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season last year in which she tallied six goals in 13 games, Farrington was upset with her overall performance. She noted that overthinking and getting down on herself after small mistakes were crippling her mindset.

“I wasn’t happy at all with how I performed and thought I wasn’t really contributing well to helping my team and teammates,” Farrington said. “Going into this year I was trying to not hold back, do what I know how to do and have fun with my teammates in my last season.”

Now playing more relaxed and enjoying herself more on the pitch, Farrington is leading the way for Eastern this year with team highs in goals (seven), points (15), shots on goal (17), shots (30) and game winners (four). The Mountaineers are 10-4-1 through their first 15 games and 7-3-0 in Cascade Collegiate Conference play, putting them at fifth place in the conference. Eastern is just two games back of first-place Oregon Tech, knotting them at the top alongside the College of Idaho, Southern Oregon and Corban.

As if breaking the program’s career goals record was not enough, Farrington has a chance to stand alone atop all offensive players in the team’s history.

She is just 11 points behind Rice’s career record of 79, which is more than 30 points ahead of third place.

Along with the accolades, Farrington is taking advantage of the opportunity to play with one of her closest teammates on and off the field. Paige Farrington, Morgan’s younger sister, is in her freshman



Alex Wittwer/The Observer, File
Eastern Oregon University’s Morgan Farrington high-fives her teammates before a matchup against Corban on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021. The redshirt-senior forward scored her 30th career goal on Oct. 22, making her the program’s all-time leading scorer.

year with Eastern. Taking her extra year of eligibility allowed the sisters the chance to play alongside family.

“I’ve never had the chance to play with her and thought that it would be such a great opportunity,” Farrington said. “That was one of the main reasons I came back.”

Lasting legacy

The career goal numbers from Morgan Farrington and Rice are over 10 goals more than the next next player in the record book, which would imply that the new record will stand for quite some time. However, Farrington stated that she hopes her progress and goal record provide motivation for those joining the programs in years to come.

“It feels really good to know I have that role,” Farrington said. “Coming into the program I was so shy and quiet, I just didn’t have a lot of confidence in myself. How I was able to mentally improve throughout the years shows that anything is possible if you keep working at it.”

Coaching, teammates and support staff have been a constant for Far-

rington in her time in La Grande. She noted that head coach Jacob Plocher, assistant coach Josh Goodman and the coaching staff have created a foundation at EOU that has helped her and continued to guide younger players.

“Both of them have played such a crucial role. I definitely couldn’t have done this without them,” Farrington said of Plocher and Goodman. “This is just as much my reward as it is theirs. They both have put so much time and effort into helping me do all this.”

Farrington emphasized that the goal record is just a small part of her ambitions this year, as the Mountaineers inch closer to playoff competition. Eastern faces one final weekend of regular season competition before the Cascade Collegiate Conference women’s soccer tournament in Springfield on Nov. 9.

In her last season with the Mountaineers, Farrington is hoping to end her career on a high note.

“I know we’re capable of a lot, and right now we just have our eyes on that conference tournament,” Farrington said. “We’re ready to go and do what we know we’re capable of.”



Amanda Loman/The Associated Press, File
Running back B.J. Baylor earned Pac-12 offensive player of the week honors for a second time this season with a 152-yard performance in a 42-34 win over Utah.

PAC-12

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history. Terry Donahue of UCLA heads the list with 151. ... The Huskies join LSU and TCU as the only three teams on the FBS level that have scored in every red-zone trip. Washington has 14 touchdowns and five field goals.

Upset watch

Arizona at Southern California. The Trojans (3-4,

2-3) are 20-1/2-point favorites for a reason, with the Wildcats (0-7, 0-4) on a 19-game skid. But would anything be surprising given the way the Trojans’ season has gone? They’ve seen their coach fired and lost to Oregon State at the Coliseum for the first time since 1960. The Trojans have won their last eight games over Arizona.

Player to watch

Oregon State RB B.J. Baylor earned Pac-12 offen-

sive player of the week honors for a second time this season with a 152-yard performance in a 42-34 win over Utah. That included a 68-yard run in the second quarter, which was the longest play by an OSU player from scrimmage this season. His 10 rushing touchdowns lead the Pac-12.

Another player to watch is Oregon State right guard Nous Keobounnam, who helped pave the way to a 260-yard rushing performance by the Beavers.

ON THE SLATE

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

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, 6 p.m.

OSAA CLASS 2A volleyball state playoffs

Union at Coquille, 1 p.m.

OSAA CLASS 1A volleyball state playoffs

Powder Valley at Crane, 2 p.m.

Days Creek at Joseph, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 31

COLLEGE MEN’S BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon at Gonzaga, exhibition, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

PREP VOLLEYBALL

OSAA Class 4A volleyball state playoffs

Teams and pairings TBD

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



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