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Weston-McEwen's Blane Peal unleashes a pitch during a game against Pilot Rock on May 11, 2021, in Athena. Peal set a state record for consecutive strikeouts in a game with 14 on April 12, 2022, against Stanfield/Echo.

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who struck out 13 in a row against Centennial in 2003. Gunderson went on to pitch at Oregon State University, and spent five years in the Atlanta Braves organization.

"Every kid who has ever pitched has had the opportunity to attempt this record," Pierce said.

Peal, who has signed to pitch at George Fox University, started his streak by striking out Adrian Ibarra in the second inning. Ibarra was the second out of the inning, with the first coming on a ground ball.

Peal struck out Kobe Harwood to end the inning, then struck out the side in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings to hit 14.

Stanfield/Echo's Keegan Chitty ended the streak, flying out to center field to start the seventh inning.

Peal finished the game with 18 strikeouts, no walks and no hits in 6 2/3 innings of work.

On the season, Peal (5-0) has pitched 22 2/3 innings, scattering two hits, walking two batters, hitting four batters and striking out 59. His ERA is 0.00.

"There are no words for it," Pierce said. "It's so neat to coach him."

Peal said his teammates deserve a lot of the credit.

"This season has been great," Peal said. "The team has really been backing me up. Any ground balls are a made play."

The ninth-ranked Tiger-Scots (8-0 overall, 6-0 Special District 7) will play a league doubleheader Saturday at No. 3 Heppner (8-3, 7-0).

SPORTS SHOTS



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Echo's Zuri Reeser pitches against Union on Monday, April 18, 2022, in Echo. Union won the doubleheader 7-3 and 8-5.



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Hermiston's Madeline Jared lands in the sandpit while long jumping in a Mid-Columbia Conference track-and-field meet Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in Hermiston. Jared placed third with a leap of 14 feet, 6 inches.



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Pendleton's Jack Monkman slides into third base during a game against The Dalles on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at Bob White Field, Pendleton. The Bucks won 15-5 in Intermountain Conference play.



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Ryker McDonald of Hermiston and Jakob Humphrey of Walla Walla lead the fast heat of the 100-meter dash in a Mid-Columbia Conference track-and-field meet Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in Hermiston. Humphrey eked out the win with a time of 11.23 seconds.

Rollins:

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Camp said. "He does a lot of different things. He is going to be a big (lineman) for us. Small-school kids just need to be brought up to speed. I see him at guard or center, or an inside guy on the defense."

Rollins, who played everything from punter to running back for the Cardinals, is ready for the challenge.

"I will miss playing all over the field," Rollins said. "Eleven-man football is way different than 8-man. When you come from an 8-man school with 14 kids on the roster, to one with 150 guys, you can focus on one position. My favorite position is fullback — everyone likes to run the ball. I just have to change my mindset to protect instead of run over."

It's that kind of attitude that excites Camp.

"Fullback is not out of the question," he said. "I just can't wait to get him here and see who he really is. He has farm strength. He loves to play. That drew me to him. I love those small-school kids. We are doing a good job of giving kids opportunities. I don't think there are a lot of people cruising through Ione looking for players. I just absolutely loved him. He is a good, hard-working young man."

Rollins said he knows the learning curve will be steep, but he's willing to put in the work, which will include redshirting his first year at EOU.

"Making the transition from 8-man to 11-man, and learning the playbook, that will be a big transition for me," Rollins said. "I have been spending a lot of time in the weight room, but that will be different too."

But in a good way. "I can see Taylor playing at 285 with the right weight on him," Ione/Arlington football and basketball coach Dennis Stefani said. "The bad weight will come off and the good weight will go on."

Stefani said Camp was interested in Rollins from the get-go.

"It was a pretty easy sell," Stefani said of his initial conversation with Camp. "He was aware of him. I think it will be a great fit for Taylor. He will enjoy it and get the most out of it. He will find the good in everything, win or lose. He has a good competitive nature and a

really high IQ for the game. Just a handful of guys get to do it. I told him to enjoy the living heck out of it."

Rollins said he plans to major in agricultural entrepreneurship, which includes business, economy, agriculture and accounting.

A man of many talents

The Cardinal finished 5-5 overall and 4-2 in Special District 2-West play this past season.

They lost to St. Paul 44-8 in a mud bowl in the first round of the 1A state playoffs. It was the Cardinals' first trip to state since 2009.

Rollins had 89 yards rushing, nine tackles and a quarterback sack in the game.

Rollins was a first-team all-league kicker and punter, and was named to the second team as a running back and guard, and was an honorable mention linebacker.

Rollins rushed for 712 yards on 91 carries for 13 touchdowns. He also led the Cardinals with 106 tackles.

"Tanner is a kid who is very versatile," Stefani said. "He is very football savvy. He could roll into the center position and learn that position very quickly. I could definitely see him playing center. His versatility is going to be the big thing for him going to college."

Rollins also is an alternate for the East team for the 69th annual East-West Shrine Game on Aug. 6 in Baker City.

"Most of us kids who come and play are farm kids," Rollins said. "We have to work and that work ethic translates to the football field and the classroom. I don't live on a farm, but I work on a farm and ranch."

Rollins also played basketball for the Cardinals, who finished their season 20-2 overall and 9-0 in Big Sky League play. They lost a state play-in game to Nix-aawii to end their season.

Rollins averaged 5.4 points, seven rebounds, 2.5 steals and 2.1 assists a game for the 20-2 Cardinals. He was selected to the Big Sky League honorable mention team.

Rollins and his younger brother Bryce get their athletic talents from their parents Ed and Tricia.

Ed Rollins played football and wrestled at West Seattle High School, and went on to play football at Montana State, where he was an offensive lineman for the Bobcats.

Tricia played basketball and was a cheerleader at Lima High School in Montana.

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