# **JAMES**:

counting the story of Ego's postgame address. "As soon as I knew, I was like, 'Sweet.' I love playing with him."

"It was really exciting," James said of his first start in Hermiston's 74-58 loss to Hanford. "Just sitting on the bench and hearing your

**MUSTANGS:** 

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Along with my family, my

community, my coaches,

and my brothers, we can fi-

he was perhaps the most

dangerous. Kindle led the

team with 2,313 all-pur-

pose yards and 31 total

touchdowns — highlighted

by his five-touchdown per-

formance in the state title

game. He even completed

Kindle says that he is

one pass for 21 yards.

On the offensive side

nally say 'we did it."

name called — it's one of make bad decisions. the best feelings."

Naillon said it was an easy transition to playing with the freshman.

"He just knows the game of basketball," he said. "I mean, don't get me wrong we all make mistakes out there. But he knows what he's doing, and it's really nice to play with guys who can think when they're playing basketball and not

still trying to wrap his head around everything from the season

"Everything that has happened has been unreal ... then to add the state honors on top of that is something else," Kindle said. "Our hard work truly of the football Kindle was payed off with the numerone of many cogs of a ous all state honors our high-powered offense, but team had."

But he also noted that none of the players feel they would have had this success without the Coach of the Year pushing them every single day.

"Without him none of us would be where we are today on and off the field," Kindle said, "and I think

I can speak for the whole team when I say that about coach Grant."

"He's got that basket-

Naillon, who is a three-

ball I.Q. and that's what we

year varsity player, doesn't

look at grade or age. He just

looks at a player's ability

to contribute. Ego has the

same philosophy, saying

before the season that if a

freshman is good enough,

he's good enough. Naillon

used his experience as a

need.

Mustangs quarterback Kaden Clark (1,272 yards, 19 TD), wide receiver Logan Grieb (1,274 all-purpose yards, 19 TD), and back tight end/running Weston Putman (949 all-purpose yards, 10 TD) highlighted the other Mustangs first-team selections, with Collins and Murray representing the stout offensive line.

However, the Mustangs weren't the only team to land several players on the all-state teams, as the Stanfield Tigers saw six selections. Junior offensive

now," he said after a pause.

On his recruiting profile at

NCSAsports.org, Neal lists his

squat as 385 pounds, his bench

press at 295 pounds and he runs

a 40-yard sprint in 4.9 seconds.

He also starts at forward for the

basketball team and was a state

placer in the shot put, discus

Neal wasn't the only local

5A player to catch the eye of

state coaches, and several were

and javelin as a junior.

we could come together as a team and let a freshman do what he's able to do." Naillon, though, was still lineman Jose Garcia was

young varsity player to un-

derstand James and his role.

I don't care what grade you

are," he said. "When I was

a freshman, I hated all that

stuff. I said, 'When I'm a se-

nior, I'm gonna treat everyone the same.' So, I thought

it was a super sweet that

"I've always been big on

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Stanfield's lone first-teamer and junior running back Thyler Monkus was the Tigers' only offensive player to make the second-team roster.

Other second-team defensive players were junior defensive lineman Jared Warren, junior linebacker Dylan Grogan, and Monkus again at defensive back.

Offensive lineman Noe Sanchez also made the team as an honorable mention, as did Irrigon's star running back Fredy Vera.

2A All-State Roster Coach of the year: Greg Gra OFFENSE Greg Grant, Heppner Player of the year: C.J. Kindle, Heppner,

> named to the honorable mention lists.

> Hermiston senior linebacker Havden Simon, junior defensive back Vaemuvete Ena and junior offensive lineman Kaden Caldwell rounded the Bulldogs' selections.

For Pendleton, senior Kai Quinn was honorable mention at defensive back and senior Jacob Banks earned the same distinction at offensive line.

