

EOU women go 1-0-1 in Washington; Eastern men tie twice

Observer staff

Taylor Boyer scored in the first half, Natalie Mitchell and MacKinley Gregus added tallies in the second half, and the Eastern Oregon women's soccer team completed a 1-0-1 Washington road trip with a 3-0 win over Evergreen Sunday in Olympia.

Boyer opened the scoring in the 18th minute with her seventh goal of the season to help EOU take a 1-0 lead into the break.

The Mountaineers put home two goals less than nine minutes apart to blow the game open in the second half, with Mitchell's third goal of the season coming in the 68th minute and Gregus' seventh following in the 77th.

EOU had a decisive 18-6 advantage on shots, and goal-keeper Cydni Cottrell recorded two saves.

FRIDAY MOUNTAINEERS, EAGLES TIE

Northwest and Eastern Oregon both scored within a minute of each other, but scoring ceased by the 10-minute mark as the teams battled to a 1-1 draw in Kirkland.

Sharaya Roberts gave the Eagles a 1-0 lead in the ninth minute, but Natalie Mitchell scored the equalizer for EOU 56 seconds later. Both teams had plenty of chances to net a second goal though. Northwest held a 27-21 shot advantage in the contest, doing most of its damage in overtime when it took 10 shots, and put six shots on goal. Cyndi Cottrell recorded 10 saves, including six in overtime. Kat Sanchez had 11 saves for Northwest.

The Mountaineers (9-1-2 overall, 5-1-2 CCC) travel to Multnomah Friday.

Eastern men battle to two ties

The Eastern Oregon men's soccer team came away from its Washington road trip with a pair of 2-2 draws, tying with Northwest and Evergreen in Cascade Collegiate Conference play.

Friday EOU, EAGLESTIE

Eastern Oregon was forced to settle for a 2-2 tie Friday against Northwest despite being the aggressor on offense most of the afternoon.

EOU held a vast 42-21 shot advantage, including a 13-1 edge in the overtime periods, and put 19 shots on goal. Northwest goalkeeper Agazi Birkner made 17 saves to keep the Eagles in the match.

Connor Young scored twice for Eastern, giving the Mountaineers a 1-0 lead late in the first half and adding a second goal in the 53rd minute. Jordan Travis countered with two goals for Northwest, including the tying goal in the 67th minute.

Aidan Wright made nine saves for EOU.

Sunday LATE GOAL BY EVERGREEN RESULTS IN DRAW

Eastern Oregon had taken a 2-1 lead with about 11 minutes to play on a Carlos Solorio goal, but surrendered one to Evergreen's Quinn Landrud in the 85th minute. Neither team could find the net in overtime as the game ended in a 2-2 draw Sunday.

Evergreen scored early on a Marcos Borja goal for a 1-0 lead, but the Mountaineers knotted the score midway through the first half on a goal by Josh Goodman in the 29th minute.

EOU held a slim 24-20 edge in shots, and Wright made five saves.

The draw is EOU's third in its last four contests, and the Mountaineers' four ties this season double the amount the program had in its previous three seasons combined.

The Mountaineers (5-3-4 overall, 3-2-3 CCC) travel to Multnomah Friday.

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other on a goal.

"They're very different players, but the two of them together really complement each other, and they're both good at that 1-2 touch kind of play," Wright said.

That connection was on display late in the contest. Ebel dumped a pass to Endress in the box, which he put home while falling down, to make it 2-0. Later, Endress took the ball into the box and tapped a heel pass back to Ebel, which he put home for the final margin.

"We just have a chemistry there, and it's super nice to play with a player like that," Ebel said.

La Grande had a 14-10 edge in shots, and Christian Waugaman recorded five saves in goal for the Tigers.

The win was important on two facets for La Grande. It not only kept the Tigers in the hunt for a GOL title, but gave them a tiebreaker if the teams finished tied in the final standings.

"We lost to Baker by two last time, and then won by three (Saturday) so we're up in the goal differential," Ebel said.

Wright said he is confident of where La Grande is headed into the final stretch of the regular season. In fact, wins in their final two contests against McLoughlin and Ontario would lock up a league title.

"We really put ourselves in a good position headed into the last two league games, and (we're) playing with a lot of confidence," Wright said. "We know we can beat both those teams. The last game against Ontario was just a great match there, so we look forward to having them at home and getting a rematch."

La Grande (6-3-1 overall, 2-1-1 GOL) visits McLoughlin Saturday.

ROUNDUP

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also had a 12-yard touchdown catch in the opening quarter. The Cougars quickly put the game out of hand, racing to a 50-0 lead by halftime.

Gus Ramsden added 85 yards passing and three scores and rushed for 62 yards and a TD. Tristin Bales had 69 total yards and scored twice.

The Cougars (5-1 overall, 4-0 SD3-E) visit Crane Friday, with the winner claiming first place in SD3-E.

DUFUR HANDLES PANTHERS

The Imbler Panthers were handed a second straight loss, this time to defending state champion Dufur Rangers, 56-14, in Special District 3-West action Friday in Dufur.

Stats were not available.

The Panthers (4-2 overall, 3-2 SD3-W) host Sherman Friday and can secure third place in SD3-W with a win.

LEOPARDS GO SILENT ON OFFENSE

The Cove Leopards were unable to get their offense going in a 20-0 home loss to the Crane Mustangs in Special District 3-East action Friday.

Stats were not available.

The Leopards (2-3 overall, 1-3 SD3-E) visit Powder Valley Friday.

BADGERS FALL TO ANTELOPES

The Powder Valley Badgers were routed on the road against the Adrian/Jordan Valley Antelopes in Special District 3-East play Friday, 56-12.

Reece Dixon had 136 yards rushing, 81 yards passing and two touchdowns for Powder Valley. Kaden Krieger added 67 yards receiving and two scores.

The Badgers (2-4 overall, 1-4 SD3-E) host Cove Friday.

Saturday HUSKIESTHUMP PIRATES

Tristan Simpson accounted for 197 total yards and four touchdowns, and the Elgin Huskies coasted to a 64-14

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