

EOU women earn sweep in Portland, men get swept

Observer staff

The 13th-ranked Eastern Oregon women’s basketball team built a 25-point halftime lead as the Mountaineers coasted to their 14th-straight win, routing the Multnomah Lions, 77-57, Friday in Cascade Collegiate Conference play in Portland.

Eastern, which never trailed, used a 25-3 run spanning the first and second quarters to break the game open. Maya Ah You-Dias, who led EOU with 27 points, scored in the paint with 3:55 to play in the first for a 12-9 lead to start the run. She had the first nine points of the rally, and Maren Herrud’s basket late in the first made it 23-12 after one. Ah You-Dias and Madison Crews opened the second with 3-pointers for a 29-12 lead, and Jane Nelson capped the onslaught with a score for a 35-12 advantage. Eastern’s lead reached as much as 30 points before it settled for a 50-25 lead at the break. Multnomah never got closer than 19 points the rest of the way.

Ah You-Dias, who was 10-for-12 shooting, also had team bests of 10 rebounds, six assists and three steals. Herrud added 10 points, Crews had eight and Nelson scored seven as 12 Mountaineers scored.

Saturday EASTERN FENDS OFF COMEBACK ATTEMPT FROM KNIGHTS

Maya Ah You-Dias led the way with 18 points, six rebounds and six assists as the Eastern Oregon women’s basketball team ran its winning streak to 15 games in a row with a 80-72 road win over Warner Pacific Saturday in CCC play in Portland.

Maren Herrud was on her heels in scoring with 17 points, while Jane Nelson added 13 points and Beverly Slater had 11 points and six rebounds.

EOU used a 16-2 run midway through the first quarter to build a double-digit lead at 16-5 and led 22-9 after one. The Mountaineers took a 43-27 lead into the half after leading by as much as 18 points in the second quarter. The lead briefly reached 20 points in the third before the Knights rallied. Warner Pacific got as close as eight points several times in the final quarter, and within seven in the closing seconds, but drew no closer.

EOU (15-2 overall, 9-0 CCC) hosts Corban on Friday in a battle of the top two teams in the conference.

Mountaineer men fall to Lions in overtime

A last-second shot by the Multnomah Lions men’s basketball team forced overtime, and the Lions rode that momentum in the extra session to a 93-86 win over the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers Friday in Cascade Collegiate Conference action in Portland.

EOU led by as much as 12 points in the second half before the Lions rallied to force a wild final six minutes that saw four lead changes and three ties. EOU took a 75-73 lead on a 3-point play by Peter Hamilton with six seconds left, but Brett Blackstock got into the lane and made a layup at the buzzer.

Multnomah took advantage in overtime, opening on an 11-2 run for an 86-77 lead on an Ben Grandle 3-pointer. EOU pulled as close as 88-84 on a Jordan May basket with 1:12 left, but drew no closer.

Landon Jones led Eastern with 20 points and 19 rebounds. Jarek Schetzle added 18 points, Jordan May had 15, Zane Wright chipped in with 13 and Hamilton had 10.

Justin Martin led Multnomah with 30 points.

EOU trailed 39-38 at the half, but opened the second half on a 15-2 run to take its largest lead at 53-41 with 13:36 to play before the Lions began their comeback.

Saturday KNIGHTS PULL AWAY FROM EOU

The Eastern Oregon men’s basketball team finished winless on its road trip to Portland, falling to Warner Pacific in CCC play Saturday, 80-64.

Landon Jones led EOU in scoring for the second day in a row, finishing with 18 points. Jarek Schetzle added 14 points and nine rebounds.

The Mountaineers led by as much as six points early, but the Knights took a 36-30 lead into the half, then quickly pushed the margin to double figures at 40-30 on a Gabe Garrett basket. A 3-pointer by Said Hersi pulled Eastern within 56-49 midway through the second half, but EOU got no closer.

Jordan May, the Mountaineers’ leading scorer, was held scoreless in just 14 minutes of action as he dealt with an injury, according to the EOU website.

Eastern (10-10 overall, 6-4 CCC) hosts Corban Friday.

Ngaida, Mountaineers start strong on track in Nampa

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Freshman Kalulusno Ngaida broke a program record and Faith Homer picked up a victory to pace the Eastern Oregon women’s track and field team in its indoor season opener, the Bronco Invite, Saturday in Nampa, Idaho.

Ngaida took second in the women’s triple jump with a mark of 38 feet, 3-1/4 inches to break the program record set just a year ago by Ebony Wilson. Her mark also automatically qualified her for the NAIA Indoor National Championships. Ngaida was also fifth in the high jump at 5-feet-3-1/4.

Meanwhile, Homer came away with the top spot in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:25.43.

EOU stacked the deck in the 600 by entering nine runners, and put six in the top eight. Elizabeth Herbes (1:37.87) finished second to lead the group. Joining her was Michelle Herbes in third (1:40.71), Megan Boals in fourth (1:41.01), Homer in fifth (1:41.47), Olivia Lane in sixth (1:41.72) and Katie Emerson in eighth (1:45.05).

Ngaida wasn’t alone in placing in the triple jump. Wilson came in sixth at 35-feet-3-3/4, and Victoria Branch placed eighth at 34-feet-0-1/4. Wilson also led a trio in the long jump, placing third at 18-feet-1-3/4. Morgan Reddington was sixth at 17-feet-5-1/4, and Branch was again eighth at 16-feet-10-3/4.

Pole vaulter Kennedy Lake placed fourth after clearing 10 feet even, while Maggie Ledbetter placed sixth in the shot put at 38-feet-4 and Molly Gulden came in eighth in the 3,000 in 12:02.43.

EOU tacked on fourth and

sixth-place finishes in the 4-by-400 relay, with Boals, Homer and the Herbes sisters taking fourth in 4:07.59, and Haley White, Ngaida, Kendra Blake and Emerson finishing sixth in 4:28.18.

Like the women, the EOU men stacked the 600 and put six runners in the top eight: Devin Lewis-Allen in second (1:23.47), Travis Running in third (1:25.26), Cooper Shaw in fourth (1:25.29), Brennan LeBel in sixth (1:25.92), Derian Handfield in seventh (1:26.09) and Hunter Schiess in eighth (1:26.29).

Justin Gould took third in the pole vault (15-feet-9) and in the process qualified for nationals.

Allex Kosel placed second in the high jump at 6-feet-0-3/4, and in the long jump

at 22-feet-5-1/4. Jonah Coats was third in the high jump (6-feet-0-3/4), and sixth in the long jump (19-feet-11-1/2). Sam Roddewig was fourth in the high jump (5-feet-7) and seventh in the pole vault (14-feet-3-1/4). And Corey Sledge came in eighth in the long jump (18-feet-5).

Back on the track, Conner Young finished sixth in the 200 (22.65) and Alex Navarro came in sixth in the 3,000 (8:43.31).

EOU wrapped up with fourth- and fifth-place finishes in the 4-by-400 relay. Shaw, Handfield, LeBel and Lewis-Allen took fourth in 3:26.76, and Roddewig, Kobe Krump, Running and Young were fifth (3:36.84).

EOU is back in action Friday and Saturday at the Ed Jacoby Invite in Nampa.

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