

# OREGON

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Kelly is 18-25 in four seasons at UCLA, the worst initial four-year period in program history. The Bruins are 8-4 this season and play North Carolina State in the Holiday Bowl.

The former Ducks coach and offensive coordinator went 46-7 as head coach at UO from 2009-12, with an appearance in the 2011 BCS National Championship game and wins in the 2012 Rose Bowl and 2013 Fiesta Bowl.

Kelly, 58, is earning \$5.6 million this season and has one year left on his contract, which has a \$9 million buyout if either UCLA fires him or if he were to leave the school before Jan. 15.

## Joe Moorhead will remain Oregon Ducks offensive coordinator for Alamo Bowl

EUGENE — Joe Moorhead will finish out the season with Oregon.

Moorhead, the newly hired head coach at Akron, said he'll serve as offensive coordinator for the Ducks in the Alamo Bowl against Oklahoma.

"I will be coaching Oregon in the bowl game because I think that's the right thing to do, to finish that season off the right way with the kids who have done an unbelievable job for us



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Oregon offensive coordinator Joe Moorhead, center, leads from the sideline at the No. 10 Ducks and No. 17 Utah played in the 2021 Pac-12 Championship game at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021. On Saturday, Dec. 4, it was announced that Moorhead was hired to be the head coach at Akron. He will remain at Oregon as offensive coordinator in the Alamo Bowl.

throughout the season," Moorhead said during his introductory press conference in Akron on Thursday, Dec. 9.

Receivers coach Bryan McClendon was named interim head coach for Oregon.

Defensive coordinator Tim

DeRuyter is taking the same position at Texas Tech and safeties coach Marcel Yates is expected to join him.

It's not immediately clear, but the expectation is that they and the rest of Oregon's coaching staff will coach in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 29.

# TRIBUTE

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"His passion and dedication to local sports will be missed," Dunten said.

Hiatt's memory was recently honored during the 1A state football playoffs, when the Powder Valley Badgers displayed the initials "CH" on their helmets. The Badgers came just one touchdown shy of defeating Adrian in the state title game on Nov. 27 at Baker High School.

It is a busy slate of games at the Calvin Hiatt Tournament, as competitions will ensue simultaneously at the Powder Valley's gymnasiums. During the final day of hoops on Dec. 11, Powder Valley and Union will face off starting at 4:30 p.m. Imbler will face Adrian, which begins at 1:30 p.m.

Admission to the Calvin Hiatt Tournament is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Proceeds will go to the Hiatt family.

"He made a positive impression on anybody he met," Dunten said.



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Powder Valley quarterback Reece Dixon breaks loose for a run during the OSAA Class 1A state championship game on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021. The initials on the Badgers' helmets honor Calvin Hiatt, a local referee and coach who was killed in a car accident on Nov. 3.

# CARBAUGH

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In the pool, standout swimmers at La Grande and Cove enter the year as state title frontrunners who could help their teams score well. First-year La Grande coach Cheyenne Maszk has a large group of swimmers this year with experience at the high

school and club levels.

As the winter sports season kicks off, look for coverage and scores on The Observer website, while feature stories and weekly notes will also be in print.

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## ON THE SLATE

### Saturday, Dec. 11

#### PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

La Grande at Estacada, 12:30 p.m.  
Sherman at Elgin, 2:30 p.m.

Wallowa vs. Trout Lake, Hood River, 2:30 p.m.

Cove/Central Christian winner vs. South Wasco County/Dayville-Monument winner, South Wasco County High School, TBA

#### Calvin Hiatt Memorial Basketball Tournament, North Powder

Jordan Valley vs. Enterprise, Powder Valley Middle School, 11:30 a.m.

Joseph vs. Tri-Valley, Idaho, Powder Valley Middle School, 2:30 p.m.

Imbler vs. Adrian, Powder Valley High School, 3 p.m.

Powder Valley vs. Union, Powder Valley High School, 6 p.m.

#### PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

La Grande at Estacada, 11 a.m.  
Sherman at Elgin, 1 p.m.

Wallowa vs. Trout Lake, Hood River, 1 p.m.

Cove/Central Christian winner vs. South Wasco County/Daville-Monument winner, South Wasco County High School, 1:30 p.m.

Calvin Hiatt Memorial Basketball Tournament, North Powder

Jordan Valley vs. Enterprise, Powder Valley Middle School, 10 a.m.

Joseph vs. Tri-Valley, Idaho, Powder Valley Middle School, 1 p.m.

Imbler vs. Adrian, Powder Valley High School, 1:30 p.m.

Powder Valley vs. Union, Powder Valley High School, 4:30 p.m.

#### PREP WRESTLING

La Grande, Elgin, Enterprise, Imbler, Union/Cove at Muilenburg, La Grande High School, 9 a.m.

### Tuesday, Dec. 14

#### PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Fruitland, Idaho, at La Grande, 6 p.m.  
Enterprise at Joseph, 7 p.m.

#### PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Enterprise at Joseph, 5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Dec. 16

#### PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Vale at La Grande, 7 p.m.

#### Bobcat Christmas Classic, Union and Powder Valley High Schools

Enterprise vs. Powder Valley, Powder Valley High School, 4:30 p.m.

Jordan Valley vs. Imbler, Union High

School, 4:30 p.m.

Elgin vs. Imbler JV, Powder Valley High School, 7:30 p.m.

Cove vs. Union, Union High School, 7:30 p.m.

#### PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Bobcat Christmas Classic, Union and Powder Valley High Schools

Enterprise vs. Powder Valley, Powder Valley High School, 3 p.m.

Jordan Valley vs. Cove, Union High School, 3 p.m.

Crane vs. Imbler, Powder Valley High School, 6 p.m.

Elgin vs. Union, Union High School, 6 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 17

#### COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lewis-Clark State at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

#### COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Lewis-Clark State at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.

#### COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon vs. Southern Oregon, Reno, Nevada, 4 p.m.

Eastern Oregon vs. MSU-Northern, Reno, Nevada, 6 p.m.

#### PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

La Grande vs. Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Stanfield High School, 7 p.m.

Wallowa vs. Umatilla JV, Helix High School, 4 p.m.

Joseph at Prairie City, 7:30 p.m.

#### Bobcat Christmas Classic, Union High School

Elgin vs. Union JV, 9 a.m.

Cove vs. Enterprise, 1:30 p.m.

Powder Valley vs. Imbler, 4:30 p.m.

Union vs. Jordan Valley, 7:30 p.m.

#### PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wallowa vs. Umatilla JV, Helix High School, 2 p.m.

Joseph at Prairie City, 6 p.m.

#### Bobcat Christmas Classic, Union High School

Enterprise/Powder Valley loser vs. Crane/Imbler loser, Union High School, 10:30 a.m.

Jordan Valley/Cove loser vs. Elgin/Union loser, Union High School, noon

Enterprise/Powder Valley winner vs. Crane/Imbler winner, Union High School, 3 p.m.

Jordan Valley/Cove winner vs. Elgin/Union winner, Union High School, 6 p.m.

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