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tournament

First-team honors

FOR NOLAND, BRADSHAW

By **BRETT KANE**
STAFF WRITER

Blue Mountain was sent packing from the consolation round of the Northwest Athletic Conference tournament against the Lower Columbia Red Devils on Friday afternoon.

The Timberwolves (25-10, 11-5) fell into the loser-out bracket after a five-set loss to Chemeketa on Thursday. They climbed back into the tournament after topping Skagit Valley in three, but couldn't keep it going in Friday's best-of-three match.

Outside hitter Mariah Moulton kicked things off with a kill to put Blue Mountain ahead first, but Lower Columbia's offense was stronger.

The Red Devils committed nine attack errors and two on serving in the first set, to help give the Timberwolves a 13-5 lead. The Red Devils played catch-up to pull within 24-23, but Blue Mountain middle blocker Faith McQueen put the set away on the next play.

It wasn't long before Devils got it together. Lower Columbia took a 2-point lead early in set two, and although the Timberwolves managed to tie them up twice, they couldn't keep up the pace.

At one point in the set, McQueen caught a ball in the eye and missed the rest of the match.

"At this point in the season, it was a struggle to rebound after losing one of our strongest offensive players," Blue Mountain coach Jessica Humphreys said.

The injury softened the Timberwolves up enough for the Red Devils to take the set 25-22.

Ashlynn Cantwell, Megan Miller and Macey Wright opened set three strong to give the Red Devils a 5-point lead. Timberwolves outside hitters Sydney Neuman and Moulton held firm offensively to even the score at 13-13, but an attack error from Neuman and block from Miller sealed the match, 15-13.

"The team played well," Humphreys said. "Although the NWAC didn't see our best game, I have to commend their effort."

Riverside, Umatilla, Irrigon players named to all-league soccer teams

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Riverside was a prominent name on this year's Special District 6 all-league team.

Pirates senior forward Ulises Lopez was named Player of the Year, and his coach Francisco Velazquez received the Coach of the Year honors. Six of Lopez's teammates were named to the SD-6 first team.

Riverside enjoyed a successful season, ranking at No. 5 in the district and making it all the way to the semifinals before falling to Oregon Episcopal on Nov. 6.

First team: Mario Gramajo, jr., center-mid, Umatilla; Luis Castro, sr., midfielder, Umatilla; Mario Gramajo, sr., midfielder, Nyssa; Francisco Chavez, sr., forward, Riverside; Geraldo Lopez, so., midfielder, Riverside; Roberto Amezquita, sr., forward, Umatilla; Ricky Davila, so., defender, Riverside; Javier Castro, so., midfielder, Umatilla; Humberto Sanchez, fr., defender, Riverside; Johan Pena, jr., forward, Riverside; Jose Napoles, fr., midfielder, Riverside; Roberto Lugo, jr., goalie, Umatilla.

Second team: Fernando Nunez, fr., midfielder, Four Rivers; Marco Rangle, jr., Irrigon; Jacob Ayala, fr., Irrigon; Rick Salas, fr., Irrigon; Silvestre Vasquez, sr., Irrigon; Cristian Alaniz, so., defender, Umatilla; Fernando Ramirez, jr., midfielder, Umatilla; Abram Castro, jr., defender, Nyssa; Omar Jaquez, sr., midfielder, Nyssa; Cristian Michaels, jr., Irrigon; Cesar de la Cruz, jr., midfielder, Umatilla; Matt Tamez, jr., goalie, Four Rivers.



Hermiston's Wyatt Noland rushes the ball as Walla Walla's Josiah Wik attempts to bring him down in the Bulldogs' 42-7 win against the Blue Devils Sept. 21.

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Running back Wyatt Noland led the league in rushing and scoring

By **ANNIE FOWLER**
STAFF WRITER

The Hermiston Bulldogs finished their first season in the Mid-Columbia Conference, and a few of their players made an impression on opposing coaches.

