

**UNION**

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6-6 on a 13-yard Isaac Heron touchdown run. Phillips capped the ensuing drive with a 1-yard run to put the Bobcats back ahead, and Union started cashing in on Imbler's miscues.

The Panthers fumbled on their final three possessions of the second quarter. The first two — recovered by Dillman and Quinn Morton — led to a Goodwater 7-yard run and a second 1-yard keeper by Phillips for a 26-6 halftime advantage.

"When we got the fumbles, we were talking on the sidelines (that) we can't give up this kind of field position against a team that is tough like this. When you get an opportunity, you gotta take advantage," Reynolds said.

The teams followed by combining for four fumbles in the early stages of the third.

Imbler had three giveaways, two of which Union turned into a 21-yard Dillman run and a 25-yard Gannon Carreiro touchdown reception.

"We realized what they were doing on defense and adjusted to it, and made some good plays," Dillman said.

The lead reached 56-6 in the fourth before Krager Muilenburg scored from 55 yards out for Imbler late to wrap the scoring.

Dillman led Union's ground attack with 110 yards rushing. Goodwater added 82 yards, Phillips had 80 yards, and Carreiro tallied 78 yards.

Herron accounted for 95 yards on the ground for Imbler. Muilenburg added 55 on his long rush.

Union (1-1 overall, 1-0 SD3-W) hosts defending state champion Dufur Friday, while Imbler (0-2, 0-1) visits Enterprise.



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Megan Boals placed 10th for the Eastern Oregon cross country team Friday evening.

**CROSS**

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26:17.70. Welch pointed out that the time was two seconds off his last official race on the course in the 2017 Cascade Collegiate Conference title meet.

"For him to open that close to what he ran in November in a very good year is very encouraging," Welch said. "He felt like had he been a little bit less rusty, he could have been better. He's very fit, just not necessarily race fit."

Brennen LeBel also finished in the top 20, coming in 17th in 27:29.90.

"That's a PR. That's the fastest he's ever run for 8,000 meters. (It's) 18 seconds faster than he was on his

fastest time last year on a much faster course. He was almost two minutes faster this year than he was on our course last year," Welch said.

The coach said LeBel executed the race game-plan he wanted to see from his runners.

"He may have run the most technically sound race out of everybody. We talked about being controlled in the first half and hunting people down in the second half," Welch said.

The rest of EOU's top five were Braxton Wilson in 22nd (28:03.50), Hunter Schiess in 27th (28:19.70) and Hunter Nichols in 29th (28:34.60).

Eastern returns to action Friday at the CCC preview in Cottage Grove.

**EASTERN**

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Tanner Zenke and a Kai Quinn interception — doomed any comeback hopes for Eastern. The Mountaineers, who have been hampered by turnovers in the early stages of the season, committed four on Saturday, and have nine on the season.

Eastern also had nine penalties, a handful of which came at inopportune times and quelled promising starts to drives.

"Every time we got something going, we either turned the ball over or we got a penalty," Camp said. "It was totally different from last week. That's not something we're used to with our guys."

Fike turned the first of those third-quarter EOU turnovers into a 1-yard touchdown run, and Campbell hit Trevor Hoffman for a 59-yard scoring pass in the fourth for a 32-point lead.

Backup quarterback Joey Aliff scored on a 1-yard keeper in the fourth quarter for the final margin.

Eastern's offense picked up after a slow first half but

finished with just 232 yards and was held to 58 yards on the ground. Dias led the way with 45 yards rushing, but the rest of the team together netted just 13 yards.

Quinn was 11-for-26 passing for 127 yards and was picked off twice. Aliff in relief was 5-for-11 for 45 yards. Christian Blaser had 44 yards receiving, and Isaiah Thomas had a team-best five catches and added 36 yards.

There were some positives the team can build on moving forward. Eastern held Tech to just 3-for-11 on third down Saturday after allowing a 50% conversion rate in the first two games.

"I do believe as a coach that if you look for enough things to build on you can make that (happen). You can get those guys believing and buying in," Camp said. "We went to College of Idaho and got ran, (and the next week) we played a top-20 team (Southern Oregon) and we beat them."

EOU (1-2 overall, 1-2 Frontier) takes a break from conference action Saturday when it travels to face NCAA Division I opponent Portland State.

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