

# EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS

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## PENDLETON

# T-Wolves find their fire

### BMCC rattles lineup, sweeps TVCC in home opener

By **MATT ENTRUP**  
East Oregonian

Facing their program's worst start since 2008 following a three-set loss to North Idaho College on Monday night, Blue Mountain volleyball's coaching staff knew some changes needed to be made before the Timberwolves' next match.

"We've noticed that (our performance) always correlated with our court energy, so (Tuesday) in practice that was a strong theme and we told the girls that we were going to play the six to eight players that brought the most energy," said co-head coach Jessica Humphreys following Wednesday's Mosby Court opener against NWAC East foe Treasure Valley.

The Timberwolves were certainly peppy in their first match in front of a friendly crowd this season, and cruised past the Chukars 25-10, 25-15, 25-15.

"It was great," said sophomore hitter Kailey Buckner. "I love home games, I love the atmosphere the crowd just gets everybody pumped. We were really excited to play tonight and it looked like it."

Due to a computer error, final statistics from the match were not available at press time, but what they would have shown was a balanced effort from the home team and numerous hitting errors by the visitors to bring the match time in at a brisk one hour, 20 minutes.

Another way Humphreys and co-head coach Dave Baty were looking to shake

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Kailey Buckner (5), of BMCC, tips the ball over the net as Treasure Valley's Abby Nonnenmacher (11) defends Wednesday at the McCrea Activity Center.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

## College Football

# Ranked teams meet for Frontier battle

### No. 15 EOU looks to rebound at home against No. 10 Orediggers

By **MATT ENTRUP**  
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Following wins over two ranked opponents to start the season, the Eastern Oregon football team was pushed from its cloud during a rain-soaked loss to College of Idaho last week at Community Stadium.

The 20-7 defeat saw the No. 15 Mountaineers (2-1, 2-1 Frontier) get inside the Yotes' 30-yard line twice late in the game before their drives were bogged down and ended in turnovers on downs.

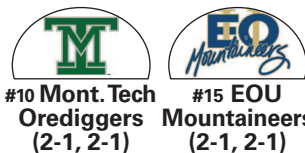
Mountaineers coach Tim Camp said there were plenty of things he and the team could have done differently to affect a better outcome, but second guessing themselves isn't going to be productive at this point in the season.

"We went back to work instantly. I watched the game film that night and it's all about execution," Camp said in his weekly interview with EOUsports.com. "We're not going to change who we are, it's all about executing."

"I probably shouldn't have went for it on fourth

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• **at Community Stadium, La Grande**  
• **Radio: NewsTalk 103.1 FM**  
• **Live video: EOUsports.com (\$7.95 per view)**

## Prep Football

# Teams ready for final non-league tuneups

### Stanfield, Umatilla aiming to stay unbeaten

By **ERIC SINGER**  
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With the prep football season creeping toward the halfway point, many teams are preparing for its final non-league tuneups in Week 4.

Most local teams are in that boat this week, putting finishing touches on schematics, effort, and success to try and ride towards the start of league schedules in Week 5 booming with confidence. Meanwhile, Stanfield and Umatilla made it the first

three weeks unscathed, winning each game comfortably but Pilot Rock and Lone are still searching for their first wins of the season.

A closer look at the weekend's games:

**PORTLAND CHRISTIAN (2-1) at UMATILLA (3-0), 7 p.m.** — At Umatilla, the Vikings will look to keep riding momentum following their 21-7 victory last week at Enterprise and host a Portland Christian team that won 46-20 over Horizon Christian.

If the Vikings win, it will be just the fourth time in the past nine years the team has reached the four-win plateau and the second straight after going 5-4 one season ago. Umatilla

will continue to ride the legs of running back Trent Durfey and quarterback Kaden Webb on Friday night as it has so far this season.

**REGIS (2-1) at STANFIELD (3-0), 6 p.m.** — At Stanfield, the Tigers are happy to return home after a 41-20 win at Grant Union, where they will host the current No. 3 team in the OSAA Class 2A rankings Regis Rams who beat Knappa 48-0 last week.

Stanfield's offense has been nearly unstoppable this season, averaging 46 points and rushing for an average of 439 yards per game. As a team so far, Stanfield has run for 1,317 yards, led by senior Thyler

Monkus with 649 yards.

However this could be Stanfield's biggest test this season as the Rams have allowed an average of just 14.5 points so far this year.

