

# Five locals suited up one last time at Les Schwab Bowl

## Three Dawgs, two Bucks take part in annual Les Schwab Tires Bowl

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HILLSBORO — For Hermiston senior Joey Gutierrez, Saturday's Les Schwab Tires Bowl had some glaring similarities to the 2017 football season.

He stepped back onto the field at Hillsboro Stadium, the very same field where just six months ago he helped his Bulldogs to a OSAA Class 5A state championship. He was joined by some fellow Bulldogs as Hermiston's Jonathan Hinkle and Beau Blake also made the trip. Most importantly, his family was there, yet again. It was something Gutierrez had trouble putting into words, but after a grueling four-sport season was thankful for.

"It was exciting," he said of being one of the many seniors to be selected to compete one last time. "It gave me the chance to play one more high school game even after winning the state championship."

The Les Schwab Bowl, in its 71st year, pits the North against the South as each team is filled with the top graduating seniors from Oregon 6A and 5A high schools.

Joining the three players from Hermiston was Pendleton's Nick Bower and Shaw Jerome. Both players were standouts for the Buckaroos last fall and Jerome said it was a thrill to be a part of the game.

"Playing with the best in Oregon was one experience



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Hermiston's Jonathan Hinkle prepares to take the field for the annual Les Schwab Tires Bowl on Saturday in Hillsboro.

I will never forget," Jerome said, "and I met a lot of life-long friends and even future teammates attending (Western Oregon University). It was also a cool feeling knowing you are one of the best and getting recognized in rural Eastern Oregon!"

The teams had a week's worth of practices at Pacific University's campus in Forest Grove, and Gutierrez admits that the start of the week wasn't pretty.

"It felt weird the first couple days of practice, we were all a little out of shape," he said, "but by the end of the week, I was home."

Not only did Gutierrez feel at home on the football field, but he was returning to the very field Hermiston won its first state title since 2014 and the first under head coach David Faaeteete, who also served as the assistant coach in Saturday's game.

"We had some down time before the game and it definitely set in that we're back at the same field and it was nice taking it and reliving those moments," Gutierrez said.

"But no matter the score, no matter how much time is left on the clock, you have to live for the moment," he added.

In the North versus South matchup, the North broke a three-year losing streak with a 24-7 victory.

The five locals that competed all fared well on the South team. Hinkle finished with the third most rushing yards — second best on the South's team — with 43 yards on 10 carries.

He caught two short passes good for four yards, and Jerome went long for a 34 yard reception. Gutierrez notched five tackles and 0.5 tackles for a loss.

But this time around, it was less about the numbers and more about the memories shared with teammates, and for some the new bonds formed on the gridiron.

"Going into it I didn't really know anybody, I only knew the guys that came with me," Gutierrez said, "but coming out of it I made brothers for life."

For most of the locals, their sports careers aren't coming to an end just yet. Gutierrez and Hinkle will continue playing football at Eastern Oregon University next year while Jerome will be attending Western Oregon University to play football and Bower to Pacific University to play football and baseball.

## HUNT

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see more useful hunting unit maps in the regulation handbooks.

"If you don't grow up in it, you don't know where such-and-such falls are," he said. "If you don't know the area like the back of our hand, you're basically shooting in the dark."

Buckley said he takes the regulations seriously and strives to understand and follow them so he is on the right side of the law.

Larry Moody of Pendleton said he has had to call ODFW for clarification on regulations. He, too, suggested better maps. Moody, like Buckley, said the description of boundaries are hard to understand when you plan your hunt.

Simplifying the regulations is complicated, Myatt said, and "a pretty heavy lift for us. And the problem wasn't created overnight. It was many decades in the making."

The team split work into three phases. The first was to focus on making the handbook more reader-friendly, from improving the organization to getting rid of redundancies.

"If there was something really important, we felt like we needed to say it over and over again in there," he said.

That's going away, along with the heavy use of legalese. Some regulations used the language of the state laws. In this year's handbook, Myatt said the team collected everything related to youth hunting and collected them in a two-page section.

The team also added more maps and tables to present information.

