

**SPORTS:**

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In his fourth full season at Eastern, McCullough broke the individual all-time scoring record in a game against Warner Pacific on April 4. The Post Falls, Idaho, native broke Randy Dolven's previous record of 1,790 points, a mark that stood since 1967.

Despite suffering a season-ending injury in an exhibition at Gonzaga to start off the 2021-22 season, the star point guard tallied a career total of 2,129 points — a record that will likely stand for quite some time. McCullough has worked to be the ultimate teammate, improving his assist numbers every season and growing as a leader on and off the court.

On the pitch, Farrington topped a record that stood since 2006. The senior scored her 30th career goal in a match against Carroll on Oct. 22, to become the program's all-time leading goal scorer. The forward hit two goals in the same contest to both tie and break the program record on the same night.

Cambree Scott has been one of the most electric volleyball players at Eastern in

recent memory, dominating defensively at the net. Scott broke the program record for career blocks and ended the 2021 season with 525. She is set to return to the program next season, presenting Scott with an opportunity to further distance herself as the all-time leader in blocks at Eastern.

**MACMILLAN OVERCOMES SEVERE INJURY, COMES BACK TO DOMINATE ON THE GRIDIRON**

LA GRANDE — Watching Brody MacMillan's brutal running style from the stands during the 2021 fall football season, one might not even be aware that the star running back suffered a catastrophic injury less than a year before.

The La Grande tailback and linebacker suffered ACL, LCL and meniscus injuries in a game against Vale on March 19 during the 2021 spring season.

After working endlessly to rehab and recover during the summer, MacMillan returned to the team in Week 3 against Estacada and never looked back. The senior dominated the running lanes game in and game out, regularly rushing for several touchdowns per game and easily topping 100 yards.

MacMillan's assertive running style became the identity of a La Grande team that went 7-2 on the year and made it to the quarterfinal round of the OSAA 4A state tournament.

"His drive and love for the game is unmatched," head coach Rich McIlmoil said. "I've never seen a kid with that much love for football. He absolutely loves the game and will leave it all on the field."

**MOUNTAINEERS TRAVEL TO PLAY TOP-RANKED GONZAGA**

SPOKANE, Wash. — In a once-in-a-lifetime experience, the Eastern Oregon University men's basketball team traveled to Spokane to face the NCAA No. 1 Gonzaga Bulldogs on Oct. 31.

Fans at The Kennel packed the stadium as the Bulldogs came away with a 115-62 victory. While the learning experience was substantial for the Eastern players and coaches, a handful of injuries sustained during the game cast a dark shadow over the trip north. Star guard Max McCullough was injured early in the game, putting an end to his season.

The AP No. 1 team in the country opened up its season in front of a packed house, just one season removed from coming a

game shy of an NCAA championship. The stakes in this exhibition might not have been as high, but the intensity in the stadium was immense.

Eastern held its own throughout the game, despite the heavy skill differential. The Zags maintained a 52-27 lead at halftime that extended in the second half when Eastern had to dig deep into its rotation due to injuries.

Aside from the injuries, the players took away quite the experience. Playing in a packed arena against the nation's top talent in the sport set an example of what can be achieved in the sport of basketball. Battling against All-Americans and potential top NBA draft picks set the stage for the remainder of Eastern's schedule in the 2021-22 season.

**LOCAL LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS TAKE HOME STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

LA GRANDE — It was a memorable year for Union County Little League teams, taking home two state titles.

The Union County Junior softball team won the Oregon Junior League Championship on July 11, at Eastern Oregon University, defeating Warm Springs 10-7. The victory marks

the first time a Union County All-Star Little League team has won a state championship since 2004.

"This group was determined to play hard and had great attitudes," head coach Meghan Counsell said. "They really worked at it and were determined."

On the boys side, the La Grande Junior baseball team defeated South Central 14-12 in the championship game of the Oregon Little League Junior Baseball Tournament on July 21, in Turner.

"The kids went into the game knowing that we were going to fight hard and give it all we got," La Grande head coach Kirk Fenley said.

La Grande earned its spot in the state tournament after defeating Wallowa 19-8 in the District 3 tournament in Baker City. The juniors, whose ages range from 12 to 14, competed against Baker and Wallowa in a double-elimination district tournament before traveling to Turner's Cascade Sports Complex for the state tournament.

Neither team was able to advance to a regional or state competition because of the pandemic, but the two Union County teams represented the county well in Little League play this past year.

