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Eastern Oregon's Natalie Mitchell, front right, tries to play a ball backwards over her head during Sunday's match against Rocky Mountain at Community Stadium.

EOU ROUNDUP

Mounties wrap up September 9-0

Observer staff

The 17th-ranked Eastern Oregon volleyball team ran its winning streak to nine straight matches and completed an undefeated month of September with a sweep of the Walla Walla Wolves Saturday night at Quinn Coliseum, 25-12, 27-25, 25-14.

Hailee Ackerman had nine kills to lead EOU, which finished the first half of Cascade Collegiate Conference play with a 9-1 record. Jet Taylor added six kills, and Megan Bunn had five. Taylor also had five block assists, while Cambree Scott had four. Madison Pilon had 12 assists, and Kiley McMurtrey registered 10 digs. Bunn added six digs.

EOU (14-4 overall, 9-1 CCC) travels to Oregon

Tech Friday.

EOU HARRIERS SECOND, FOURTH AT WILLAMETTE

The Eastern Oregon men's cross country team took second place in the Gold 8K race at the Charles Bowles Willamette Invitational Saturday in Salem.

EOU scored 57 points and had three runners in the top 10. Lane Inwards led the way for the Mountaineers in fifth place with a time of 25:22.4. Thomas Morrell III and Dustin Zimmerly placed seventh and eighth with respective times of 25:25.6 and 25:29.3.

Hunter Kratz followed in 19th with a time of 25:55.5, and Robie Swanson rounded out the Mountaineers' top five in 35th in 26:15.8.

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Bobcats boys and Outlaw girls win at Baker Invite

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The Union/Cove Bobcats boys cross country team had four runners in the top nine, paced by a first and third finish from Tim Stevens and Jack Silveira, to run away with first place at the Baker Invitational Friday.

Stevens completed the course in a time of 16:49.63 for the individual title, while third-place Silveira finished in 17:12.91. Israel O'Reilly (18:01.69) and Andrew Lackey (18:09.69) took eighth and ninth, respectively, and Matthew Sheehy (18:44.69) came in 11th.

Union/Cove finished with 32 points, well ahead of the La Grande Tigers, who took second.

Bennett Welch led the way for La Grande with a second-place finish, clocking in 17:04.15. Cristian Mendoza (17:41.00) finished sixth. Calvin Smith (19:13.06) followed in 15th, Braxton Bisenius (19:18.94) was 17th and Donald Sweet (20:33.02) was 44th.

The Enterprise Outlaws, meanwhile took fourth with 112 points. Zac Knapp led the Outlaws in fourth place in a time of 17:26.99. Bayden Menton (17:57.47) also cracked the top 10 by finishing seventh. Reece Nelson (19:40.83) followed in 23rd, Ian Goodrich (20:10.93) was 33rd and Foster Hobbs (21:10.30) was

55th.

On the girls side, the Outlaws had three top-10 finishers and five in the top 16 to win with a team score of 43 points. Ellyse Tingelstad led Enterprise in second place with a time of 20:45.22. Kyla Hook (21:08.55) followed in fourth, and Ella Coughlan (22:00.55) came in 10th.

Just outside the top 10 was Ashley Wilson, who placed 11th in 22:03.36, and Sydney Rouse finished 16th in 23:32.79.

The La Grande girls took second, scoring 67 points to just edge Union/Cove, which had 68 points.

Abby Crews led the Tigers with a third-place effort, finishing in 20:47.53. Maia Vandervlugt (21:49.01) and Audrey Garlitz (21:49.67) turned in a 6-7 finish. Jenna Ault (24:17.74) and Corbyn Sexton (24:22.08) took 25th and 26th, respectively.

Jaimee Baxter led the Bobcats with a fifth-place finish, timing in at 21:47.80. Abriel O'Reilly (21:54.69) also reached the top 10, taking ninth. Audrey Wells (22:46.03) was 13th, Kaitlin Martens (23:44.92) was 19th and Audrey Hill (24:06.15) came in 22nd.

The teams are in action again Thursday at the Crosby Invitational in Ontario.

