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Eastern Oregon All-Star Team Selected by Many Coaches

RATING OF EAST OREGON TEAMS MADE

La Grande Heads the List; Athena Second; Elgin Places Third; Pendleton Has Berth Six.

Selecting a championship team and rating other aggregations in Eastern Oregon this year is more or less complicated, although on scoring records, percentage standings, and number of representative games played in this section, La Grande high school, with six games won and one lost, a scoring record of 329 points against her opponents' 37, and a percentage of .858, thrusts her head and shoulders above her competitors and undoubtedly gives her the best claim for the championship.

Football, in Eastern Oregon, as in many other sections, saw many upsets that proved unaccountable. La Grande's loss to Pendleton, Pendleton's two defeats by Hermiston and Athena, Enterprise's small score against Imbler, and many others, were not in the cards before they were shuffled. The biggest upset was the first-mentioned game, for, after overwhelmingly defeating team after team, La Grande fell before Pendleton, largely through the fact that the Bucks played their best game of the season, and due to the demoralization of the Blue and White by injuries and over-confidence. Despite this loss, La Grande clearly proved her title claims by winning by a much larger score from Baker and Enterprise than did Pendleton.

In the Observer's rating of the interscholastic gridiron teams of Eastern Oregon, La Grande places first. Close behind, with four wins and one loss, a percentage of .800, and a scoring record of 165 points against 12, comes Athena. Elgin is separated by a hair-line from Athena with identical wins and losses and percentage rating. Her scoring record of 173 to her opponent's 30, places her third on the list.

Milton-Freewater, fourth, was actually undefeated, although technically forfeiting a game to Pendleton. However, her two wins over Athena and Hermiston, were not representative of Eastern Oregon and on such a showing she could not be placed higher in the standings.

Hermiston, with a win over Pendleton and other schools, and two defeats, by Milton-Freewater and by Athena, stands fifth in the ratings, the method of elimination playing a strong part in her placing.

Pendleton, for two years possessors of the championship, failed miserably to live up to pre-season expectations. The bright light in her season's performance was the defeating of La Grande. Failing before Hermiston and Athena, however, she lost all claims to the championship. Her percentage, with three wins and two losses, stands at .600, her scoring at 113 to 54.

Baker Improved.

Baker, handicapped by a light team and but little old material, went through a bad year, strengthening considerably at the end. She warrants seventh place by winning three and losing three and by her holding the Pendletonians to a close score in the last game of the season. Her percentage is .500 with three lost and three won, and her scoring record is 116 to 137.

Enterprise, handicapped by losing seven lettermen by graduation and by mid-season injuries, nevertheless passed a successful season and warrants her place a eighth, due to her better showing against La Grande than did Wallowa, who rests in ninth place. Enterprise, playing one of the largest schedules in eastern Oregon, won four and lost four for a percentage of .500 and had a scoring record of 100 against 189.

Wallowa, despite an early season spurt, failed to come up to expectations, and stands in tenth place with three wins and two loss, a percentage of .600 and a scoring record of 101 points to her opponent's 94. Only her overwhelming defeat by La Grande, who was held to 45 points by Enterprise, caused Wallowa to be ranked below the Wallowa county rival high school.

Union Disappointed.

Union, with a wealth of material, disappointed her followers by not placing better. On paper she should have been rated as one of the first five teams in Eastern Oregon, but her showing on the gridiron proved responsible to intense failed to come up to date. She played eleven games with three wins and five losses, a percentage of .375 and a scoring record of 110 against her opponents' 175.

Other teams in Eastern Oregon, some of them not playing a representative schedule, would be ranked as follows: Halfway, Imbler, Haines, Joseph, North Powder, Umapine, Umatilla, Lostine, Stanfield, Weston and Echo who played only one or more games.

Impartially Picked.

The rating of the teams was made by the sporting editor of the Observer, after consulting four prominent coaches in Eastern Oregon, one from each county. The placing of the teams was made by taking into joint consideration their strength at the end of the season, their percentages, elimination, scoring records and representative schedules.

La Grande, Elgin, Athena, Baker, Milton-Freewater and Union steadily improved as the season progressed, while Enterprise, Wallowa, Pendleton and Hermiston either practically stood still or else became weaker, generally due either to injuries or lack of competition.

