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midfielder, and added a goal and an assist on offense. Quick, meanwhile, stepped in as a freshman starter on defense.

EASTERN MEN LAND FIVE ON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

The Eastern Oregon men's soccer team landed five players on the all-Cascade Collegiate Conference squad, which was announced Monday night.

Forward Javier Moran, the Mountaineers' leading scorer, led EOU as a first-team all-CCC contributor. Moran had six goals and three assists in conference play, and seven goals and four assists overall. He was a key piece late in the season for EOU, with three goals and two assists during the Mountaineers' season-ending five-match winning streak.

Erik Mattice was a second-team all-CCC honoree as a defender, but also had an important role on offense. The junior scored three goals and led Eastern with six assists. All Mattice's offensive contributions came during conference play.

Three Mountaineers landed on honorable mention — senior Jack Rose, senior Jorge Chavez and junior Calvin Mitchell. Rose had two goals and an assist, with both goals coming in CCC play, and started all but two matches for a team that had four shutouts on the season, including three in its last five regular-season contests.

Chavez, a midfielder and defender, had a goal and two assists during CCC play. Mitchell, a midfielder, added a goal during CCC play, and had two goals and two assists overall.

"Very happy to have guys make all the levels (of awards)," head coach Zach Mills said. "Incredible to see those guys get recognized even though we had a wild season. Those boys helped bring us back together and get back on track."



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Josee Bassett, a pillar of an EOU defense that shut out seven CCC opponents, was first-team all-conference.



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Javier Moran was a first-team all-CCC performer for the EOU men after scoring six goals this season.

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our time to go home."

Eastern (9-8-2) faces Southern Oregon in the semifinals today. EOU was originally slated to face SOU in the first round, but the University of Providence dropped out of the tournament due to internal issues, which led to the reshuffle and the meeting with OIT.

A win by EOU and a win by regular-season champion Corban today would give the Mountaineers the CCC's second automatic berth to nationals.

MCLEOD'S SECOND-HALF GOAL LIFTS EOU WOMEN PAST CARROLL

The Eastern Oregon women's soccer team is one win away from a third straight trip to the Cascade Collegiate Conference tournament championship match.

Kaitlyn McLeod scored what proved to be the winning goal with about 24 minutes to play, and the second-seeded Mountaineers edged seventh-seed Carroll College, 1-0, Tuesday night in the quarterfinals in Springfield.

"(The) ladies played very well in the second half," head coach Jacob Plocher said. "We had a lot of quality chances. We were able to capitalize and look forward to playing Corban (in the semifinals). Savannah (Hutchinson) had a great game along with Cassidy Quick and Cailin Koupal."

Eastern had a sizable shot advantage, with 22 shots overall, and 13 in the second half, but was unable to break through until McLeod put home the winning goal off a pass from Koupal to lift EOU back to the semifinals.

The teams played scoreless soccer for most of the night, a contrast to Eastern's 2-0 win when



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Jack Rose, shown earlier this season for EOU, hit what proved to be the game-winning penalty kick Tuesday.



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Kaitlyn McLeod, shown earlier this season scored the lone goal in the EOU women's 1-0 win over Carroll.

the teams met during the regular season.

"They played a good game. We had a few injuries and it's tournament soccer," Plocher said of why the rematch was closer. "Anything can happen."

Three regular starters missed Tuesday's game, but the Mountaineers' depth on the bench showed.

"We had a lot of girls step up," Plocher said.

Hutchinson had three

saves in net for EOU for the shutout.

Sydney Green had eight saves for Carroll.

The Mountaineers (13-2-2 overall) face eighth-seed Corban today in the semifinals. The upstart Warriors upset top-seed Oregon Tech, 1-0, in the quarterfinals.

"We get an opportunity to have redemption from when we tied Corban," Plocher said, referring to the teams' 2-2 draw in September.



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