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EOU releases men's basketball schedule

LA GRANDE — Presession battles with Gonzaga and Metro State highlight the 2015-16 Eastern Oregon University men's basketball schedule, which was released this week.

The Mountaineers travel to Spokane on Nov. 7 to face the Bulldogs, which went 35-3 last season and reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament before being eliminated by the soon-to-be national champions Duke Blue Devils.

EOU will kick off the 2015-16 campaign on Oct. 16-17 against Vancouver Island, a premier program in the Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association. EOU will host the 16th annual Quinn Classic on Oct. 30-31, and will face Metro State in the Wendy's Classic Nov. 20. Metro State, an NCAA Division II powerhouse, has reached the Final Four in two of the last three seasons.

For the full schedule go to www.eousports.com.

Scully to return for 67th season

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Vin Scully will return for a record 67th season in the broadcast booth for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The news was revealed in the second inning of Friday night's game against the Chicago Cubs.

Late-night TV host Jimmy Kimmel appeared on the Dodger Stadium video board and told the crowd via cue cards without uttering a sound.

His last card read: "God bless us everyone."

The 87-year-old Scully stood up and waved from his booth as the crowd cheered.

His consecutive years of service make him the longest-tenured broadcaster with one team in sports history.

"I remember your blocked punt in the Superdome. It was one of the most iconic plays in sports history."

— Barack Obama
President of the United States said to former New Orleans Saint Steve Gleason, who is now battling ALS. Gleason's NFL career is known for the blocked punt that led to a touchdown during the Saints first game back home in the Superdome a year after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city. Obama was in the city to remember the 10th anniversary of the storm.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1974 — Moses Malone, 19, signs with the Utah Stars of the ABA to become the first player to go directly from high school into major professional basketball.

1998 — Toms River, N.J., wins its first Little League World Series with a 12-9 victory over Kashima, Japan. Chris Cardone hits home runs in consecutive at-bats — including the game-deciding two-run shot.

2000 — Anaheim's Darin Erstad goes 3-for-5 to reach 200 hits faster than any player in 65 years as the Angels beat Toronto 9-4.

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College Football

Mountaineers look to start fast against Yotes

EOU football opens season at College of Idaho

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Eastern Oregon head football coach Tim Camp leads the Mountaineers into his ninth season opener on Saturday at College of Idaho.

With several key players returning on offense and defense, expectations are high for the No. 13

team in the NAIA.

"It's a good feeling but at the same time we've still got to go prove it," Camp said of the team's coaches poll ranking in a video posted on the EOU Athletics website.

The Mountaineers open against a Yotes team it defeated 47-7 and 45-21 in a pair of meetings last season, but Camp warned against taking any Frontier Conference opponent lightly.

"It's the toughest small college football conference in the country," he said. "From top to bottom the Frontier Conference is unbelievably strong. From our very, very best,

whoever that is, to our teams that don't have the best records at the end of the year are still very, very tough and could quite possibly finish in the top half or the top three of other conferences."

The Yotes return all 11 starters on offense, but must find a way to limit other teams after giving up 480 yards per game on defense last season.

That could be tough Saturday, since Eastern will return to the field with school-record holder Jace Billingsley and quarterback Zach

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MLB

Seager, Gutierrez power M's



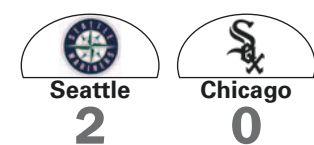
Seattle Mariners' Franklin Gutierrez hits a solo home run during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox Friday in Chicago.

Walker leaves game with injury

By JEFF ARNOLD
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Kyle Seager and Franklin Gutierrez both had three hits and a homer and Taijuan Walker allowed three hits before leaving with an injury in the seventh inning as the Seattle Mariners beat the Chicago White Sox 2-0 on Friday night.

Walker (10-7) suffered a cramp in his right hip flexor after working 6 1-3 innings. Walker, who struck out six, experienced discomfort while facing Chicago's Adam LaRoche and walked off the field under his own



power after being examined by a team trainer.

Tom Wilhelmsen pitched the ninth to earn his fifth save in as many opportunities.