Running back Wyatt Noland and offensive lineman Chase Bradshaw were named to the all-league first team Tuesday, while quarterback Andrew James, receiver Jordan Ramirez and defensive lineman Cash Campbell were named to the second team.

Earning honorable mention honors were Ramirez as a defensive back, Dustyn Coughlin on the offensive line, and kicker Juan Navarrete.

Noland, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound senior, led the MCC in rushing with 1,570 yards and 22 touch-

downs. He also had 136 yards receiving and two touchdowns.

Noland also led the league in scoring with 146 points.

James was fourth in the league in passing with 1,391 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also ran for 753 yards and 12 touchdowns, and ranked sixth in scoring with 72 points.

Ramirez caught 37 passes for 491 yards and four touchdowns, while Navarrete converted 35 PATs and kicked three field goals.

Hanford quarterback Garrett Horner was named the Offensive Player of the Year. The 6-0, 176-pound senior threw for 2,353 yards and 21 touchdowns with three interceptions. He completed 66.7 percent of his passes (184 of 276)

Chiawana senior AJ Vongphachanh was named Defensive Player of the Year, and Hanford senior Conner Milliken was named Lineman of the Year.

Chiawana's Steve Graff and Hanford's Brett Jay were named co-Coaches of the Year.

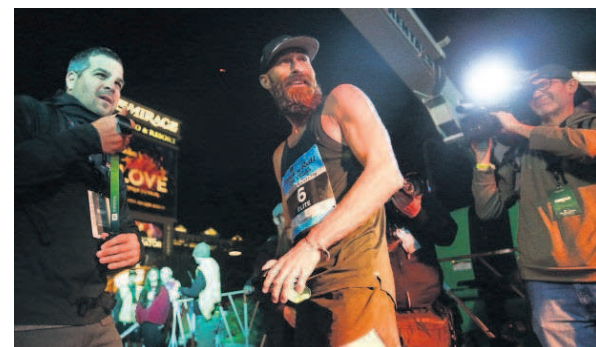
Mid-Columbia Conference Football Team
Offensive Player of the Year: Garrett Horner, sr., Hanford.
Defensive Player of the Year: AJ Vongphachanh, sr., Chiawana.

