

T-WOLVES:

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poured every ounce of energy it possessed into a five-set battle that saw the teams separated by just three total points by the end.

The Yaks had no shot at extending their season, and the playoff-bound Timberwolves didn't allow them the finish they were looking for and held on to win with scores of 25-22, 25-27, 26-24, 22-25, 15-12.

Blue Mountain (22-15, 11-5), which finished fourth in the NWAC East, had four players in double digits in kills for 71 total. But even more impressive was the team's 140 digs that was led by the 38 of freshman Anjoilyn Vreeland, her season high.

Sophomore Miah Perez had season-highs in both digs (21) and kills (15), and sophomore Jordan Mix also posted her season high in digs (20) while adding 18 kills.

Sophomore setter Kylee Chavez also had a career night with a season-high 62 assists to go with 14 digs, and sophomore defensive specialist Karly Cantu added another season-high with 17 digs.

It was just that kind of night, as sophomore Kristin Williams also had her highest kill total of the season with a match-leading 19.

Williams and Mix each had four solo blocks, and freshman Brooke Lomica added three.

Freshman Shelby Shreier was the fourth player in double digit kills with 12.

Kerista Goodpaster led Yakima Valley (13-13, 6-10) with 14 kills, Alysse Roosma added eight blocks, and Carly Davis had a team-high 26 digs.

Blue Mountain's next match will be in the first round of the NWAC Championships on Nov. 17 in Tacoma, Washington. They'll play the No. 1 seed from the NWAC West, which will go to either Highline or Lower Columbia after both finished 12-2 in regional play. Blue Mountain has win the last four straight NWAC championships.

BMCC 25 25 26 22 15 - 3
YVCC 22 27 24 25 12 - 2

KILLS — BMCC (71): Kristin Williams 19, Jordan Mix 18, Miah Perez 15, Shelby Shreier 12. YVCC (36): Kerista Goodpaster 14, Alysse Roosma 10.

BLOCKS — BMCC (12): K. Williams 4, J. Mix 4, Brooke Lomica 3. YVCC (13): A. Roosma 8. **ASSISTS** — BMCC (67): Kylee Chavez 62. YVCC (35): Molly Cavanaugh 33.

ACES — BMCC (4): Anjoilyn Vreeland 2, M. Perez 2. YVCC (9): K. Goodpaster 4.

DIGS — BMCC (140): A. Vreeland 38, M. Perez 21, J. Mix 20, Karly Cantu 17, K. Chavez 14. YVCC (103): Carly Davis 26, M. Cavanaugh 25, K. Goodpaster 18, Emily Nelson 15.

College Football

EOU looks to lock up playoff spot

Mountaineers end regular season at Carroll on Saturday

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon Mountaineers are off to the team's hottest start since 1980 and are now just one win away from solidifying a spot in the NAIA playoffs for the first time in school history.

The ninth-ranked Mountaineers (7-2, 7-2 Frontier Conference) will travel to Helena, Montana on Saturday afternoon in search of that

playoff bid and will battle the Carroll Fighting Saints (4-5, 4-5) in the regular season finale.

"It's a huge game," EOU coach Tim Camp told EOUSports.com. "Each week our focus is to be 1-0 and that's going to be our focus again. Carroll's a good team and we're going to have to bring our 'A' game up there.

"Our kids are excited, we started Aug. 11 and we've been talking about one game at a time and doing it the right way and they're close but they're not there yet."



#9 EOU Mountaineers Fighting Saints (7-2)



Carroll Fighting Saints (4-5)

• **Saturday, 11 a.m.**
• **at Nelson Stadium, Helena, Montana**
• **Radio: Newstalk 103.1 FM**

Carroll had its two game win streak snapped last week with a 35-28 loss to Montana Western, but will leave it all on the field Saturday in both its season finale and senior day. EOU is fresh off of a close 19-16 victory

against Rocky Mountain College last weekend, in which Camp said the game served as kind of a wake-up call for his team which might have come at just the right time.

"I talked to the team about as (we) continue to get better everybody is going to give us their best shot," he said, "I think Rocky Mountain gave us their best shot but I don't necessarily think we gave them ours. It's things we got to fix, it's all on execution and doing things you're coached to do.

"But a year ago we would've found a way to lose that game, but we were fortunate to come out on top."

SERIES SNAPSHOT

Saturday's meeting will be the 30th all-time between the two schools, with Carroll holding a 18-11 advantage so far. The latest meeting was Oct. 10, 2015 when Eastern Oregon beat Carroll 28-21 in La Grande, knocking off a Fighting Saints team that was ranked No. 4 in the NAIA at the time.

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"It really is a dream come true," Smith said on Wednesday. "I've been dreaming of it ever since I was a kid and I'm just glad it's finally here."

Although he had interest from numerous schools, Saint Martin's was the only school to offer a full-ride scholarship, which Smith said is really what pushed the school over the top. Though he said he was already sold on the school after his visit to campus.

"When I went there on my official visit, as soon as I got on campus it just felt right," Smith said. "When I was there I got to play with some of the players and they're all a great group of guys. And they (Saint Martin's) for me really has the best situation in basketball and getting a good education which is very important for me."

The Saints program got renewed life last season under first-year head coach Alex Pribble, who led the Saints to a 15-13 overall record and a 9-11 finish in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference, which was the school's first winning season since 2009-2010.