"I feel like we got about 70 percent of the way there," he said. "We have a lot more planned for the coming year."

The second phase is happening now — review-

ing the general hunting regs, weapon restrictions and youth programs. The team came up with 32 proposals, and Myatt last week in Baker City briefed the state Fish and Wildlife Commission about those. Some of the major change are:

- Standardize the minimum draw weight for bows at 40 pounds for all big game mammals.

- Eliminate the prohibition against decoys with moving parts when big game hunting

- Simplify requirements for legal muzzleloaders and make it clear sabots or sabot bullets are unlawful.

Two other proposals would require legislative approval. The first would limit leftover tag purchases to people who previously applied for a tag but did not draw. This would allow more people an opportunity to hunt each year.

The second would streamline limits on non-resident tags, capping those at 5 percent of all deer, elk, pronghorn, and bear controlled hunt tags.

The team reworded several regulations, including prohibiting rifle hunting without a valid deer or elk tag during certain periods and the proof of sex requirements. The team also culled regulations it deemed unnecessary or redundant.

For a full list of the proposals, visit <https://bit.ly/2spD7KJ>.

Myatt explained dropping the draw weight of a bow to 40 pounds from 50 would put Oregon in line with other states and remove a barrier to youth and smaller hunters. Besides, he said, the technology for archery equipment has advanced to where a 40-pound bow today delivers the same effect a 50-pound bow did years ago.

Delyria said he wants

the state to allow mechanical broadheads for archery hunting, which deploy their blades in flight. He said there is plenty of evidence to show they make for faster kills.

Mechanical broadheads have drawn the most public comment, Myatt said, and the commission received a briefing on them. But they are not on the recommended list of changes for now. Myatt said there is no good evidence to show mechanical broadheads are more effective than traditional broadheads, particularly on larger game such as elk. For now, he said, Oregon remains one of two states in the lower 48 that prohibits them.

The last of the three phases, Myatt said, "is where we dig into the hunts themselves." That means they will consider scheduling, size and shape.

Wyatt said the goal of simplifying and updating the regs is to entice more people to hunt in Oregon. The project does not touch on the cost of hunting, which was the top complaint from Delyria, Buckley and Moody.

The commission considers the final proposals when it meets Sept. 14 in Bandon. (Except for legislative concepts, which would go before state lawmakers in the 2019 legislative session.) Myatt said hunters and the rest of the public can come to testify or send comments to [odfw.commission@state.or.us](mailto:odfw.commission@state.or.us).

Oregon State Police Sgt. Tim Brown oversees fish and game troops based in Pendleton. He said the revisions might not make the handbook any shorter, but likely easier to read. He was pragmatic about what it means on his end and for hunters.

"I don't have an opinion one way or the other," he said. "If it's a rule, we're going to enforce it."

## ALL-STARS

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said. "I'm with Jordan (Ramirez) mostly every day and we compete against each other and try to make each other better. A lot to do with it was coach (John) Christy, I could really do any of it without him, he taught me a lot. I just want to thank him for that."

That competitive drive and help from the coaching staff helped Wyatt to his best season in purple and white. Wyatt led the team with .447 average, on base percentage of .488 and slugging percentage of .645. He tied for team-best 14 RBIs with Ramirez and had the second-most runs (14), one behind Ramirez with a team-high 39 runs scored.

This summer, the two will be able to hone in their skills before preparing to face even tougher competition in the WIAA. But for the brother-sister duo it's simply about enjoying the game they love, that they grew up on.

"I really started doing it because my dad always



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Hermiston catcher Bailee Noland waits to tag out a Lebanon base runner at home plate in the Bulldogs' 11-7 loss to Lebanon in the 5A quarterfinals on May 25 in Hermiston.

talked about how he played baseball and how he was really good at it and I always wanted to be as good as him out there doing it," Bailee

said, "and I just love the sport."

Wyatt added, "I love it with all my heart and put everything into it."

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**First Base** Logan Peterson, Summit, sr.  
**Infield** Cameron Losey, Hillsboro, sr.; Caden Leibien, Hood River Valley, jr.; Joe Rea, St. Helens, so.

