

PLAYOFFS

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three-game losing skid, recently falling 50-14 to Enterprise on Oct. 22. The Cougars also lost 34-26 to Union on Oct. 15, giving the Bobcats their lone win of the season.

“I think we can score on them,” McClure said. “They’re a tough team, but I like our chances against them.”

A major bonus for the Huskies is having a healthy roster, which the team could not say for the majority of the season. Elgin only has 11 players on the varsity roster, so injuries can prove detrimental. With everyone rested and healthy, McClure’s team is primed for a crucial matchup against Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat.

“Everybody’s healthy right now. We’re looking pretty good,” McClure said.

IMBLER VS. CRANE — The Imbler High School football team caught a major break, moving up into a guaranteed playoff spot. Enterprise, the second-place team in Special District 2 West, forfeited its matchup and will rely on an at-large bid to make the playoffs.

For the Panthers, it has been a tale of two halves this year. Imbler started off 1-3, but turned around the season to finish the regular season 4-4 overall and 3-3 in league play.

Crane has been a strong team this year, going 6-2 overall and 4-2 in league action. The team’s only losses have come at the hands of the top two seeds at the 1A level, Adrian and Powder Valley. The Mustangs are ranked No. 6 in the state rankings and will be looking to improve upon that position at the district crossover.

Kickoff between Imbler and Crane is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Community Stadium.

POWDER VALLEY VS. IONE/ARLINGTON — The Powder Valley football team enters its district crossover matchup red hot and ranked No. 1 in the OSAA 1A rankings.

The Badgers are coming off a 36-20 victory over top-five Crane, which guaranteed that the team would be on the opposite side of the playoff bracket as undefeated powerhouse Adrian.

Senior running back Case Olson had a standout performance in the victory, totaling 150 rushing yards, one rushing touchdown and two interceptions on defense. Olson’s hot hand, alongside a potent offensive attack for Powder Valley, will be crucial to securing the top 1A seed. Senior quarterback Reece Dixon facilitates the offense, alongside receiver Kaden Kreiger.

Ione/Arlington enters the matchup with momentum, winning its last three games. Standing at 4-2 in the league and 5-3 in overall play, the Cardinals will be aiming for a major upset over the Badgers.

Kickoff between Powder Valley and Ione/Arlington is slated for 4 p.m. at Community Stadium.

LOCAL STANDINGS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL			
Frontier Conference			
Team	League	Overall	
Rocky Mountain	6-1	6-1	
College of Idaho	5-2	5-2	
Montana Western	4-3	5-3	
Carroll College	3-4	3-4	
Eastern Oregon	3-4	3-4	
Southern Oregon	3-4	3-4	
Montana Tech	3-4	3-4	
MSU-Northern	1-6	1-7	

MEN’S COLLEGE SOCCER			
Cascade Collegiate Conference			
Team	League	Overall	
Oregon Tech	10-1-0	14-1-0	
Warner Pacific	10-1-0	13-2-0	
Southern Oregon	9-2-0	13-2-0	
Corban	8-4-0	9-6-0	
College of Idaho	6-4-1	8-4-1	
Eastern Oregon	6-5-0	6-8-0	
Evergreen	5-4-2	5-7-2	
Northwest	4-5-2	8-6-2	
Carroll	4-5-2	4-7-2	
Rocky Mountain	4-5-2	7-5-3	
Providence	3-7-1	3-9-1	
Bushnell	2-10-0	2-13-0	
Walla Walla	1-10-0	1-11-1	
Multnomah	0-11-0	0-16-0	

WOMEN’S COLLEGE SOCCER			
Cascade Collegiate Conference			
Team	League	Overall	
Oregon Tech	9-1-0	12-2-0	
College of Idaho	8-2-0	11-4-0	
Southern Oregon	8-2-0	10-4-1	
Corban	7-4-0	11-4-0	
Eastern Oregon	7-3-0	10-4-0	
Northwest	6-2-2	7-6-3	
Rocky Mountain	6-4-1	9-5-2	
Carroll	4-5-1	5-7-1	
Evergreen	3-7-0	3-9-1	
Warner Pacific	3-7-0	4-9-0	
Bushnell	2-9-0	4-12-0	
Providence	2-9-0	2-12-0	
Multnomah	0-10-0	1-11-0	

MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
Cascade Collegiate Conference			
Team	League	Overall	
Eastern Oregon	0-0	1-1	
Bushnell	0-0	0-0	
College of Idaho	0-0	0-0	
Corban	0-0	0-0	
Evergreen	0-0	0-0	
LC State	0-0	0-0	
Multnomah	0-0	0-0	
Northwest	0-0	0-0	
Oregon Tech	0-0	0-0	
Southern Oregon	0-0	0-0	
Walla Walla	0-0	0-0	
Warner Pacific	0-0	0-0	

WOMEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL			
Cascade Collegiate Conference			
Team	League	Overall	
Eastern Oregon	0-0	2-1	
Bushnell	0-0	0-0	
College of Idaho	0-0	0-0	
Corban	0-0	0-0	
Evergreen	0-0	0-0	
LC State	0-0	0-0	
Multnomah	0-0	0-0	
Northwest	0-0	0-0	
Oregon Tech	0-0	0-0	
Southern Oregon	0-0	0-0	
Walla Walla	0-0	0-0	
Warner Pacific	0-0	0-0	

