

## College Football

## Mountaineers knock off Bulldogs

EOU coach now  
No. 1 in program  
all-time wins



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DILLON, Mont. — A year ago, the EOU football team couldn't pull out a close game to save its life.

But nothing in 2016 could be further from last year's trend, as head football coach Tim Camp celebrated his school-record 49th career victory after the Mountaineers mustered another remarkable triumph, ousting No. 25 Montana Western, 35-23.

It was the defense that

got it done in the second half, as EOU strung together critical 3-and-outs in the fourth quarter to keep the Bulldogs at bay.

"Today we faced a tough [Montana] Western team," said Camp. "They are flat-out good. We were fortunate to make a few more plays and a couple more stops in the second half. We have work to do in every phase, and that's what makes Mountie football so exciting."

In his ninth year at the helm, Camp improved to 49-40 to surpass Bob Quinn,

who led the charge from 1929-49 with a 48-66-5 mark.

"Past and present players and assistant coaches of mine make my job very easy," said Camp. "I am so proud of them. They deserve the credit. I just have the opportunity to watch them develop and mature."

Senior quarterback Zach Bartlow was 16-for-27 for 343 yards and a quartet of touchdowns, while junior wide receiver Calvin Connors caught five passes for 151 receiving yards and two touchdowns. On the ground, senior running back Alfred Gross ran for 85 yards on 15 carries, while Bartlow tallied 53 on 12 rushing attempts.

While EOU logged a

solid defensive effort in many facets, both junior defensive back Justin Hughes and senior line-backer Tucker Stanley stood out the most, recording 11 tackles apiece for the Blue and Gold.

Perhaps something it couldn't brag about last season, EOU's defense remained steady in the second half, yielding only one field goal to keep Montana Western (2-1, 1-1 Frontier) at bay.

EOU improved to 2-0 on the season for the first time since 2012 and scooted its way to first place in the Frontier Conference.

EOU returns to La Grande on Saturday, hosting College of Idaho at 6 p.m.

## NFL

## 49ers open Chip Kelly era with shutout

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Carlos Hyde ran for 88 yards and two touchdowns and the San Francisco 49ers posted their first season-opening shutout in franchise history to spoil the Rams' first game since moving back to Los Angeles with a 28-0 victory Monday night.

Shaun Draughn also ran for a score and Blaine Gabbert threw a touchdown pass to Vance McDonald to help the 49ers win their first game under coach Chip Kelly in convincing fashion.

After Los Angeles football fans waited more than 21 years to once again be able to call a team their own, they need to wait at least another week to see that team score.

Case Keenum threw for just 130 yards with two



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

**San Francisco 49ers running back Shaun Draughn (24) stiff arms Los Angeles Rams strong safety T.J. McDonald (25) to score on a touchdown run during Monday's game in Santa Clara, Calif.**

interceptions, star running back Todd Gurley was held to 47 yards on 17 carries and the Rams barely even threatened the Niners as they made only 10 first downs all game.

San Francisco wasn't much better offensively

but managed to run the ball fairly effectively early, leading to the two first-half touchdowns by Hyde and Draughn.

**STAR EJECTION:** Rams defensive lineman Aaron Donald was ejected in the fourth quarter when

he made contact with an official. The infraction came after Rams linebacker Alec Ogletree gave an extra push to Gabbert following a scramble. As players on both teams started jawing, Donald pushed a 49ers player and then made contact with an official. Donald was called for two personal fouls on the play and ejected.

**THIRD DOWN WOES:** After converting their first third-down try on the opening drive, the Rams came up empty the next 10 times they faced a third down. They finally broke that drought when Keenum completed a 5-yard pass to Tavon Austin on third-and-4 late in the third quarter to get to the San Francisco 27.

Two plays later, Keenum negated that good play by throwing his second interception of the game.

## PBR: Action picks back up tonight at 8 p.m.

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center to finish out.

He came into the finals with the third-highest score with an 84.5 on Brookman/Hyland Rodeo's One Night Stand, who also came out of the chute with a massive leap, and followed with several more, but Whitehorse flowed with his mount as if reading his mind.

"I took it jump for jump and just tried to flow with him the best I could," he said. "Just flow like water, because water is life."

Oil and water. Whitehorse said he'll be back tonight looking to take on a couple more bulls and spread his message to another packed crowd.