**2021 Year in Review: In Memoriam**

The Observer bids farewell to residents of Union and Wallowa counties who died in 2021.

**A**  
Arden Abel  
Robert Ahlbrandt  
Betty Alam  
Charles "Chuck" Anderson Jr.  
Larry Anderson  
Linda Anderson  
Patricia Anderson  
Virginia Anderson  
Joseph Aragon  
Frank Archambeau  
Keith Arnold  
Freida "Gail" Atwood

**B**  
Howard Bailey  
Scott Baker  
Crescence "Cres" Bakker  
Hugh "Eric" Barker  
Chane "Chain" Barnard  
Sally Barrow  
Ruthann Batty  
Kendall Baxter  
David Bean  
Skip Beardsley  
Richard "Dick" Beedle  
James "Joe" Bellisle  
Marcia Bergstrom  
Alvin Bennett  
Donald "Don" Berry  
Eileen Berry  
Beverly Bibler  
Richard Bidwell  
Nancy Biechler  
Lloyd "Harry" Bigler  
Lois Bigler  
Steven Bloyed  
Anthony "Tony" Boesch  
Gene Bolin  
Brenda Bomberger  
Dewald Boswell  
Carmella Bourhill  
William "Bill" Bowen  
Susan Boyd  
Albert Boyle  
Arthur "Mike" Brennan  
Edcil Bright  
Donna Brodhead  
Merald "Rusty" Brodhead  
Earnest "Beryl" Brookshire  
Frederick "Fred" Brown  
J.B. Brown  
Marlene Brown  
Mary Brown  
Van Brown

Crawford "C.J." Bryan  
Barbara Buce  
Carol Buckley  
Melvin "Mel" Buffington  
Joshua Burright  
Beverly Bushman  
Leroy Bushman  
Kathleen Buttram

**C**  
Kerry Cameron  
Harold Campbell  
Douglas Carper  
George Carratello  
Connie Carter  
William "Bill" Carter  
Ettore "Eddie" Cascio  
Wanda Case  
Howard Castle  
Karen Catlin  
Annette Cheatham  
Wayne Christensen  
Lawrence "Larry" Christman  
James Clark  
Pamela Clark  
Robert Clark  
Gloria Clements  
Thomas "Tom" Collins  
Hubert "Herb" Comfort  
Patti Comstock  
Bobby Cornford  
Kathleen Costa  
David Council  
Richard Crabb  
Steve Craig  
Gerald Crawford  
Michelle Crepeau  
Richard Croft  
Donald Crow  
Stephen Cruikshank  
Judy Culp  
Tamara "Tammy" Culver

**D**  
LaNeva Davis  
Melvin Davis  
Cecle DeFries  
Thomas "Tom" Dehart  
Lorenzo "Lorry" DelCurto  
Teresa DiFalco  
Caroline Dominic  
Linda Doss  
Timothy Doss  
Chauncey Doty  
Gaynell Dougherty  
Virginia "Gin" Drew  
Connie Driskell  
Leslie DuCharme  
Patricia "Pat" Duffey  
Raymond Duggins  
Michael "Mike" Dunn  
Milton "Bill" Durand

**E**  
Lois Ebel  
Raymond "Ray" Eitelgorge  
Clyde Elliott IV  
Kelly Elliott  
Gloria Engleson  
Sherill "Butch" Estes  
Shelia Evans  
Virginia "Peggy" Evans  
Frances "LaDon" Evers

**F**  
Patricia Fager  
Verna Feik  
Brigette Ferguson  
Margey Fisher  
Philip Flanders

**G**  
Lloyd Garinger  
Gary Gaston  
Patricia "Pat" Gemaehlich  
Millicent "Peggy" Gentle  
Jerry Lou Gerber  
Gregory "Greg" Gerke  
Claudine Gilkison  
Frank Gladden IV  
Eddythe Glenn  
Lise Gott  
Ernal Goucher  
Bob Gregory  
Bethaleen "Beth" Green  
Faith Green  
Forrest Green  
Patricia Greene  
Claytie "Lori" Greenway  
Marcia "Sunny" Greer  
Dean "Dan" Gruis

