

PENDLETON Timberwolves sweep Big Bend

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MOSES LAKE, Wash. — A shorthanded Blue Mountain squad went on the road for a convincing win Wednesday when the Timberwolves swept Big Bend 25-11, 25-16, 25-22.

It was the team's third win in four matches as the T-Wolves improved to 15-13, 3-3 in the NWAC East, and co-head coach Dave Baty said it was another step in the right direction as they look to finish strong over the next month.

"They're starting to show what we were hoping they would develop into at the beginning of the year," Baty said.

Wednesday's win came with a .368 team hitting percentage despite missing middle blocker Kristen Williams (injury) and right side hitter Kailey Buckner (illness). Defensive specialist Krystin Uhlenkott (injury) also didn't make the trip.

Miah Perez led the T-Wolves at the net with 14 kills while hitting .346, and Jordan Mix added 12 kills at a .393 clip.

Kylee Chavez had a team-high 25 assists, and Bailey Tillotson had 14 digs while delivering perfect passes all night.

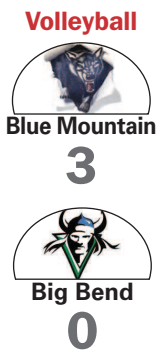
"She played flawlessly in the back row," Baty said. The T-Wolves were also excited by the four kills of Karly Cantu, a 5-foot-5 defender who took advantage of her chance to play at the net in front of family.

Co-head coach Jessica Humphreys said putting players out of position has been one of the things that's helped them in recent matches because it's forced the players to focus on basics.

"Keep it simple and results will follow," she said. "They've really embraced that approach."

Blue Mountain's next game is Friday when it hosts Yakima Valley (9-7, 3-4) at 6 p.m.

BMCC (15-13, 3-3) 25 25 — 3
 BBCC (11-21, 0-6) 11 16 22 — 0
 KILLS — BMCC (48): Miah Perez 14, Jordan Mix 12; BBCC (21): Lindsay Sorenson 8.
 ASSISTS — BMCC (35): Kylee Chavez 25; BBCC (19): Savannah Bass 19.
 BLOCKS — BMCC (6): Kiana Scott 2; BBCC (8): Nelly Korneychuk 2.5.



PREP FOOTBALL: Tigers take over No. 1

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PILOT ROCK (0-4) at HEPPNER (3-1, 1-0), 7 p.m. — The Heppner Mustangs have now won 21 straight Columbia Basin Conference games following last week's 49-6 win over Weston-McEwen, and it will likely take a disaster for the team not to make it to 22 straight.

Standing in the Mustangs way is the winless Pilot Rock Rockets, who fell 35-12 last week at home to Enterprise. The Rockets haven't scored more than 12 points in a game this season — and only 30 points total in four games

— and will need a total team effort if they want to slow down the Heppner offense that tallied more than 400 yards of offense last week.

STANFIELD (4-0, 1-0) at WESTON-MCEWEN (1-3, 0-1), 7 p.m. — There is a new No. 1 ranked team in Class 2A heading towards Week 5 games, and that spot belongs to the Stanfield Tigers.

Stanfield is one of three unbeaten teams left in 2A, with all but one of its five wins coming in blowouts. In last week's 62-21 win over Culver, five different players

reached the end zone, which is part of what makes the team so dangerous. For Weston-McEwen, the TigerScots are a team hoping to get healthy and show some fight down the stretch, after getting beat 49-6 by Heppner last week.

Weston-McEwen has dominated the series over the last 10 years, winning seven of those games however Stanfield still holds bragging rights from last year's 19-14 Tigers victory.

IONE (0-5, 0-2) at PERRYDALE (3-2, 2-1), 7 p.m. — The Cardinals have been plagued by miscues in

recent weeks, most recently pushing Ione to its fifth straight loss at the hands of Arlington 43-8.

Ione will need to have those issues straightened out by Friday so the team can play at its best following a 238-mile trip to Perrydale to face a solid Pirates squad. Perrydale most recently ran over South Wasco 69-6 last week, and the team has averaged more than 49 points per game in their three wins this season and have allowed just 14 points total in that same span. But on the flipside, Perrydale struggled in their two losses to Lowell

EOU: Mountaineers set five records in last meeting

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execution, so he dove into the film to find the answer.

"I went back and watched our offense over the last four years over this deal, watched a lot of film," he said in his weekly interview with EOU sports.com's Seth Dahle, "and we are the same team, we just need to do a better job of making the plays when the plays are there to be made."

The good news was the Mountaineers didn't need a rebuild.

"It really came down to blocking and tackling, and it's not scheme," Camp said. "So we went back and looked at the coaching, how we are coaching this stuff, and making sure that everybody has a firm understanding that these are your assignments and this is the job that you need to do at the end of the day. So I thought we had

a really productive bye week, probably one of the better bye weeks we've had here, and it came at a really good time."

The Mountaineers (2-2, 2-2 Frontier Conference) will look to get back on track on Saturday when they play at MSU-Northern (1-3, 1-3) in a night game that will kick off at 5 p.m. PDT.

It would appear to be a match-up heavily favoring the Mountaineers, who set five program records the last time they played the Lights, a 72-30 thumping in Havre, Montana.

Camp warned his team about taking MSU-Northern lightly, though. Northern beat Carroll 28-14 on Sept. 17 for its lone victory.

