The Observer

EOU women's soccer earns honors

The Mountaineers head to Alabama for the NAIA championship final

Sports

CORVALLIS — No. 16 Eastern Oregon University women's soccer has been selected as the Under Armour Team of the Week for April 12-18, the Cascade Collegiate Conference announced Sunday, April 18.

The recognition came in the wake of the Mountaineers completing a weekend sweep in the opening round of the 2020 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Women's Soccer National Championship. EOU won the Santa Barbara bracket to punch its ticket to the final site in Foley, Alabama.

Entering the two-day affair as the No. 2 seed, EOU defeated the No. 3-seeded La Sierra University Golden Eagles, 2-1. EOU displayed constant pressure offensively with 19 shots, 10 of which were on goal, and a stingy defense limited La Sierra

to just four shots. In the final, EOU faced conference foe Oregon Tech. The Lady Owls, seeded No. 4, had upset No. 1-seeded Westmont to

Track standout signs with Linfield



For the Wallowa County Chieftain Joseph's Juston Rogers, a senior track and field athlete, signs his letter of intent to run for Linfield College in McMinnville on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Rogers, whose best time in his signature 800-meter event is 2:02, will run both the 800 and 400 for NCAA Division III Linfield beginning in the fall. The Oregon record for 1A division boys is 1:57.83 and the national record for the high school boys 800m is 1:46.45. Rogers applied to the University of Oregon and Portland State, but decided on Linfield because the school has a small but welcoming campus that will feel a little more like home. "It put me on the team and gave me the opportunity to run in the track right away," he said. Rogers characterized the grueling 800 event as a "all about will and doing a twolap sprint." The Eagle senior expects to improve his time in the events after a long COVID layoff from track training and competition. "It will be good to get back



on the track," he said.

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Eastern Oregon University women's soccer goalie Savannah Hutchinson readies to launch the ball Saturday, April 17, 2021, in a match against Oregon Tech during the second day at the NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship in Santa Barbara, California. The game ended with a tie and went into the penalty kick phase, where the Mountaineers defeated the Lady Owls 5-4 to advance to the finals Tuesday, April 27 in Foley, Alabama.

advance to the title game for a shot at advancing.

EOU and Oregon Tech were the match of the day, battling it out through regulation and two overtime periods to end in a

0-0 tie.

As a result, penalty kicks would decide which team went on to Alabama.

After a grueling 110 minutes of regulation play, the Mountaineers

went down 3-0 in penalty kicks in the shootout. But EOU rallied for five straight tallies to advance

Eastern Oregon University (8-1-3 in conference, 5-1-2 overall) plays next on Tuesday, April 27, as the team takes on Spring Arbor, Michigan, at the NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship final site.

Local sports schedule SATURDAY, APRIL 24 PREP BASEBALL

Weston-McEwen at Union/Cove, Weston-McEwen at Union/Cove 12:30 p.m.

La Grande vs Redmond (Pendleton), 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL Providence (Montana) at EOU,

COLLEGE BASEBALL Oregon Tech at EOU, 12 p.m.

Oregon Tech at EOU, 3 p.m. **MEN'S COLLEGE**

BASKETBALL

Corban at EOU, 3 p.m. WOMEN'S COLLEGE

BASKETBALL

Corban at EOU, 1 p.m. **SUNDAY, APRIL 25**

COLLEGE BASEBALL Oregon Tech at EOU, 11 a.m.

Oregon Tech at EOU, 2 p.m. **TUESDAY, APRIL 27 PREP BASEBALL**

La Grande at McLoughlin, 4 p.m. Wallowa Valley at Union/Cove,

Nyssa at Baker/Powder Valley,

5 p.m. **PREP SOFTBALL**

Wallowa Valley at Grant Union/ Prairie City, 1 p.m. Wallowa Valley at Grant Union/

Prairie City, 3 p.m. **COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD**

EOU at Idaho Invitational, Moscow, Idaho

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