JUNIORS WIN CLASS GAMES

Seniors Place Second With Sophomores in Third Place; Freshmen Occupy the Dummy Row.

STANDING OF THE TEAM

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Juniors	3	0	1000
Seniors	2	1	.666
Sophomores	1	2	.333
Freshmen	0	3	.000

And therein lies a tale as yet untold. Call it what you may, but at any rate it was supposed to be basketball, but too many men fresh from the fields of football and victory oftentimes reminded one of the mere fact that this wasn't any pink tea affair—Yea, verily far be it from sich.

At any rate the juniors decided that it was about time for them to wake up and win something so they decided that by using a little team work and a few tricks not in the good book of table etiquette, that they could and would romp away with the honors. Their first victims were the high and mighty seniors followed next by a slaughter of the innocent freshmen and last but not least came the much puffed up sophomores to fall victims of their onslaughts, a poor brow-beaten entangled wreck. The seniors figured that if they could beat the juniors that the rest would be easy sledding—Well, they figgered correct in that respect all right, but one little minor detail that they overlooked and that was the winning of the game from the juniors otherwise they would have had a perfect record. The sophomores took the freshmen into camp and after that they had a reversal of form and took great delight in losing to the upperclassmen. The Rooks being a game lot and very sportsmanlike didn't want to disappoint the rest of the classes so they decided that discression was the better part of valor and consented to let the other three classes maul them, walk over them and in fact use them about as they pleased. All told brothers it was a great battle and lasted thru all of three nights, the scene of said encounter taking place in what was known as the high school gym before they all wrecked—no not the place, but themselves—AMEN!

LYMAN IS ON AGGIE FIVE

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 16.—Basketball players of the Oregon Agricultural college here are planning a "barnstorming" tour of California during the Christmas holidays. The men leave December 25 and return January 3.

The tentative schedule calls for games at Marysville, Sacramento, Stockton, Livermore, San Francisco, Oakland and Stanford. Among the teams to be met will be the San Francisco Olympic Club, Stanford University, the University of California, St. Mary's College and the University of Santa Clara.

Coach Bob Hager will pilot the expedition and will have eight or nine men on the squad. Among them will be "Mose" Lyman, Ray McCart, Luke Gill, Lyle Richards and Arthur Ross, guard and captain.

The Aggies' first game in the Northwest Conference will be played January 12 against Willamette University. The Multnomah Club five of Portland plays here January 12.

SHERWOOD HAS GREAT RECORD

La Grande had many stars on her football team this year, those in the backfield naturally getting the most notice, but those in the line were just as praiseworthy.

Cecil Sherwood, with a scoring record of 112, that rivals any other in the state or northwest, stood at the top in consistent work. D. Smutz, center, was the most valuable man on the team, although he failed to score a point. Smutz is a man who could make any college team on the coast with a year or two of training under a college coach.

The other scoring records were: E. Metcalf, 67; Kerr, 54; C. Garrity, 49; Larson, 42; Lynch, 36; Bearden, 18; Blokland, 12; Hart, 2; Geddes, 15; Williams, 6; Jacobson, 12; Garrick, 12; Webb, 12; Krause, 6; Boles, 6.

Eastern Oregon Mythical Elevens

FIRST TEAM	SECOND TEAM	THIRD TEAM
Smutz, La Grande, center	Knapp, Enterprise, center	Rohner, Baker, center
Long, Enterprise, left guard	R. Garrity, La Grande, left guard	Kent, Union, left guard
Morrison, Pendleton, right guard	Hart, La Grande, right guard	Johnson, Wallowa, right guard
Hill, Elgin, left tackle	Harrah, Pendleton, left tackle	Oxman, Baker, left tackle
Allstott, La Grande, capt., right tackle	G. Metcalf, La Grande, r. tackle	Speirs, Imbler, right tackle
Blokland, La Grande, left end	Tibbetts, Enterprise, left end	Stoop, Elgin, left end
Bearden, La Grande, right end	Trebbe, Baker, right end	C. Garrity, La Grande, right end
E. Metcalf, La Grande, quarter	Stonebreaker, Pendleton, quarter	Ghent, Elgin, capt. and quarter
Reider, Baker, left half	Heyden, Pendleton, capt. and left half	Harnden, Athena, left half
Sherwood, La Grande, right half	Martens, Union, right half	Blacker, Union, right half
Larson, La Grande, fullback	Tucker, Elgin, fullback	Martin, Imbler, fullback

New Method Used.