"Besides a great coach, he's a great person to be around and that's the type of environment I want to be in," Smith said of Pribble. "And the fact that he's turned the program around in one year shows a lot about him as a coach so I'm just real excited to get up there and play."

Pribble says he is excited to see what Smith, who averaged more than 20 points per game as a junior, can bring to the Saints squad starting next season.

"Caden has a very bright future

ahead of him," Pribble said on Wednesday. "He's a combo guard with good size and length, who can score, distribute and defend. He has a great feel for the game. He has all the tools to be successful.

"He will be a major addition to the program and to this University, not because he's a gifted basketball player, but because he's a tremendous young man."

Pribble also has a local connection to thank in landing Smith, as former Blue Mountain Community College men's basketball coach Adam Ellis, who was hired as an assistant coach at Saint Martin's back in July, was responsible for getting Smith on Pribble's radar.

"Adam did a fantastic job there. When Adam first came on Caden was one of the first players he mentioned," Pribble said.

Smith says that he developed a relationship with Ellis while the coach was at BMCC, and he's thankful that the relationship paid off.

"During seventh period I have basketball class and sometimes I'd go over (to BMCC) and work out with Coach Ellis and we got a pretty good relationship that way," Smith said. "And then him moving to Saint Martin's really opened it up. He kind of put in a good word for me and the coaches came and watched me during AAU and really liked my style of game and paid more attention and at the end of AAU season they offered me the scholarship."

But before Smith goes away to college, he still has one more prep season to complete and it's a season he can't wait to get started with.

"We've got a lot of new guys coming up to the varsity level, which is a great opportunity for them to see what it takes and I feel like I'm going to be able to lead them and show them the right way to take on a practice and take on a game mentally and physically," Smith said. "I'm just really excited to get going with the guys again."

GREB INKS WITH COLORADO STATE

Much like her classmate, Pendleton senior Haley Greb was happy to finally make her commitment to Colorado State University official on Wednesday as she signed her National Letter of Intent for a golf scholarship in front of family and friends at Warberg Court.

"It's awesome and it's a relief at the same time," Greb said Wednesday, "but I'm excited to finish out my senior year and get to CSU and make somethings happen and enjoy some success at the same time and I'm really excited for my next experience."

Greb has been committed to Colorado State for a few months now and chose the Rams over offers from Boise State, Wyoming, and Portland State, stating that Rams coach Annie Young was a big reason why. "I went down there on my official visit and the coach had a big impact on me," Greb said. "She understood my goals and she's willing to take what I want and make it happen and help me make it happen."

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at middle linebacker, is expected to miss the game with an ankle injury that has bothered him throughout the season.

"Life's bigger than football," Salas said. "He's a senior but I don't want him to injure himself for bigger things down the road. Hopefully the guys coming in behind him can fill his spot."

The Tigers and Wolverines have faced three common opponents this season — Culver, Central Linn and Regis — and each time the outcome would point toward a Stanfield advantage in Friday's game.

The Wolverines beat Culver 49-21, and Central Linn 21-20, and lost to Regis 35-0. The Tigers beat Culver 62-21, Central Linn 49-14, and Regis 20-14.

Stanfield is looking to advance to the state semifinals for the second year in a row while Santiam is trying for its first quarterfinals win since 1994.

Kickoff at Horyna Athletic Complex is scheduled for Friday at 6 p.m. The game will be broadcast on KOHU 1360 AM.

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PIGSKIN PICKERS

Week 10

Overall:
Last Week:
Grant Union at Heppner
Santiam at Stanfield
St. Paul at Regis
Toledo at Kennedy
EOU at Carroll
Stanford at Oregon
West Virginia at Texas
Packers at Titans
Chiefs at Panthers
Falcons at Eagles



Ron Gibbs
64-26
8-2
Heppner
Stanfield
Regis
Kennedy
EOU
Stanford
Texas
Packers
Panthers
Eagles



Clint Shoemaker
63-27
8-2
Heppner
Stanfield
Regis
Kennedy
EOU
Oregon
West Virginia
Packers
Panthers
Falcons



John Airoidi
62-28
9-1
Heppner
Stanfield
Regis
Kennedy
EOU
Stanford
West Virginia
Titans
Panthers
Falcons



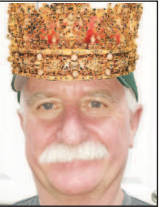
Mario Ramirez
59-31
7-3
Heppner
Stanfield
Regis
Kennedy
EOU
Stanford
West Virginia
Packers
Panthers
Falcons



Kevin Fisher
58-32
8-2
Heppner
Stanfield
Regis
Kennedy
Carroll
Stanford
West Virginia
Packers
Panthers
Falcons



Eric Singer
58-32
8-2
Heppner
Stanfield
Regis
Kennedy
EOU
Stanford
WVU
Packers
Chiefs
Falcons



Mark Royal
58-32
10-0
Heppner
Stanfield
Regis
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EOU
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West Virginia
Packers
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Eagles



Mike Appleton
56-34
7-3
Heppner
Stanfield
St. Paul
Toledo
Carroll
Oregon
Texas
Packers
Panthers
Falcons



Anna Aylett
55-35
7-3
Grant Union
Stanfield
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