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## Echo volleyball team picks up OSAA award

### Cougars raised money for the St. Anthony Cancer Care Clinic

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**ECHO** — The Echo girls volleyball team was named the Oregon School Activities Association Les Schwab 1A Team of the Month for November.

Each winning team is chosen based on performance, dedication in the classroom and service to the community.

The Cougars won the Big Sky League title with an 11-0 record and were 22-5 overall. They advanced to the Elite 8 of the 1A state volleyball tournament, where they lost to St. Paul in straight sets.

The Cougars raised \$213 during their Dig Pink Night and donated an additional \$186 more to the St. Anthony Cancer

Care Clinic, Pendleton. The money will help support local cancer patients in need.

Members of the volleyball team also help officiate junior high volleyball matches, and work with the players during their practices. Most are also involved in ASB or FFA.

Each winner of the Team of the Month award will receive a commemorative trophy and \$100 will be donated to the team's program, courtesy of Les Schwab Tires.



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The Oregon School Activities Association for November 2021 named the Echo girls volleyball team the Les Schwab 1A Team of the Month.

## HEPPNER'S HISLER EARNS TOP 2A ALL-STATE FOOTBALL HONOR

### Mustangs have four players on the first team

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**HEPPNER** — The honors keep rolling in for the Heppner football team.

The Mustangs had four players selected to the 2A all-state football team first team — including three who earned honors on both sides of the ball.

Senior Brock Hisler also was named the Defensive Back of the Year, which includes linebackers and secondary players.

Hisler earned first-team honors as a running back and linebacker, while senior Jace Coe was selected as a wide receiver and defensive back, and senior Conor Brosnan as a linebacker and offensive lineman.

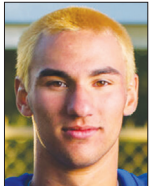
Senior Blane Mahoney earned honors as a defensive lineman.



Mahoney

Hisler ran for 1,153 yards on 158 carries and 12 touchdowns for the Mustangs, who finished the season 11-1 and lost to eventual state champion Coquille. He also had a team-high 97 tackles and had three fumble recoveries.

Coe had a team-high 26 catches for 447 yards and six touchdowns. Defensively, he had 39 tackles.



Coe

Defensively, Brosnan had 82 tackles, three sacks and a fumble recovery. He also was part of an offensive line that helped the Mustangs average 29 points a game.



Brosnan

Mahoney anchored the defensive line that helped limit opponents



Heppner running back Brock Hisler (32) fights off Coquille linebacker Bo Messerle (34) on Nov. 20, 2021, during the semifinal round of the Oregon School Activities Association Class 2A state football tournament at McMinnville High School. Hisler, in addition to winning Defensive Back of the Year, took home first team honors as a running back and wide receiver.

to just 66 points over 12 games (5.5 points a game). He had a team-high six quarterback sacks and 58 tackles.

Offensive Lineman of the Year honors went to Matt Hopkins of Kennedy, while Coquille's Tom Riley was named Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Offensive Back of the Year went to Coquille running back Gunner Yates, and the Coach of the Year was Coquille's David Thomason.

Heppner also had Kason Cimmiyotti named to the second team as a receiver and defensive back, and center Toby Nation was selected as an offensive lineman.

Weston-McEwen's Levie Phillips was named to the third team as a running back and linebacker, while Theo White was chosen as a wide receiver and defensive lineman.

TigerScot Finn Irvine was a third-team offensive lineman, and Blane Peal earned honors as a third-team punter and honorable mention quarterback.

Also named to the honorable mention team were Weston-McEwen's Cameron Reich (receiver), and Stanfield's Carter Burnette (OL/DL), Gator Goodrich (kicker) and Ryan Elizares (defensive back).

### 2A ALL-STATE VOLLEYBALL

Stanfield outside hitter Zuri Reeser was named to the 2A all-state first team, and setter Katelyn Griffin was named to the honorable mention team.



Reeser

Salem Academy libero Anna-belle Brawley was named Player of the Year, and Melissa Holman was Coach of the Year after leading the Crusaders to a 27-2 record and 2A state title.

Reeser, a junior, finished the season with 338 kills, 289 assists, 236 digs, 86 service aces and 20 blocks.

Griffin led the Tigers with 386 assists. The senior also had 120 kills, 139 digs and 65 aces.

The Tigers won the BMC title with an 11-1 record and earned a spot in the 2A state tournament. Stanfield lost in the first round of state to Portland Christian to finish the season with a 19-5 overall record.



Griffin

## Brown has mixed results at NFR

### Baker City cowboy has placed in two of four rounds

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**LAS VEGAS** — Steer wrestler Jesse Brown had some mixed results at the National Finals Rodeo this past weekend, placing in one round and was just out of the money in two others.

The Baker City cowboy split fourth place with Dakota Eldridge during the second round on Friday, Dec. 3. Each man took down his steer in 3.7 seconds and pocketed \$9,144.



Brown

In Round 3 on Dec.

4, Brown had a time of 4.8 seconds and finished out of the money.