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL			
Cascade Collegiate Conference			
Team	League	Overall	
Corban	17-1	23-1	
Eastern Oregon	16-2	21-5	
Oregon Tech	14-4	18-5	
Bushnell	13-5	17-5	
Northwest	10-8	11-12	
LC State	9-9	14-12	
Evergreen	9-9	9-10	
College of Idaho	9-9	12-14	
Southern Oregon	7-11	12-11	
Multnomah	3-15	4-15	
Warner Pacific	1-17	1-20	
Walla Walla	0-18	0-19	

PREP FOOTBALL			
4A Special District 6			
Team	League	Overall	
La Grande	1-0	5-1	
Baker	1-0	4-4	
Ontario	0-2	1-6	

1A Special District 2 East			
Team	League	Overall	
Adrian	6-0	8-0	
Powder Valley	5-1	7-1	
Crane	4-2	6-2	
Elgin	3-3	2-4	
Cove	2-4	2-6	
Wallowa	1-5	1-5	
Union	0-6	1-7	

1A Special District 2 West			
Team	League	Overall	
Dufur	5-1	5-3	
Enterprise	4-2	5-3	
Ione/Arlington	4-2	5-3	
Imbler	3-3	4-4	
Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat	3-3	4-4	
Pilot Rock	1-5	2-5	
Sherman/Condon	1-5	1-6	

1A Special District 4			
Team	League	Overall	
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler	7-0	7-0	
Prairie City/Burnt River	6-1	6-1	
Echo	4-3	4-3	
Joseph	4-3	4-3	
Pine Eagle	3-4	3-4	
S. Wasco Co.	3-4	3-4	
Huntington	1-6	1-6	
Dayville/Monument	0-7	0-7	

PREP BOYS SOCCER			
4A Greater Oregon League			
Team	League	Overall	
McLoughlin	5-0-1	10-2-1	
La Grande	2-1-3	4-2-3	
Ontario	2-3-1	5-5-3	
Baker/PV	0-5-1	1-9-1	

PREP GIRLS SOCCER			
4A Greater Oregon League			
Team	League	Overall	
La Grande	6-0-0	10-2-1	
Ontario	4-2-0	4-8-0	
McLoughlin	0-4-2	6-5-2	
Baker/PV	0-4-2	2-9-2	

ON THE SLATE

Friday, Oct. 29
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.
COLLEGE MEN’S SOCCER
Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 12:30 p.m.
COLLEGE WOMEN’S SOCCER
Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 3 p.m.
PREP FOOTBALL
Elgin vs. Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat, district crossover, Eastern Oregon University, 10 a.m.
Imbler vs. Crane, district crossover, Eastern Oregon University, 1 p.m.
Powder Valley vs. Ione/Arlington, Eastern Oregon University, 4 p.m.
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 Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 5 p.m.
COLLEGE MEN’S SOCCER
Eastern Oregon at Evergreen State, 12:30 p.m.
COLLEGE WOMEN’S SOCCER

Eastern Oregon at Evergreen State, 3 p.m.
COLLEGE MEN’S BASKETBALL
Montana Western at Eastern Oregon, 10:30 a.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL
OSAA Class 4A volleyball state playoffs
La Grande at Cascade, TBD
OSAA Class 2A volleyball state playoffs
Union at Coquille, TBD
OSAA Class 1A volleyball state playoffs
Teams and pairings TBD
Sunday, Oct. 31
COLLEGE MEN’S BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon at Gonzaga, exhibition, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 2
PREP VOLLEYBALL
OSAA Class 2A volleyball state playoffs
Teams and pairings TBD
OSAA Class 1A volleyball state playoffs
Teams and pairings TBD
PREP GIRLS SOCCER
OSAA Class 4A girls state playoffs
TBD at La Grande, TBD
Wednesday, Nov. 3
COLLEGE MEN’S WRESTLING
Eastern Oregon vs. Wyoming Community College, American Falls, Idaho, TBA

RIVALRY

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They gave up 14.4 in five victories, and 44 points in the setback against the 8-0 Rangers.

Both teams have locked up a postseason berth, but the outcome of Friday’s contest will determine who is at home in the first round of the playoffs and who likely will have to travel across the state.

La Grande has dominated the rivalry in recent years, winning nine out of the last 11 contests. However, the Bulldogs defeated the Tigers 22-7 during last year’s shortened spring season to earn the tiebreaker and win the league. Returning players on La Grande were still sick to their stomachs about the loss at the start of this year, which will add motivation to this week’s game.

La Grande is coming off a

34-24 victory at home against Ontario, the team’s third straight win. However, the Tigers led 28-0 in the second quarter and several turnovers allowed Ontario to claw back into the game.

A key for the Tigers has been senior running back Brody MacMillan’s return from injury. The bruising tailback rushed for four touchdowns in the victory and has emerged as La Grande’s top source of offense. Getting

his momentum going in the ground game has been a crucial element of La Grande’s success this year.

Not only is this a must-win for La Grande’s players against in a longstanding rivalry, but the game will decide the league champion and send the losing team home disappointed. With all this on the line, the stakes are arguably higher than ever this week for the Tigers.

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