

SPORTS

# Umatilla boys receive seven all-league selections, girls five

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The state-bound Umatilla boys basketball team cleaned up in 3A Eastern Oregon League All-League selections, garnering seven selections in total.

Umatilla's seven selections were the most in the league, with league champ Nyssa garnering four, and Vale and Riverside had three each.

Three Vikings were named to the first team:

senior guard Dany Ayala, senior forward Andrew Jaime and senior wing Eric Garcia. Two Vikings were named to the second-team: junior wings Juan Coria and Tristen Sanguino. Two more received honorable mentions: senior forward Aaron Simmons and freshman guard Kaden Webb.

Ayala was the catalyst to Umatilla's offense, racking up assist numbers and sparking runs by attacking the basket. Jaime alternated starting and coming off

the bench and provided energy, rebounding and some scoring. Garcia, last year's EOL Player of the Year, led Umatilla with accurate three-point shooting and overall scoring.

Coria and Sanguino helped stretch defenses with shooting and also helped clean the glass and play defense. Simmons was a big body down low and helped protect the rim. He could also stretch defenses with solid three-point shooting and was a decent re-

bouncer. Webb, who didn't see serious playing time until about the second half of the season, came off the bench in place of Ayala and hit clutch 3s when Umatilla needed them most, especially in two games against Vale.

The state-bound Umatilla girls basketball team was also rewarded for its stellar season with five 3A Eastern Oregon League all-league selections.

Junior guard Sidney Webb and sophomore

guard Aleesha Watson were named to the first team, senior wing Cassandra Galbraith and junior post Courtney Dohman were named to the second team and senior post Iri Campos was an honorable mention selection.

As the primary ball-handler, Webb initiated the offense and got the ball to the Lady Vikings' scorers in opportune situations. For most of the year, Watson led the team in scoring, including a couple games

in the high 20s. Galbraith provided significant energy from the three spot and was the anchor on defense. Dohman and Campos were each solid on the block and provided good low-post scoring and rebounding.

Vale's senior guard Kami Hawkins was named the league's player of the year, and the Vale Vikings led the league with six selections in total. Nyssa garnered three selections, and Riverside earned two nods.

# Stanfield girls feeling positive about season

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When the 2014-15 basketball season began in November, the Stanfield girls program was in disarray. The team had lost its last 23 games, and success seemed miles, even light years off.

Then came a surprising hire. Daniel Sharp, who had been the boys coach at Stanfield for the last six years, was hired as the girls coach, too. With him he brought success: state appearances and league titles, even a third-place effort last year.

Early on, things didn't go well.

The girls struggled with basic drills. Every practice was as much a lecture as it was a lab, and Sharp never had to lecture to much before.

But as the season wore on, the basketball improved.

"There's times we were in practice, and we looked around like, 'Wow we actually look like a basketball team,'" Sharp said. "That was exciting to see."

Stanfield finished the year with a record of 10-15 (4-6 Columbia Basin Conference), good for a tie with Heppner for third place. Stanfield beat Culver in the play-in round of the district tournament, the first time in six years that Stanfield had

won a postseason game.

After the win over Culver last week, the team floated out of the gym. The Tigers couldn't believe they had won.

"We're all hyped," Bailey Watson said after that game.

But Stanfield ran into a buzzsaw with Pilot Rock, a team that thrashed second-place Weston-McEwen 45-22 in the district title game. The Tigers lost 34-18.

Despite the difficult ending to the season, the season was a positive experience, overall. After Stanfield's only winning streak of the year — a three-gamer in January, junior guard Yazzmin Chavez said

she felt like a basketball player, not someone who plays basketball.

Sharp saw that, too. So did the fans, who started to come to boys' games early to catch the ending of the girls' games. That didn't happen last year.

"I really feel like they started to grasp a vision," Sharp said of his team. "There were some concepts they were taught, and they bought it. You could see them gaining some confidence. They need an offseason to work on things. From when they stepped on the floor in November until now, they're a totally different team. I think a lot of people saw that. I know we saw that."

# Tigers fare well in CBC

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The Stanfield girls basketball team was rewarded for its surprising season with a number of all-league selections and a Coach of the Year nod.

Daniel Sharp, in his first year coaching the girls, was named the 2014-15 2A Columbia Basin Conference Coach of the Year after leading the Tigers to a spot in the district tournament.

Joining Sharp with postseason honors were second-team selections junior guard Yazzmin Chavez and junior guard Bailey Watson. Junior guard Cynthia Curiel was an honorable mention selection.

Chavez, Watson and Curiel each played point guard and off-guard and were primary threats from three-point range.

The second-place Stanfield boys basketball team was also well represented on CBC all-league teams.

Sophomore wing Dylan Grogan was the lone first-team Tiger. Senior wing Hunter Braithwaite and senior forward Milan Davchevski were named to the second team, and sophomore guard Ryan Bailey was an honorable mention selection.

