

### NAIA POLL

Team	Record	Points
1. Saint Francis (Ind.) [16]	3-0	366
2. Morningside (Iowa)	3-0	351
3. Southern Oregon	3-0	339
4. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	3-0	324
5. Northwestern (Iowa)	3-0	308
6. Marian (Ind.)	2-0	294
7. Reinhardt (Ga.)	2-1	278
8. Concordia (Mich.)	3-0	253
9. Georgetown (Ky.)	2-1	237
10. Evangel (Mo.)	4-0	234
11. Grand View (Iowa)	2-1	231
12. Baker (Kan.)	2-1	204
13. Langston (Okla.)	1-0	194
14. Kansas Wesleyan	3-0	165
15. Benedictine (Kan.)	2-1	161
16. Cumberlands (Ky.)	3-0	155
17. Bethel (Tenn.)	3-0	145
18. Southeastern (Fla.)	2-0	139
19. Dickinson State (N.D.)	2-1	106
20. Saint Xavier (Ill.)	2-2	98
21. Arizona Christian	3-0	87
22. Montana Western	3-0	85
23. Rocky Mountain (Mont.)	2-2	41
24. Montana Tech	2-1	33
25. Faulkner (Ala.)	2-1	26

#### Others Receiving Votes:

Webber International (Fla.) 23, Avila (Mo.) 11, SAGU (Texas) 9, Midland (Neb.) 5, Briar Cliff (Iowa) 3, Tabor (Kan.) 3, Siena Heights (Mich.) 3.

### STANDINGS

	Conf.	Overall
Southern Oregon	3-0	3-0
Montana Western	3-0	3-0
Carroll College	2-1	2-1
Montana Tech	2-1	2-1
Rocky Mountain	1-2	2-2
<b>Eastern Oregon</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>1-2</b>
MSU-Northern	0-3	1-3
College of Idaho	0-3	0-4

#### Saturday, Sept. 15

Portland State 63, College of Idaho 14  
Carroll College 32, MSU-Northern 14  
Montana Western 24, Rocky Mount. 21  
Southern Oregon 44, Montana Tech 12

#### Saturday, Sept. 22

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

#### Saturday, Oct. 6

Carroll Coll. at College of Idaho, Noon  
Southern Ore. at Rocky Mount., Noon  
Montana Tech at Mont. Western, Noon  
Eastern Oregon at MSU-Northern 5 p.m.



Ronald Bond/The Observer

Quarterback Kai Quinn, who was injured against Montana Tech, throws a pass Wednesday.

### GAME DAY

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to the ball on a tackle — Camp believes the defense has been strong.

“I praised our defense after that (Montana Tech) game, just because I thought they kept us in it when it wasn’t looking good,” he said. “We’ve had our bright moments defensively this season so far, and I think this is a really good defense. They play hard. They play fast.”

Eastern goes up against a Montana Western team that brings its own strong defense to the table. The Bulldogs, who haven’t won in La Grande since 2015, are giving up just 11.3 points and 333 yards per game and have forced seven turnovers. They’re coming in off two close wins in their first three contests — 16-10 at Carroll College in their season opener, and 24-21 over Rocky Mountain last week.

Western has yet to have an individual rush or receive for 100 yards in a game, but Camp said the Bulldogs have had balance on

offense so far this fall.

“They play good team football,” Camp said of Montana Western. “I think their defense compliments their offense and their approach to it. I think they’re very well coached. I think they do a good job of playing their game and sticking to the grindstone a little bit. One thing I’ve talked to our team about is Montana Western shows grit. I think they stick to 60 minutes of football. Some of it doesn’t look really good, but some of it looks really good. It’s the ability to stay within yourself and play your style of football.”

Jacobs added Western has found success by playing well together.

“It seems like they’re all meshing together at this point. Each player is trusting each other for them to get the yards they need to move the chains,” he said.

The Mountaineers know their backs are against the wall if they want to get back in the playoff hunt, and thus know how important Saturday’s game is for those hopes.

“It’s a must-win game for us,

#### About the game

##### SERIES HISTORY

Eastern Oregon and Montana Western have met a total of 28 times, with the Mountaineers holding an 18-10 edge. Both teams won at home when they met in 2017 — EOU 27-24, and UMW 31-20. Eastern has won four of the last six times in La Grande, with the Bulldogs’ last win by a 30-23 score in 2015.

##### PREDICTION

Montana Western 20, Eastern Oregon 17

obviously,” Dias said. “We fully believe we, as a team, are capable of playing postseason football this year. In order to do that we need to go 1-0 each week.”

Camp, though, is taking that mindset a step further.

“The 1-0 is awesome, but I want to win every practice right now,” he said. “I want to get them ready to play on Saturday and instead of being so much winning every game, let’s win every play.”

### POWER POLL

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LA GRANDE OBSERVER

- 1. Southern Oregon:** The Raiders look very much like the team to beat after hanging 44 points on Montana Tech.
- 2. Montana Western:** The Bulldogs have quality wins over Carroll and Rocky Mountain in their 3-0 start.
- 3. Montana Tech:** One expected the Orediggers to put up more of a fight at SOU. A 32-point beatdown looks bad.
- 4. Rocky Mountain:** A forfeit of its win over Carroll, and now a loss to UMW, has taken away from a strong start.
- 5. Carroll College:** Kudos are in order for Head Coach Mike Van Diest, who was named to the NAIA Hall of Fame.
- 6. Eastern Oregon:** The Mountaineers playoff hopes likely hinge on this weekend’s result.
- 7. College of Idaho:** I doubt anyone saw an 0-4 start for the Coyotes.
- 8. MSU-Northern:** The Lights have losses of 44, 52 and 18 points the last three weeks.

### EOU SCHEDULE

	VS COLLEGE OF IDAHO	WIN 24-21
	VS SOUTHERN OREGON	LOSS 32-13
	AT MONTANA TECH	LOSS 24-17
	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.