



Ronald Bond/Observer file photo
Kai Quinn passed for 248 yards, but was just 15-for-45 in the Mountaineers' loss at Montana Western Saturday.

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the ground as a team. Trey Mounts had six catches for 154 yards.

Quinn threw for 248 yards for EOU and rushed for 45 but was just 15-for-45 passing and was intercepted twice. He had more than half of Eastern's yardage on the ground, as the Mountaineers account-

ed for just 79 yards rushing. Eastern has been held under 100 yards in all four of its losses. Saige Wilkerson had two catches for 104 yards to lead the receiving corps. The Mountaineers did force four UMW turnovers but failed to turn them into points.

EOU (1-4 overall, 1-3 Frontier) has a bye before hosting MSU-Northern Oct. 12 for homecoming.

TIGERS

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to follow up (with more goals)."

Garlitz broke through in the 19th minute, then dribbled in for a second goal in the 26th to put La Grande ahead 2-0.

"She's got a desire to find that goal whenever she's in," Brown said of Garlitz. "It's not pass first. It's 'Can I shoot now, and if not, then I'll pass.' She's an attacker."

Two more goals — one from Josie Bornstedt and one from Katie Perry — doubled the lead to 4-0 at the half, and Starra Ullman added a goal early in the second half for the final margin.

Rinker said having as many players as they do who can score has added trust within the team.

"We have struggled in the past with scoring (but now we have) confidence going

into the game knowing we can score against any goalie and any defense," she said.

The Tigers, as they have done most of the season, dominated possession and were aggressive, attempting 22 shots and putting 15 of them on goal.

Mac-Hi's Jacky Hernandez, who was moved from defender to goalkeeper late, made 10 saves to keep the Pioneers around.

"It's definitely not my favorite spots, but if it comes down to it, I'll do it," Hernandez said. "I'm pretty proud of (the team). We've been having a rough season. That's probably the best they've shown me. Overall, we did fine. We obviously need to fix a couple of things."

La Grande (6-1 overall, 2-0 GOL) faces Ontario Wednesday in its regular season home finale. The winner will take over sole possession of first place in the league.



Ronald Bond/The Observer
Powder Valley's Ethan Stephens, right, looks for running room against Elgin Friday night.

ELGIN

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first half. Reece Dixon scored from 4 yards out — his second rushing score of the game — with seven seconds in the period to cut the deficit to 34-12.

Joe Lathrop's 25-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter made it 42-12 and effectively sealed the win. Even with a wild final 2:25 that saw the teams combine for four touchdowns, Powder Valley got no closer than 22 points the rest of the way.

Dixon, the Badgers' quarterback, led Powder Valley with 142 yards rushing and three touchdowns, but the Badgers were unable to get their passing game going.

Containing Dixon in the passing game, in fact, was a key for the Huskies, one they were able to execute well.

"We were worried about Reece's throwing," Elgin head coach Jeff Rysdam said. "One thing we really wanted to focus on was to stop the passing."

Dixon was just 4-for-14 for 66 yards, 43 of which came on a Hail Mary touchdown

pass to Roper Bingham on the final play of the game.

"I'm not happy about the loss, but I'm happy that we played literally to the last play of the game," Cobb said.

Clay Martin added 85 yards rushing for Powder Valley, which finished with 392 yards of offense, 310 on the ground. The Badgers were hurt, however, by three lost fumbles.

Hallgarth had 48 yards rushing and two touchdowns for Elgin, which accumulated 508 yards of offense, including 368 rushing. Andres Schmittle, who added two late touchdowns, added 76 yards rushing. Cody Harvey had 84 yards receiving.

Elgin (4-0 overall, 3-0 SD3-E) and Adrian/Jordan Valley meet at 7 p.m. Friday. The teams enter with the No. 1 and No. 2 scoring offenses in 8-man football with 65.3 (Elgin) and 63.5 (Adrian) points per game.

"It's going to be interesting," Rysdam said of the matchup with the Antelopes. "We've known all year this is going to be a big game."

Powder Valley (3-1, 2-1) travels to Crane Friday.

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