

Receiver Mycah Pittman leaving Oregon Ducks

Third-year sophomore has just 12 catches for 197 yards this year

By **JAMES CREPEA**
The Oregonian/OregonLive

EUGENE — Oregon is losing a receiver to transfer.

Mycah Pittman has left the Ducks, Oregon coach Mario Cristobal confirmed Wednesday, Nov. 17.

“He’s moving on and we’re moving on,” Cristobal said. “We wish him the best and we don’t judge.”

Pittman has 12 catches for 197 yards and 15 punt returns for 151 yards this season. However, he didn’t have a catch during the last two games and wasn’t targeted at all in Oregon’s win over Washington State last week, after which he tweeted “So disrespected,”



The Associated Press, File
Oregon's Mycah Pittman, right, looks for extra yards against Arizona in a 2019 game. Pittman is the second player to leave the Ducks mid-season this year.

which he has since deleted. The third-year sophomore

has two years of eligibility remaining.

“I want to start off saying this is been the hardest decision of my life and I am so honored and blessed to play for a university like Oregon,” Pittman wrote via Twitter. “I have made countless memories with teammates, coaches, trainers that I can never pay back. My love and respect for Oregon will remain. This is what I feel is best for me and my future. I have a tremendous amount of respect for coach Cristobal and only wish great things for his program. I’d like to thank (receivers coach Bryan McClendon) for being the best mentor and coach I could ever ask for. To all my teammates I love y’all boys for real, it’s sad to say goodbye. We’ve made many memories and jokes in that lockerroom (sic). Thank you guys for lifting me up whenever I was down and having my back and all situations. To the fans, y’all are crazyyyyy never quiet

time in Autzen thank you guys for loving on me and supporting me. I can tell you guys I gave you everything I had.”

Pittman had eight catches for 123 yards in only four games of real action last season, missing the games against Washington State and UCLA and practices before the Oregon State game, when he played only a few snaps due to contact tracing.

In 2019, a preseason shoulder injury suffered during the second fall scrimmage knocked Pittman out for four games and he had 14 catches for 197 yards and two touchdowns over six games before breaking his right forearm against Arizona and missed three games.

He returned for the Rose Bowl and had four catches for 30 yards.

He’s the second Oregon player to leave the program mid-season, joining freshman offensive lineman Kingsley Suamataia.

LOCAL STANDINGS

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College of Idaho	0-0	3-2
Warner Pacific	0-0	2-2
Bushnell	0-0	1-2
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EOU cross-country makes its mark at nationals

Mountaineers men’s team places 20th, Michelle Herbes takes 158th in women’s race

By **DAVIS CARBAUGH**
The Observer

VANCOUVER, Wash. — It was a solid showing from the Eastern Oregon University cross-country program, which made some noise at the national championships.

The men’s team, led by a 13th-place finish from senior Travis Running, took 20th place overall out of 36 teams at the NAAI National Championships in Vancouver, Washington, on Friday, Nov. 19. The Mountaineers scored 498 points.

“We were disappointed to finish 20th because we wanted to place in the top 15, but it wasn’t a disappointing performance because everyone competed well,” head coach Ben

Welch said. “I was really happy with how we competed.”

Running clocked a 25:25.7 in the 8K to break into the top-15 and finish with the fourth best time from a CCC runner.

“I was very pleased with Travis,” Welch said. “He ran tactically well and put himself in good positions.”

The next finisher was freshman Justin Ash at 121st overall. The former Powder Valley High School standout ran a time of 26:56.5 at his first career NAAI National Championships. Another true freshman, former La Grande High School runner Cristian Mendoza, was the next finisher for Eastern at 27:07.5. Mendoza finished 145th overall, averaging a time of 5:28 per mile.

Sophomore Jonathan Wind (27:11.3) and senior Benjen Lilly (27:26.5) were the next two finishers for the Mountaineers at 153rd and 181st.

Junior Hunter Nichols placed 187th with a time of 27:30 after finishing as Eastern’s second

faster runner at the conference championships. Nichols lost a shoe early on in the race and had to work his way up from near the back of the pack.

“To end up as high as he did was really good,” Welch said.

Sophomore Bennett Welch rounded out Eastern’s men’s runners with a time of 28:00.1 to place 242nd overall.

In the women’s 5K race, Eastern senior Michelle Herbes placed 157th out of 339 runners with a time of 20:02.5. Herbes dealt with injuries throughout the season and missed races early in this year.

“It was a quality effort,” Welch said. “Obviously she isn’t satisfied with her finish, but I thought she did some things better at this meet than in the past.”

Herbes came in at 93rd at the one-kilometer mark and 99th at the two-kilometer checkpoint. Herbes was in 171st at the four-kilometer mark and turned on the jets to close out the final kilometer.

ON THE SLATE

Saturday, Nov. 20 PREP FOOTBALL

Powder Valley vs. St. Paul, Class 1A semifinals, Caldera High School, Bend, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL NAIA National Tournament

Columbia International at Eastern Oregon, 4 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon vs. Montana Western, Caldwell, Idaho, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 21

COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at Spokane Open, Spokane, Washington, TBA

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COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon at Menlo College, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon vs. Rocky Mountain, Best Western Inn and Suites Classic, Caldwell, Idaho, 2 p.m.

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