In selecting the all star Eastern Oregon elevens, a new plan was used this year due to former season claims of impartiality and misrepresentations in the then used practice of one or two coaches naming the teams. Letters were dispatched to fifteen coaches in Eastern Oregon and although not all of them replied, the number of answers were sufficient to secure a representative team.

Due to the fact that La Grande had an exceptionally strong team the coaches named many La Grande players for the first team, seven in all being chosen for this eleven. In naming the mythical elevens for 1922 the La Grande Evening Observer, with the aid of the coaches of Eastern Oregon, gives the following selections:

Smutz, of La Grande, a versatile center was without a rival for the pivot position. Every man sending in a selection chose Smutz and made special comment upon his great work throughout the season. His nearest rivals were Knapp of Enterprise and Rohner of Baker, but these two men fell far short of Smutz in all departments of the game. Smutz excells in every way, having made practically half of the tackles by the Blue and White behind the line. Offensively his strength lies in always being counted upon to make a hole for the backs and is also often called back for skirting the ends.

There were no outstanding guards of note and after a very close race, Long, of Enterprise, and Morrison, of Pendleton were chose with Garrity and Hart, of La Grande, as second team guards. Long, while not as spectacular as Morrison, was the steadier of the two and more dependable, breaking through the line in fine style and following the ball at all times. Morrison's strength lies more in his offensive ability than otherwise, his punting and passing helping Pendleton out of many tight holes. Kent, of Union, and Johnson, of Wallowa, were chosen for third team guards.

At tackles, Allstott, of La Grande, captain, and Hill, of Elgin, placed first. G. Metcalf, of La Grande and Harrah, of Pendleton, were placed on the second team and Oxman, of Baker, and Speirs of Imbler, placed on the third. Allstott is a tall rangy player blessed with speed and height allowing him to stop everything coming his way. Going down under punts, he oftimes beats the ends. Hill of Elgin, is a good man, a fighter and breaks up plays regularly. He is stronged on the offensive than on the defensive.

At ends the honors go to Blokland and Bearden of La Grande. Bearden received the unanimous vote of every coach. Tibbetts of Enterprise, regularly a fullback, and Trebbe, of Baker, were named for the second team and Stoop of Elgin and C. Garrity, also a backfield man, were chosen for the third team. Bearden is as good a backfield man as an end and very few plays pierced his side of the line. Blokland is built low and is fast, a hard man to put out of the way and has an uncanny football sense.

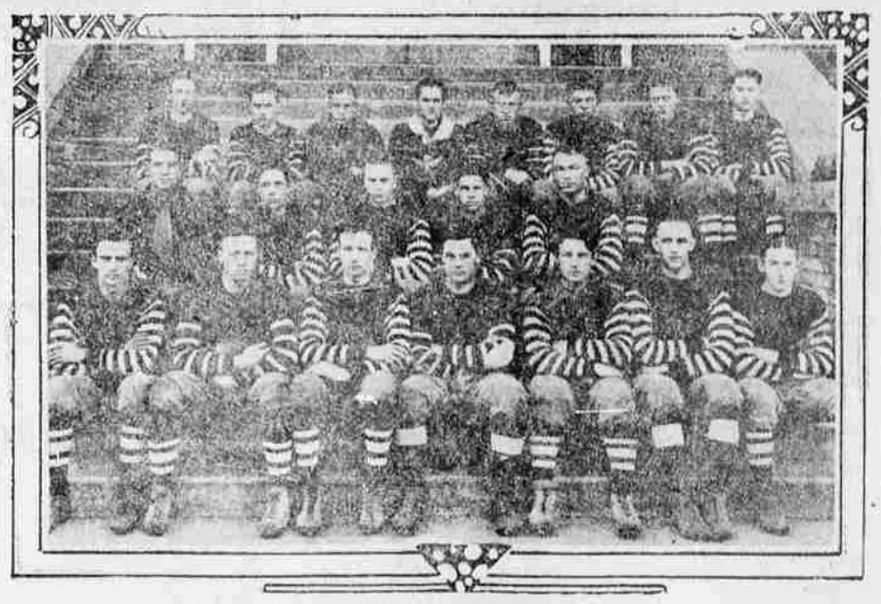
Quarterback, the most important place on the team, was given to E. Metcalf, of La Grande, in close competition with Stonebreaker, of Pendleton, and Ghent of Elgin. Metcalf's strength lies in his coolness of judgment and sure defensive work. Stonebreaker excells in running plays and Ghent is close in both respects. Metcalf's running back of punts is a valuable asset to any team.

