

SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL		
Frontier Conference		
Team	League	Overall
Montana Western	3-1	4-1
College of Idaho	3-1	3-1
Eastern Oregon	3-1	3-1
Rocky Mountain	3-1	3-1
Southern Oregon	2-2	2-2
Carroll College	1-3	1-3
Montana Tech	1-3	1-3
MSU-Northern	0-4	0-4
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL		
Cascade Collegiate Conference		
Team	League	Overall
Corban	9-0	15-0
Eastern Oregon	8-1	13-4
Bushnell	7-2	11-2
Oregon Tech	6-3	10-4
LC State	6-3	11-6
Evergreen	5-4	5-5
College of Idaho	4-5	7-10
Northwest	4-5	5-9
Southern Oregon	2-7	7-7
Multnomah	2-7	3-7
Warner Pacific	1-8	1-11
Walla Walla	0-9	0-10
MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER		
Cascade Collegiate Conference		
Team	League	Overall
Warner Pacific	4-0-0	7-1-0
Southern Oregon	3-0-0	7-0-0
College of Idaho	3-1-0	5-1-0
Corban	3-1-0	4-3-0
Oregon Tech	2-1-0	6-1-0
Carroll	2-2-0	2-4-0
Eastern Oregon	2-2-0	2-5-0
Rocky Mountain	1-1-1	4-1-2
Providence	1-1-1	1-3-0
Northwest	1-2-1	5-3-1
Bushnell	1-3-0	1-6-0
Evergreen	0-3-1	0-6-1
Walla Walla	0-3-0	0-4-1
Multnomah	0-3-0	0-8-0
WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER		
Cascade Collegiate Conference		
Team	League	Overall
Eastern Oregon	4-0-0	7-1-0
College of Idaho	4-0-0	7-2-0
Carroll	3-1-0	4-3-0
Rocky Mountain	2-0-1	5-1-2
Oregon Tech	2-1-0	5-2-0
Southern Oregon	2-1-0	4-3-1
Northwest	2-1-1	3-5-2
Corban	1-2-0	5-2-0
Providence	1-2-0	1-5-0
Bushnell	0-3-0	2-6-0
Multnomah	0-3-0	1-4-0
Warner Pacific	0-3-0	1-5-0
Evergreen	0-4-0	0-6-1
PREP FOOTBALL		
4A Special District 6		
Team	League	Overall
La Grande	2-0	2-1
Baker	0-0	1-3
McLoughlin	0-2	0-3
Ontario	0-2	0-3

1A Special District 2		
Team	League	Overall
Powder Valley	3-0	4-0
Crane	3-1	3-1
Dufur	3-1	3-1
Adrian	2-0	4-0
Lyle/Wis/Klick	2-1	3-1
lone/Arlington	2-1	2-2
Pilot Rock	1-1	2-1
Wallowa	1-1	1-1
Elgin	1-2	1-2
Cove	1-2	1-3
Enterprise	1-3	1-3
Imbler	0-2	1-3
Sherman/Condon	0-2	0-3
Union	0-3	0-4
1A Special District 4		
Team	League	Overall
Mitch./Sp./Wheel.	4-0	4-0
Joseph	3-0	3-0
Echo	3-1	3-1
Prairie City/Burnt River	2-1	2-1
Huntington	1-3	1-3
Pine Eagle	1-3	1-3
S. Wasco Co.	1-3	1-3
Day./Monu.	0-4	0-4
PREP VOLLEYBALL		
4A Greater Oregon League		
Team	League	Overall
Baker	1-0	9-2
La Grande	1-0	3-2
McLoughlin	0-1	2-3
Ontario	0-1	0-7
2A Blue Mountain Conference		
Team	League	Overall
Stanfield	4-0	12-2
Grant Union	3-1	11-6
Heppner	2-1	5-6
Union	1-3	9-11
Weston-McEwen	1-3	7-7
Enterprise	0-0	7-2
Pilot Rock	0-3	1-8
1A Old Oregon League		
Team	League	Overall
Joseph	5-0	14-3
Powder Valley	5-1	12-6
Imbler	5-1	7-3
Cove	4-3	4-8
Nixyaawii	2-4	4-4
Griswold	1-3	4-5
Wallowa	1-4	2-10
Elgin	1-5	1-8
Pine Eagle	0-3	0-4
PREP BOYS SOCCER		
4A Greater Oregon League		
Team	League	Overall
McLoughlin	1-0-0	4-2-0
La Grande	1-0-0	3-1-0
Ontario	0-1-0	2-3-1
Baker/PV	0-1-0	1-4-0
Prep girls soccer		
4A Greater Oregon League		
Team	League	Overall
La Grande	1-0-0	2-1-1
Ontario	1-0-0	1-5-0
McLoughlin	0-1-0	6-2-0
Baker/PV	0-1-0	2-5-0

