

EOU women, men sweep weekend action on Portland pitch

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Taylor Boyer notched the second hat trick of the season for the Eastern Oregon women's soccer team as the Mountaineers buried Multnomah in Cascade Collegiate Conference play Friday in Portland, 8-0.

Boyer scored in the fourth and 44th minutes for EOU, which also got a first-half goal from Sarah Mitchell for a 3-0 lead at the break. Charli Torres, Cailin Koupal, Alexandria Cuaresma and MacKinley Gregus all scored in a 14-minute span early in the second half to blow the match wide open before Boyer polished off the rout with her final goal in the 80th minute.

Eastern dominated

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Multnomah in every facet of the game, had a decisive 33-1 shot advantage on the afternoon and didn't allow a shot on goal.

EOU pulls away late for win

Gregus broke a scoreless tie late in the second half, then Kaitlyn McLeod and Boyer tacked goals on late to lift Eastern to a weekend sweep in Portland with a 3-0 victory over Warner Pacific Sunday morning in CCC action.

Gregus scored the initial goal with just 8:10 to play in regulation. A flurry followed with McLeod scoring in the 86th minute and Boyer in the 88th. Cydni Cottrell had three

saves for EOU. WPU goal-keeper Alyssa Guthrie kept the Knights in the match until the end with 14 saves, as EOU had a 25-4 shot advantage.

The victory keeps EOU in the mix for a potential CCC title with Oregon Tech (7-1-1 CCC), Southern Oregon (6-1-2) and Carroll College (5-0-2).

The Mountaineers (11-1-2 overall, 7-1-2 CCC) host Corban Friday to begin their final homestand of the regular season.

EOU men get back in win column

A weekend after earning two ties, the Eastern Oregon men's soccer team got back in the win column with a 4-1 victory over Multnomah in Cascade Collegiate Con-

ference action Friday in Portland.

Connor Young and Ethan Ronquillo both scored in the first half — with Ronquillo's coming in the final seconds — for a 2-0 lead at the break. La Grande products Christian Miramontes and Michael Ebel added on in the second half with goals in the 63rd and 72nd minute, respectively.

Eastern controlled the match throughout, and regis-

tered a 22-8 edge in shots and an 11-4 advantage in shots on goal. Aidan Wright picked up three saves for EOU.

Solorio scores twice in win

Carlos Solorio scored in each half, Abraham Garcia and Oscar Munoz also scored, and EOU moved closer to securing its first CCC playoff berth with a 4-2 win over Warner Pacific Sunday in Portland.

Solorio scored in the 17th

minute. Garcia followed in the 26th and Munoz in the 32nd when he headed in a corner kick for a 3-0 lead at the half. Solorio added an insurance goal in the 74th, just six minutes after WPU got on the scoreboard.

Wright grabbed four saves for EOU, which was outshot 12-11.

The Mountaineers (7-3-4 overall, 5-2-3 CCC), who are currently fourth, host Corban Friday.

Runners sixth, 14th at LCSC

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Thomas Morrell III took 22nd overall to lead the No. 8 Eastern Oregon men's cross country team to a sixth-place finish at the Inland Empire Challenge Saturday in Lewiston, Idaho.

Morrell posted a time of 25:01 for EOU in an 8K race that included several National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I schools. EOU's Lane Inwards (25:18) was 35th overall. The rest of the top five for Eastern were Hunter Kratz (25:39) in 50th, Dustin Zimmerly (25:49) in 60th and Robie Swanson (26:11) in 82nd.

"The guys (were) only beaten by Division I schools

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and a school from Canada, and beat three NCAA Division II schools along with No. 5-ranked NAIA power (Lewis-Clark State College)," Eastern Oregon Head Coach Ben Welch said.

The EOU women turned in a 14th-place finish in the event. Michelle Herbes paced the Mountaineers in 59th-place in the 5K race in a time of 18:58. Amanda Welch (19:28) came in in 81st place,

just ahead of teammate Megan Boals (19:31) who was 83rd. Katie Jo Gebhardt (19:40) and Molly Gulden (19:42) also finished close to each other, placing 94th and 96th, respectively.

"It was a mixed bag, but pretty good, especially for a bunch of young runners who have never been in that fast of a field and on those kinds of turns," Welch said of the women's team.

The Mountaineers travel to the Warrior Invitational Saturday in Rocklin, California.

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a 76-yard run for a 20-3 lead with 2:01 to play in the third.

Southern's Isaac Hurd and Eastern's T.J. Hancock traded 31-yard touchdown receptions in the fourth quarter, which made the score 27-10. SOU attempted to stage a late rally on Jason Shelley's 95-yard kickoff return with 2:22 left. The Raiders followed by recovering the ensuing onside kick, but drew no closer.

Quinn finished with 216 yards passing and a touchdown, though he was just 16-for-40 passing. He also had 86 yards rushing, and Dias added 83 yards on the ground. Hancock and Kelly were Quinn's favorite receivers with 88 and 82 yards, respectively.

The EOU defense, meanwhile, allowed just 306 total yards — and 86 rushing — to the Raiders. SOU was held to its lowest offensive total since scoring 14 points in the 2015 national title game against Marian, Indiana. Hutchinson had 160 yards passing and 49 rushing.

The Mountaineers (4-2 overall, 4-2 Frontier) who are now part of a three-way tie for second with Rocky Mountain and SOU, host Montana Tech Saturday.

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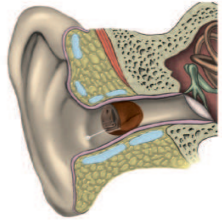
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