Sherwood, of La Grande, and Reider of Baker, were selected as halfbacks and in these two men, the team has a couple of the steadiest offensive players Eastern Oregon has seen for many years. Both are small, fast, hardhitting and deadly tacklers and great open field runners. Reider is a splendid punter and Sherwood is one of the most consistent dropkickers in this section. Both men carry the "triple threat." Heyden, of Pendleton, and Martens, of Union, are placed above, Blacker of Union, and Harnden, of Athena.

At fullback, Larson, of La Grande, and Tucker of Elgin, stand out as the most promising candidates with Larson having a slight edge over Tucker. Tucker is better on the defensive but Larson is one of the finest offensive backs developed this year. Easily the best punter in Eastern Oregon, he can pass, skirt the ends, and line plunge to equal advantage. Martin, of Imbler, is placed on the third team. With practically no support he stood out in every game.

Other men who received scattering votes and deserve honorable mention are Kerr, La Grande, fullback; Gilmore, Union, quarterback; Waddell, Baker, guard; Callihan and Johnson, Union, tackles; Hart, Enterprise, halfback; McGinnis, Wallowa, halfback; Hill, of Baker, halfback, and Lynch, of La Grande, quarterback.

EASTERN OREGON CHAMPIONS



THE BLUE AND WHITE FOOTBALL SQUAD

La Grande high school football squad, winner of the 1922 Eastern Oregon championship. Reading from left to right, lower line: Harold Bearden, end; Clifford Allstott, tackle and captain; Bernard Hummelt, guard; Dee Smutz, center; Robert Garrity, guard; Glenn Metcalf, tackle; Ray Lynch, end and backfield. Second line: Joe Reynolds, coach; Cecil Sherwood, halfback; Earl Larson, ex-captain and fullback; Eugene Metcalf, captain-elect and quarterback; Chester Garrity, halfback. Upper line: Williams, end; Jacobson, halfback, Owen Price, halfback; George Garrick, halfback; Howard Kerr, fullback; Clifford Blokland, end; Fred Hart, tackle, and Lester McClure, tackle.

Their interscholastic record was 329 points to their opponent's 37. Their first team record was 350 points to their opponent's 43. And the entire squad ,in first, second and third team games, scored 425 points to their opponent's 43.

Allstott, Larson, C. Garrity, Smutz, G. Metcalf, Bearden and Blokland graduate this year.

QUIPS AND SQUAWKS

By
The Office Salamander

A definite agreement should be made by the coaches of Eastern Oregon high schools to determine the champion team for each year. After this year's claims and counter-claims local authorities should wake up to the fact that definite rules should be established.

Wallowa this year had a brainy one. We are referring to "Tiny" Johnson.

Basketball resembles pocket billiards. In both games when balls are lost, the object is to force the balls into the hole.

Prize pants have not yet been adopted in place of the baseball shorts.

A frame-work stadium about the football field back of the high school building would make things much green—both literally and physically.

La Grande's new mule improve a lot if the high school athletic board put an section with favor in many other localities, to wit: organize the boys into one outfit section and the girls into another, keeping the team separated throughout the game.

Paine's new athletic gymnasium and community hall is at last started behind the high school building, the foundation is already finished and the rest of the building is going rapidly.

Sherwood's record of 112 points scored during the season is one that is seldom equaled. Most teams don't score that many in a season to the credit of having one man mark up over a hundred points. Last year's score at the game and this year's

member of the mythical eleven, his open field running some of the greatest cut ever seen in this section, he stands out as a mighty wearer of the grid tape.

