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on when the two teams can schedule each other.

“For us, I don’t know that it makes a tremendous difference,” Brown said. “I think it’s helpful to use in the rankings.”

In the 2021 fall season, La Grande lost to Pendleton 6-0 on Sept. 13 and defeated the Buckaroos 2-0 on Oct. 11. Brown stated that Pendleton is always tough competition, with potential victories helping the Tigers climb up the OSAA state rankings.

“My hope is that we can continue winning the GOL, but that’s never a given,” he said.

Wrestlers unsure of new district

In 4A wrestling, teams are selected into classifications and then the wrestling community divides the teams into four even divisions. A committee made up of representatives from the 4A schools work on recommendations for the new districts, which OSAA then recognizes.

The divisions are selected in order to make the most balanced overall districts, based on average turnout of wrestlers on the team over the last three seasons. The districts are



Pendleton’s Patrick Simpson, bottom, wrestles with La Grande’s Brody MacMillan, top, at the Mullenburg tournament hosted at La Grande High School on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2021. MacMillan placed first at the 195-pound weight class and La Grande swept the competition earning 320 combined points to earn the title.

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not necessarily based on location, which is why La Grande wrestling is currently in the same district as Gladstone.

La Grande boys wrestling coach Klel Carson noted that Pendleton will likely be in the same district as La Grande, but it is not a guarantee based on the system in place to determine districts. According to Carson, the district alignment for boys wrestling is still in the works.

“There’s a couple pro-

posals and ideas with numbers still being pushed around,” Carson said.

For the La Grande wrestling team, a change in classification won’t result in many major changes to scheduling. The Tigers and Buckaroos typically compete in the annual Pendleton Duals, as well as facing Pendleton at the Mullenburg in La Grande or at other tournaments.

Carson noted that with individual sports like wrestling, the schedule does not adjust as it might in sports

like football or basketball. La Grande competes in a regular slate of big tournaments outside the area and will see an adjustment of teams only once the team makes it to districts.

“I think our schedule will mostly be the same,” Carson said.

The Tigers currently compete in the 4A Special District 4, which includes Baker/Powder Valley, Corbett, Gladstone, Madras, McLoughlin/Weston-McEwen, Ontario and Sisters.

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ESPN) in San Antonio.

Interim Oregon head coach Bryan McClendon said additional opt-outs aren’t expected before the bowl game, but the Ducks are thin at receiver and corner in the wake of Williams and Wright leaving to begin preparing for the draft.

“The big blessing about that is both of those guys, that had kind of been in the works before any practices started,” McClendon said. “We’ve been able to plan and be able to move forward accordingly before practice had even started at that point in time.”

Oregon is down to just six scholarship true receivers available for the bowl game and only four who have contributed this season. Kris Hutson, Troy Franklin, Dont’e Thornton and Isaaah Crocker have combined for 48 catches for 607 yards and three touchdowns this season

and will get the most if not all the snaps at wide out against Oklahoma along with Seven McGee (six receptions for 78 yards), who moved to slot receiver from running back.

“All those guys have had extremely good bowl practice and bowl prep to this point in time,” McClendon said.

Cornerback is even more depleted. Dontae Manning and Trikweze Bridges each take over in starting roles and Avante Dickerson and Darren Barkins are cemented on the two-deep with Jaylin Davies also in the mix.

“Depending on and going into your depth a little bit,” McClendon said. “That’s what college football is right now at this point in time in the year.”

Most of Oregon’s injured players are “questionable at best,” including offensive guard Ryan Walk (knee), linebacker Keith Brown (leg) and safety Steve Stephens IV (knee).



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LOCAL STANDINGS

COLLEGE MEN’S BASKETBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Oregon Tech	5-0	8-5
LC State	4-1	11-2
College of Idaho	4-1	10-3
Warner Pacific	4-1	8-4
Multnomah	4-1	8-5
Northwest	2-3	5-5
Southern Oregon	2-3	5-8
Bushnell	2-3	4-8
Eastern Oregon	1-4	7-6
Corban	1-4	6-7
Evergreen	1-4	1-8
Walla Walla	0-5	1-11

COLLEGE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Southern Oregon	5-0	12-1
LC State	4-1	10-1
Northwest	4-1	10-2
Warner Pacific	4-1	6-4
Eastern Oregon	4-1	7-6
Bushnell	3-2	6-5
College of Idaho	2-3	8-5
Multnomah	2-3	2-10
Oregon Tech	1-4	8-4
Evergreen	1-4	2-6
Walla Walla	0-5	1-11
Corban	0-5	1-11

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Baker	0-0	6-3
La Grande	0-0	5-1
McLoughlin	0-0	1-4
Ontario	0-0	0-5

2A BLUE MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Heppner	0-0	7-2
Union	0-0	6-3
Weston-McEwen	0-0	5-4
Stanfield	0-0	3-5
Pilot Rock	0-0	2-7
Enterprise	0-0	1-7
Grant Union	0-0	1-7

1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

Team	League	Overall
Powder Valley	0-0	8-0
Nixyaawii	0-0	5-2
Pine Eagle	0-0	3-3
Joseph	0-0	2-5
Cove	0-0	2-5
Wallowa	0-0	2-5
Griswold	0-0	1-5
Imbler	0-0	1-8
Elgin	0-0	0-5

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Team	League	Overall
Baker	0-0	6-2
McLoughlin	0-0	3-3
La Grande	0-0	3-3
Ontario	0-0	0-6

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