

Prep sports roundup

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

LHS volleyball team sweeps Vale

LA GRANDE — The La Grande High School volleyball team improved to 6-3 on Thursday, March 18, defeating the Vale Vikings in straight sets. The Tigers won 25-22, 26-24 and 25-21.

La Grande, which remains 3-0 in league play, has no matches this week. Next up is a league contest March 30 at home against the Baker City Bulldogs (2-5 overall).

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

La Grande boys soccer defeats Pendleton

PENDLETON — The La Grande High School boys soccer team took to the road and defeated Pendleton 1-0 in a non-league game.

The Tigers remain undefeated, with an overall record of 4-0-1 and a league record of 1-0-1. La Grande has no games this week. The next contest is at home on March 30 against the Tigers from Ontario.

Tigers football team gets second win in a row

VALE — The La Grande High School football team won a squeaker on the road Friday, March 19, defeating Vale 20-19.

The Tigers moved to 2-0 on the season.

Next up, La Grande plays at home for the first time in the season when it faces the Ontario Tigers on April 2.

Enterprise rolls over Union

ENTERPRISE — The Union High School Bobcats took a loss in their first game of the season, a road trip to Enterprise where the Outlaws football team prevailed 48-12.

Joseph defeats Prairie City

PRAIRIE CITY — The Joseph High School football team kept its winning streak going with a 48-26 victory on the road against the Prairie City Panthers (0-2).

The next Eagles game also is away.

Friday, March 26, Joseph travels to an afternoon showdown with the Echo Cougars (0-3).

Cove tumbles in Wallowa

WALLOWA — The Cove High School football team lost on the road to the Wallowa High Cougars. Wallowa won 50-6 and improved to 2-0 on the season.

The Leopards are 0-2 and face Crane on April 2 at home. That will be Cove's first home game of the short season.

Wallowa's next game is April 2 at home, when the Cougars take on Powder Valley, which is 3-0.

EOU wins football opener with shutout

The Observer

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University football got its 2021 spring season off to a roaring start at home Saturday afternoon, March 20, shutting out the Carroll College Saints.

The Mountaineers scored three touchdowns in the second quarter and one in the third to secure the four-touchdown win at home.

EOU Athletics reported the Mountaineers put up 354 yards on offense and limited Carroll College (1-1, 1-1 Frontier) to 168 yards.

About a hundred fans watched the game from outside the fence at Community Stadium.

Frontier Conference, which includes EOU for football, continues to prohibit spectators at events.

Eastern's special teams played a key role, scoring two of the team's touchdowns on punting situations. Defensively, Eastern had two interceptions and three sacks.

After a scoreless first



Kathleen Brown/Eastern Oregon University Athletics

Eastern Oregon University quarterback Kai Quinn scrambles during a play Saturday, March 20, 2021, while playing at home in La Grande against the Carroll College Saints. Quinn was 16-28 on the day for 216 yards and one touchdown and ran the ball six times for 15 yards. The Mountaineers won 28-0.

quarter, EOU quarterback Kai Quinn capped off an 11 play, 88-yard drive with a 17-yard pass to Cade Reed to put the first points of the day on the board and go up 7-0.

The next score came

after a muffed snap on the punt attempt allowed Eastern defensive back Wesley Avila to pick up the loose ball in the end zone. EOU managed one more score before half-time after Quinn hit

receiver Isaiah Thomas for a 34 completion on a third-and-10 pass that put the ball down to the one-yard line.

The next play, running back John Lesser walked into the end zone for a

touchdown, helping EOU go up 21-0.

In the third quarter, EOU defensive lineman Chase Van Wyck blocked a Saints punt, and running back Jordan Eggers scooped up the ball for an easy score.

The Saints came close to scoring late in the fourth after recovering a Mountaineer fumble on the 32-yard line. But Eastern picked off Carroll College quarterback Brennan Pope and ran out the last 6:10 on the clock.

Quinn was 16-28 on the day for 216 yards and one touchdown. He also ran the ball six times for a gain of 15 yards.

Thomas pulled in five catches for 83 yards to lead the receiving corps.

Van Wyck led the defense with eight total tackles and 1.5 sacks.

The Mountaineers now hit the road for the second week of the spring season, heading to Billings, Montana, to take on Rocky Mountain College. Kickoff against the Battlin' Bears is set for noon.

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Samantha Flett/EOU Athletics

Samantha Buckley (5) of Eastern Oregon University runs past a Corban University defender during a weekend lacrosse match. The Mountaineers won both of the lacrosse program's inaugural games. For details on the home wins, go to lgrandeobserver.com.