"That got my attention," Camp said, "and I told our team early on in the week that, 'Let me just tell you something, Northern is very good. Northern

is more than capable of beating you, beating us, beating anybody in this conference."

"Put the records aside, it's 6 o'clock at Blue Pony Stadium, crazy things happen in Montana, so we've got to be ready to go."

Despite the rough outing against Montana Tech, Bartlow still managed to complete 27 passes for a career-high 361 yards. He enters the week ranked sixth in the NAIA in total offense with an average of 338 yards a game while leading the nation's 12th-ranked passing attack.

The Lights rank seventh in the Frontier Conference in passing defense giving up 252 yards a game.

Eastern receiver Brenden Kelly is also coming off a career game with six catches for 135 yards, but Camp said he'll be determined to get the ground game back and running to keep the heat

off Bartlow in the backfield.

Northern lineman Jordan Brusio is tied for third in the Frontier with 3.5 sacks and linebacker David N'Guessa has two, and Camp said the lack of a rushing attack — just 12 attempts for EOU running backs — was what led to the offensive line's horrendous afternoon against Montana Tech.

"They saw that and they pinned their ears back and started coming at our line a little bit," he said.

The Lights have been pretty solid against the run, and are third in the Frontier allowing 117.8 yards a game. However, the Lights are last in rushing offense (83.0), passing offense (164.3) and scoring (16.3).

Linebacker Tucker Stanley is coming off a 17-tackle effort and will look to lead an Eastern defense that has been gouged for 412.5 yards a game on average.

PAC-12: Utah joins Colorado at top of South Division, with USC in the cellar

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UCLA. The Cardinal (3-1, 2-1 Pac-12) are still ranked No. 15 and certainly could make a run at the division title, but last week's 44-6 loss to Washington was ugly.

Oregon, once a perennial national-title contender, has fallen hard this season.

After a pair of high-scoring wins to open the season, the Ducks (2-3, 0-2) have flailed the past three weeks, losing to Nebraska, Colorado and Washington State. The start has led to

coach Mark Helfrich feeling heat from a fan base that had become accustomed to winning with Chip Kelly at the helm.

"We are built around people and culture and character and it's in times like these you need them the most," Helfrich said. "Not when the seas are calm and everything is great, it's times like these."

SOUTH DIVISION

USC won the division a year ago and Colorado finished dead last after

winning one conference game.

The Trojans and Buffaloes have nearly swapped places this season, becoming two of college football's biggest surprises.

The Buffaloes were picked to finish last in the South again in the preseason poll and looked like they might be in for another long conference season after losing by 17 points to No. 4 Michigan.

But then Colorado had coach Mike MacIntyre in

tears after beating Oregon for its biggest win since joining the Pac-12 in 2011. The 21st-ranked Buffaloes followed that with a blowout victory over Oregon State to move into the AP poll for the first time since 2005.

The Buffaloes (4-1, 2-0) lead the Pac-12 South by a game over No. 24 Utah and Arizona State, which travels to Boulder on Saturday.

"Like I've said since Day 1, we're a good football team, and I think every week we've gotten better,"

MacIntyre said. "Every week."

Utah has been a rising force in the Pac-12 the past couple of years, tying USC for second in the South last season after ending up fifth in 2014.

The Utes (4-1, 1-1) have a dominating defense and opened the season with four straight wins before losing a close game to California last weekend. They host Arizona this Saturday and are still in position to win the division.

USC was a popular pick

to win the Pac-12, loaded with talented players on offense.

Things did not pan out well for the Trojans early in the season. They were blown out by Alabama to open the season then lost to Stanford and Utah in consecutive weeks to fall to 1-3 for the first time since 2001.

USC (2-3, 1-2) rallied with a rout over Arizona State last week, but still has a lot of ground to make up to repeat as Pac-12 South champion.

PIGSKIN PICKERS

Week 5

Overall:
 Last Week:
 Pendleton at Mt. View
 Ridgeview at Hermiston
 Mac-Hi at Ontario
 Umatilla at Riverside
 Tennessee at Texas A&M
 Washington at Oregon
 WSU at Stanford
 Titans at Dolphins
 Bengals at Cowboys
 Chargers at Raiders

Ron Gibbs	John Airolti	Mike Appleton	Kevin Fisher	Eric Singer	Clint Shoemaker	Mario Ramirez	Mark Royal	Matt Entrup	Anna Aylett
26-14	24-16	24-16	23-17	23-17	23-17	22-18	20-20	20-20	19-21
7-3	5-5	5-5	5-5	5-5	6-4	4-6	4-6	5-5	4-6
Mt. View	Mt. View	Pendleton	Mt. View	Pendleton	Xxx	Mt. View	Mt. View	Pendleton	Mt. View
Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Xxx	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston
Ontario	Ontario	Ontario	Ontario	Ontario	Xxx	Ontario	Ontario	Ontario	Ontario
Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Xxx	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla
Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Tennessee	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Xxx	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Tennessee
Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Xxx	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington
Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Xxx	Stanford	WSU	Stanford	Stanford
Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Titans	Xxx	Dolphins	Titans	Titans	Titans
Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Bengals	Bengals	Xxx	Cowboys	Bengals	Bengals	Cowboys
Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Xxx	Raiders	Raiders	Chargers	Chargers

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