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Oregon on Sept. 25. She also tallied 11 blocks between the two games as the Mountaineers dominated its opponents. Scott leads the team with 206.5 points, 159 kills and 76 total blocks.

The junior has helped Eastern gain considerable momentum at the start of conference action. The Mountaineers started the season 6-4, but have won their last seven matches. Eastern is near the top of the Cascade Collegiate Conference standings with an 8-1 conference record and has won all five of its road games this year.

Stagnant offensive performance leads to first loss of the season for EOU football

LA GRANDE — It was far from a successful rivalry game for the Mountaineers, losing 24-7 against the College of Idaho at Community Stadium on Sept. 25.

Eastern’s defense held its own and came up with several big stops during the game, but the offense had difficulties putting together productive drives. The Mountaineers totaled just 79 rushing yards, compared to 212 for the College of Idaho, and passed for 180 on the day. Eastern was outgained by the Yotes 419-259 in the team’s first loss of the season. The Mountaineers have tallied just 17 points in their last two contests.

Quarterback Kai Quinn has been effective this season, but struggled in this weekend’s loss. He went 14-of-37 for 180 yards and one touchdown. Quinn was constantly under pressure and his receivers found little space against College of Idaho’s secondary. The senior had to rely on his legs, rushing for a team-high net total of 53 rushing yards.

After a 3-0 start to the season, the rivalry loss will serve as a wakeup call for an Eastern team looking to make it far this year. The Mountaineers will seek to revive its offense against Southern Oregon on the road on Oct. 2.

Men’s soccer team showing promise

LA GRANDE — It was a difficult start to the season for Eastern, losing its first four matches to start the year.

Following a win against Multnomah on Sept. 18, the Mountaineers put together a solid effort in back-to-back games at home this weekend. Eastern started the weekend with a 2-0 win over Bushnell behind goals from Dawson Heuett and Carlos Murillo.

Heuett, a freshman midfielder, has provided a nice spark this season for the Mountaineers. He is tied for first on the team in shots on goal, points and goals this year.

While Eastern lost the second matchup of the weekend at the hands of No. 23 Corban, the team looked much stronger than it did in losses earlier in the year. Corban took a 2-0 lead, followed by a near come-back by the Mountaineers. Greg Rodriguez found the back of the net in the 62nd minute, sparking a momentum swing for Eastern.

Late in the game, the Mountaineers looked poised to gain an equalizer. Momentum was completely on the side of Eastern but despite a flurry of late shots, the Mountaineers came just shy of forcing overtime.

ON THE SLATE

All Times PDT
Tuesday, Sept. 28
PREP VOLLEYBALL
La Grande at Ontario, 6 p.m.
Griswold at Elgin, 6:30 p.m.
PREP GIRLS SOCCER
Fruitland, Idaho, at Baker/
Powder Valley, 5 p.m.
McLoughlin at La Grande, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 29
PREP BOYS SOCCER
La Grande at McLoughlin, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 30
PREP FOOTBALL
Pilot Rock at Union, 6 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Joseph at Powder Valley, 5 p.m.
Enterprise at Weston-McEwen,
5 p.m.
PREP CROSS-COUNTRY
La Grande at Bulldog Fest,
Hermiston, TBA
Friday, Oct. 1
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Evergreen State at Eastern
Oregon, 7 p.m.
PREP FOOTBALL
Sherman/Condon at Imbler,
2 p.m.
Powder Valley at Adrian, 6 p.m.
Elgin at Union, 7 p.m.
Wallowa at Cove, 7 p.m.
Burns at La Grande, 7 p.m.
Joseph at Pine Eagle, 2 p.m.
lone/Arlington at Enterprise,
7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 2
COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Eastern Oregon at Southern
Oregon, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Northwest at Eastern Oregon,
5 p.m.
COLLEGE CROSS-COUNTRY
Eastern Oregon at 46th Charles
Bowles Invitational, Salem, TBA
PREP VOLLEYBALL
Pine Eagle at Cove, 1 p.m.
Griswold at Imbler, 5 p.m.
Powder Valley at Clash of
Classification, Powder Valley
High School, TBA
Joseph at Damascus Christian
Tournament, TBA
Enterprise at Grant Un., 2 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, Grant
Union High School, 3:30 p.m.
PREP GIRLS SOCCER
La Grande at Fruitland, Idaho,
11 a.m.
PREP CROSS-COUNTRY
Union/Cove at Pasco,
Washington, Big Cross Invite,
TBA

