



EO Alive TV/Contributed Photo
Eastern Oregon University's Ismael Valdez fights for position against Gonzaga's Chet Holmgren at the McCarthy Athletic Center on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021. The Mountaineers lost to the Zags 115-62 in an exhibition matchup.

COACH

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calm demeanor was echoed in the team's performance in front of a packed stadium. The Zags jumped out to a 10-0 lead, but Eastern had periods of success on both sides of the ball.

"I think about 10 minutes in we just got settled in and realized that it's just basketball, which we told them from the start," Kemp said. "I think we did pretty good with that."

Kemp will face a major bout of adversity, as senior Max McCullough left the exhibition with a leg injury just five minutes into the game. Red-shirt-freshman guard Paul Pennington, the team's fourth highest scorer last

season, also left the game with an arm injury.

Not only does McCullough lead the way offensively, but he is the glue on and off the court that holds the team together from a leadership standpoint. While his presence will still be felt from the bench this season, Kemp will be looking for other Mountaineers to step up.

"A big thing as a coach is how you respond to adversity," Kemp said. "I think I've done that in my own life, but now we're going to have to get that to translate to the basketball sense."

McCullough was a major staple coming into Kemp's debut season as a head coach, and now the coach will be on the lookout for who will fill the gap.

"It's a next-man-up mentality. We didn't think it was going to be like this but it is what it is," Kemp said. "Sometimes that's what life gives you, so we have to find the next man up. I think that's what we'll try to build on from today."

While the exhibition was a major learning experience for both coach and players alike, the injuries are an unexpected turn of events for a first-year coach. With a full season still ahead for the Mountaineers, Kemp will be looking to use the experience against Gonzaga to better the team.

"We still think we have enough to be a really good team," Kemp said. "We can still surprise some people, which will be our goal moving forward."

LOCAL STANDINGS

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Frontier Conference

Team	League	Overall
College of Idaho	6-2	6-2
Rocky Mountain	6-2	6-2
Montana Western	5-3	6-3
Carroll College	4-4	4-4
Montana Tech	4-4	4-4
Eastern Oregon	3-5	3-5
Southern Oregon	3-5	3-5
MSU-Northern	1-7	1-8

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League	Overall
Corban	18-2	24-2
Eastern Oregon	17-3	22-6
Oregon Tech	16-4	20-5
Bushnell	14-6	18-6
Lewis-Clark State	11-9	16-12
Northwest	11-9	12-13
Evergreen	10-10	10-11
College of Idaho	10-10	13-15
Southern Oregon	7-13	12-13
Multnomah	4-16	5-16
Warner Pacific	2-18	2-21
Walla Walla	0-20	0-21

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League	Overall
Warner Pacific	11-1-1	14-2-1
Oregon Tech	11-1-1	15-1-1
Southern Oregon	10-3-0	14-3-0
Corban	9-4-0	10-6-0
College of Idaho	7-5-1	9-5-1
Evergreen	6-5-2	6-8-2
Northwest	6-5-2	10-6-2
Rocky Mountain	6-5-2	9-5-3
Eastern Oregon	6-7-0	6-10-0
Carroll	5-6-2	5-8-2
Providence	4-8-1	4-10-1
Bushnell	2-11-0	2-14-0
Walla Walla	1-12-0	1-13-1
Multnomah	0-13-0	0-18-0

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League	Overall
Oregon Tech	11-1-0	14-2-0
Southern Oregon	10-2-0	12-4-1
College of Idaho	9-3-0	12-5-0
Northwest	8-2-2	9-6-3
Eastern Oregon	8-4-0	11-5-0
Corban	8-4-0	12-4-0

Rocky Mountain	7-4-1	10-5-2
Carroll	5-6-1	5-8-1
Evergreen	3-9-0	3-11-1
Warner Pacific	3-9-0	4-11-0
Bushnell	2-10-0	4-13-0
Providence	2-10-0	2-12-0
Multnomah	0-12-0	1-13-0

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League	Overall
College of Idaho	0-0	2-0
Lewis-Clark State	0-0	2-0
Corban	0-0	2-0
Eastern Oregon	0-0	2-1
Warner Pacific	0-0	1-1
Bushnell	0-0	0-0
Evergreen	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	0-1

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League	Overall
College of Idaho	0-0	2-0
Oregon Tech	0-0	2-0
Eastern Oregon	0-0	2-1
Bushnell	0-0	0-0
Evergreen	0-0	0-0
Lewis-Clark State	0-0	0-0
Multnomah	0-0	0-0
Northwest	0-0	0-0
Southern Oregon	0-0	0-0
Walla Walla	0-0	0-0
Warner Pacific	0-0	0-0
Corban	0-0	0-1

PREP BOYS SOCCER

4A Greater Oregon League

Team	League	Overall
McLoughlin	5-0-1	10-2-1
La Grande	2-1-3	5-2-3
Ontario	2-3-1	6-5-3
Baker/Powder Valley	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	4-9-0
McLoughlin	0-4-2	6-6-2
Baker/Powder Valley	0-4-2	2-9-2

ON THE SLATE

Tuesday, Nov. 2

PREP VOLLEYBALL

OSAA Class 2A state playoffs

Union at Monroe, 5:30 p.m.

OSAA Class 1A state playoffs

North Douglas at Joseph, 6 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

OSAA Class 4A state playoffs

Corbett at La Grande, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon vs. Wyoming Community College, American Falls, Idaho, TBA

PREP BOYS SOCCER

OSAA Class 4A state playoffs

La Grande at Phoenix, 3 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 5

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

EOU at Northwest, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE CROSS-COUNTRY

Eastern Oregon at Cascade Collegiate Conference Championships, TBA

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

EOU at Whitman, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Whitman at EOU, 5:30 p.m.

PREP FOOTBALL

OSAA Class 4A state playoffs

Gladstone at La Grande, TBA

OSAA Class 1A state playoffs

Perrydale at Powder Valley, 6 p.m.

Imbler at Adrian, 6 p.m.

Elgin at Waldport, 7 p.m.

Enterprise at Myrtle Point, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

EOU at College of Idaho, noon

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Eastern Oregon at Evergreen State, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Southern Oregon at EOU, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Southern Oregon at EOU, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 7

COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at Mountaineer Open, La Grande, 9 a.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at Mountaineer Open, La Grande, 9 a.m.

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