SPORTS

College Roundup Mountaineers pull plug on Lights

EOU rolls in football, volleyball, soccer over weekend

By SETH DAHLE EOU Sports Information

HAVRE, Mont. - The Eastern Oregon University football team registered its highest offensive output since 2008 under eighth-year head coach Tim Camp, as the Mountaineers toppled the Lights of MSU-Northern, 72-30, on Saturday after-noon. The Navy and Gold logged 646 yards of total offense — the most since Sept. 27, 2008.

Several players boasted career-best numbers for the Navy and Gold in the rout.

Junior quarterback Zach Bartlow completed 27 passes for a career-high 438 vardsjust six yards shy of setting a single-game record at EOU. He finished the game with two passing touchdowns and three touchdowns on the ground.

Senior running back Jace Billingsley registered 134 yards on 15 carries. Meanwhile, sophomore wide receiver Calvin Connors logged a career-high 150 yards on four punt returns, including an 89-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the third quarter. Senior defensive back Byron Benson also returned a kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter — the third longest kickoff return for a TD in program history. Another career-best performance came from junior wide receiver Deacon Starr, as he caught three passes for 114 yards.

Connors also recorded 148 receiving yards on nine catches, and the Frontier Conference announced on Monday afternoon that Connors reaped Special Teams Player of the Week accolades for his performance.

Defensively, EOU was paced by senior linebacker Gary Posten's nine tackles, one sack, and two tackles for loss.



Kathleen Brown photo courtesy of EOU Sports Information Eastern Oregon running back Jace Billingsley cuts upfield during the Mountaineers' 72-30 win over MSU-Northern on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015 in Havre, Montana.

Men's Basketball

SIMPSON 88. EASTERN OREGON 81, **OT** — At Redding, Calif., despite a fourth-consecutive double-double performance from junior guard Kentrell Washington, the Eastern Oregon (2-2) team fell in overtime to Simpson on Saturday night, resulting in the weekend split with the Red Hawks.

Washington shot 10-for-19 to net 27 points and snagged 12 rebounds to lead the Navy and Gold. In four games this season, Washington is averaging 24 points and 13.3 rebounds per contest.

Eastern hosts the Quinn Classic starting at 5 p.m. on Friday in La Grande.

Volleyball

EASTERN OREGON WARNER PACIFIC **0**— At La Grande, the No. 11 Mountaineers saw another solid hitting percentage on Senior Night to complete a perfect 12-0 record at home, as the Navy and Gold hit .393 en route to handling Warner Pacific in straight sets 25-13, 25-18, 25-10 on Saturday at Quinn Coliseum.

The Mountaineers said farewell to a pair of seniors as defensive specialist Piper Cantrell and senior outside hitter Kendra De Hoog played their final regular-season home matches of the 2015 campaign. Both were transfers from Blue Mountain Community College.

De Hoog led the team with 10 kills, while sophomore outside hitter Amanda Miller and junior middle hitter Kasaundra Tuma chipped in eight kills apiece.

Men's Soccer

EASTERN OREGON 1, NORTHWEST CHRIS-TIAN 0 — At La Grande, the Mountaineers used a goal early in the second half to inch past Northwest Christian in the squad's final home game of its inaugural season.

EOU pounded NCU in the shot department, 20-4, and the Mountaineers compelled the Beacons to just one shot on frame.

Freshman midfielder Jesus Trejo scored the lone goal of the match and the second of his young career.

Eastern (6-8, 5-6 CCC) was coming off a big 2-0 victory over No. 9 Corban on Friday. Both junior defender Osvaldo Martinez and junior midfielder Robert Wilson scored goals in the second stanza.

In goal, junior keeper Alfredo Lara registered five saves, including some critical denials in the second half, and on Monday afternoon, the Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) announced that Lara mustered Red Lion CCC Defensive Player of the Week honors for his two outstanding performances. He has three shutouts on the season and is seventh in the conference with 55 saves in 12 games.

Women's Soccer EASTERN OREGON

2, NORTHWEST CHRIS-TIAN 1 — At La Grande, senior forward Crystal Schuder netted the go-ahead goal less than a minute after NCU scored the equalizer in the second half, and the Mountaineers took down the Beacons on Saturday in their final home game of the season.

The teams were tied at nil to start the second half, and freshman Zoe Anderson gave EOU the 1-0 lead with a shot that ricocheted off the left post and into the net in the 56th minute.

Melyssa Weber found herself all alone on a pass from Brighton Hebisen and fired it past EOU keeper Jessica Parker for the gametying score in the 73rd minute, but just 93 seconds later Schuder dribbled past her defender and netted a left-footer from 10 yards out.

Just 24 hours prior to the NCU victory, Schuder recorded 10 shots and a pair of goals in a 2-0 triumph over Corban.

On Monday afternoon, the league announced that Schuder garnered Red Lion CCC Offensive Player of the Week honors for her lategame heroics. Schuder leads the CCC in both shots (78) and shots per game (5.20). She is third in the league in goals (11), points (27), and points per game (1.80).

MLB Stopping new Mr. October: Royals face 'comfortable' Murphy

By BEN WALKER Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Daniel Murphy took a meaty cut, then motioned to the batting practice pitcher to throw one a bit outside.

"Please," the New York Mets bopper added, politely. Murphy promptly lined the next toss Monday into the right-field corner at Kauffman Stadium.

That's how easy he's making it look in real games, too.

So far, Murphy has invited many of baseball's top aces to his October bash — Clayton Kershaw, Zack Greinke and Jake Arrieta among them.

Now, the Kansas City Royals hope to spoil his playoff party.

Murphy has homered in a record six straight postseason games. He'll take aim at Edinson Volquez and the Royals starting Tuesday night in the World Series opener.

Murphy hit a careerbest 14 home runs during the regular season, then launched seven more in the first two rounds against the Dodgers and Cubs. He is one from matching the mark for most homers in a single postseason, shared by Barry Bonds, Carlos Beltran and Nelson Cruz.

Superman? Oh, no, no," he said before the workout. "Just a second baseman who's trying to get a good pitch to hit.'

To Royals pitching coach Dave Eiland, that's the crux of Murphy's sudden power

"He's getting a lot of good pitches to hit, and he isn't missing them," Eiland said. "He's right on them."

Eiland has noticed something else.

He looks very comfortable in the batter's box — and I'll leave it at that," Eiland said.



World Series

- GAME 1: Today, 5:07 p.m. • at Kansas City, Mo.
- TV: FOX
- Starters: Mets (Harvey 13-8); Royals (Volquez 13-9).

Hmmm.

Told about Eiland's comment, Royals pitcher Kris Medlen chuckled.

'Nobody's going to hit anybody," Medlen said. "But there are ways to get guys out. Coming in, going out, mixing it up.'

Medlen noted that last week against the Cubs, Murphy golfed a pitched that was barely a foot off the ground for a home run. It was the second-lowest pitch hit for a homer in the majors this year.

"He's hitting everything," Medlen said.

Murphy won the MVP award in the NL Championship Series for sweeping Chicago, going 9 for 17. Overall, he's 16 for 38 (.421) in his first postseason, driving in 11 runs and scoring 11 in nine games.

Along with his home runs, he's doubled twice, walked once and struck out six times.

Regarded a good contact throughout hitter his career, Murphy made some mechanical adjustments at the plate this year designed to get more power.

'Get your foot down in time and use your legs," he summed up.

The results this month, have exceeded though, anything than anyone could have imagined.

After hitting 62 home runs in 3,354 career at-bats, he's connected seven times in 38 at-bats in becoming New York's newest "Mr. October."



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