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When opportunity knocks

Scholarship helps Pasena-Littlesky go to Whitman

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Hermiston goalie Lindsey Pasena-Littlesky grabs a Hanford shot on goal during a soccer game Sept. 4, 2021, at Kennison Field. Pasena-Littlesky will continue her soccer career in the fall of 2022 at Whitman College, Walla Walla.

where that also met her academic needs.

"I had to realize the location and my major," she said. "This is the next part of my life. I had offers to play DI soccer, but I didn't want my whole life to be soccer. At the DIII level, I can focus on soccer and school."

With plans to attend Stanford in the future and earn her law degree, Pasena-Littlesky will major in political science at Whitman with a focus on environmental law and psychology.

"It was good to find a good liberal arts school that will build me

academically and give me an opportunity to play soccer," she said.

Scholarship bridges the gap

A year at Whitman carries hefty tuition and fees — nearly \$75,000 — but Pasena-Littlesky will have most of that covered with the Sinaata Scholarship, a pell grant and other scholarships.

In recognition of the special relationship between Whitman College and the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Sinaata Scholarship is one of the most generous scholarships Whitman

offers. It's renewable for four years.

After Pasena-Littlesky made her visit to the admissions office, admissions director Madison Hollenbeck let Blues soccer coach Michelle Voiland know that a potential player could be coming to school.

"I contacted Lindsey and we had a Zoom call and began our connection," Voiland said. "It was quite serendipitous. I am excited to have Lindsey joining our program. She brings such incredible energy. Lindsey is an incredible student and person and will fit in really well with the positive culture of our team and the fun, collaborative energy on the Whitman campus."

Pasena-Littlesky said she felt a connection with Voiland from the start.

"I love Michelle," she said. "She was a goalkeeper and coached at Oregon State. She gave me a tour of their athletic facilities, they are really nice."

Whitman is the real winner

The Blues are getting a talented goalkeeper in Pasena-Littlesky, who is a three-time Goalie of the Year — twice with Pendleton in the Intermountain Conference, and this past fall with Hermiston in the Mid-Columbia Conference.

During her senior season with the Bulldogs, she allowed an average of .80 goals a game.

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SOFTBALL

Garton, Bucks shut down Dallas in semifinals

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PENDLETON — Pendleton coach Tim Cary was concerned about Dallas left-handed pitcher Kadence Morrison. His team had not seen a left-hander all season.

As it turns out, the Dragons (19-9) had not seen the likes of Pendleton's Sauren Garton, who threw a one-hit shutout to lead the Bucks to a 4-0 victory on Tuesday, May 31, and a trip to the 5A state title game.

"We are pretty excited right now," Pendleton coach Tim Cary said.

The Bucks (27-2) will play Wilsonville in the championship game Saturday at Jane Sanders Stadium in Eugene.

"We don't have a single person on this team that has been to the state championship game," Cary said. "They just need to relax, enjoy the moment and go out and have fun."

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