Brown had a stout steer during Round 4 on Dec. 5. He took his steer down in 5 seconds, but was two places out of picking up a check.

"He was pretty full," Brown said. "He was big. There's still six nights left and a lot of money."

Through four rounds, Brown has placed in two and earned \$14,805.

He went into the NFR ranked second in the world standings behind Jacob Talley.

A couple of quick runs by Dirk Tavener, Tristan Martin and Riley Duvall saw them shoot up the leaderboard and Brown drop to sixth. There are six more rounds of action in Las Vegas.

Brown is sitting fourth in the average with a time of 18 seconds on four runs. He is just 2 seconds off the leaders — Martin and Duvall.

"With how much money there is in each round, the standings will change each night," Brown said.

Brown has kept busy with appearances and signings the past few days, and Dec. 11 he will be helping out with the Rascal Rodeo — a simulated rodeo for people of all ages with physical and developmental disabilities. The program is near and dear to Brown, who wears the program's logo on his shirts.

"They have it at the (Columbia River) circuit finals every year and a bunch of us bulldoggers go to that," Brown said. "They are a pretty cool company."

## ON THE SLATE

### Tuesday, Dec. 7

**Prep girls basketball**  
Irrigon at South Wasco County, 6 p.m.  
Baker at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.  
**Prep boys basketball**  
Irrigon at South Wasco County, 7:30 p.m.  
**Prep girls bowling**  
Hermiston at Southridge, 2:30 p.m.  
**Prep boys swimming**  
Hermiston at Cheney, 3 p.m.  
**Prep boys wrestling**  
Riverside at Rainier Duals, 5 p.m.

### Wednesday, Dec. 8

**Prep boys basketball**  
Pendleton at Milwaukie, 5:45 p.m.

### Thursday, Dec. 9

**Prep girls basketball**  
Umatilla at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Irrigon at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
McLoughlin at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Riverside vs. Nixyaawii at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, 2 p.m.

Echo vs. Powder Valley at Calvin Hiatt Memorial Tournament, Powder Valley, 4 p.m.  
Toledo at Heppner, 6 p.m.  
Bandon at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.  
Bonanza at Stanfield, 6 p.m.  
Pendleton at Putnam, 7:15 p.m.  
**Prep boys basketball**  
McLoughlin at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Irrigon at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Umatilla at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Umatilla at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Riverside vs. Nixyaawii at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, 3:30 p.m.

Echo vs. Powder Valley at Calvin Hiatt Memorial Tournament, Powder Valley, 5:30 p.m.  
Toledo at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.  
Bandon at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.  
Bonanza at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.  
**Prep girls bowling**  
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 3 p.m.  
**Prep girls wrestling**  
Hermiston at Pasco, 5 p.m.  
**Prep boys wrestling**  
Irrigon, Heppner/lone at Riverside, 4 p.m.  
Hermiston at Pasco, 5 p.m.

### Prep swimming

Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 4 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 10

**Prep girls basketball**  
Umatilla at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Irrigon at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Nixyaawii at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
lone/Arlington at Arlington Snowball Classic, TBD  
Stanfield vs. Culver, 2A Preview Basketball Tournament, Pendleton Convention Center, 8 a.m.  
Weston-McEwen vs. Bonanza, 2A Preview Basketball Tournament, Pendleton Convention Center, 11:45 a.m.  
Echo vs. Union at Calvin Hiatt Memorial Tournament, Powder Valley, 2:30 p.m.  
Griswold vs. Four Rivers at Arlington Snowball Classic, 3 p.m.  
Heppner vs. Bandon, 2A Preview Basketball Tournament, Pendleton Convention Center, 3 p.m.  
Hanford at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.

Riverside vs. McLoughlin at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, 6 p.m.

Pilot Rock vs. Toledo, 2A Preview Basketball Tournament, Pendleton Convention Center, 6:15 p.m.

**Prep boys basketball**  
Irrigon at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Umatilla at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
Nixyaawii at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, TBD  
lone/Arlington at Arlington Snowball Classic, TBD  
Stanfield vs. Culver, 2A Preview Basketball Tournament, Pendleton Convention Center, 9:45 a.m.  
Weston-McEwen vs. Bonanza, 2A Preview Basketball Tournament, Pendleton Convention Center, 1:15 p.m.  
Echo vs. Union at Calvin Hiatt Memorial Tournament, Powder Valley, 4 p.m.  
Griswold vs. Four Rivers at Arlington Snowball Classic, 4:30 p.m.  
Heppner vs. Bandon, 2A Preview Basketball Tournament, Pendleton Convention Center, 4:45 p.m.

Putnam at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.  
Hanford at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.  
Riverside vs. McLoughlin at Columbia River River Clash, Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.  
Pilot Rock vs. Toledo, 2A Preview Basketball Tournament, Pendleton Convention Center, 8 p.m.  
**College women's basketball**  
Blue Mountain at Centralia, 7 p.m.  
**Prep boys wrestling**  
Hermiston, Pendleton at Mulenburg Tournament, La Grande, 7 a.m.  
Irrigon at Culver Invite, TBD

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