

EOU men's soccer battles to 1-1 draw

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Eastern Oregon's Elvis Pavon scored early in the second half, only to have it matched by Embry-Riddle's Grant Rowe 17 minutes later, and the Mountaineers and Eagles played to a 1-1 tie Saturday night in Prescott, Arizona.

Pavon broke a scoreless tie in the 52nd minute with a goal off a feed from Jack Rose for a 1-0 lead.

But Rowe evened the score in the 68th minute, taking a

pass from Jacob Baker and putting home the equalizer.

The Eagles missed on several opportunities in overtime, where they outshot EOU 5-1.

For the contest, ERU held a 22-15 shot advantage, and a 12-8 edge in shots on goal.

EOU goalkeeper Aidan Wright recorded six saves.

The Mountaineers (1-1-1 overall) conclude their Arizona road trip today against Ottawa in Surprise, Arizona.

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were, (but) we just weren't pulling the trigger. That's something we have to continue to develop in this offense. They're giving you things that you need to take advantage of. We didn't do that very well today."

EOU also struggled in the red zone, scoring just three times on five trips inside the 20-yard line. Twice the Mountaineers drove inside the five-yard line — to the two and later the one — and came away empty-handed on a missed field goal and a blocked field goal.

Quinn finished 21-for-41 passing for 346 yards — aided by the 47-yard strike to Kelly and an 83-yard completion to Kelly late in the game — with a touchdown and two interceptions. But the Mountaineers were held to 39 rushing yards — in-

cluding minus-2 yards after halftime — for their lowest output since rushing for only 32 yards in a 2016 home loss to Montana Tech.

Hutchinson was 14-for-27 for 163 yards, and added 82 yards rushing and the two touchdowns.

"He did a good job," Camp said of the SOU quarterback. "He made people miss. We got to him a few times, and he showed some durability."

Vega rushed for 104 yards for the Raiders.

"We have to go back to work. That's all it is. Plain and simple," Teuteu said.

EOU (1-1 overall, 1-1 Frontier) visits Montana Tech Saturday. The Orediggers (1-0, 1-0) enter that contest coming off a 36-16 win at College of Idaho and have won three straight against the Mountaineers.

"We'll get on the film to figure out what went wrong, wash it away and then get ready for Tech," Kelly said.



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EOU's Aspen Christiansen returns a ball during the second set against Oregon Tech Saturday.

SPLIT

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working on every single day, and you have to continually be mindful about (it), but they are improving," McLean-Morehead said.

Eastern's back-line defense was on point Saturday. Led by Christiansen's career-best 23 digs and Bunn's 22, the Mountaineers had 86 digs — their highest total for a three-set match and second-highest this season — numerous kill attempts and several extended rallies, most of which EOU won. All but two of the 12 players to see the floor recorded at least one dig.

"My (team's) defense is awesome," McLean-Morehead said. "They do a great job of rallying and keeping the ball alive."

Offensively, Sarah Carpenter and Madison Pilon recorded 17 and 16 assists, respectively. Taylor Tibbetts and Cambree Scott each had three block assists.

Bohman led OIT with a match-high 19 kills.

Friday

SOU 3, EOU 2

No. 13 Southern Oregon escaped unscathed in a back-and-forth five-set battle, 25-21, 25-27, 25-21, 11-25, 15-7. It was Southern's first win at Quinn Coliseum since 2010.

"Southern Oregon is very good," McLean-Morehead

said. "I think they will go the distance this year (and make it to nationals). I'm proud of how our girls battled. We just have to find consistency."

EOU had all the momentum entering the fifth set after ending the fourth set on a 12-1 run.

But Southern quickly took leads of 5-1 and later 10-3 in the final set — thanks to a pair of 5-0 runs — and never looked back. EOU hurt itself in that final set by committing eight errors.

"(Southern's) a team that you can't make that many mistakes in a 25-point game, much less a 15-point game," the coach said.

Ackerman again led the offensive attack with 12 kills while Tibbetts added 10. Scott and Jet Taylor had six and five blocks, respectively, Carpenter recorded 23 assists and Kiley McMurtrey had 19 digs.

Nila Lukens led SOU with 13 kills.

"We battled just as hard as they did," Ackerman said. "It didn't turn out our way, but it was a well-fought match."

And though the match went to the Raiders, Bunn was encouraged by EOU's effort against SOU.

"They're a good team and so are we, so it was nice to see we can go five with a team like that," she said.

EOU (6-4 overall, 1-1 CCC) travels to Multnomah Friday night.



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