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Powder Valley wins fourth straight ahead of big matchup

NORTH POWDER — The Badgers handled business this week against Cove, winning 56-22 on Sept. 24. Powder Valley is off to a 4-0 start for the first time in at least eight years since OSAA has tallied team records.

Head coach Josh Cobb’s team has put up big numbers on offense this season, topping off Cove with a season-high 56 points. The Badgers have given opposing defenses headaches behind the electric senior trio of quarterback Reece Dixon, wideout Kaden Krieger and running back Clay Martin.

The Badgers are averaging 48.5 points per game and holding opponents to just 22.5. Powder Valley’s electric offense will face its biggest test of the season next week against an Adrian team that has outsourced its opponents 178-8 in four games this year. The 2019 1A champions will host the No. 1 Powder Valley Badgers in what could be a preview



Alex Wittwer/The Observer

La Grande quarterback Logan Williams looks for running room as Estacada’s Andrew Turner gives chase during the Rangers’ 44-14 win on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, at Community Stadium in La Grande.

of the state championship game this year.

Short-handed La Grande boys soccer team finds a way

LA GRANDE — The Tigers have faced their share of hurdles so far this season, but the boys soccer team finds itself with a 3-1-0 record so far under head coach Sid Rangel. La Grande lost its opening contest against The Dalles/ Dufur to start the year,

but the Tigers earned their third straight victory this week, a 1-0 victory over Baker at Community Stadium on Sept. 22.

After a neck-and-neck scoreless first half, senior defender Brady Hutchins found the back of the net on a header off a corner kick early in the second half.

This is the second time this year that the Tigers have gutted out a 1-0 victory, beating Pendleton by the same score on Sept. 14.

For Rangel, injuries have played a role this season as the team is currently without star defender Owen Rinker. Javier Vil-lagomez and Landon Perry

have both struggled with injuries early in the year as well. The Tigers have had to shuffle positions around in order to keep the team’s success alive this year.

“We’ve picked up several injuries throughout the past week,” Rangel said. “The player’s health is always first, so we’re just hopeful we can get them back at some point and make a run in the playoffs.”

Even with a short-handed unit, La Grande has been able to come away with close victories this year. Rangel’s squad faces off against a 4-2 McLoughlin team on Sept. 29 and will look for his remaining players to step up in the absence of several key players.

Elgin suffers tough blow in loss to Crane

LA GRANDE — The Huskies knew they were in for a challenge against a strong Crane team, but an injury suffered during the game could prove even more costly in the long run.

Crane defeated Elgin 56-12 at Community Sta-

dium in La Grande on Sept. 25, a one-sided effort. The Huskies hung close early in the game, but allowed 32 unanswered points by the Mustangs at one point in the game.

Junior running back Joe Lathrop was hurt during the game and could be out for several weeks depending on the extent of the injury. Lathrop is a part of a running back duo next to Bruce Morehead that regularly sees 100-yard games from each starter.

With Lathrop out, the Huskies could have serious trouble finding a replacement. Head coach Kirt McClure’s team has only 11 players on the roster, which makes it difficult to replace players.

Elgin has a matchup with winless Union coming up, a game that would be considered winnable with Lathrop in the game. With his status up in the air, McClure is hoping that his remaining players will step up in his absence.

“None of them gave up against Crane, even at the end,” he said. “I think we’ll be fine.”

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