

BASKETBALL

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Eastern was a stout 11-1 at home during the season. Despite a strong finish to the season, the Mountaineers saw their postseason run come to an end at the hands of Southern Oregon on Feb. 25. The Raiders topped the Mountaineers 65-58.

The two first-team nominations marked the 29th all-conference selection for the program under head coach Anji Weissenfluh in 22 years of coaching.

After the loss to Southern Oregon, the Mountaineers will await the possibility of an at-large bid to the NAIA national tournament. The 64-team field is set to be announced at 4 p.m. on March 3.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League	Overall
College of Idaho	20-2	28-4
Oregon Tech	18-4	21-10
LC State	14-8	22-10
Corban	14-8	19-12
Southern Oregon	13-9	18-14
Eastern Oregon	12-10	18-13
Warner Pacific	10-12	15-17
Multnomah	9-13	13-18
Bushnell	7-15	9-20
Northwest	7-15	10-17
Walla Walla	4-18	5-24
Evergreen	4-18	4-22

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League	Overall
LC State	19-3	27-3
Southern Oregon	18-4	27-5
Eastern Oregon	18-4	22-10
Bushnell	15-7	19-13
Oregon Tech	12-10	19-11
Warner Pacific	11-11	13-15
Northwest	11-11	17-13
College of Idaho	10-12	16-15

Evergreen	7-15	9-17
Multnomah	6-16	6-23
Corban	4-18	5-24
Walla Walla	1-21	2-27

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League	Overall
LC State	0-0	19-1
Corban	0-0	9-5-1
Oregon Tech	0-0	11-7
College of Idaho	0-0	9-10
British Columbia	0-0	6-10
Eastern Oregon	0-0	5-12
Bushnell	0-0	2-14

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Cascade Collegiate Conference

Team	League	Overall
College of Idaho	3-0	14-2
Oregon Tech	3-0	15-3
Corban	3-0	8-6
Bushnell	3-0	5-5
Southern Oregon	2-1	13-4
British Columbia	1-2	1-5
Eastern Oregon	0-0	8-5
Northwest	0-3	2-7
Warner Pacific	0-3	1-7
Carroll	0-3	1-9

LOCAL STANDINGS

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

4A Greater Oregon League

Team	League	Overall
La Grande	5-1	16-2
Baker	5-1	18-6
McLoughlin	2-4	4-14
Ontario	0-6	0-15

2A Blue Mountain Conference

Team	League	Overall
Heppner	11-1	21-3
Stanfield	10-2	17-11
Union	8-4	15-10
Weston-McEwen	5-7	11-12
Pilot Rock	3-9	6-18
Grant Union	3-9	6-19
Enterprise	2-10	4-18

1A Old Oregon League

Team	League	Overall
Nixyaawii	9-2	23-6
Powder Valley	9-0	23-2
Cove	8-4	12-11
Joseph	8-3	11-11
Imbler	7-5	10-15
Pine Eagle	4-8	8-14
Wallowa	3-7	5-16
Griswold	1-10	2-21
Elgin	0-10	0-15

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

4A Greater Oregon League

Team	League	Overall
Baker		6-0 19-5
La Grande		4-2 13-9
McLoughlin		2-4 8-11
Ontario		0-6 0-17

2A Blue Mountain Conference

Team	League	Overall
Union		11-1 22-3
Enterprise		9-3 15-11
Stanfield		10-2 22-5
Grant Union		5-7 8-15
Heppner		4-8 10-13
Weston-McEwen		2-10 9-15
Pilot Rock		1-11 5-19

1A Old Oregon League

Team	League	Overall
Nixyaawii		11-0 24-4
Powder Valley		9-3 14-12
Wallowa		8-3 16-9
Imbler		8-4 10-14
Joseph		7-4 12-11
Elgin		5-7 9-15
Cove		2-10 3-17
Griswold		1-10 6-17
Pine Eagle		1-11 2-18

WRESTLING

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Sophomore Zach Mauras is set to make a run at the 133-pound division after placing sixth at the conference championship. All five of the wrestlers above Mauras in the conference are ranked nationally.

"That is a solid weight class and he can definitely get in there and surprise some people," Azure said.

Freshman Jaxon Morlan will continue a quality first season at the collegiate ranks, competing at the 141-pound division. According to Azure, Morlan struggled with injuries throughout the year and was limited in how many matches he could compete in during the regular season. His second-place finish at the conference tournament is a promising sign of things to come for the freshman wrestler.

