega Cruz scored five goals

for the Bucks, who finished 2-8 in IMC play and 3-12 overall.

The Bucks also had juniors Simon Johnson, Parker Feller and Esteban Gomez named to the honorable mention team.

Ridgeview junior midfielder Kevin Mendez Ochoa was named the IMC Player of the Year, while the Ravens' Jimmy Kim was named Coach of the Year.



Ortega Cruz



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Riverside's Jose Napoles (21) and Dayton's Danny Anguiano (8) chase down the ball Nov. 9, 2021, during the Riverside Pirates 2-1 loss to the Dayton Pirates in the semifinal round of the Oregon School Activities Association Class 3A/2A/1A State Soccer Championship at Riverside High School in Boardman. Napoles was named the Special District 6 Player of the Year.



Ayala



Claustro



Magana



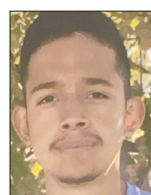
Medina



Mendoza



Rodriguez



Benny Sanchez



Bert Sanchez

RIVERSIDE BOYS RAKE IN SOCCER AWARDS

Napoles was named to the 3A/2A/1A all-state first team

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BOARDMAN — The Riverside Pirates capped their successful soccer season with senior attacker Jose Napoles being named the Special District 6 Player of the Year.

The Pirates, who won the league title with an 8-0 record, finished the season with a 15-2 record. They lost in the 3A/2A/1A state semifinals to Dayton 2-1.

In addition to Napoles, Riverside had seven other players named to the all-league first team — seniors Adair Rodriguez, Pablo Claustro, Diego Magana, Trinidad Mendoza, Benny Sanchez, Bert Sanchez, and sophomore goalkeeper Juan Medina.

Napoles, who also was a first-team 3A/2A/1A all-state selection, had nine goals and

SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

Player of the Year: Jose Napoles, sr., Riverside
FIRST TEAM

Adair Rodriguez, sr., center-mid, Riverside; Pablo Claustro, sr., striker, Riverside; Yar Carrillo, sr., midfield, Four Rivers; Carlos Ramirez, so., Nyssa; Diego Magana, sr., center-mid, Riverside; Trinidad Mendoza, sr., right-mid, Riverside; Carlos Castro, sr., Nyssa; Benny Sanchez, sr., left defense, Riverside; Jacob Ayala, sr., defender, Irrigon; Bert Sanchez, sr., center defense, Riverside; Juan Medina, so., goalie, Riverside; Orlando Perfecto Salgado, jr., goalie, Nyssa.

SECOND TEAM

Pedro Morfin, so., goalie, Umatilla; Mauro Guzman, sr., mid/def, Umatilla; Fernando Nunez, sr., midfield, Four Rivers; Alexis Ruiz, sr., forward/midfield, Umatilla; Victor Celedonio, so., Nyssa; Ronaldo Bueno, jr., Nyssa; Gerardo Garcilazo, sr., defender, Umatilla; Porter Carlton, sr., Nyssa; Gabriel Ortega, jr., Nyssa; Sebastian Rodriguez, jr., midfielder, Irrigon; Tate Barhona, jr., forward, Four Rivers; Isreal Romero, jr., defender, Four Rivers.

eight assists on the season.

Claustro had a team-high 18 goals and six assists for the Pirates. He also was named to the all-state honorable mention team as a forward.

Defender Benny Sanchez, who earned second-team all-state honors, chipped in three goals and three assists.

Rodriguez, who earned all-state honorable mention

honors as a midfielder, had 10 goals and eight assists.

Medina, who had 50 saves on the season, also posted 11 shutouts — six of which came in league play. He was an honorable mention all-state selection.

Magana scored 10 goals with nine assists during the season, and earned all-state honorable mention honors as a midfielder.

Defender Bert Sanchez had four goals and four assists, and reeled in all-state honorable mention honors.

Mendoza, who had three goals and nine assists, also was named to the all-state honorable mention team as a midfielder.

Senior defender Jacob Ayala of Irrigon also was named to the first team, and to the all-state honorable mention team.

7 Bulldogs selected to MCC slowpitch softball team

South and Rodriguez named to first team

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HERMISTON — The Hermiston Bulldogs had seven players chosen to the Mid-Columbia Conference all-conference slowpitch softball team, led by first-team selections junior Hailey South (infield) and senior outfielder Eliza Rodriguez.

The Bulldogs placed fourth at the 2A/3A state tournament, going 2-2.

Chiawana, which won the 4A state title, had infielder Sawyer Stenson named MCC Player of the Year, while the Riverhawks' Brian Thomas was named Coach of the Year by his peers.

Rodriguez powered the Bulldogs all season, hitting .701 with seven home runs, 32 RBIs and has scored 36 runs heading into state. She also did not commit an error.

South hit .600 with four home runs.

Named to the second team were junior Macey Tovar (infield), senior Kaylee Billsborough (infield), sophomore Alli Serna (infield), senior Kendyl Inners (outfield) and freshman Rylee Richman.

Serna has hit .621 with 17 RBIs and 34 runs scored, while Tovar hit .656 with a handful of doubles.

Richman hit .547 with 12 RBIs and 34 runs scored, and Inners hit .636 with five home runs.



South



Rodriguez



Tovar



Billsborough



Serna



Inners



Richman

MID-COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Player of the Year: Sawyer Stenson, sr., Chiawana

Coach of the Year: Brian Thomas, Chiawana

FIRST TEAM

Infield — Sawyer Stenson, sr., Chiawana; Hailey South, jr., Hermiston; Kylie Kemp, sr., Walla Walla; Maliyah Twitty, sr., Chiawana; Marissa Valdez, jr., Chiawana.

Outfield — Tallulah Sickles, sr., Walla Walla; Eliza Rodriguez, sr., Hermiston; Estella Zaro, jr., Chiawana; Adriana Rodriguez, so., Chiawana. Pitcher — Kenzie Richard, sr., Chiawana. Utility — Rylee Healis, sr., Pasco.

SECOND TEAM

Infield — Raquel Justice, jr., Walla Walla; Clarabelle Hall, so., Walla Walla; Vivian Pimentel, jr., Pasco; Macey Tovar, jr., Hermiston; Kaylee Billsborough, sr., Hermiston; Allison Serna, so., Hermiston.

Outfield — Sara Justice, so., Walla Walla; Kendyl Inners, sr., Hermiston; Rylee Richman, fr., Hermiston; Brianna Bunker, sr., Chiawana. Pitcher — Madison Warden, so., Walla Walla. Utility — Jessica Melendez, fr., Chiawana.