**H**  
Donna Hack  
Kathryn "Kay" Hadden  
Walter Haldenwang  
Lilyan Hale  
Reta Hallgarth  
Carole Halvorson  
Wilfred "Willie" Hamann  
Everett "Butch" Hancock  
Theresa Hansen  
Vera Harmon  
Rebecca Harper  
Ted Harris  
Christen Hart  
Sondra "Soni" Harvey  
Ronald Hayward Jr.  
James "Jimmy" Hebert  
Tona Helbling  
Gayleen Henderson  
Vera Henderson  
Courtney Hendrickson  
Charity Henry  
Glen Henry  
Verla Henry  
Edith "Marie" Hewitt  
Icely Hewitt  
Patrick Higgins

Rolland Hilde  
Teresa "Terri" Hocker  
Shane Homan  
Michael Hopkins  
Donald "Don" Houtz  
William "Bill" Howell  
James Hubbard  
Jean "Jeannie" Huizenga  
Dorothy Hunt  
Judith "Judy" Hunt  
Allen "Buster" Hunter

**I**  
Mary "Linda" Iles  
Marina Ilona  
Jerry Ingerson  
Lee Insko

**J**  
Dale Johnson  
LaVon Johnson  
Lois Johnson  
Peggy Johnson  
Raymond Johnson  
Thomas Johnson  
Dennis Jones  
Edward Jones  
James "Jim" Jones  
Ryan "Jorgy" Jorgensen

**K**  
Robert Kautz  
John Keffer  
Michael "Larry" Keffer  
Wesly Kilgore  
George "Roger" Kirkland  
Steven King  
Ryan Kissinger  
Velda Klein  
Beverly Kling  
Mark Kubin  
Shirley Kunkel

**L**  
Lawrence "Larry" Laber  
Brenda Lamoureux  
Patsy Lang  
DebraAnn Langley  
Rita Lanman  
Allen Lee  
Mark Letteriello  
Malcolm Letts  
Patricia "Pat" Lewis  
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Alice Literal  
Thomas "Tommy" Little Jr.  
Inez Locken  
Christopher Longfellow  
Nancy Loper  
Stanley Ludviksen  
Julia Luse  
Pat Lynn

**M**  
Reginald Madsen  
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Maria Martinez

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Linda McEntarffer  
Mae McGinnis  
Harry "Gene" McKinney  
Brian "Tim" McManus  
John McNair  
Kristine McNair  
Evelyn Meecker  
Eugene Meier  
Steven Merrick  
Donald Miller  
June Miller  
Michael Miller  
Phillip Miller  
Ronald Miller  
Rosie Miller  
Clinton Millman  
Teresa Miniard  
Rusty Mink  
Edith Mitts  
Lee Mitts  
Max Moffit  
Alvin Montgomery  
Alta "Rose" Moore  
LeeRoy Moschkau  
Margaret Moss  
Larry Murphy  
Mindy Musgrove

**N**  
Blake Nelson  
Richard Nelson  
Tanya Nelson  
Rosella Ngiraungil  
Shirley Nice  
William Niday  
Robert Niswender

**O**  
Virginia "Ginger" Oldham  
Fauna Ollis  
Meri Olmsted  
Ronald Olsen  
Verlea Olsen  
William "Bill" Olson  
Sue Orlaske

**P**  
Floriece Papenfuhs  
Helen "Lynn" Parker  
Hershell Parker  
William "Bill" Paxton  
Rodney Payant  
Norman Payne  
Gerald Peeke  
Joseph Perez  
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Nedra Peters  
Delta Phelps  
Glennis Phillips  
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Jeffrey Rysdam

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Leland Sams  
Terry Sandoval  
Lawrence Sauer  
Marjorie Savage  
Lucinda Sawyer  
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William Schmidt  
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Susan Schultz  
Christopher Schwebke  
Evan Schwebke  
Conner Seale  
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Christian Skinner  
Phyllis "Ilene" Sloan  
George Smith  
Ricky Smith  
Brett Snyder  
Larry Snyder  
Reta Snyder  
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Bradley Stewart  
Ray Stinnett  
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Marilyn Thompson  
Nellie Thompson  
George Tishmack Jr.  
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Grant Tsiatsos  
Marlene Turner  
Sandy Twigg  
John Tye

**V**  
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Ted Vandenberg  
Elaine Voetberg  
William "Will" Voss

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Loma Wagoner  
Phyllis Walch  
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Clista "Chris" Ward  
Coral Ward  
Bernice Webster  
Jerome Weiner  
Rodney Weitman  
Norman Werst  
Ronald West  
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Mary "June" Whitaker  
Marcella Widell  
Henry Wilhelm  
Darrel Williams  
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Warren Williams  
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Jessica Winger  
Jerry Winkle  
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