RB Cole Rixe, Bend, senior RB Brent Yeakey, Ridgeview, junior RB Michael Jones, Hood River Valley,

WR Braydon Haas, Springfield, senior WR braycon Haas, Spinigieo, Senior WR Damon Peters, Hillsboro, senior WR Shashi Penn, Ashland, senior TE Michael Pruitt, Ashland, senior TE Jalontae Walker, La Salle, senior C Zack Mason, Putnam, senior OL Alex Antillon, Liberty, sophomore OL Jordan Cardenas, Liberty, junior OL Sam Fults, Hood River Valley, senior OL Callan Connors, Summit, junior OL Colin Leutschaft, Redmond,

OL Jacob Banks, Pendleton, senior

OL Kaden Caldwell, Hermiston, junior

doesn't even consider himself one of the better players on the team, just a guy who has a role to fill.

"I don't see myself as a standout player yet," he said with a shy smile. "Maybe in the next couple of years with everybody coming up. I see myself as a role player, a guy who gets a couple points a night and some assists and rebounds. The small things, nothing big."

K Luis Orozco, Lost River, junior DEFENSE Player of the year: Patrick Collins, Hep-

pner, senior First team DL Patrick Collins, Heppner, senior

OL Taylor Tandy, Imbler, senior

OI Noe Sanchez, Stanfield, junior

DL Kevin Murray, Heppner, Janior DL Jacob Lopez, Kennedy, senior DL Taylor Klus, Burns, senior LB Weston Putman, Heppner, senior LB Eric Gustin, Regis, junior LB Tommy Bredfield, Heppner, senior LB Joe Ballard, Monroe, senior DB Logan Grieb, Heppner, senior DB C.J. Kindle, Heppner, senior DB Brett Traeger, Kennedy, junior DB Bishop Mitchell, Kennedy, junior P Mike Mitchell, Reedsport, senior P Wilke Wiltcheli, Needsport, senior Second team DL Egan Glover, Reedsport, senior DL Jared Warren, Stanfield, junior DL Jonah Land, Waldport, junior DL Alejandro Vera, Lost River, senior LB Andrew Goozee, Knappa, junior LB Dylan Grogan, Stanfield, junior LB Joe Boggs, Central Linn, senior LB Griffin Kaufmann, Reedsport, senior

DB Thyler Monkus, Stanfield, junior DB Isaiah Marchant, Toledo, senior DB Trace Tiller, Burns, senior DB Sam Nieslanik, Regis, senior P Caeden Martin, Gaston, sophomore Honorable Mention

DL Austin Voltin, Regis, senior

## **NEAL:**

Couer d'Alene quarterback Austin Lee.

He was a consistent contributor for a young team that dealt with injuries, and his experience was vital to maintaining cohesion from 2014 to 2015 with just four starters returning in total.

## **5A All-State Roster**

Coach of the year: Joe Padilla, Summit **DEFENSE** Player of the year: Marlon Tuipulotu Central

### First team

DL Marlon Tuipulotu, Central, junior DL Tre Neal, Hermiston, senior DL Noah Yunker, Summit, senior DL JT Gill, Crater, junior LB Jacob Tompson, Summit, senior LB Jacob Thompson, Summit, senior LB Nicolas Ah Sam, Springfield, junior LB Cavin Gillispie, Crater, senior LB Kaelin Himphill, Liberty, senior LB Devin Thompson, Liberty, senior DB Zach Shatpa, Wildenwilde, junior DB Zach Shelton, Wilsonville, junior DB Stuart Bledsoe, Summit, senior DB Daniel Wilson, Springfield, senior P Zach Emerson, Mountain View,

## Second team

DL Jordan Lyles, Hillsboro, senior DL Opeti Tuipulotu, Central, junior

Neal said he always wants that kind of recognition, but ulcontinued from Page A10 timately the team comes first.

"I try to help out my team as much as I can, but I still try to get those little personal accomplishments," he said.

