

ON CAMPUS

# Quinn cements legacy in game-winning drive

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LA GRANDE — It has been far from a desirable season for the Eastern Oregon University football team, but one of the program's all-time great quarterbacks secured his legacy in his final game at Community Stadium.

Riding a six-game losing streak, the Mountaineers came into the season finale against rival Southern Oregon with little implications on the season's outcome. However, Eastern walked off with a last-second 14-10 victory on Saturday, Nov. 13, to end the season on a high note and send out 19 seniors on the roster.

After a low-scoring bout between the Raiders and Mountaineers, Eastern managed one final oppor-



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**Quarterback Kai Quinn prepares to receive a snap during Eastern Oregon's 34-17 loss to Rocky Mountain on Saturday, Oct. 9, 2021. The senior led the Mountaineers to a 14-10 victory in the season finale against Southern Oregon on Nov. 13.**

tunity for a victory. In front of a home crowd on senior day, Quinn and the Mountaineers took over at their own 10-yard line down 10-7 with 53 seconds remaining.

Quinn was sensational in the pocket on the win-

ning drive, connecting on three straight passes to move the ball past midfield. A 20-yard run by Quinn down to the Southern 20-yard line with nine seconds remaining set up Eastern in prime field goal range with a chance to tie

the game. With one play left before an imminent field goal attempt, Quinn came away with one of the biggest plays of his career.

The redshirt-senior threw a dime down the middle of the field to redshirt-senior Saige Wilkerson, breaking the plane of the end zone and giving Eastern the lead with just three seconds remaining. The Mountaineer sideline and fans in attendance erupted as the team all but secured the victory.

While the victory will not change the fact that a six-game losing streak led to a losing record this year, fans will not soon forget the late game heroics against Southern.

After a 3-0 start to the season, the Mountaineers wrapped up the season sixth in the Frontier Conference at 4-6.

## Mountaineers volleyball comes up short of CCC title

SALEM — The No. 12-ranked Eastern Oregon University volleyball team has been on a collision course with Corban all season, with the teams meeting in the Cascade Collegiate Conference Tournament Championship over the weekend.

It was a dramatic two days of action for the Mountaineers, fending off a difficult Oregon Tech team in the semifinals in order to meet Corban in the final matchup.

Eastern put together a huge late-game effort in the fifth set, scoring five points unanswered to win the match.

In the finals against the Warriors, it was ultimately Corban that came

away with the late rallies to take the match on Nov. 13. Eastern was upended 24-26, 25-16, 25-21 and 25-20.

Freshman Hailey Arriola, recently named honorable mention all-conference, kept up her phenomenal form in the weekend series. She led the team with two aces and 18 digs in the win over Oregon Tech and did the same in the loss to Corban with two aces and 28 digs.

Senior Breanna Shaffer shined in her final conference tournament, totaling 25 kills on the weekend.

The Mountaineers' season isn't finished, though. The team learned Nov. 14 that it was the second automatic qualifier out of the conference into the 2021 NAIA Women's Volleyball National Tournament and will host Columbia International.

## PLAYOFF BRACKETS

### PREP FOOTBALL Class 4A state playoffs First round

**Nov. 5**  
La Grande 34, Gladstone 12  
Cascade 67, Astoria 24  
Marshfield 43, Madras 0  
Mazama 42, North Eugene 0  
Estacada 37, Stayton 0  
Henley 35, Tillamook 14  
Marist Catholic 42, Baker 7  
Banks 29, Hidden Valley 0

**Quarterfinals  
Nov. 12**  
Marshfield 42, Henley 7  
Estacada 44, La Grande 22  
Marist Catholic 62, Cascade 35

**Nov. 13**  
Mazama 21, Banks 14  
**Semifinals  
Nov. 20**

Mazama vs. Marshfield, Grants Pass High School, noon  
Marist Catholic vs. Estacada, McMinnville High School, 5 p.m.

**Championship  
Nov. 27**  
Semifinal winners, TBD  
**Class 1A state playoffs**

**First round**  
Adrian 58, Imbler 0  
Powder Valley 70, Perrydale 34  
Waldport 72, Elgin 30  
St. Paul 44, Ione/Arlington 8  
Myrtle Point 42, Enterprise 6  
Dufur 58, Gold Beach 40  
Lost River 38, Camas Valley 0  
Crane 46, Bonanza 6

**Quarterfinals  
Nov. 12**  
Lost River 63, Waldport 34  
St. Paul 44, Crane 6

**Nov. 13**  
Adrian 88, Dufur 6

**Semifinals  
Nov. 20**  
Lost River vs. Adrian, Caldera High School, 2 p.m.

Powder Valley vs. St. Paul, Caldera High School, 6 p.m.

**Championship  
Nov. 27**  
Semifinal winners, TBD  
**PREP GIRLS SOCCER  
Class 4A state playoffs  
First round**

**Nov. 2**  
Gladstone 5, Newport/Eddyville Charter 0  
Marist Catholic 3, Sisters 1, OT  
La Grande 1, Corbett 0  
Woodburn 1, North Valley 1, Woodburn advanced on penalty kicks, 4-3  
North Marion 6, Astoria 0  
Philomath 3, Henley 2  
Valley Catholic 4, Mazama 0  
Hidden Valley 5, Estacada 0

**Quarterfinals  
Nov. 6**  
Gladstone 1, Marist Catholic 0  
Woodburn 2, La Grande 0  
North Marion 1, Philomath 0  
Hidden Valley 1, Valley Catholic 0

**Semifinals  
Nov. 9**  
Woodburn 1, Gladstone 0  
Hidden Valley 2, North Marion 1

**Championship  
Nov. 13**  
At Liberty High School, Hillsboro

Woodburn 0, Hidden Valley 0, Woodburn wins championship on penalty kicks, 7-6

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