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Eastern Oregon's Maya Ah You-Dias, right, drives upcourt against College of Idaho's press during Tuesday's game.

Eighteen and counting

By Ronald Bond
The Observer

Players and coaches admitted it was by no means the best-looking effort by the No. 10 Eastern Oregon women's basketball team — but it was still good enough for the Mountaineers to run their winning streak to 18 games.

Maya Ah You-Dias led the way with 32 points — including 14 during a torrid third quarter — and Jane Nelson had a double-double as the Mountaineers overcame 25 turnovers and an early eight-point deficit to grab an 80-66 home win over College of Idaho Tuesday in Cascade Collegiate Conference play.

"It was a rough start, and we had a couple rough patches throughout the

game mostly with turnovers and sloppy (play) offensively, but I think what got us refocused was our defense," Nelson said. "We had a couple good steals, good defensive stops (and) we got some good rebounds. That got us refocused and helped us slow down."

EOU started the game 2-for-10 shooting and never led in the first quarter. The Yotes led by as much as eight and took a 21-15 lead after one on a 3-pointer by Kaylee Krusemark. C of I shot 60 percent in the first.

According to EOU Head Coach Anji Weissenfluh, the Mountaineers were a little too overhyped for the contest, which impacted the team early.

"(We were) frazzled in the first and out

of sync, it wasn't (because) we were nervous, we were too jacked up," Weissenfluh said. "There's this spectrum you gotta fall in. You can't be overjacked and you can't have to light a fire. Tonight we came out too jacked and we needed to settle down."

"We just had to relax," Ah You-Dias added. "We were trying to go Mach 10 speed. We just had to really calm down and relax. We were doing what C of I wanted. They wanted us frazzled. They always have good ball pressure."

EOU finally did settle in late in the second, taking its first lead at 26-25 on a free throw by Ah You-Dias. Nelson added two 3-pointers as part of a half-ending 10-2 run for a 39-30 lead at the break.

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Upset bid falls just short for EOU

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The Eastern Oregon men's basketball team gave itself a chance.

Down by nine to No. 4 College of Idaho with less than a minute to play, the Mountaineers hit two 3-pointers — one by Jordan May and one by Said Hersi — and took advantage of several C of I miscues to get within 69-66 and have a look at a tie.

But May's tying attempt fell short, and the Yotes held on for a 71-66 win Tuesday in Cascade Collegiate Conference action at Quinn Coliseum.

"That's all you can ask for," Head Coach Carlito Labarda Jr. said of the shot at the tie.

Especially considering the Mountaineers trailed by as much as 13 in the second half, were down 12 with less than two minutes to play and 69-60 with 41 seconds left.

That, though, is when C of I nearly coughed up the game.

EOU got a steal off an inbounds pass, which led to May's 3-pointer with 32 seconds to go. The Yotes proceeded to miss the front end of a 1-and-1 trip to the free-throw



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Eastern Oregon's Jordan May drives in for two of his 15 points during Tuesday's game against College of Idaho.

line on two occasions, and after the second, Hersi tossed up a 3-pointer that banked in

from 25 feet with 7.7 seconds on the clock to draw Eastern closer.

The Yotes followed with another turnover, giving Eastern one final look, but May got trapped on the wing, and his forced 3-pointer to tie it. C of I's Talon Pinckney sealed the victory at the free-throw line.

The Mountaineers hung with — and even led — the Yotes much of the first half, going up as much as seven on an alley-oop dunk by Jarek Schetzle and again later at 31-24 on a triple by May.

But the Yotes took a 32-31 lead at the break after ending the half on an 8-0 run. A 12-0 run early in the second half keyed a 3-pointer by Jake Bruner and two by Nate Bruneel, making it 48-37 C of I with 14:41 to play. EOU didn't cut the margin to less than seven until the final seconds.

"(C of I is) usually more aggressive than us, but not tonight. We just missed shots," Labarda said.

"We thought we could beat them, and we should have beat them."

May, the team's leading scorer and a 44-percent 3-point shooter, had 15 points but was 3-for-15 from the 3-point line. Schetzle also

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Martinez to be enshrined

The Associated Press

When Edgar Martinez had the most famous swing of his career — "The Double" as it's known by in the Pacific Northwest — he was already 32 years old.

His career had a late start. So waiting all 10 years on baseball's Hall of Fame ballot before his election to Cooperstown was just another chapter in the arc of his life.

"I think I'm more mature right now. I've enjoyed it more at this point with my family, the way my kids are

older now and it just has a lot of meaning, even more meaning now," Martinez said. "The wait worked out well for me."

In his final year on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot, Martinez was elected on Tuesday with 85.4 percent of the vote. His election marked a remarkable turnaround, climbing in his final five years of eligibility from an afterthought to on the ballot to an inductee.

It was a collective effort, See Martinez / Page 8A

Elgin girls top Mac-Hi

Observer staff

Jayden Palmer led the way with 12 points as the Elgin Huskies girls basketball team scored a 42-28 home win over the 4A McLoughlin Pioneers on Tuesday.

Kaelin Evans also reached double figures with 10 points, and Jocelyn Palmer added nine points.

Elgin (7-8 overall) hosts Wallowa Friday.

ELGIN BOYS FALL TO PIONEERS

The Elgin Huskies boys basketball team saw its shot at a win slip away in the second half of a 60-36 home loss to the 4A McLoughlin Pioneers Tuesday.

The teams were tied at 19-19 at the half, but Mac-Hi used a 23-13 third quarter to build the lead then added on in the fourth.

Ian Adams had 10 points

to lead the Huskies, while Gage McKay and Jordan Palmer had seven.

Elgin (9-6 overall) hosts Wallowa Friday.

BADGER BOYS EDGE HAWKS

Reece Dixon led the way with 11 points as the Powder Valley Badgers boys basketball team grinded out a low-scoring 36-33 win over the Horizon Christian Hawks on Monday in a neutral-site game at Echo.

Roper Bingham added eight points and six rebounds for the Badgers, and Dominick Grende scored six points. The Badgers edged the Hawks in each of the first three quarters for an 18-13 halftime lead and a 31-25 edge after three quarters, then held off Horizon in the fourth.

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