Marco Antonio Egnuchi of Pao, Brazil, was second for the night with 170.5 on two, Dakota Lewis of Browning, Montana, was third with 164.5 and Cody Campbell of nearby Summerville was fourth with 157.5. Ty Pozzobon of Merritt, British Columbia, had an 87 on Sankey/Robinson's Cole that was the highest score of the first round.

Also on Monday, fans were treated to a performance of Bull Fighters Only between the long and short-go. Weston Rutkowski, Dusty Tuckness and Ross Hill went one-on-one with bulls for a minimum of 40 seconds looking to score as high as possible on a 100-point scale.

Rutkowski and Tuckness each side-stepped their bull for most of the time before finishing with a flare by leaping over the charging beasts. They both scored 85.5 and Tuckness got the win on the tie-breaker.

The second night of the Pendleton PBR Classic begins at 8 p.m.

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**Brant Atwood of Pampa, Texas, rides Devil in Disguise for 83.5 points Monday during the Pendleton PBR Classic.**



**Emilio Resende of Santa Helena de Goias, Brazil, rides Midnight Oil for 78.5 points Monday during the Pendleton PBR Classic.**

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## ROUND-UP: Lewis starts strong in steer roping

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by Just getting to the finish line proved to be a difficult task for some of the sport's top racers on Monday, and world No. 4 Ivy Conrado was one of several who were unable to make it past the second barrel due to equine confusion.

Utah's Sydni Blanchard experienced Pendleton's other hazard as her seven-year-old gelding Mr. Famous Jess slipped going into the second barrel. He recovered for a time of 30.33 that put Blanchard momentarily into the lead

before she was pushed down to the fifth by the end of the day.

"I'm super excited. We train this horse all year for this specific rodeo and I'm just glad that he was good after that (slip)," she said. "It's super exciting whenever you see your name on the leaderboard here. I said, 'Take a photo before its changes!'"

Blanchard said Mr. Famous Jess will get plenty of ice, stretching and massages to help him recuperate should he need to take another run

in the Pendleton grass on Saturday.

Only the top 12 get to come back for a second run and a chance at the Pendleton title. The cutoff for the 2015 final round was set at 29.55.

Wall was in second with 29.77, Jana Bean was third with 30.28 and Darby Fox was fourth with 30.29.

## STEER ROPING

Brent Lewis of Pinon, New Mexico, took a big step toward defending his 2015 Pendleton Round-Up title by winning the first round in steer roping during

Monday's slack with a time of 12.1 seconds.

Lewis was just ahead of Heppner roper Jason Stewart, who also earned more than \$3,000 on the day for his time of 12.2. World No. 2 Chet Herren was fourth with 13.3.

**Steer roping Go 1 payouts** — 1, Brent Lewis, 12.1 seconds, \$3,811.56; 2, Jason Stewart, 12.2, \$3,314.40; 3, Cody Lee, 12.4, \$2,817.24; 4, Chet Herren, 13.3, \$2,320.08; 5, Howdy McGinn, 13.6, \$1,822.92; 6, Dakota Kirchenschlager, 13.7, \$1,325.76; 7, Scott Stickley, 14.3, \$828.60; 8, Guy Allen, 14.7, \$331.44.

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started the scoring barrage with an unassisted goal in the 33rd minute, and soon Oscar Armenta, Isaac Estrada, Kenny Blurton and Maciel followed with goals of their own to give Irrigon a 5-0 halftime lead.

"We just found a rhythm there," Keefer said. "We really wanted to wear down City Christian there and we developed a real killer instinct which was great to see."

Irrigon found the back of the net twice more in the second half as Blurton and Estrada each buried their second goals of the game. Blurton and Maciel each led the team with two goals but also tallied an assist apiece.

Sophomore Steve Robles pitched the shutout in goal, turning away all three shots that City Christian sent his way.

"We just did a lot of good things today," Keefer said. "We controlled the middle of the field, we completed a majority of our passes ... we didn't make the easy mistakes that usually give away momentum."

"It was a good home win for us."

Irrigon next plays on Wednesday when its hosts the Hermiston JV team at 4:30 p.m.

## GIRLS SOCCER

**MAC-HI 2, BANKS 1**

— At The Dalles, the Mac-Hi Pioneers picked up their second straight win on the season with a 2-1 victory over Banks on Saturday afternoon.

Junior Rachel Lyon and senior Sydney Richwine each netted a goal for the Pioneers (2-2-1) and senior Mallory Copeland earned the win at goalkeeper.

