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ALEC BAZALDUA • RIVERSIDE CHRISTIAN • SWIMMING • SENIOR

A multi-sport athlete, **Alec Bazaldua** recently signed an NAIA letter of intent with the Arizona Christian University men's swimming program after being recruited by colleges all across the Northwest.

The 6-0, 157 pound Bazaldua competed for the Toppenish Tarpons swim team and is a National Honor Society member. His dad, Miguel, is his head coach for the Crusaders and teaches at Eisenhower.

Alec was also the starting point guard for the Riverside Christian's boys basketball team, who just completed two of the most successful seasons in school history. He joins Shawn Abeyta of Davis and Andres Aguilera of Toppenish who were freshmen in the ACU wrestling program last season.

NICK BAKER • HANFORD FALCONS • FOOTBALL • HEAD COACH

Nick Baker will be making the jump from the west side of the state to the east as he was recently named the head football coach at Hanford High School in Richland.

Baker has been an assistant at O'Dea High School in Seattle, coaching under Monte Kohler and takes over a Falcons program that is coming off its most successful year ever at the 4A level.

As a player, he played quarterback at Lake Stevens High School and collegiately at Montana Tech. For the Oregiggers, Baker (a left-handed QB), ran for 167 yards and passed for 758 yards as a junior, where he started the last three games. But he decided to forgo his senior year to focus on his degree in mathematical sciences. Baker replaces Brett Jay who resigned after the 2019 season.



TARRYN HART • WAPATO/YVCC/EWU • WOMEN'S BASKETBALL • SOPHOMORE

One of the great stories that featured heartbreak, determination and focus was rewarded when **Tarryn Hart** signed a scholarship to play women's basketball for Eastern Washington University.

A 5-foot-10 guard-forward, she averaged 14.5 points, 5.8 rebounds and 3.2 assists while shooting 46.3% from the field for the Yaks last season. A second-team NWAC all-East Region squad, she helped the Yaks post a 21-8 record before the season was ended due to the Pandemic.

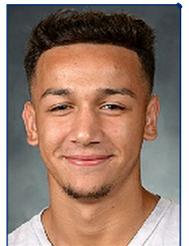
At Wapato, Hart missed most of her junior and senior years due to a torn meniscus in her left knee. She stayed part of the program, as a volunteer coach and was able to return to the court late her senior year to help Wapato place fourth at state.

ISAAC PEREZ • TOPPENISH WILDCATS/BIG BEND • BOYS BASKETBALL • SENIOR

One of the most unsung players in the Central Washington region was **Isaac Perez** of Toppenish. A multi-sort athlete, he had the ability to carry the football team on his back and helped lead the Wildcats to one of the most successful seasons they had in years and was a dual-threat, running or passing.

In basketball, he was the heart and soul of the team. A cool, and calm senior, he sacrificed scoring to play point guard but often came up with big baskets when the game was on the line. Perez helped lead Toppenish to a sixth-place finish at state, the highest they had since Steve Myers coached the program in 1991-92.

As a bonus, he broke his brother, Isiah's career scoring mark with 1 303 points. He will continue his hoop career at Big Bend College in Moses Lake.



AKIL WHITE • DAVIS PIRATES • GIRLS BASKETBALL • HEAD COACH

After several successful years as an assistant (to Adam Strom) on the YVCC Women's Basketball team, **Akil White** is returning to the high school ranks and will take over the Davis Lady Pirates' program.

A graduate of Olympic High School in Silverdale, where he was a three-sport athlete (football, basketball, track), he attended Central, playing football before graduating with a degree in Finance and Economics.

He was later the head girls basketball coach at Toppenish, where he won 100 games before joining Strom in making the Yaks' program one of the Northwest's best. He has also been involved in several youth girl's basketball programs, and his oldest daughter, Tatiana, started for La Salle's state champions two years ago.

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