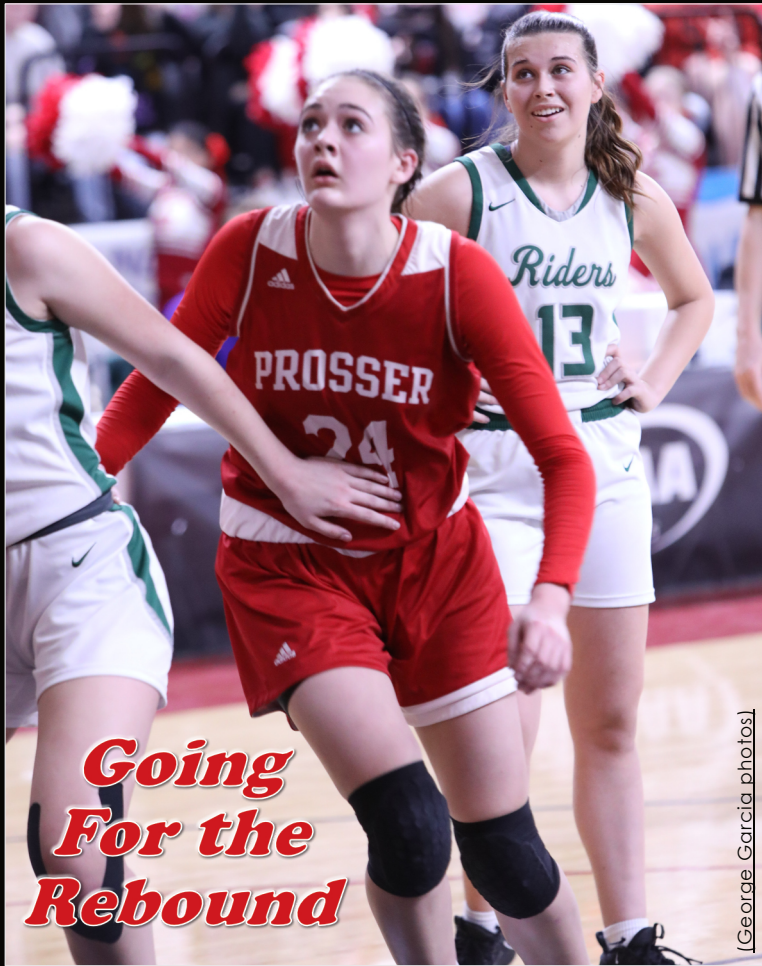


2021-22 Female Athlete of the Year

Halle Wright • Prosser Mustangs



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When you talk about well-rounded athletes, none may be better than **Halle Wright** of Prosser.

Headed to Idaho State to play women's basketball, she was a three-sport standout, earning honors in everything she participated in.

Playing volleyball in the fall, she was named an all-CWAC first-team selection as a middle blocker. (It was the second time she earned a first-team honor.)

This past spring, she decided to participate in track, competing in the high jump for the first-time ever.

Again, she found success.

Her jump of 5-3 at the state meet, won her the championship and her season-best of 5-4 tied her with Sequim's Jolene Vaara for the 2A's top mark.

Not bad for a rookie.

But, the sport in which she really turned heads was basketball.

Tall and athletic, she had a remarkable ability to be everywhere on the court. She could dribble with the best, play inside and nail down free-throws with relative ease.

Individually, she was the CWAC MVP her junior year (played in the spring) and finished with 1,269 career points.

That placed her

seventh on the all-time Mustangs scoring list, surpassing Katie Hoefer (1,118) and just behind Claire Raap (1,327 points).

Nearly always among the state's best girls basketball programs, Wright's name will be forever linked with Prosser legends Tamara Jones, the late Jordan Brown, Kelly Blair, Cassie Baddeley and Marissa Cortes. (Whom Wright played with as well as her sister, Malia.)

Wright's career total truly is amazing when you figure she also lost time due to the Covid shutdown. (They played 14 spring games in 2021 with no post-season.)

Despite the hardship of Covid, it may have helped Wright become even better and more dominant.

She joined Yakima's 3D Triple Double Basketball Academy during the shutdown and worked with future NBA first-round pick, MarJon Beauchamp of the Milwaukee Bucks, Trista Hull of LaSalle and Sunnyside's Paris Wilson.

It made her stronger, more dominant and added several inches to her jumping ability.

She also capped her prep career by being named MVP of the WSGCA all-state senior basketball game. •



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