



Observer file photo

EOU's Jessica DeHart won the 116-pound title Sunday at the Cascade Collegiate Conference Tournament.

DeHart wins CCC title, leads Eastern

Observer staff

Jessica DeHart won an individual title Sunday and two other Eastern Oregon University women's wrestlers placed to help EOU to a fourth-place finish at the inaugural Cascade Collegiate Conference tournament in Ashland.

DeHart had to win only two matches to earn the 116-pound championship, defeating Southern Oregon's Carolina Johnson by a 4-1 decision in the semifinals and pinning SOU's Tara Othman late in the first round of the championship match.

Macy Higa won a pair of matches to place third at 130, with a win over Anesia

Ramirez of Southern Oregon by fall in the third-place match, and Dempsey Talkington placed fourth at 155, dropping the third-place bout to SOU wrestler Olivia Pizano.

EOU as a team scored 46.5 points. Menlo scored 166.5 to claim the team title.

Eastern wraps up the season March 13-14 at the NAIA National Tournament in Jamestown, North Dakota.

Shocking hero leads Joseph boys back to 1A state basketball tourney

Observer staff

ENTERPRISE — Graham Barber was thrust into the biggest game of his life Saturday at a crucial time, and came up with key plays to help get the Joseph boys basketball team back to the 1A state tournament.

Barber scored all seven of his points in the fourth quarter to help lift Joseph past South Wasco County in a second-round game in Enterprise, 43-40.

The seldom-used sophomore went in with Hadley Miller in foul trouble, and proceeded to hit a layin, a 3-pointer and jumper in short order to help the Eagles as they inched ahead. The teams were tied 32-32 after three quarters.

He was brought into help primarily on defense to help mix it up with the Redsides' big front court, according to Joseph head coach Olan Fulfer. He not only added

that, but a shocking offensive output, with all but four of the team's points in the fourth.

"I was surprised that he had the confidence to do it. Goes in anyways and didn't care," Fulfer said. "It was awesome. Nobody else could hit."

Joseph led at the half 20-19 in what was a low-scoring, tight defensive battle.

Chase Murray scored 13 points to lead the Eagles.

Miller joined Barber with seven.

SWC was led by Garrett Olson as the 6-foot-4 junior scored 24 points.

The Eagles (22-7 overall) face Triad Thursday at 8:15 p.m. in the state quarterfinals in Baker City.

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Wednesday PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Joseph vs. Damascus Christian, Class 1A state quarterfinals, Baker City, 3:15 p.m.

Thursday COLLEGE INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Eastern Oregon at NAIA Indoor Championships, Brookings, South Dakota, all day

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Portland Christian vs. Union, Class 2A state quarterfinals, Pendleton High School, 8:15 p.m.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Joseph vs. Triad, Class 1A state quarterfinals, Baker City, 8:15 p.m.

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Yotes end Mounties' season

Observer staff

CALDWELL, Idaho — The Eastern Oregon University men's basketball team saw its season end Saturday night at the hand of rival and top-ranked College of Idaho, 84-57, in the semifinals of the Cascade Collegiate Conference tournament.

Eastern hung close during the first 10 minutes of Saturday's contest before the Yotes took the lead for good on Ricardo Time's 3-pointer during a 19-3 run that ended with C of I ahead 27-13. The run came

during a stretch where EOU was held to just one field goal in nine minutes against C of I's rigid defense.

EOU, which trailed 35-24 at the break, cut the margin to single digits early in the second half, getting as close as 37-30 on a 3-pointer by Max McCullough at the 17:22 mark. Another McCullough triple about two minutes later kept EOU within eight, but the Yotes pulled away over the next nine minutes to take a 77-46 lead with 6:21 to play on Talon Pinckney's trey, and led by as many as 32 points late.

EOU shot just 35% for the night and was 6-for-20 from 3-point range. The Mountaineers were held to fewer than 60 points for the second time this season — both times on the road at C of I.

Brandon Porter scored 15 points to lead Eastern. Jarek Schetzle added 14 points and even hit a 3-pointer, and McCullough scored 11 points.

Eastern, which loses three seniors to graduation — Schetzle, Landon Jones and Brock Johnson — finishes with a record of 17-14.

Raiders finish off sweep of EOU softball

Observer staff

ASHLAND — The top-ranked Southern Oregon Raiders completed a sweep of Eastern Oregon Saturday, taking down the Mountaineers 12-4 in the opener of the doubleheader and final Cascade Collegiate Conference game of the series and winning the nonconference nightcap, 8-0.

EOU hung close for 4-1/2 innings in the opener Saturday. Haley Ebner twice knocked in Alaina Carson with RBI singles — once in the first for a 1-0 lead, and again in the third for a 2-1 margin. Taylor Dow, who had a sacrifice fly to drive in the only run EOU managed Friday, added her own RBI single for a 3-1 advantage. SOU scored three times in the fourth to take the lead, but Carson scored her third run of the game in the fifth, this time on an RBI ground-out by Jordan Henley.

Then the Raiders put the game away with eight runs in the bottom of the fifth, taking advantage of three EOU errors along the way. Lauren Quirke started the scoring with an RBI single, and Hannah Shimek ended the rally — and the game — with a walkoff RBI double.

Ebner, Dow and Carson all had two hits.

Eastern managed just one hit in the second game — Haley Crudo's single leading off the fourth — and the Raiders scored in each of the first three innings to quickly put the game away.

EOU (3-15 overall, 2-4 CCC) host University of British Columbia Friday and Saturday.



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