Neal said he plans on continuing his football career, and has been in contact with "a couple coaches," though he wouldn't say who or from what schools. "I'll keep that to myself for

DL Todd Bourassa, Springfield, senior DL John Ale, Crater, junior LB Brayden Bafaro, Liberty, senior LB Luke McBeth, Central, senior LB Ty Miller, Lebanon, junior LB Nick Aamodt, Redmond, senior DB Caden Reed, Liberty, senior DB Austin Kramer, Crater, junior DB Trae Gould, Marist, senior DB Cameron Hankins, Corvallis, senior Walker Shibley, Ashland, senior Honorable mention

DL Taylor Rich, Liberty, senior DL Kam Morgan, Wilsonville, senior DL Shea Paterson, Liberty, senior DL Jose Diaz, Silverton, senior DL Jake Schultz, Marist, senior DL Sam Fults, Hood River Valley, senior LB Sage Roundtree, Hillsboro, junior LB Quincy Johnson, Corvallis, senior LB Hayden Simon, Hermiston, senior LB Tommy Winningham, Crater, senior LB Jesse Merritt, Crater, senior DB Cole Sipos, Lebanon, junior

DB Myles Terry, St. Helens, junior DB Cruz Vasquez, South Albany, senior DB Evan Nelson, Hillsboro, senior DB Peter Mason, Central, junior DB Junior Perez, Churchill, senior DB Austin Cable, Redmond, senior DB Kai Quinn, Pendleton, senior DB Vaemuvete Ena, Hermiston,

junior P John Bates, Lebanon, senior nnor Grover, Hillsboro, senior OFFENSE

Player of the year: John Bledsoe, Summit First team OB John Bledsoe, Summit, junior B Tever Watson, Springfield, senior RB Devin Kaneshiro, Liberty, senior RB Derek Brown, Redmond, senior RB Cavin Gillspie, Crater, senior WR Walker Shibley, Ashland, senior WR Sean Kent, Summit, senior TE Nicolas dh Sam, Smringfield junjor TE Nicolas Ah Sam, Springfield, junior C Jake Brauchler, Redmond, senior OL Noah Yunker, Summit, senior OL Marlon Tuipulotu, Central, junior OL Daniel Butler, Crater, senior OL Gabe Mitchell, Springfield, senior K Zach Emerson, Mountain View,

## Second team

QB Connor Neville, Wilsonville, junior RB Noah Dahl, Silverton, senior RB Alvin Berroa, Central, junior RB Hunter Mattson, Corvallis, senior WR Elijah Benedick, Wilsonville, senior WR Harrison Steiger, Wilsonville, junior TE John Bates, Lebanon, senior C Owen Koger, Silverton, senior OL Kyle Thompson, South Albany,

senior OL Marcus Carter, Crater, senior OL Brett Miller, Silverton, senior OL Tui Tuitele, Milwaukie, senior K Jason Santoni, Crater, senior Honorable mention QB Matt Struck, Crater, senior RB Daniel Wilson, Springfield, senior sophomore

## K Austin Kness, Wilsonville, sopho-

K Kaden Wadsworth, Summit, senior



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"We wrestled hard in some matches and in some matches we didn't," first-year coach Kyle Larson said. "We're learning and we're training hard. We have some things to work on. We're better than what you've seen in certain places. These guys beat us here two years in a row. It's good to get back on top.'

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- 113 Isaiah Aguilar (H) pins Kolin Clark, 1:05 (18-10)
- 120 Liam Tarvin (H) pins Caleb Procter, 1:07 (24-10) 126 Brady Barroso (K) pins Jesus Rodriguez, 3:09
- 132 Andy Wagner (H) def. Coby Contreras, 3-0
- (27-16) 138 — Caden Cobb (K) def. Adrian Tuia, 4-2 (27-19) 145 — CJ Hendon (H) pins Masen Andreasen, 5:44
- (33-19) - Valen Wyse (H) pins Wayne Beus, 1:31 (39-19)
- 152 Valen Wyse (H) pins Wayne Beus, 1:31 (39 160 Dusty Jones (K) pins Joey Gutierrez, 0:45
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glad he did it. He proved

humble in his early success.

He understands he still has

room to grow, places in

his game to improve. He

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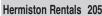
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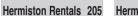
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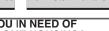
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