**IMBLER (2-1) at HEPPNER (2-1), 7 p.m.** — At Heppner, the Mustangs will look to bounce back from the team's first loss in more than a year after falling 14-6 to Cascade-Leavenworth (WA) on the road last week. Their final non-league opponent is no slouch as the Imbler Panthers come to town fresh off a 34-23 victory over Riverside.

Heppner was held under 200  
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AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Mariners' Mike Zunino, left, holds Robinson Cano as other players douse Cano with water after his game-winning sacrifice fly against the Toronto Blue Jays in Wednesday's game in Seattle.

## MLB

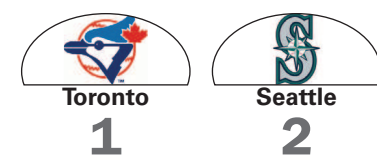
# Cano's sac fly lifts Mariners in extras

### Seattle now two games out of Wild Card spot

By **JIM HOEHN**  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Robinson Cano delivered a sacrifice fly in the 12th inning as the Seattle Mariners avoided a sweep with 2-1 victory over Toronto on Wednesday, preventing the Blue Jays from extending their wild card lead.

Knuckleballer R.A. Dickey (10-15), who pitched five scoreless innings in his last start on Friday, came in on the 12th for his first



relief appearance after 29 starts.

Guillermo Heredia reached on a two-base throwing error by third baseman Josh Donaldson to open the 12th. Ben Gamel followed with an attempted sacrifice bunt, and first baseman Ryan Goins appeared to have Heredia at third, but the ball popped out of Donaldson's glove on the tag.

Cano then followed with a run-scoring fly to left, quieting the

decidedly pro-Blue Jays crowd, bolstered for the third straight game by thousands of fans from western Canada.

Nick Vincent (4-4) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

After being blanked on two hits for eight innings, the Blue Jays tied it in the ninth on Jose Bautista's 19th home run, a one-out solo shot to left off closer Edwin Diaz.

The Mariners threatened in the bottom half when Leonys Martin singled with one out and stole second and third, but Mike Zunino and pinch-hitter Dae-Ho Lee struck out to end the inning.

Seattle shortstop Mike Freeman  
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## Sports shorts

### Peterson to have knee surgery, future with Vikings in doubt

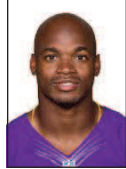
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Adrian Peterson will have surgery on his right knee to repair a torn meniscus, putting his season and perhaps his tenure with Minnesota in question.

Peterson was hurt in Sunday night's victory over Green Bay, needing assistance off the field after his knee twisted while being tackled at the end of a run.

Peterson told ESPN on Wednesday morning that the type of tear he was diagnosed with

typically requires a minimum recovery time of three to four months. But Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said the timetable for Peterson's return won't be clear until after the procedure.

The Vikings (2-0) signed running back Ronnie Hillman, who was on Denver's Super Bowl-winning team last season.



Peterson

"The reason these guys are kneeling, the reason we're locking arms is to bring people together, to make people aware that this is not right. It's not right for people to get killed in the street."

— **Richard Sherman**

Seattle Seahawks cornerback speaking to the media at a team press conference on Wednesday sharing his thoughts on the NFL players' protests during the national anthem and the social issues in the United States that's causing the protests.

### Yankees rookie smashes 86-year-old MLB record

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) Rookie Gary Sanchez hit two more homers and drove in five runs, Masahiro Tanaka won

despite allowing four home runs in the same inning and the New York Yankees beat the Tampa Bay Rays 11-5 on Wednesday night.

Sanchez hit a three-run shot in a four-run second off Alex Cobb (1-1) and added his 19th homer in 43 games this season on a solo drive in the sixth against reliever Justin Marks.

Including two games last season, Sanchez became the first player in major league history to hit 19 homers in his first 45 games. Wally Berger, with the Boston Braves in 1930, went deep 19 times in his first 51 games.



Sanchez

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1911** — Cy Young, 44, beats the Pittsburgh Pirates 1-0 for his 511th and final major league victory.

**1969** — San Francisco's Willie Mays becomes the second major league player to hit 600 homers with a two-run shot off Mike CORKINS, giving the Giants a 4-2 victory over the San Diego Padres.

**2012** — Old Dominion quarterback Taylor Heinicke smashes NCAA Division I records by throwing for 730 yards. He completes 55 of 79 attempts and the Monarchs to a 64-61 victory against New Hampshire.

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