

Mounties take fourth at Classic

Observer staff

REDMOND — Amber Pair and Erin Redford each won individual titles Saturday as the Eastern Oregon University women’s wrestling team finished fourth at the Oregon Classic Women’s College Tournament in Redmond.

Pair, wrestling in a round-robin format at 116 pounds, won all three of her matches, including two by fall, over Grays Harbor’s Cynthia Diaz and Providence’s Alina Kinsey.

Redford won three matches at 143 and in the final earned an 18-12 decision over Adriana Orozco of Southwest Oregon Community College.

EOU picked up two second-place finishes as well, as Morgan Shines posted a 2-1 record at 136 and Dempsey Talkington went 3-1 at 155. Talkington pinned three opponents on the way to the final.

Taking third was Cassidy Freeman, who finished 1-2 at 116, and Krystal Fabri-

cante, who was 2-1 at 130. On Friday, the Mountaineers earned a 33-17 victory over Grays Harbor in a dual in Redmond, winning all six contested matches.

Three of the matches were won by fall, with Shines, Redford (155) and each securing pins for Eastern Oregon. Freeman, Pair (123) and Fabricante all added victories by technical fall.

Eastern is back on the mat Friday at Southern Oregon. **EOU men place 18th at Missouri Valley**

Keegan Mulhill finished in sixth place individually Friday and Saturday to lead the Eastern Oregon University men’s wrestling team to an 18th-place finish at the Missouri Valley Invitational in Marshall, Missouri.

Mulhill, who went 5-3 on the day at 174 pounds, was one of three Mountaineer wrestlers to reach the quarterfinals. He won his third-round match by disqualification over Indiana Tech’s Kolby Ferris, but dropped a 2-0 decision in the

quarterfinals to Embury-Riddle’s Daniel Butler. Mulhill responded to the loss with two wins by fall in a combined 2:37 before dropping his final two matches, including the fifth-place match by medical forfeit.

Blake McNall (141) also won his first three matches to reach the quarterfinals, including earning a 10-2 major decision over Benedictine College’s Kyle Smart. But McNall dropped his next two matches, which knocked him out of contention to place.

Marco Retano (184), like McNall, won his first three but then lost two in a row. Retano scored a 16-3 major decision over Ottawa’s Xavier Schecter to reach the quarterfinals before dropping two in a row.

Josh Pine (165) and Noel Orozco (285) were the other two Mountaineers to finish with winning records in the tournament, both going 3-2.

EOU is back in action Saturday when it faces Warner Pacific and Embury-Riddle in Forest Grove.

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get back in the game with what coach Darci Sweet said was the team’s best quarter of the season. Five points in the quarter from Kenna Whitmore and four from Elidia Rivas, including a putback with about two minutes to play, made it 25-16.

Elgin followed with a 10-0 run to take a 35-16 lead early in the fourth and close out the win.

Tymra Anderson added six points for Elgin, while Whitmore scored nine to lead Imbler.

The Huskies (10-2 overall, 2-0 OOL) visit Griswold Tuesday, while Imbler (1-13, 1-3) host Cove Friday.

Also Saturday

Union 53, Heppner 48: Callie Glenn scored 28 points Saturday as Union shook off a halftime deficit to down Heppner on the road.

The win, combined with a loss by Enterprise Saturday, put the Bobcats in sole possession of first place in the Blue Mountain Conference.

Glenn, who hit four 3-pointers, had 15 points in the first half. Union, though, trailed 31-28 at the break. The Bobcats held the Mustangs to just three third-quarter points to take a 37-34 lead, then hit seven free throws and got nine points from Glenn in the fourth to hold on.

Brianna Kohr added seven points for Union (14-3 overall, 4-0 BMC), which visits Pilot Rock Tuesday.

Stanfield 49, Enterprise 31: A 12-point first-quarter hole was too much for the Outlaws to dig out of Saturday as they dropped a Blue Mountain Conference game on the road and saw their 10-game winning streak end.

Ashlyn Gray was the lone Outlaw in double figures with 10 points. Carsyn Miller

added six points. Enterprise allowed 22 first-quarter points, fell behind 32-18 at the half and couldn’t catch up.