Senior Keegan Mulhill, an anchor on and off the mat for Eastern, is set to make a final run at the 174-pound weight class. Mulhill enters the tournament as one of the more

accomplished wrestlers the program has seen and will look to end his career on top as an All-American.

"Heading into the national tournament, we're going to look toward him as a leader," Azure said. "We're looking for him to come away with some more hardware."

Eastern's lone conference champion, Knudtson, enters the national championships as the No. 3 ranked wrestler in the country at 184 pounds. The sophomore went undefeated in his division in the conference tournament to take top marks. Azure and

the Mountaineers are confident that Knudtson will be a contender heading into the national championships.

"He's got a good shot at making a run," Azure said.

Sophomore Jay Smith was one of the biggest improvements of the season for Eastern, going winless in his freshman year. Smith compiled a 23-6 record this season and finished second place in the 197-pound division at the conference tournament.

"He's coming in and definitely looking to make some noise at this national tourna-

ment," Azure said. "He'll be a bit of a sneaker, an underdog not very well known. He's been flying under the radar all year."

Eastern's final wrestler heading to Kansas is heavy-weight Noel Orozco. The senior has been a dominant wrestler all season for the Mountaineers, but ultimately came up short and finished as the runner-up at the conference tournament. Orozco was defeated by University of Providence's Kc Bunday, a wrestler that Orozco defeated twice during the regular season. Azure noted that facing the same compe-

tion multiple times in the same season can be a difficult challenge.

"Beating somebody you see three times in a year is really tough to do, they say that third time is always the toughest," he said. "I don't see that happening again. I think he's going to come in ready to battle hard."

Eastern's six wrestlers heading to the national championships tied a record for most athletes sent to the final site since the program's reinstatement in 2016. Azure and the Mountaineers are hoping to achieve success at the team

stage, while shooting for each wrestler to place in their weight class.

"At the start of the year, your goal is always to be national champs," Azure said. "If these guys all compete well and get six guys on the podium, I think we can realistically come home with a trophy."

The wrestling action is set to begin on March 4 at the Hartman Arena in Wichita, Kansas. The competition will extend through March 5, when a champion will be named at the conclusion of the season.

ON THE SLATE

Thursday, March 3

COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

Eastern Oregon at NAIA Indoor Championships, Brookings, South Dakota, TBA

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Union vs. Faith Bible, Pendleton Convention Center, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 4

COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at NAIA National Championships, Wichita, Kansas, TBA

COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

Eastern Oregon at NAIA Indoor Championships, Brookings, South Dakota, TBA

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Eastern Oregon at Bushnell, 1 p.m.

Eastern Oregon at Bushnell, 3 p.m.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

La Grande at Baker, 6:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

La Grande at Cascade, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 5

COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at NAIA National Championships, Wichita, Kansas, TBA

COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD

Eastern Oregon at NAIA Indoor Championships, Brookings, South Dakota, TBA

COLLEGE BASEBALL

College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 11 a.m.

College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 2 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Eastern Oregon at Bushnell, 11 a.m.

Eastern Oregon at Bushnell, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Eastern Oregon at Corban, 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 6

COLLEGE BASEBALL

College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 11 a.m.

College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 2 p.m.

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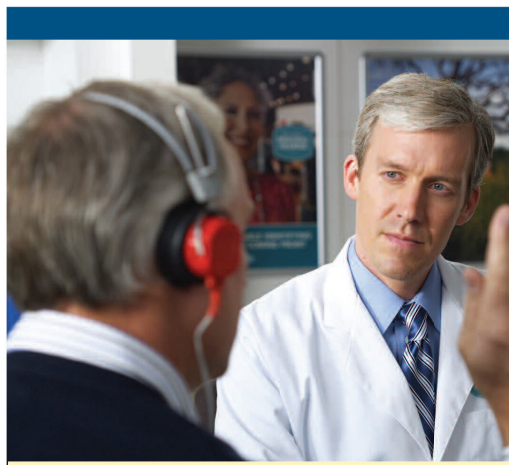
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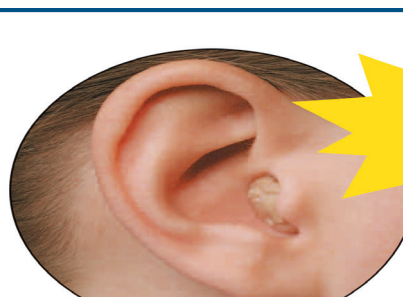
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