

# BEAVERS

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Pitching and defense were the strengths of last year's club. Canham credited assistant coach Darwin Barney for his defensive work with the team and its outstanding fielding percentage of .982. The pitching staff compiled 611 strikeouts and posted an earned run average of 3.48.

Canham said practices are focused on fundamentals and situational baseball. He said the players' work ethic and drive to work on their hitting outside of practice makes that possible.

"We've done a ton of work on the fundamentals. All the guys, never have to worry about it, they're always gonna go in their free time and go hit in the cage. That's just part of the culture here. You can go up to the cages at 9 o'clock at night and there's a handful of guys up there, got the machine rolling and they're hitting. They're always going to do it on their own time," Canham said.

Because the roster is so deep there is competition for starting roles all over the field. Jacob Melton, who spent the offseason recovering from shoulder surgery, is fully healthy and is expected to spend most of his time in center field, with some time at first base.



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Oregon State's Cooper Hjerpe pitches against McNeese State in the Fort Worth Regional on June 5, 2021. Hjerpe is a returning starter for the Beavers this season.

Canham said Thomas Dukart has moved to short-stop from third base and is adapting well to the change. Junior Gavin Logan is the most experienced option at catcher.

"Hasn't seen a ton of playing time last several years but how he goes about his work builds a lot of respect from all those around him," Canham said of Logan.

Freshman catcher Wilson Weber is already one of the strongest players on the team, Canham said, and has great arm strength for the position.

Returner Kyle Dervede and Australian Travis Bazzana give Canham two great options at second base.

"Dervede is a guy who worked his tail off all year last year waiting for that moment and when he took advantage of it he did very well. Played solid defense,

and had some big at-bats driving in some runs," Canham said.

Bazzana, however, is making a push for playing time on the strength of his bat and he is also an option at designated hitter.

"Bazzana's got the kind of bat that you definitely want in the lineup all the time. I've seen him drag and push for hits, I've seen him steal bags, seen him hit the ball in the gap, seen him leave the yard. He can do a little bit of everything," Canham said.

The freshman has already made an impression on his teammates.

"Kid works extremely hard and has got great feel for the game. He's probably the first freshman I've been around with the maturity level on the field to really step in and I think be a really big performer for us," Melton said.

# STANDINGS

## COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League Overall	Conference Overall
Oregon Tech	14-2	17-6
College of Idaho	14-2	20-4
Southern Oregon	10-5	13-10
Corban	9-7	14-10
LC State	8-7	15-8
Eastern Oregon	8-8	14-10
Warner Pacific	8-8	12-12
Northwest	7-9	10-11
Multnomah	6-10	10-14
Bushnell	6-10	8-15
Evergreen	3-13	3-17
Walla Walla	1-10	2-16

## COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League Overall	Conference Overall
Eastern Oregon	13-3	16-8
LC State	12-3	18-3
Southern Oregon	12-3	19-4
Bushnell	12-4	15-9
Oregon Tech	9-6	16-6
College of Idaho	8-8	14-10
Warner Pacific	8-8	10-11
Northwest	7-9	13-10
Evergreen	5-11	6-13
Multnomah	5-11	5-18
Corban	3-13	4-19
Walla Walla	0-15	1-21

## PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

### 4A Greater Oregon League

Team	League Overall	Conference Overall
Baker	3-0	14-3
McLoughlin	2-2	3-9
La Grande	1-1	10-2
Ontario	0-3	0-11

### 2A Blue Mountain Conference

Team	League Overall	Conference Overall
Stanfield	8-1	14-7
Heppner	5-0	13-2
Union	5-3	11-8

Weston-McEwen	3-5	9-9
Pilot Rock	3-5	6-13
Grant Union	3-6	4-14
Enterprise	0-8	2-16