As a sophomore, Grogan was the Tigers' primary ball handler and leading scorer. Braithwaite played off the ball and gave energy, scoring and defense, and Davchevski was a big body down low who could score, rebound and protect the rim. The sophomore Bailey was a shooting threat from deep.

# Stanfield boys' season ends in heart break

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A buzz surrounded the Stanfield boys basketball team before this season began. The Tigers were fresh off a third-place finish at the 2013-14 state tournament, and they felt like they could improve on that.

They had solid scoring seniors in Milan Davchevski, Hunter Braithwaite and Erik Galarza. They had underclassmen contributors in

Dylan Grogan, Tony Flores and Ryan Bailey. Coach Daniel Sharp said it was probably the most athletic group he's had, with a good mix of experience and youth to push a team forward.

While the Tigers were poised to make another deep postseason run, their hopes were dashed Saturday when Heppner scored on three free throws in the last five seconds to defeat Stanfield in the district

semifinal. At 17-6, Stanfield is the highest-ranked team (seventh) to not be in the state tournament. The Tigers' winning percentage (.739) is better than half the field at the 2A state tournament, and the Tigers have more wins than five teams who qualified.

"We did a heck of a job in a tough league," Sharp said. "Unfortunately, this year we only had two teams going to state this year. It was just how it worked out.

"I think we played one of the toughest schedules we had," he added. "Our league is one of the toughest in the state right now. I feel good how they played. It's kind of weird. It's been six years since we didn't make it to the state round."

Stanfield's season was twice as long as those of some because he coached both girls and boys this year. He said, going into the season he thought games would probably be

easier and practices would be hard. Now, with both seasons under his belt, his opinions have changed.

"It was flipped," Sharp said. "Games were harder than I thought, and the first quarter of boys' games was a little bit of a fog, just trying to get your mind right. Right now, I couldn't do it again. I need six months to rest up. It was an experience. I enjoyed it. Both teams helped out. Good memories."



SAM BARBEE PHOTO

Hermiston's Maddy Juul (center) tries to scoop home a layup through the defense of Pendleton's Kristin Williams (left) and Marlene Bodmer during the first half of Hermiston's 53-44 win Tuesday night at Warberg Court.

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can't go by," Hoffert said. "So, start using your quickness, start using your anticipation and get after the ball, and good things are gonna happen for us. She got a little fatigued. She burned a lot of energy playing offense and defense tonight, but those are huge."

From that 6-0 run until midway through the fourth quarter, Hermiston was firmly in control of the game. The Bulldogs didn't trail the entire second half, and the smallest lead was at 51-44 after a free throw by Pendleton's Shelby Greb.

Things got a bit choppy along the way, however. Hermiston's Headings and Pendleton's Marlene Bodmer were whistled for double fouls midway through the third period,

and Greb was tagged with an intentional foul after pulling Edmiston to the floor.

The fourth quarter dragged by without much excitement, but Pendleton slowly whittled away the lead. Bodmer scored her first two points of the game, and Darian Lindsey followed it with her own two-pointer to cut Hermiston's 13-point lead from the third quarter lead down to nine. After the Bulldogs' lead was cut to eight, Sidney Webb got a short jumper to fall to extend things back to double digits for the Bulldogs. Then Kristin Wil-

liams, who led the Bucks with 15 points, scored with 4:09 left to prompt a Hermiston timeout.

"We were trying to run some different sets and bring the ball out in a four-out, five-out, and we just let their pressure dictate what we were doing," Hoffert said. "We were a little anxious. When we understand the complete game about a big lead and the ball, and we don't have to be in a hurry, we'll be a lot stronger. Right now, we're figuring that out."

Tuesday's game was the last in both teams' regular seasons.

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there, he plans to major in accounting.

Santoyo said, while he initially wanted to stay close to home, he learned quickly that wasn't an option, and he broadened his search until he found Tabor, or Tabor found him, rather.

His parents, Luis and Norma, said they didn't doubt their son would eventually go to college somewhere, whether he was playing football or not. They said it's been hard coming to grips with their son leaving, but he's achieving something they've worked for all his life: He's going to college.

"That's been our goal since (he was) little," Norma Santoyo said. "We told him that this doesn't stop at high school. College is our goal."

Norma and Luis said the affordability of the small Christian liberal arts school

appealed to them. With rising tuition costs everywhere, finding a school that would both accommodate Santoyo and allow his family to send him there was invaluable.

Santoyo said he is excited to be going somewhere new and to meet new people and have new experi-

ences.

"You got to grow up some time," he said.

When Santoyo told Hodges about his decision, the football coach was ecstatic.

"He told me to work hard to do good by Hermiston and Tabor," the senior said.

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