The picture of the football squad shows many new faces in light. The centers swear before the Almighty Powers that they are not their regular faces.

One man that deserves special mention on the 1922 grid squad is Doc Shotts. Rarely has Eastern Oregon developed so versatile a center in one year.

Pendleton has a lot of fan claiming the championship, anyway.

A central Eastern Oregon interscholastic sports committee could be nice thing to have—about two representatives from each county who would guide championships, name all-star teams, and attend to other delicate matters.

BASKETBALL IS POPULAR

Basketball has started out in full sway with the class games over with the men will now devote their entire time to the varsity and endeavor to put out a winning team this year. For two years La Grande has trailed in the dust but this seems to be her year and nothing can stop their fighting spirit and determination to do or die.

La Grande has five lettermen from last year's squad back in school, Captain Glenn Metcalf, Ex-Captain Lynch, R. Garrity, Smith and Hougn. In addition to these there is Hummelt, a letterman from Idaho and Funk who played some with Enterprise last year that have had experience. Other promising material is E. Metcalf, O Price, Blokland, Larson, Geddes, Ruckman, Robinson, Weston, O'Connell, Stager, Trill and "Huckleberry Finn" Stoddard. More darkhorses may turn up later but at present the Blue and White will pin their faith upon these men to carry them through to victory.

In the class games the lettermen were barred from playing in order that the coach might get a chance to see what the other men could do under fire and to discover any darkhorses that may be hovering in our midst. Several of them seem to be stars, according to their own words, and more of them would like to be, but all in all the material is only fair and it will take lots of hard work to build up a winning team.

BILL HAYWARD GIVEN SWEATER

EUGENE, Ore., Dec 12.—Twenty "service stripes" were on a sweater which was awarded recently to Bill Hayward, veteran trainer and track coach of the University of Oregon here.

The award was made by the university to Hayward in recognition of his long service at the big Eugene school, where he has handled athletics since 1904, turning out ten Northwest championship track teams during that time.

Before Hayward came to the university he was with Albany College of Albany, Oregon, and when his team and when his team inflicted a decisive defeat on the Eugene team, the university engaged him as an athletic coach and trainer.

Three times Hayward has gone overseas as trainer and coach with the American delegation to the Olympic games, and in 1919, served as trainer of the great Mare Island Marine football team which won the interscctional service championship from the Great Lakes naval team.

When Hayward first came to Oregon there was no outdoor track, but only a long ash 2 for athletes to practice in. Now the Oregon meets and football games are held on splendid grounds, named Hayward Field, in honor of the coach.

BRIEF COMMENTS BY L. H. S. MENTOR

Last year Smutz was unheard of, but this year it is a different story. Playing his third and last year he has the distinction of playing every minute during the season.

La Grande was well blessed with an unusually strong second team this year and these men will be called upon to fill the shoes left vacant by the graduating members of the first string team. Three of the second string men graduate, the center, guard and halfback, leaving La Grande without an experienced center to start the 1923 season.

Little Eugene Metcalf, La Grande's captain elect, is not only the youngest man on the home team but also the smallest. Bull Montana, called Howard by Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, runs him a close race in age having an edge of three days but none of them are anywhere near when it comes to weight. The popular little captain is fifteen years of age and weighs 120 pounds but has a chance to grow before next season. He ranks second in the scoring of points during the season with a total of 67.

Speaking of football and basketball, some of the football men put away for the season have cut their careers for to concentrate only to find to convert the pigskin into a heartbreaking run. Sherwood, Larson, Blokland and Ball were the outstanding stars, in this department with Ball predominating in the gentle art of stiff-arming and running interference.

Reider, of Baker, deserves a lot of credit for the game up-hill fight that he has put up all season. He is one of the greatest open field runners in this part of the country and was a mere novice only last year. His 95 yard run against La Grande in the Armistice eday game will be long remembered.

FACTS ABOUT PLAYERS ON LOCAL TEAM

Brief Biographies of Members of Blue and White Grid Squad Given.

Clifford "Dutch" Alstott, captain, third year. Age twenty, weight 168, height 6 feet, position tackle; a good leader, a natural player and fighting all the time. Sweater No. 18. Graduates this year.

