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Eastern Oregon University forward Morgan Farrington dribbles down midfield at Community Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021. EOU's women's soccer team secured its seventh straight victory Saturday night, defeating Corban 3-1.

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Farrington has totaled team highs this season with seven goals, 17 shots on goal, 30 shots and four game-winning goals. She has played a central role in leading the Mountaineers to a 7-3-0 conference record and a 10-4-0 overall record.

EOU football drops historically bad loss

HAVRE, Mont. — Just when it looked like things could only go up for the Eastern Oregon University football team, things got worse. The Mountaineers were defeated 22-20 in a five-overtime thriller against the MSU-Northern Lights to drop to 3-4 on the year. As if losing four straight games wasn't bad enough, the Mountain-

eeers handed the Lights their first victory of the season. The victory for MSU-Northern snapped a 47-game conference losing streak that dated back to the 2016 season. It has been a slippery slope for All-American senior quarterback Kai Quinn this year, looking like a shell of his former self at times. The offense has struggled mightily, and Quinn has been forced into mistakes and turnovers. While he leads the team with 344 gained rushing yards, Quinn has been intercepted 11 times. After three interceptions against MSU-Northern, Quinn was benched for redshirt-freshman Carson Bohning. It remains to be seen if Bohning will start for the remainder of the year, or if Quinn will have a chance to turn things around. Either way, the Mountaineers are searching for answers after a stunning loss to the Lights.

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The workhorse running back has become a staple of La Grande's offense, running right up the middle at opposing defenses throughout the game. MacMillan's playing style echoes the philosophy of head coach Rich McIlmoil, which is fundamental, assignment football. MacMillan's recent burst onto the scene had La Grande back into the top 10 of the OSAA 4A rankings at No. 7. With just one game left, against rival Baker, MacMillan and the Tigers are looking poised to make a playoff push behind a consistent rushing attack.

Olson steps up big for Badgers

NORTH POWDER — The Powder Valley football team gained a major victory this weekend, defeating Crane 36-20 in a matchup of top-five 1A schools. Quarterback Reece Dixon has been a regular atop the stat sheet this season, but senior running back Case Olson stole the show in Friday's victory. Olson broke loose for 150 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown, while also bolstering the Tigers' defense with two interceptions. "Case (Olson) was the player of the game," Powder Valley head coach Josh Cobb said. "He had a huge role in us coming away with the win. He made plays defensively that had a huge impact." One of Olson's inter-



Photos by Alex Wittwer/The Observer
Above, Emma Orr (4) spikes against North Powder defender Trinity Nesser (7) at the Old Oregon League District Tournament held in Baker City on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021. The Joseph Eagles walked away with a 3-2 win over the Powder Valley Badgers to win the tournament. The Badgers placed second while the Imbler Panthers placed third. The Joseph, Powder Valley and Imbler volleyball teams will head to the state playoffs. Below, members of the Joseph volleyball team celebrate their win at the tournament.



ceptions came in the fourth quarter, shortly after his rushing touchdown. The play stopped any late momentum from Crane and allowed the Badgers to hold on for the victory. Powder Valley finished its regular season 7-1, with the team's only blemish coming at the hands of top-ranked Adrian on Oct. 1. Coming off a big performance, Olson will look to

play an important role in the team's championship hopes. Lathrop breaks loose in crucial win for Elgin
WALLOWA — The Elgin football team won a crucial matchup to ensure its place in the postseason, defeating Wallowa 66-0 on the road. After a forfeit to Adrian, the Huskies were

looking for a strong effort against the Cougars. After allowing time for injured players to recover, Elgin came out on fire in a dominant victory. "We needed that bad," head coach Kirt McClure said. "We finally got everybody healthy again." A major key in the victory was running back Joe Lathrop, who was unleashed for 174 yards, three rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown. On top of Lathrop's dominant rushing, McClure noted that Elgin played its best defense of the season in the victory. The win is the first shutout of the year for the Huskies, who average just under 49 points allowed per game. "They were unreal on defense," McClure said. "I'm feeling pretty good about where we're at."

ON THE SLATE Tuesday, Oct. 26 PREP GIRLS SOCCER Ontario at La Grande, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 PREP BOYS SOCCER La Grande at Ontario, 4 p.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL OSAA Class 1A volleyball state	playoffs Ione/Arlington at Powder Valley, 6 p.m. Imbler at Jordan Valley, TBD Friday, Oct. 29 COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Southern Oregon at EOU, 7 p.m. COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER EOU at Northwest, 12:30 p.m. COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER	Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 3 p.m. PREP FOOTBALL La Grande at Baker, 7 p.m. PREP CROSS-COUNTRY Union/Cove, Imbler, Elgin, Wallowa Valley at 3A/2A/1A Special District 5 Cross-Country Championship, 7th Street Complex, John Day, 3 p.m. La Grande at Greater Oregon League	District Meet, McLoughlin High School, noon Saturday, Oct. 30 COLLEGE FOOTBALL Carroll College at EOU, 1 p.m. COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 5 p.m. COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER	EOU at Evergreen State, 12:30 p.m. COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER EOU at Evergreen State, 3 p.m. COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL Montana Western at EOU, 10:30 a.m. PREP VOLLEYBALL OSAA Class 1A volleyball state playoffs Teams and pairings TBD
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