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EOU volleyball earns at-large bid

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — For the second-consecutive year, the No. 11 Eastern Oregon University volleyball team has clinched an at-large bid to the NAIA National Volleyball Championship.

The Navy and Gold earned the No. 4 at-large bid out of the Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC).

As one of the top-ranked teams in the country, EOU automatically advances to the national championship final site in Sioux City, Iowa. The action at the Tyson Events Center will start with three days of pool play (Dec. 1-3) before jumping into the elimination bracket on Dec. 4. The NAIA National Championship is set for Dec. 5.



Texans knock Bengals from ranks of unbeaten

CINCINNATI (AP) It figures that T.J. Yates and the Texans would be the ones to finally knock off the Bengals.



Yates took over after Brian Hoyer sustained a concussion on Monday night and rallied Houston to a 10-6 victory over Cincinnati, sending the Bengals their first loss on their home field on less.

The Bengals (8-1) were trying to make NFL history and join New England and Carolina at 9-0, there's never been such a trio.

Yates came in when Hoyer suffered a concussion in the third quarter. He ended his first drive with a 22-yard touchdown pass to DeAndre Hopkins, who made a one-handed catch in the end zone for the game's only TD.

"I would definitely like to gather more information on why there wasn't a penalty. To me, I think the definition of that rule is cloudy at best, I suppose, and I understand that it's a very difficult call for officials to be able to make. ... But it was a shot."

— Gary Andersen
Oregon State football coach on the hit delivered by California's Jalen Jefferson to OSU quarterback Nick Mitchell, knocking him from Saturday's loss. Jefferson was flagged for a late hit but not targeting, and Andersen said he didn't believe he was intending to injure Mitchell.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1956 — Syracuse beats Colgate 61-7 behind half-back Jim Brown. Brown sets an NCAA-record for points by an individual player in a game by scoring six touchdowns and kicking seven extra points for 43 points.

1990 — David Klingler of Houston throws an NCAA-record 11 touchdown passes as the Cougars trounce Eastern Washington 84-21. Klingler completes 41 of 58 passes for 572 yards.

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HEPPNER

Mustangs surge into semifinals



Heppner's Weston Putman pulls along Reedsport's Griffin Kaufmann (33) and Nester Linwood while running the ball Saturday in the Mustangs' 52-14 win against the Braves in Heppner.

Putman, Heppner offense roll over Reedsport's No. 1 defense

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Heppner senior Weston Putman knew Saturday would be special as soon as he woke up.

"It's the playoffs, it's always a special day when you're in the playoffs," he said.

However, there was no way he could have predicted just how special the day would turn out for him and his No. 2 Heppner Mustangs in their 2A football state quarterfinals match-up with No. 7 Reedsport and its top-ranked defense.

Putman, playing in his final game at Les Payne Field, ran for four touchdowns and passed for

Quarterfinals



Reedsport
14



Heppner
52



Heppner's Patrick Collins, third from left, strips the ball from Reedsport running back Joey Herr while running the ball Saturday in the Mustangs' 52-14 win against the Braves in Heppner.

another as the Mustangs physically dominated the Braves in a 52-14 rout.

Reedsport entered the game

coming off three-straight shutouts and hadn't allowed two touchdowns in a game since September.

After taking the opening kick-off

at their own 32, it took the Mustangs just seven runs to end the first streak. Following a three-and-out and a punt by Reedsport, it took just seven more runs to end the second.

Both drives were typical of what would transpire for the rest of the first half as Putman and C.J. Kindle took turns running through gaping holes in the line and punishing the second-level defenders they found on the other side.

"They punched us in the mouth and put us up on the ropes and just kept punching," said Reedsport coach Shane Nelson. "We're not big but we've been a very physical team all year, and we just couldn't match that level. Which is unfortunate, but it is what it is."

Heppner finished with 426 yards of total offense with 373 rushing yards. The Mustangs scored on their first six drives of the first half before running out the clock to take a 46-0

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In this Nov. 4, 2015, file photo, BMCC's Kirstin Williams (12) and Klaree Hobart go up to block a shot from Comombia Basin's Morgan Wilder in the Timberwolves' win against the Hawks in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



College Volleyball

Four Timberwolves honored by East

Speer wins fifth Coach of Year award

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Blue Mountain Community College sophomore Klaree Hobart led a group of four Timberwolves named to the All-East Region

squads on Monday.

The outside hitter from Lewiston, Idaho, made her second first team after leading the Timberwolves to a 14-0 East Region record and a fourth-straight league title. She was honored as a libero last season before moving to the front line.

She was joined on the first See AWARDS/3B

College Roundup

Ducks keep title hopes alive

Mounties end season with loss to Raiders

Wire Services

STANFORD, Calif. — Vernon Adams had Oregon's big-play offense clicking. Stanford was able to grind it out behind Kevin Hogan and Christian McCaffrey.

When it came down to it, two botched snaps and a failed 2-point conversion spoiled the Cardinal's playoff hopes and kept the Ducks alive in the Pac-12 race.

Adams threw for 205 yards and two touchdowns and Oregon used its quick-strike offense and the late 2-point stop to beat No. 7 Stanford 38-36 victory Saturday night.

"We kept fighting out there," Adams said. "It was a great team win. It shows how good we can be."

In a game dominated by offenses that combined for more than 900 yards, it was a defensive stop on the 2-point attempt with 10 seconds left that sealed the win for Oregon (7-3, 5-2 Pac-12) and kept the Ducks' hopes for a conference title alive.

After Hogan lost two fumbles on snaps in the fourth quarter, Stanford (8-2, 7-1, No. 7 CFP) tied it on Hogan's 4-yard touchdown pass to Greg Taboada. Needing a 2-point conversion to tie it, Hogan tried to find tight end Austin Hooper over the middle against the blitz. But linebacker Joe Walker got a finger on the



Oregon's Royce Freeman, right, straight arms Stanford's Blake Martinez during the first half of an NCAA college football game Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, in Stanford, Calif.

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