

MAC CLUB NEWS-REGISTER AWARD WINNERS

MOLLI HARTZELL GIRLS' SWIMMING

Senior | Coach: Jason Hafner | Parents: Ryan & Rori

Molli finished off her Grizzly swimming career in a big way starting with her 4 district championships. Molli's 2 individual championships came in the 50 freestyle and 100 backstroke with both swims' personal bests. Molli's win in the backstroke also was her second district title in that event where she championed in 2015. In addition, Molli was also a member of the victorious 200 and 400 freestyle relays. The following week at state, Molli was 9th in the 50 freestyle and 12th in the 100 backstroke. During her career, the Grizzly girls have won two districts titles and been runner-up for the two others. Molli has also received numerous all-conference awards and also the Grizzlies' Most Valuable Swimmer Award. She has also been a state qualifier and competitor all 4 years of her Grizzly swimming career. Molli was one of our co-captains this season and her leadership was key to the Grizzlies' success. The coaches could always count on Molli to be at practice and to give 100% effort each day. That dedication and work ethic help make her teammates better. In addition to her success in the pool, Molli also excels in the classroom where she has a 3.60 GPA. Molli also lifeguards and teaches swim lessons at the McMinnville Aquatic Center, helping develop the next generation of Grizzly swimmers. Next year Molli will be taking her swimming and leadership attributes to Linfield. Good luck and Go Grizzlies and Go Cats!

MAX HAYES BOYS' SWIMMING

Senior | Coach: Jason Hafner | Parents: David & Julia

Max has been an important part of the Grizzly boys swimming success over the past 4 years. During that time they have been undefeated in dual meets, won 4 districts championships, and two state trophies (4th in 2014 and 2nd in 2016). Max has earned numerous all conference awards and also competed at state all 4 years. Max finished 11th in the 100 breaststroke in 2014 and then this season had his best showing yet. This season he was 9th in the 100 breaststroke, a member of the 3rd place 200 free relay, and the 2nd place 200 medley relay. The time for the 200 medley relay was also the second fastest ever by a Grizzly team. Max steadily improved each season, working on his technique and his racing strategy. As co-captain of the Grizzly boys' team, Max kept the atmosphere at practice light, relaxed, and fun. This environment helped the Grizzly boys stay loose and swim fast at the big meets. Max also has also been successful in the classroom where he has a 3.15 GPA. It's been fun coaching Max and I wish him success as he heads off to Oregon State next year. Good luck and Go Grizzlies and Go Beavs!

BOBBY CROWSTON WRESTLING

Senior | Coach: Jordan Barich | Parents: Gene & Jill

Bobby has been an important part of the Grizzly wrestling program's success. He helped lead our team to a 5th place finish at the state tournament last week. Bobby finished the year with an impressive 44-6 record and third place at the state tournament. Bobby is not only successful on the mat but in the classroom as well. He currently has a GPA over 3.5! Congratulations, Bobby Crowston!

ELIZABETH LOGSDON GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Senior | Coach: Sean Coste | Parents: Christopher & April

Elizabeth has been a member of the McMinnville Girls Basketball program for four years, and a starter on the varsity for three. Elizabeth has rotated through a number of positions on the floor including; post, forward and guard. She was also one of this season's captains. Elizabeth had her best season for the Grizzlies this year, in many ways, whether she was hitting a three pointer, a short jumper, scoring on a tough post move or blocking an opposing player's shot. Elizabeth will finish her senior year as a four year athlete in three sports (volleyball, basketball and track), which is a remarkable accomplishment. Her success in basketball reflects the determination, hard work in practice, and the number of hours Liz stayed after practice to work on her game. Elizabeth is an excellent young adult with great potential. We will miss her in our basketball program. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

JACOB POWELL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Senior | Coach: Willie Graham | Parents: Mel & Rhonda

Jacob is an outstanding young man who possesses a quiet confidence and impressive work ethic that has helped him become an excellent high school basketball player. On the court, he is the Grizzlies' best rebounder and one of the team's most consistent inside scorers. He is always willing to guard the opposing team's best post player and has made steady improvements in his game over the past four years. He was a team captain this season, always willing to work with teammates to help them improve their game and made sure that teammates were on time and organized for off-season workouts and practices. In addition to his basketball exploits he has worked diligently to maintain a 3.2 grade point average. Great Job, Jacob!

DAVID KNUTZ UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Senior | Coach: Colleen Rentz | Parents: Mark & Angelique

David has been a member of the Unified Team since its first year. This is a program co-operated by Special Olympics and school districts where half the students have disabilities (the athletes) and half do not (the partners). He has lettered in basketball and has perfected a three-point shot. Rarely a game goes by without David adding to the score. He has been a determined learner who keeps improving skills and working hard. David lives out the Special Olympics/Unified Sports motto: Let me win, but if I cannot win let me brave in the attempt. David makes sure everyone on both teams has a good time and is always there to give a high five, help someone up or cheer someone on.

KENDYL MARCOM UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Junior | Coach: Colleen Rentz | Parents: Ray & Heidi

Kendyl demonstrates leadership in Unified Sports in many ways. This is a program co-operated by Special Olympics and school districts where half the students have disabilities (the athletes) and half do not (the partners). She has learned how to assess players on both teams and adapt to make sure all participants; both athletes and partners are both challenged to play hard and given opportunities to shine. She has been paramount in recruiting new members, welcoming others to the team and showing up ready to play. The best thing is that you can tell she's having fun and that's the biggest example of all.

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