Mac-Hi will look to make it three-in-a-row on Saturday when it hosts Ontario at Noon for the Greater Oregon League opener.

## VOLLEYBALL

**HERMISTON BULLDOGS** — At Canby, the Hermiston Bulldogs played through their last non-league tuneup on Saturday, going 1-2 in tournament action.

Hermiston (3-3) started the tournament with a victory over Siuslaw 25-19 and 25-22, but then was knocked from the bracket with a loss to Wilson 25-22 and 25-16.

Later in the consolation bracket, Hermiston fought hard against South Albany but ultimately came up short in three sets. South Albany took the first set 25-20 and then the Bulldogs battled for a 25-21 win in the second set. In the third, Hermiston pushed South Albany all the way before taking a 17-15 loss to oust them for good.

Kynzee Padilla led the Bulldogs offense on Saturday with a combined 16 kills while Hayden Meyers had 13 and Sophia Streeter had six. Other team leaders included Clarissa Nitz with both 37 assists and eight aces.

Hermiston opens CRC play on Thursday when it travels to The Dalles for a 6:30 p.m. meeting.

## WESTON-MCEWEN TIGERSCOTS

— At Reedsport, Weston-McEwen picked up three big wins on Saturday and headed home with the Reedsport Tournament championship.

Weston-McEwen coach Shawn White said he was proud of his team's effort throughout the day.

"We showed improvement in all areas and we just played really well today," he said.

Weston-McEwen picked up a pair of dominant wins in

the first two rounds defeating Oakridge 25-22, 25-12 and then Crow 25-7, 25-11. And then in the finals the TigerScots took down North Douglas 26-24, 25-20 to claim the title.

Several TigerScots had good showings on Saturday, including Sara Finifrock (18 kills, 14 digs, 16 aces), Ali Schroeder (35 assists, 8 kills, 5 aces), and Sara von Borstel (20 kills, 13 digs).

Elsewhere, Chelsea Quaepts led the team with 19 digs on the day.

Weston-McEwen next faces Walla Walla Valley Academy (WA) on Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Athena.

## HELIX GRIZZLIES

— At Helix, the host Grizzlies finished in second place at the Helix Tournament on Saturday in their last non-league challenge.

Helix (7-3, 1-0 OOL) struggled through pool play as they were without libero Macey Tullis for much of the day as she was absent to take the ACT. But once she arrived, the Grizzlies found their usual groove and rebounded for a successful afternoon.

Helix topped Umatilla in the first round 25-10 and 25-20 and then beat Powder Valley in three sets 26-24, 18-25, and 15-10 to advance to the championship.

In that title game, the Grizzlies were a little over-matched against a really good Imbler squad as the Panthers handed the Grizzlies a 25-12 and 25-14 defeat.

Helix starts into its league schedule on Tuesday when it hosts Joseph at 5 p.m.

## MAC-HI PIONEERS

— At Helix, the Mac-Hi Pioneers showed some overall improvement at the Helix Tournament on Saturday but unfortunately it wasn't enough to translate into their first win of the season.

The Pioneers (0-4) went 0-1-2 in pool play, falling to Imbler (25-8, 25-8) and tying both Cove (18-25, 25-21) and Umatilla (25-22, 18-25). Then in tournament play, Mac-Hi was ousted by Powder Valley 25-14 and 25-13.

"The girls are really starting to get the flow of the game down," Mac-Hi coach Amanda Nelson said. "I was proud of how they played and the improvement they have shown."

Team leaders on the day included Delaney Karrels with eight assists, Jadie Jackson with four kills, and Britany Wells with seven digs. Mac-Hi next hosts Touchet (WA) on Thursday at 5 p.m.

## ECHO 3, PINE EAGLE 0

— At Pine Eagle, the Echo Cougars won its Old Oregon League season opener with an easy sweep of Pine Eagle.

Echo won 25-17, 25-21 and 25-11 to grab the victory. With the win, Echo (10-1, 1-0 OOL) extends its winning streak to 9 games.

Head coach Janice Scott said she was happy to see the Cougars dominate the third set to finish off Pine Eagle.

"The first two sets we were not playing up to our potential. We had too many balls hit the floor, for my liking, and we had too many hitting errors," Scott said. "By the time they got to the third set, they were back to playing (our) style of volleyball."

Hannah McCarty led the Cougars with seven kills and Alyssa Ray had four. Marti Huff tallied three blocks.

Echo will hit the court again on Thursday when it travels to Cove looking to push their win streak to 11.

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