**Outfield** Evan Hockett, Ridgeview, jr.; JJ Mears, Hood River Valley, sr.  
**Utility/DH** rector Duran, Thurston, sr.; Gage Mills, Crescent Valley, jr.

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### SOFTBALL ALL-STATE

#### FIRST TEAM

**Pitcher** Lauren Richards, Pendleton, sr.; Ariel Carlson, Marist, jr.; Payton Goodrich, Hillsboro, sr.; Maddie Mayer, Putnam, sr.; Kayelynn Simmons, Dallas, jr.; Hannah McVerney, Hood River Valley, sr.

**Catcher** Abby Doerr, Marist, so.; Lauren Wallace, Dallas, sr.; Zoe Munn, HRV, sr.

**Infield** Taylor Dow, St. Helens, jr.; McKenzie Staub, Hillsboro; Abby Siroshon, Marist, sr.; Gillian Willis, Eagle Point, sr.; Sydney Stefani, Hermiston, jr.

**Outfield** Hannah Sisul, La Salle Prep, sr.; Emma Classen, Dallas, jr.; Savana Decker, Thurston, so.; Haylee Baker, HRV, jr.

**Utility** Maggie Roth, Silverton, sr.; Lauren Decker, HRV, jr.; Miyah Smith, Eagle Point, sr.

#### SECOND TEAM ALL-STATE

**Pitcher** Riley Shopp, Eagle Point, so.; Allcrite Frost, Ridgeview, so.

**Catcher** Kiara McCrea, Hillsboro, fr.; Samantha Thompson, Eagle Point, sr.

**Infield** Brooklyn Mercier, St. Helens, sr.; Sydney Nash, Central, so.; Jordan Dippel, Dallas, sr.; Bailey Sundberg, Churchill, sr.; Kalan McGlothlan, Churchill, sr.

**Outfield** Mikayla Schweinsberg, Putnam, sr.; Cassidy Noon, Central, jr.; Katie Drieling, Marist, jr.

**Utility/DH** Olivia Jetgwig, Thurston, so.; Natalie

Hill, Ridgeview, jr.; Bailee Noland, Hermiston, so.

#### THIRD TEAM ALL-STATE

**Catcher** Kila Solomon, Pendleton, sr.

**Infield** Ally Wessel, Lebanon, sr.; McKenna Williams, Marist, jr.; Aspen Garton, Pendleton, jr.; Alexi Brehaut, Pendleton, sr.

**Outfield** Corie Dodge, Eagle Point, sr.; Sage McVay, Ridgeview, fr.

**Utility** Faith Vadelund, Putnam, so.; Hailey Nelson, Summit, sr.

### BASEBALL

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**Catcher** Ben Leid, Crescent Valley, jr.; Treve Earhart, Dallas, sr.

**First Base** Connor Coerper, Hood River Valley, sr.

**Infield** Trevor Antonson, Wilsonville, jr.; Briley Knight, Crescent Valley, sr.; Trae Frodge, Crater, sr.; Nick Bastendorff, Crater, sr.; Hayden Love, Summit, sr.

**Outfield** Nick Bower, Pendleton, sr.; Curran Mitzel, Hillsboro, sr.; Jacob Dukart, Sandy, sr.; Preston Fisher, Thurston, sr.

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Polamalu, Sandy, sr.

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**Catcher** Cade Crist, Thurston, so.; Wyatt Noland, Hermiston, jr.; Colby Bonner, Sandy, sr.

**First Base** Trevor Groves, Churchill, sr.

**Infield** JD Pinion, Corvallis, sr.; Chase Elliott, Thurston, sr.; Adam Stevens, Wilsonville, sr.; Tyler King, Sandy, sr.; Reece Gordon, Bend, jr.; Isaac Beaman, Hood River Valley, jr.

**Outfield** Taylor Holder, Crescent Valley, so.; Steve Talamantes, Bend, sr.; Noah Francis, Thurston, sr.; Kyle Lund, Churchill, sr.; Sam Waterman, Summit, sr.

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