

NAIA POLL

Team	Record	Points
1. Saint Francis (Ind.) (16)	14-0	366
2. Reinhardt (Ga.)	12-1	349
3. Morningside (Iowa)	13-1	340
4. Southern Oregon	12-1	324
5. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	11-1	310
6. Saint Xavier (Ill.)	10-2	296
T-7. Georgetown (Ky.)	9-2	268
T-7. Northwestern (Iowa)	10-3	268
9. Baker (Kan.)	10-2	259
10. Grand View (Iowa)	9-3	231
11. Southeastern (Fla.)	8-2	227
12. Benedictine (Kan.)	9-3	197
13. Dickinson State (N.D.)	9-2	178
14. Langston (Okla.)	10-1	177
15. Marian (Ind.)	7-3	167
16. Concordia (Mich.)	9-2	163
17. Sterling (Kan.)	9-3	159
18. Tabor (Kan.)	8-2	95
19. Campbellsville (Ky.)	8-2	86
20. Rocky Mountain	6-5	75
21. Kansas Wesleyan	8-3	67
22. SAGU (Texas)	8-3	51
22. Arizona Christian	7-3	51
24. Faulkner (Ala.)	7-3	46
25. Dakota State (S.D.)	8-3	44

Dropped from Top 25:

Oklahoma Panhandle State, Evangel (Mo.)

Others Receiving Votes:

Montana Tech (44), Evangel (Mo.) (17), Oklahoma Panhandle State (15), St. Francis (Ill.) (12), College of Idaho (10), William Penn (Iowa) (10), Missouri Valley (9), Midland (Neb.) (8), Bluefield (Va.) 3.

STANDINGS

	Conf.	Overall
Rocky Mountain	1-0	1-0
Eastern Oregon	0-0	0-0
Montana Tech	0-0	0-0
Southern Oregon	0-0	0-0
Montana Western	0-0	0-0
MSU-Northern	0-0	0-0
College of Idaho	0-0	0-0
Carroll College	0-1	0-1

Thursday, Aug. 23

Rocky Mountain 19, Carroll College 0

Saturday, Aug. 25

Mayville St. at MSU-Northern, Noon
Coll. of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 31

Montana Western at Carroll Coll., Noon
Rocky Mount. at MSU-Northern, Noon
Montana Tech at Coll. of Idaho, Noon
Southern Ore. at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.



Ronald Bond/The Observer

Running back Jamill Thomas, left, follows the block of teammate Kaler Moore during Wednesday night's practice on the new turf at Community Stadium.

GAME DAY

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more than 2,300 passing yards and 15 touchdowns.

Quinn, a sophomore, won a wide-open quarterback competition with Saige Wilkerson and Joey Aliff and will be the starter Saturday, Camp said.

"I think a year of playing has widened the gap between them," Camp said. "Quinn understands the system. He has a strong arm, and he doesn't take so many shots (like) he used to."

He'll have three of his top four favorite targets from last year back in wide receivers Brenden Kelly, T.J. Hancock and Nico Chavez.

Dias will likely be sharing time in the backfield with Kaler Moore and Jamill Thomas, a junior college transfer who Camp said "is going to be special."

That offense will be looking to move the ball against a Yotes' defense that allowed 409 yards and nearly 27 points per game last fall.

Defensively, Eastern has to key on trying to slow down C of I quarterback Darius Peterson, who last fall passed for 1,820

yards, rushed for 1,011 yards and scored 20 touchdowns.

"We have to contain him," Camp said. "He's a runner. He's a dual-threat quarterback."

The Yotes did lose two of their top receivers from last fall, but in spite of that EOU knows C of I is a team Mountaineers shouldn't take the team lightly.

Junior defensive back Isaiah Richie said there's also a desire for payback not only after the sweep from last year, but considering the Yotes have won the last two contests at Community Stadium.

"They're a good team. We're a good team. We match up very well," he said. "They're fast. We're fast. They beat us last year, so we're trying to get some revenge. We've been waiting since winter (for this game)."

Camp said a key for the entire season on defense, but especially in Saturday's opener, is for the team to wrap up. He said it's vital in the first game "because then you can build off it. You don't want to go out there and have 15-20 missed tackles. That's not going to come out well. We focused on tackling all camp."

About the game

SERIES HISTORY

The teams have split the eight contests played since College of Idaho reinstated its football program. College of Idaho, though, won both games in 2017, including 38-20 at Community Stadium. The Yotes also won in La Grande in 2016, 20-7.

PREDICTION

Eastern Oregon 34, College of Idaho 27

The team has also focused on discipline in an effort to clean up penalties that plagued EOU on both sides of the ball a year ago.

Sophomore defensive back Zack Jacobs added a win in the opener would be important not only to start the season on the right foot, but for the Mountaineers to set the tone for Frontier Conference play.

"In our conference, it takes a couple losses and you're out," he said. "To start with a win would be huge for us going into the week of Southern (Oregon). (We will) just take it week by week, (but) to be 1-0 would be huge."

POWER POLL

BY RONALD BOND
LA GRANDE OBSERVER

- 1. Southern Oregon:** The defending Frontier Conference champion Raiders are the top team until they lose.
- 2. Rocky Mountain:** The Battlin' Bears showed themselves worthy of the preseason No. 2 ranking in the conference by shutting out Carroll College.
- 3. Montana Tech:** The Orediggers have finished first or second in the Frontier the last three years.
- 4. Eastern Oregon:** The Mountaineers should be much better with a bevy of returners from last fall.
- 5. College of Idaho:** The Yotes ended 2017 on a three-game winning streak.
- 6. Montana Western:** The Bulldogs have won five straight Frontier openers.
- 7. Carroll College:** A shutout loss on the road is not the start Carroll wanted.
- 8. MSU-Northern:** The Lights are going to hang out in the cellar until they end their 17-game conference slide.

EOU SCHEDULE

	VS COLLEGE OF IDAHO	Aug. 25 6 p.m.
	VS SOUTHERN OREGON	Sept. 1 1 p.m.
	AT MONTANA TECH	Sept. 8 5 p.m.
	VS MONTANA WESTERN	Sept. 22 1 p.m.
	AT MSU NORTHERN	Oct. 6 5 p.m.
	AT SOUTHERN OREGON	Oct. 13 1 p.m.
	VS MONTANA TECH	Oct. 20 1 p.m.
	AT COLLEGE OF IDAHO	Oct. 27 Noon
	VS ROCKY MOUNTAIN	Nov. 3 Noon
	AT CARROLL COLLEGE	Nov. 10 11 a.m.

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