Lineman of the Year: Conner Milliken, sr., Hanford.
Coaches of the Year: Steve Graff, Chiawana and Brett Jay, Hanford.
First team: Defensive backs - Riley Cissne, jr., Chiawana; Blaine Chavez, jr., Kennewick; Cody Sanderson, sr., Richland; Gabe Martinez, jr., Hanford.
Linebackers - AJ Vongphachanh, sr., Chiawana; Jahmal Mangaroto, sr., Walla Walla; Gunnar Beyer, sr., Hanford; Cameron Breier, so., Chiawana.
Defensive line - Nelson Cardenas, sr., Chiawana; Jagger Childs, jr., Kennewick; Conner Milliken, sr., Hanford; Tanner Sullins, jr., Kamiakin.
Offensive line - Conner Milliken, sr., Hanford; Chase Bradshaw, jr., Hermiston; Nelson Cardenas, sr., Chiawana; Patrick Utschinski, sr., Walla Walla; Geoffrey Robinson, sr., Richland. Receiver - Blake Vander Top, sr., Hanford; Cody Sanderson, sr., Richland; Jared McAlvey, sr., Walla Walla; Messiah Jones, so., Kamiakin. Quarterback - Garrett Horner, sr., Hanford. Running backs - Wyatt Noland, sr., Hermiston; Dhaunye Guice, sr., Richland. Punter - Elijah Perez, sr., Chiawana. Kicker - Ryan Lowery, sr., Chiawana. Special teams - Talon LaFontaine, sr., Kennewick.
Second team: Defensive backs - Ryan Kriskovich, sr., Richland; Jared McAlvey, sr., Walla Walla; Gabe Schilz, jr., Chiawana; Kael Stueckle, sr., Pasco. Linebackers - Caleb Stevenson, jr., Kennewick; Blake Vander Top, sr., Hanford; Roy Colvin, jr., Chiawana; Heston Richmond, sr., Walla Walla. Defensive line - Sam Stanfield, jr., Richland; Cash Campbell, sr., Hermiston; Cole Schmidt, jr., Walla Walla; Kade Powell, sr., Richland. Offensive line - Danny Schuldheisz, sr., Kennewick; Ben Hollenberg, sr., Kamiakin; Zayne Maughan, sr., Chiawana; Davion Pruitt, sr., Pasco; Baylor McElroy, jr., Kennewick. Receiver - Jordan Ramirez, sr., Hermiston; Bennie Afterness, jr., Chiawana; Ryan Kriskovich, sr., Richland; Luke Sutey, sr., Hanford. Quarterback - Andrew James, sr., Hermiston. Running backs - Jared DeVine, sr., Hanford; Tuna Altahir, so., Kamiakin. Punter - Ceasar Salas, sr., Kamiakin. Kicker - Seamus Hall, so., Walla Walla. Special teams - Riley Cissne, jr., Chiawana.
Honorable mention: Defensive backs - Jordan Ramirez, sr., Hermiston; Tuna Altahir, so., Kamiakin; Marvell Cooks, jr., Chiawana; Cody LaFontaine, jr., Kennewick. Linebackers - Mason Bond, sr., Southridge; Tyler Naisll, sr., Walla Walla. Defensive line - Hunter Williams, sr., Chiawana; Luke Sutey, sr., Hanford; Bennie Afterness, jr., Chiawana. Offensive line - Casey Moddrell, jr., Hanford; Eric Davison, sr., Richland; Dustyn Coughlin, jr., Hermiston; Baiden McElroy, jr., Kennewick. Receivers - Kobe Young, so., Chiawana; Riley Brown, sr., Pasco; Talon LaFontaine, sr., Kennewick. Cook-Parker, jr., Southridge. Quarterback - Josh Fanner, sr., Richland. Runningbacks - Gabe Schilz, sr., Chiawana; Myles Mayovsky, fr., Kennewick. Kicker - Juan Navarrete, sr., Hermiston. Special teams - Josiah Wik, jr., Walla Walla.



The Hermiston girls swim team finished its season at the district meet on Dec. 2-3 in Kelso, Washington. The team included Janelle Almaguer, Gretchen Barton, Mattison Christensen, McKenna Christensen, Sheridan Deike, Aiya Hart, Grace Kopta, Savannah Marsengill, Emilee Meyers, Laly Morfin, Abigail Sharon (captain), Georgia Stevenson (captain) and Kora Tretteen.

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First place finisher Thomas Puzey looks back moments after crossing the finish line during the 2018 Rock 'n' Roll Marathon on the Strip in Las Vegas on Sunday.

Puzey wins Las Vegas Marathon

By **BETSY HELFAND**
LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

It was around mile three or so that Tommy Rivers Puzey found a familiar face on Sunday, Nov. 11 during the Rock 'n' Roll Las Vegas Marathon.

He had caught up to Kellyn Taylor, who he sometimes trains with when they're home in Flagstaff, Arizona, and decided to hang by her side.

Taylor, Puzey said, wanted to run 5-minute, 20-second miles, so the two locked in on that and ran together until the half-marathon and marathon courses split off.

Taylor, 32, who was running the half-marathon, finished first among women at 1 hour, 10 minutes, 16 seconds, and shortly after, Puzey, 34, finished first among all marathoners in 2:25:54.

"Every once in a while, I do workouts with her in Flagstaff and so honestly it felt like we were just back in Flagstaff doing a practice run," said Puzey, who is a 2003 Hermiston High School graduate.

That pace felt good for Puzey, so once they split, he tried to hold it for as long as he could, which was about 22 miles.