The Outlaws (11-2 overall, 3-1 BMC) host Weston-McEwen Tuesday.

Wallowa 66, Nixyaawii 53: Shanna Rae Tillery and Jamie Johnston both had double-doubles as the Cougars completed a perfect weekend with an important home win over Nixyaawii, which entered undefeated in Old Oregon League play.

Tillery finished with 21 points and 16 rebounds for Wallowa, while Johnston had 19 points and 10 boards. The Cougars held a 29-25 lead at the half and were still up just five after three quarters, but they outscored the Golden Eagles 19-11 in the fourth to put the game away.

Wallowa (8-7 overall, 3-1 OOL) hosts Griswold Friday.

Cove 35, Adrian 24: Kierra Moore scored 11 of her game-high 16 points in the third quarter Saturday to help the Leopards pull away for a nonleague home win.

The teams were tied at 13-13 at halftime before Cove took off in the third. Moore had five field goals in the quarter, and the Leopards also got five points in the period from Elli Hines-Dunlap to take a 29-17 lead after three, then closed out the win in the fourth.

Hines-Dunlap added nine points for Cove (7-6 overall), which visits Imbler Friday.

Rescheduled

Both of Joseph’s weekend basketball games were canceled due to a fire Thursday at the charter school that damaged the gym and equipment used by both basketball teams.

The Eagles (8-5 overall, 1-0 Old Oregon League) play at Powder Valley Friday.

Powder Valley (6-6 overall, 2-1 Old Oregon League) had its Saturday game at Pine Eagle rescheduled to Monday.

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those turnovers as it collected 16 steals.

“We really pride ourselves on defense,” Rickman-Johansen said. “These girls, I hope they would say they like to play defense. We drill that a lot. Defense is a game changer.”

Both teams scored almost at will, it seemed, in the early stages of the game. Union shot 45% in the opening quarter and Stanfield 44% as the Bobcats took a 15-14 lead after one.

Stanfield briefly claimed the lead late in the second quarter at 22-21 on a field goal by Alexis Shelby and a runner by Tejeda. Two free throws by Taylor Daggett in the final seconds put Union ahead at the half, 26-24.

Glenn and Tejeda were the only players in double figures for their respective teams. Union’s Taylor Daggett added nine points, while Shelby finished with six for Stanfield. Tejeda also grabbed a team-high six rebounds for the Tigers.

Also Friday

La Grande 71, Ontario 29: Camryn Collman scored 25 points Friday, Lauran

Rinker added 16, and the Tigers blasted Ontario on the road in Greater Oregon League play.

Collman scored 18 points in the first half and hit four 3-pointers to help La Grande jump out to a 32-16 lead at the break, and Rinker scored 11 of her points in the second half. Ella Dunlap added nine points, all in the second half.

The Tigers (10-5 overall, 1-1 GOL) host McLoughlin Friday.

Imbler 23, Griswold 21: Kenna Whitmore scored 10 points Friday and had a pair of field goals in the fourth quarters as the Panthers picked up their first win of the season in an Old Oregon League contest.

Joelle Treat added six points for Imbler, which had a 13-10 halftime lead and was up 17-13 after three before holding on for the win.

Enterprise 51, Heppner 35: The Outlaws pulled away in the fourth quarter Friday to pick up a key Blue Mountain Conference victory on the road.

Enterprise led just 30-29 after three but scored 21 points in the final period, led by seven points from Carsyn Miller and six by Zari Bathke, to lock up the

win over the defending state champions.

The Outlaws had built an early lead and were up 25-18 at the half before the Mustangs closed the gap in the third.

Ashlyn Gray and Miller scored 13 points apiece to lead Enterprise, while Bathke added 10 points.

Wallowa 41, Powder Valley 36: Jamie Johnston and Shanna Rae Tillery each scored 12 points as the Cougars fended off the Badgers for an important Old Oregon League win at home.

The Cougars took a 22-20 lead at the half, doubled it to 28-24 after three quarters, and had enough offense in the fourth to hold on.

Keanna Bingham led Powder Valley with nine points.

Nixyaawii 60, Cove 31: The Golden Eagles pulled away in the fourth quarter Friday, outscoring Cove 21-2 in the final period for an Old Oregon League win at home.