The Mariners snapped a scoreless tie in the sixth with two solo home runs. Seager, who entered Friday's game hitting .196 in August, led off the inning with a homer to right off White Sox starter John

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Zduriencik out as Mariners GM

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A year to the day after praising Jack Zduriencik as he was rewarded with a contract extension, Seattle Mariners President Kevin Mather found himself speaking with ownership this week on all the areas he believed the club was lacking.

It was clear to Mather that Zduriencik's time as Seattle's general manager was at an end and his regret was not making a change sooner.

"I was so optimistic about 2015 at the major league level that I waited too long

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College football

Oregon finally names Week 1 starting QB

Adams picked to face former school

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

Transfer Vernon Adams is listed atop Oregon's depth chart at quarterback heading into the first week of the season.

Adams, an FCS All-American, joined the No. 7 Ducks just two weeks ago after passing the final math class he needed to graduate from Eastern Washington.

On the depth chart released Friday, Adams was listed above Jeff Lockie, who was Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota's backup last season.

Adams, a two-time Big Sky Conference offensive player of the year, threw for 10,438 yards and 110 touchdowns in three seasons for the Eagles.

Oregon will host Eastern Washington to open the season Sept. 5.

Under NCAA rules he needed to complete his undergraduate course-



Andy Nelson/The Register-Guard via AP. In this Aug. 14, 2015, file photo, Oregon quarterback Vernon Adams heads to the locker room after a closed NCAA college football practice in Eugene, Ore.

work — specifically, a final math class — to transfer from Eastern Washington. The rules allow players with eligibility who have graduated to transfer to another school without having to sit out a season.

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College Volleyball

T-Wolves come up empty

BMCC volleyball loses three straight in pool play

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SALEM — The Blue Mountain volleyball team finds itself in unfamiliar territory after pool play ended at the Chemeketa Pre-Season Tournament on Friday.

The Timberwolves were winless in three matches, and head coach Dave Baty said it may be a good thing that his young roster took defeats to Walla Walla, Chemeketa and Olympic to open the season.

"We haven't had a day like this in awhile, so this is a good thing for us," said Baty, whose T-Wolves have won four of the last five NWAC championships. "We have a lot of young players and their eyes got a little big. Everybody is coming in eager to play us, and sometimes when you have young players you need that splash of water to the face, so to speak, to kind of wake you up and get you moving."

Baty said he was encouraged by the fact that the T-Wolves won at least one set in each best-of-three match, and held the lead late on Chemeketa until allowing a five-point run.

Scores against Walla Walla were 26-24, 19-25, 15-9; against Chemeketa it was 22-25, 25-17, 15-13; against Olympic scores were 25-18, 16-25, 21-19.

The Timberwolves will face Spokane in the first round of the consolation bracket Saturday morning. Walla Walla and Clackamas are on the other half of the bracket.

Chemeketa will face Bellevue and Linn-Benton will play Olympic in the championship bracket.

EOU takes two at Big Sky Challenge

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HELENA, Mont. — The No. 6 Eastern Oregon University volleyball team closed out a pair of tight matches to earn two victories on the first day at the Big Sky Challenge on Friday at Carroll College.

The Mountaineers opened with a thrilling five-set win over the host school 23-25, 19-25, 25-15, 15-13, then swept a pesky Great Falls team 25-15, 25-23, 25-21.

"We had two tough matches today, and after not responding to the best of our ability this morning, we did much better this afternoon," said head volleyball coach Kaki McLean Morehead in comments distributed by the school. "Offense and defense did a great job of setting pace in the match. We have a tough day again (Saturday) and are looking forward to it."

The Mountaineers (4-0) were led against Carroll by sophomore Emily Nay, who registered a career-high 18 kills. Sophomore middle Amanda Miller added 13 kills and senior Kendra De Hoog chipped in 10.

Junior setter Rachele Chamberlain had her 11th career double-double with 57 assists and 13 digs, and defensive specialist Piper Cantrell added a career-high 32 digs.

EOU then posted its best team attacking percentage (.360) of the young season to take care of Great Falls, and were led at the net by Miller with 14 kills. Nay added 11 kills and Kasaundra Tuma finished with 10.

EOU continue tournament play Saturday morning at 9 a.m. against No. 5 Rocky Mountain.