EOU gets revenge

By Ronald Bond
The Observer

Rocky Mountain was the only team in the Cascade Collegiate Conference that managed to beat the Eastern Oregon women's soccer team a season ago.

The Mountaineers got, perhaps, a measure of revenge Sunday.

Natalie Mitchell scored the game's lone goal in the 26th minute, and EOU swanned its second straight 1-0 win — this time over the Battlin' Bears — Sunday in CCC play at Community Stadium.

"I think this was a game a lot of the girls had marked on the calendar. Last year when Rocky got us, we felt we were capable of beating them, so I know they

were more motivated today," EOU Head Coach Jacob Plocher said, referencing that 1-0 road loss a season ago. "We felt we let that one slip away, and we weren't going to let that happen this year."

Mitchell, the team's leading scorer a season ago, found the back of the net for the first time in 2018, tapping home a slow roller that skirted past RMC goalkeeper Maia Wetzel.

"Lexie (Cauresma) got a little flick on it (after a throw in) and it came to my feet," Mitchell said. "It was hard to kick it so I kind of scooped it. That's why it was so slow rolling, but it went in."

The Mountaineers, as they did in Thursday's win over College of Idaho,

missed out on a few additional opportunities to add on.

Unlike that match, however, EOU was in control most of the day Sunday, and especially in the second half. RMC was limited to just six shots, and Eastern goalkeeper Cydni Cottrell had to stop just one shot on goal. Offensively, the Mountaineers generated 14 shots and put six shots on goal.

"I felt like we were playing to feet more, and when we do that we pay a lot better and stay connected," Mitchell said. "Overall we had a better game than Thursday."

The outcome also continued a theme of sorts for EOU. Sunday's win was the

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Rocky holds off Eastern Oregon men

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The Eastern Oregon men's soccer team knew it would need a much stronger effort in its contest against No. 14 Rocky Mountain that it put up in Thursday's scoreless tie against College of Idaho.

The Mountaineers got the effort they needed, but didn't get the desired outcome.

Pablo Ferreira and Marco Kummerle both scored for the visiting Battlin' Bears as they topped Eastern Oregon, 2-0, Sunday in Cascade Collegiate Conference action at Community Stadium.

"If we would have come out like this Thursday we would have beat C of I. I don't doubt that for a second," EOU head coach Zach Mills said. "There's a reason Rocky Mountain is) No. 14. They're a good team. We outshot them which is nice. I think

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Rocky Mountain's Tulio Melo, left, hold onto the arm of Eastern Oregon's Carlos Solorio during Sunday's match at Community Stadium.

Tigers take down Baker at home

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PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Quarterback Parker Robinson threw two touchdown passes and rushed for two more, and the La Grande Tigers football team moved into sole possession of second place in the Greater Oregon League with a 26-6 home win over rival Baker Friday night at Community Stadium.

Robinson, who was 10-for-15 passing for 137 yards, hit a diving Blaine Shaw for a 24-yard touchdown reception and a 6-0 lead with 9:54 to play in the second quarter. Robinson then added touchdown runs of four and 47 yards to extend the lead to 20-0 by halftime.

Shaw added a 28-yard touchdown catch with 2:33 to play in the third quarter to make it 26-0. Baker scored late on a 55-yard interception return for a touchdown by Spencer Smith.

Robinson added 87 yards rushing for La Grande. Nathan Reed carried the ball 21 times for 94 yards and had 43 yards receiving. Shaw led the Tigers' receiving corps with 70 yards receiving.

The Tigers (3-2 overall, 2-1 GOL) host Ontario Thursday. La Grande can move into a tie for first in the league with a win. Ontario can clinch a share of the GOL title with a win.

Also Friday ROCKETSTOP IMBLER DESPITE BIG DAY FROM PATTERSON

Ryan Patterson had another big game with 341 rushing yards and a touchdown, but it wasn't enough to boost the Imbler Panthers football team as it fell to

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La Grande's Nathan Reed rushed for 94 yards and added 43 yards receiving in Friday's win over Baker.