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SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

Cougars land four on first team

Pilot Rock has 2 first-team players

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ECHO — The Echo/Stanford softball team had four players selected to the Special District 6 softball first team by the league coaches, while Pilot Rock had two.

Weston-McEwen, which finished third in the SD6 standings (8-4, 14-10 overall), had four players named to the second team, while Heppner had two players selected to the second team.

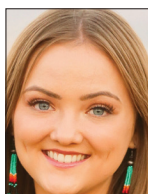
Grant Union's Drew Williams was named Pitcher of the Year, while teammate Riley Robertson was selected as Player of the Year.

Infielder Taylor Longhorn led the Cougars at the plate, hitting .556, with a slugging percentage of .778. She was 17 of 17 for stolen bases and scored 21 runs.

Catcher Faith McCarty had a batting average of .438 and scored 13 runs. She also was 11 of 11 for stolen bases.

Outfielder Nevaeh Thew hit .308, scored 11 runs and was a perfect 9-for-9 on stolen bases.

Pitcher Zuri Reeser had an ERA of 5.20. She struck out 32 and walked 23. At the plate, she hit .293 and scored 17 runs.



Lankford



Longhorn



Lunzmann



McCarty



Reeser



Thew

The Cougars finished third in the SD6 standings with a 6-6 record, and finished 14-9 overall.

The Rockets' first-team players were infielder Natalie Lankford, who hit .428 this season, and outfielder Madison Lunzmann, who hit .400 with an on-base percentage of .625.

Pilot Rock finished 6-6 in league play and 13-11 overall.

MID-COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Hermiston players pick up softball, baseball honors

Dyer was named a second-team utility player

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HERMISTON — Hermiston's Jocie Elwood, Hailey South and Sydney Stocker were named to the Mid-Columbia Conference softball second team by the conference coaches.

Sophomore outfielder Kaylee Elliott was selected to the honorable mention team.

Conference champion Walla Walla dominated the first team with seven players, including Player of the Year Tallulah Sickels, for the second year in a row. Wa-Hi's Arch McHie was named Coach of the Year.

The Bulldogs finished 10-6 in conference play, including a win over the Blue Devils. They finished 15-8 overall, just falling short of the



Elliott



Elwood



Dyer



South



Stocker

3A state tournament.

South, the Bulldogs' shortstop, hit .486 with 34 hits. She had four doubles, three triples and a team-high five home runs, along with 20 RBIs and 32 runs scored. She also had a team-high 17 stolen bases.

Behind the plate, Stocker had 94 putouts and had just one error on the season. At the plate, she hit .348 with 24 hits, including two doubles, three triples and four home runs. Stocker drove in 14 runs and scored 19 times.

Just a sophomore, Elwood took care of duties at third base. Offensively, she hit .409 with 27 hits, including three doubles, four triples and three home runs. She had a team-high 30 RBIs and scored 28 times.

An outfielder, Elliott had 23

putouts and just three errors in 22 games. She .375 with 27 hits, 11 RBIs and she scored 25 times. She also had eight stolen bases.

On the baseball field, Hermiston senior Hunter Dyer was the lone Bulldog to earn honors. He was named a second-team utility player by the conference coaches. For the season, he hit a team-high .432 with 19 hits, including one double and seven RBIs. He only struck out three times in 44 at-bats.

In the field, Dyer had 83 putouts and committed just one error in 15 games.

Conference champion Kennewick had Daniel Dickinson named Player of the Year, Leyton Lind selected as Pitcher of the Year, and Lenny Ayres named Coach of the Year by his peers.

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