

NAIA POLL

| Team | Record | Points |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| 1. Morningside (Iowa) [15] | 7-0 | 366 |
| 2. Marian (Ind.) [1] | 6-0 | 351 |
| 3. Northwestern (Iowa) | 6-0 | 339 |
| 4. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) | 5-1 | 314 |
| 5. Reinhardt (Ga.) | 6-1 | 311 |
| 6. Evangel (Mo.) | 8-0 | 302 |
| 7. Grand View (Iowa) | 5-1 | 275 |
| 8. Bethel (Tenn.) | 7-0 | 255 |
| 9. Kansas Wesleyan | 7-0 | 243 |
| 10. Concordia (Mich.) | 6-1 | 233 |
| 11. Benedictine (Kan.) | 6-1 | 220 |
| 12. Saint Francis (Ind.) | 5-2 | 210 |
| 13. Langston (Okla.) | 5-1 | 193 |
| 14. Southern Oregon | 4-2 | 176 |
| 15. Rocky Mountain (Mont.) | 5-2 | 171 |
| 16. Baker (Kan.) | 5-2 | 165 |
| 17. Cumberlands (Ky.) | 7-1 | 156 |
| 18. Montana Western | 5-1 | 135 |
| 19. Eastern Oregon | 4-2 | 117 |
| 20. Dickinson State (N.D.) | 5-2 | 93 |
| 21. Georgetown (Ky.) | 4-3 | 85 |
| 22. Ottawa (Kan.) | 6-1 | 78 |
| 23. Siena Heights (Mich.) | 5-1 | 52 |
| 24. Saint Xavier (Ill.) | 5-3 | 41 |
| 25. Avila (Mo.) | 5-1 | 31 |

Dropped from the Top 25:

Montana Tech, Webber International (Fla.)

Others Receiving Votes:

Keiser (Fla.) 11, Midland (Neb.) 7, Montana Tech 3

STANDINGS

| | Conf. | Overall |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| Montana Western | 5-1 | 5-1 |
| Rocky Mountain | 4-2 | 5-2 |
| Eastern Oregon | 4-2 | 4-2 |
| Southern Oregon | 4-2 | 4-2 |
| Montana Tech | 3-3 | 3-3 |
| Carroll College | 2-4 | 3-4 |
| College of Idaho | 2-4 | 2-5 |
| MSU-Northern | 0-6 | 1-6 |

Saturday, Oct. 13

Eastern Oregon 27, Southern Oregon 17
Montana Western 30, Carroll College 10
College of Idaho 23, Montana Tech 20, OT
Rocky Mountain 52, MSU-Northern 13

Saturday, Oct. 20

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

Saturday, Oct. 27

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



Ronald Bond/The Observer

Isaiah Thomas, right, turns upfield after making a catch during practice Wednesday.

GAME DAY

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game of the season. Fike leads the Frontier with 129 yards per game.

Montana Tech is a team that is more run oriented, passing for an average of 190 yards per game and rushing for 200. EOU Head Coach Tim Camp said the focus will be on containing Fike and the ground game.

Stopping the run game will go largely back to one of the fundamentals of the sport, tackling, which Camp said EOU did much better in against Southern Oregon. SOU had 236 rushing yards in the early September contest. Last week, the Raiders had just 86.

"That's all we talked about. If they're going to try and run, we're going to stop them. We loaded the box up a little bit (and) we tackled better," Camp said.

The coach said the Mountaineers also need to be ready for Tech to put the ball in the air.

"We want to stop their run obviously, but they're college football players, (and) they're

capable of throwing, too," he said. "In their playbook they also have a passing game."

The offense has its first turnover-free game of the season against SOU, but Camp noted there were opportunities for EOU to do better last week.

"We had 400 yards of offense on a really good defense, but there are about 125 (yards) left out there," Camp said, noting EOU dropped several passes and allowed four sacks.

The sacks, though have been a rarity, as EOU's offensive line has kept quarterback Kai Quinn clean and helped open up the running game. SOU's four-sack day last week came on the heels of two straight games where the Mountaineers didn't allow a sack. In fact, Southern has recorded 10 sacks total in its two games against EOU. The Mountaineers' four other opponents have just three.

That has helped Quinn in posting the conference's top offensive numbers in passing yards (306 per game), while running back Victor Dias is up to 83 yards per game rushing, second in the con-

About the game

SERIES HISTORY

Eastern Oregon and Montana Western have met a total of 30 times, with the Orediggers holding a 17-13 edge. Montana Tech is currently on a four-game winning streak in the series, including a 24-17 win in Butte last month. Eastern's last win against Tech was a 33-21 home victory during the 2015 season.

PREDICTION

Eastern Oregon 27, Montana Tech 14

ference. Wide receiver Brenden Kelly leads the way in receiving at 135 yards per game.

"We've mastered our offense," Wilson said. "We (made) a couple new tweaks here and there, and I feel like we're all more comfortable with what we're running. We're confident and we're playing better, playing smarter."

The key to keeping the rhythm going is pretty simple: "We just have to play our game — play good, sound football," Teuteu said.

POWER POLL

BY RONALD BOND
LA GRANDE OBSERVER

1. Montana Western: The Bulldogs control their own destiny in the Frontier Conference, though the schedule includes Rocky, C of I and SOU down the stretch.

2. Rocky Mountain: The Battlin' Bears are on a three-game winning streak, and after Carroll Saturday have a crucial rematch with UMW.

3. Eastern Oregon: Eastern outplayed SOU in six of the eight quarters this fall, which is why it's above the Raiders.

4. Southern Oregon: The Raiders Frontier hopes are certainly not dead, but the current two-game skid hurts.

5. Montana Tech: The Orediggers having lost three out of their last four.

6. College of Idaho: The Yotes are finding their stride, and could play spoiler to a playoff hopeful down the stretch.

7. Carroll College: The Saints are in danger of a fourth-straight losing season.

8. MSU-Northern: The Lights' six conference losses have come by an average of 38.7 points.

EOU SCHEDULE

| | | |
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| | VS COLLEGE OF IDAHO | WIN 24-21 |
| | VS SOUTHERN OREGON | LOSS 32-13 |
| | AT MONTANA TECH | LOSS 24-17 |
| | VS MONTANA WESTERN | WIN 54-51, 30T |
| | AT MSU NORTHERN | WIN 58-24 |
| | AT SOUTHERN OREGON | WIN 27-17 |
| | 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. |

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