

# Cougars take SD3-E

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## FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

The Wallowa Cougars locked up the top seed in Special District 3-East with a 34-20 road win against the Crane Mustangs Friday afternoon, clinching a state playoff spot and setting up a looming showdown with defending state champion Dufur at the district playoffs in two weeks.

Gus Ramsden rushed for three touchdowns, scoring on runs of 66, 33 and one yard in the first half to help the Cougars build a 28-8 lead at the break.

Austin Brockamp had 183 yards rushing and two scores, including a 75-yard scoring run in the first quarter and a one-yard TD run in the third for a 34-8 advantage.

Ramsden had 133 yards rushing and 94 yards passing. The Cougars totaled 434 yards of offense.

Wallowa (6-1 overall, 5-0 SD3-E) finish the regular season Friday at Cove.

### TIGERS DISMANTLE MAC-HI

La Grande's Nathan Reed rushed for 156 yards and two touchdowns, Parker Robinson accounted for three scores, and the Tigers buried the McLoughlin Pioneers at home Friday, 49-13, in Greater Oregon League action to secure a playoff berth.

Reed's two-yard run and Robinson's 13-yard pass to Zach Wiggins helped the Tigers build a 16-0 lead by the break. La Grande built the lead to 36-0 in the third on Robinson's 75-yard run, a one-yard rush by Reed and a 16-yard TD reception by Isaac Zamora. Casey Cornford added two rushing touchdowns of four and five yards in the fourth quarter as the Tigers piled up 401 yards on the ground.

Robinson totaled 125 yards rushing and 84 yards passing for La Grande.

The Tigers (5-2 overall, 4-1 GOL) visit Baker Friday and can clinch the top spot in the GOL with a win.

### EAGLES ARE LAST

### UNBEATEN SIX-MAN TEAM

The Joseph Eagles are the last remaining undefeated team in six-man football.

Tyler Homan rushed for 172 yards and four touchdowns, leading the Eagles to a Special District 5 victory over the Harper Hornets — who entered as the only other unbeaten team — 31-6 Friday in Joseph.

Homan also played a key role on defense with 10 tackles, helping Joseph limit Harper to just 230 yards of total offense and its lowest

scoring output of the season. Trey Wandschneider added 57 yards receiving and a touchdown for the Eagles.

The Eagles (6-0 overall, 6-0 SD5) host Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler in their final district game Friday.

### HUSKIES THROTTLE

### PINE EAGLE

The Elgin Huskies piled up 506 yards on the ground as they cruised to a blowout win at home over the Pine Eagle Spartans in Special District 3-East play Friday, 54-14.

The win guaranteed no worse than fourth place in SD3-E for Elgin and locked up a berth in the district playoffs.

Tristan Simpson led the Huskies with 201 yards rushing and four touchdowns, and added 56 yards passing. Wyatt Hallgarth tallied 144 yards rushing and three scores, and Gage McKay had 114 yards rushing and a TD.

Elgin (4-3 overall, 3-2 SD3-E) finishes the regular season Friday when it hosts Crane.

### ENTERPRISE LOCKS UP FOURTH PLACE

Enterprise's Trace Evans rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns, and the Outlaws broke away in the third quarter to earn a 32-6 win over the Union Bobcats in Special District 3-West action Friday in Enterprise.

The win locks up fourth in SD3-W for Enterprise and a berth in the district playoffs.

The teams were tied at 6-6 at halftime before Enterprise rattled off 26 straight points in the third quarter.

Jacob Amaro had 158 yards passing and two touchdowns, and Dylan Marr had 124 yards receiving and a score.

Stats were not provided for Union.

Enterprise (4-3 overall, 4-3 SD3-W) is off until the district playoffs Oct. 26. Union (3-4, 2-4), which was eliminated from playoff contention with the loss, finishes its season Thursday at Lone.

### LEOPARDS EDGE BADGERS

The Cove Leopards won a wild Special District 3-East shootout on the road against the Powder Valley Badgers Friday, 52-44.

Reece Dixon passed for 219 yards, rushed for 148 yards and accounted for six touchdowns for the Badgers.

Stats were not provided for Cove.

Cove (3-3 overall, 2-3 SD3-E) wraps up the season Friday when it hosts Wallowa, while the Badgers' season ends at 2-5 overall and 1-5 in SD3-E.



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