Nixyaawii outscored the Leopards in each quarter en route to building a 39-29 lead after three quarters, then went off in the fourth.

Kierra Moore scored 13 points to lead the Leopards and Elli Hines-Dunlap added seven points.

Chiefs, 49ers reach Super Bowl

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri — Patrick Mahomes tipped down the sideline for a game-turning touchdown, added three TD passes, and the Kansas City Chiefs made their first Super Bowl in a half-century by beating the Tennessee Titans 35-24 Sunday for the AFC championship.

In two weeks in Miami, they will play San Francisco.

Mahomes did his usual superb job passing, but it was his 27-yard tap dance down the left sideline late in the first half that gave the Chiefs their first lead. From there, they outran the run-oriented Titans and star back Derrick Henry.

At last, for the first time since 1970 and the third time overall, the Chiefs (14-4) are Super Bowl bound.

Adding to the joy of the achievement, coach Andy Reid and owner Clark Hunt accepted the Lamar Hunt

Trophy — named after his father — emblematic of the AFC title.

A week after they overcame a 24-0 deficit against Houston, the Chiefs had to rally again.

Down 10-0 and 17-7, Kansas City didn’t flinch, building a 35-17 lead while controlling the clock with a strong ground game. Naturally, Mahomes complemented that with sharp passing, spreading the ball on short and deep throws. The dagger came with a 60-yard completion to Watkins for the Chiefs’ 28th straight point midway in the final period.

Mostert lifts 49ers

SANTA CLARA, California — Raheem Mostert rushed for 220 yards and four touchdowns to make quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo mostly a spectator, Nick Bosa harassed Aaron Rodgers from the start and the San Francisco 49ers

beat the Green Bay Packers 37-20 for the NFC championship on Sunday.

The 49ers (15-3) advanced to their first Super Bowl in seven years and will play the Kansas City Chiefs in two weeks in Miami for the championship.

Bosa, the prize for last year’s rough season as the No. 2 overall pick, helped set the tone when he ended Green Bay’s second drive of the game with a 13-yard sack of Rodgers.

Mostert, a former special teams standout, did much of the rest in a remarkable redemption story for a former surfer who was cut seven times and carried the ball only eight times in his first three seasons in the NFL.

But he has become a key part of the NFC’s top team this year, leading the Niners with 772 yards rushing in the regular season and delivering a performance for the ages in the NFC title game.

Victories, broken records in Boise

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BOISE, Idaho — Alex Kosel won the triple jump, and the Eastern Oregon University men’s track and field teams added four more second-place finishes Saturday at the Bronco Invitational in Boise.

Kosel posted a distance of 43 feet, 8-1/2 inches in winning the triple jump. The Mountaineers had three more individual second-place finishes, from Alex Navarro in the mile (4:20.43), John Brown in the triple jump (42-feet-5-1/2), and Corey Sledge in the pole vault (16-feet-8-3/4). Sledge’s mark was an automatic national qualifying height. The 4x400 relay team of Bryce Peters, Travis Running, Dustin Zimmerly and Cody Milmine also was second in a time of 3:30.35.

The EOU men added three third-place finishes, with Noah Chaney taking third in the pole vault (15-feet-3), Adam Kopf placing third in the weight throw (46-feet-5-1/4), and a second 4x400 team of Navarro, Sam

Roddewig, Hunter Nichols and Benjen Lilly taking third in 3:35.97.

The EOU women’s best performances may have come from a pair of athletes who didn’t place in the top eight. Megan Bolton and Megan Boals finished ninth and 10th in the women’s 600, but their marks of 1:35.95 and 1:37.21, respectively, both broke the program record in the event, putting them at 1-2 in the record book, according to the EOU website. Bolton also reached an automatic qualifying mark for nationals with her time.

Jasmine Devers, who was sixth in the 200, also broke into the record book, placing second all time at EOU with a time of 25.43 seconds, according to EOU.

EOU added two more sixth-place finishes on the women’s side, from Maggie Ledbetter in the shot put (43-feet-10-3/4) and Faith Wagner in the pole vault (10-feet-0).

Eastern returns to Boise Friday and Saturday for the Ed Jacoby Invite.



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