Eugene "Gene" "Little Met" Metcalf, captain-elect, first year. Age 15, weight 120, height 5 feet 5 inches. Quarterback. Little, but gritty, cool and always dependable and handles the team well, while he never quits fighting. Sweater No. 14. Youngest man on the team.

Dee. Smutz, center, age 20, third year, weight 165, height 5 feet 8 inches. His first year at center but he has proven a tower of strength on both offense and defense and is one of the best snapper-backs La Grande has ever developed. The only man to play every minute of every game. Will be missed next year by graduation. Sweater No. 13.

Earl "Tige" Larson, ex-captain, third year, age 18, weight 167, height six feet, position halfback. Sweater No. 5. Hits the line hard and runs ends to a great advantage. Fast and the best punter in Eastern Oregon. Graduates.

Harold "Baltimore Buzz" Bearden. Sweater No. 10. Third year, right end, age 20, weight 150, height 6 feet 10 inches. Primarily a backfield man, but playing his first year at end he proved a valuable man. Strong on defense. Could be used in the backfield easily. Graduates.

Glenn "Big Met" Metcalf, left tackle. Sweater No. 8. Second year, age 20, weight 160, height six feet. Like his little brother, he is always dependable and strong on the defense. Graduates.

Chester "Chet" Garrity, left halfback, weight 145, height 5 feet 6 inches, age 17. A good plunger and a past master in the art of stiff-arming. Graduates.

Cecil "No Brains" Sherwood, right halfback, second year, sweater No. 23, age 16, weight 140. Has two more years to play and is a great open field runner, a good drop kicker, and a brilliant off-tackle bucker. Made more yardage than any two men on the team from scrimmage play. Is high point man in Eastern Oregon.

Clifford "Shorty" Blokland, No. 11, first year, age 19, weight 125, height 5 feet 5 inches, left end. Green as they made them at the opening of the season but developed into a veteran end in a few games. A valuable man. His first and last year.

Fred "Hum-Dum" Hart, No. 19, age 18, first year, weight 170, height 6 feet 1 inch, right guard. Another green man who showed up well. Big and a strong lineman with his windmill hand-work.

Robert "Bob" Garrity, No. 1, age 16, first year, weight 15, height 5 feet eight inches, left guard. Strong on the defense and always following the ball. Good on interference.

Ray "Red" Lynch, No. 7, second year, age 17, weight 140, height 5 feet 6 inches, sub-end and backfield. Fast and shifty, a utility man hard to beat. "Red" has another year with the Blue and White.

Bernard "Bern" Hummelt, No. 12, first year, age 16, weight 145, height 5 feet 11 inches, guard. Light for the line but fast and fighting all the time. He always managed to keep the other team on the lookout. One more year.

Lester "Les" "Pila" McClure, No. 6, first year, age 18, weight 160, height a feet 1 inch, guard or tackle. All that kept Les off the first team as a regular was because of so many other good men.

Howard "Bull Montana" Kerr, No. 2, first year, age 15, weight 145, height five feet plus, sub fullback, the only freshman to make his letter. A fast hard-hitting back. His strong factor was running interference.

Price, Jacobson, Williams, L. Kerr, J. Bean, Garrick, Geddes, Webb, Krause and Glenn were all out and played some. Enough credit cannot be given these men, for without them the first team would not have been what it was.

INCOMPLETE BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

December 29, Enterprise vs. Alumni.
January 5, Baker at Haines.
January 6, Union at La Grande, Elgin at Enterprise.
January 12, La Grande at Union.
January 13, La Grande at Elgin.
January 19, La Grande at Joseph.
January 20, La Grande at Enterprise.
January 26, Haines at Baker.
January 27, Elgin at La Grande.
February 2, Enterprise at La Grande, Haines at La Grande (second team).
February 3, Enterprise at Union, Joseph at La Grande.
February 10, Enterprise at Elgin, La Grande at Baker.
February 16, La Grande scrouts at Haines, Enterprise at Joseph.
February 24, Union at Enterprise, Pendleton at La Grande.
March 2, Joseph at Enterprise.
March 3, Baker at La Grande.