## 1A Old Oregon League

Team	League Overall	Conference Overall
Powder Valley	6-0	16-1
Nixyaawii	5-2	14-5
Imbler	5-2	7-11
Joseph	4-1	6-7
Cove	4-3	6-8
Pine Eagle	3-4	6-9
Wallowa	2-5	4-13
Griswold	0-6	1-15
Elgin	0-6	0-11

## PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

### 4A Greater Oregon League

Team	League Overall	Conference Overall
Baker	3-0	14-5
La Grande	2-1	9-7
McLoughlin	2-2	7-7
Ontario	0-4	0-13

### 2A Blue Mountain Conference

Team	League Overall	Conference Overall
Stanfield	8-1	18-3
Union	7-1	16-3
Enterprise	5-3	10-9
Grant Union	5-4	8-11
Heppner	2-6	7-10
Weston-McEwen	1-7	8-12
Pilot Rock	1-7	5-15

## 1A Old Oregon League

Team	League Overall	Conference Overall
Nixyaawii	7-0	16-3
Wallowa	6-2	12-6
Joseph	5-1	8-6
Powder Valley	5-3	8-10
Imbler	5-3	7-11
Elgin	2-5	5-12
Griswold	1-5	5-11
Cove	1-6	2-12
Pine Eagle	0-7	1-14

# ON THE SLATE

Thursday, Feb. 3

## PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Joseph at Griswold, 7:30 p.m.

## PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Joseph at Griswold, 6 p.m.

## COLLEGE TRACK & FIELD

Eastern Oregon at WSU Invitational, Pullman, Washington, noon

Friday, Feb. 4

## COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon at Walla Walla, 2 p.m.

## COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon at Walla Walla, noon

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

Eastern Oregon at Linfield, 2 p.m.

## COLLEGE TRACK & FIELD

Eastern Oregon at WSU Invitational, Pullman, Washington, noon

## PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Stanfield at Union, 7 p.m.

Ontario at La Grande, 7:30 p.m.

Griswold at Elgin, 7:30 p.m.

Powder Valley at Imbler, 7:30 p.m.

Cove at Pine Eagle, 7:00 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Wallowa, 7:30 p.m.

Heppner at Enterprise, 7:30 p.m.

## PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Stanfield at Union, 5:30 p.m.

Ontario at La Grande, 6 p.m.

Griswold at Elgin, 6 p.m.

Powder Valley at Imbler, 6 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Wallowa, 6 p.m.

Heppner at Enterprise, 6 p.m.

Cove at Pine Eagle, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 5

## COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

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

## COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern Oregon at Lewis-Clark State, 3 p.m.

## COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, 7 p.m.

## COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, 6 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASEBALL

Eastern Oregon at Linfield, 1 p.m.

## PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Joseph at Nixyaawii, 4:45 p.m.

Heppner at Union, 5:30 p.m.

Elgin at Pine Eagle, 5:30 p.m.

Powder Valley at Baker, 5:30 p.m.

Imbler at Cove, 5:30 p.m.

Griswold at Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.

Grant Union at Enterprise, 5:30 p.m.

## PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Joseph at Nixyaawii, 1:30 p.m.

Elgin at Pine Eagle, 3:30 p.m.

Heppner at Union, 4 p.m.

Powder Valley at Baker JV, 4 p.m.

Imbler at Cove, 4 p.m.

Griswold at Wallowa, 4 p.m.

Grant Union at Enterprise, 4 p.m.

## PREP GIRLS WRESTLING

La Grande at Special District 3, Redmond High School, TBA

## PREP SWIMMING

La Grande at Riverdale/Lewis and Clark, Portland, TBA

Cove at Riverdale/Lewis and Clark, Portland, TBA

## PREP BOYS WRESTLING

Union, Imbler and Elgin at Bank of Eastern Oregon Invitational, TBA

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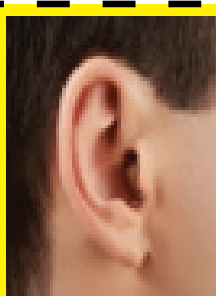
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