

College Volleyball

Hastings stops Mountaineers in quarterfinals

Lindburg’s big day not enough for EOU

East Oregonian

SIoux CITY, Iowa — After going through pool play and the first round of the NAIA national tournament knockout bracket without losing even set, Eastern Oregon volleyball’s run came screeching to a halt in the quarterfinals when it lost in three to Hastings (Neb.) at Tyson Events Center.

The loss came despite another big performance from senior hitter Makayla Lindburg as the Mountaineers fell 28-26, 25-20, 25-16.

Lindburg finished with a match-high 14 kills, but Eastern hit just .145 as a team and made 19 errors which was by far their most in any match at the tournament.

Lindburg posted a double-double by adding 10 digs, and setter Rachelle Chamberlain also notched a double-double in her final match as a Mountaineer with 35 assists and 10 digs.

Kasuandra Tuma added eight kills for EOU (32-3), Amanda Miller had five kills, and Holli Mullins led them with 18 digs.

The first set was tied 13 times with four lead changes,

NAIA Quarterfinals



EOU
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Hastings
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and the Mountaineers were up 26-25 after Lindburg slammed her ninth kill of the set. Hastings (31-3) scored the next three points, though. A kill by Sage Meyer (11 kills) and two straight by Casey Krulikowski (nine kills) gave EOU its first lost in Iowa.

The Broncos were able to limit Lindburg to three kills in the second set. Eastern

went on a 6-3 to make it a 23-20 game after an error by Hastings, but an error on the serve and a kill by Jill Bax ended it.

The third set went to 5-5 where Hastings took over with a 9-2 run. An ace by Sierre Linke brought the deficit to 23-16 but that was the last point EOU would score as kills by Katie Placke (nine kills), Kolikowski and an ace by Bax advanced Hastings to the semifinals.

Earlier Friday, the Mountaineers swept Oklahoma City in three back-and-forth sets 25-23, 25-20, 25-22.

Lindburg led them with a career-high 19 kills and

added a pair of blocks and nine digs. Tuma had 11 kills, Isabelle Statkus had six kills and three blocks, and Emily Nay led them with seven blocks. Chamberlain totaled 35 assists, and leading the team in digs were Malia Mills (15) and Mullins (14).

The first set saw 11 ties and five lead changes with the teams never more than four points apart. Eastern was the first to 20 when Mills served an ace to make it 20-18, and Lindburg slammed four of her set-high eight kills in the next five points to keep the Mountaineers just ahead of the Stars.

The teams traded points

in the second set to get to 7-all where EOU went on a 14-5 run with kills by Tuma, Mills, Statkus and Lindburg to make it 21-12. Aided by EOU errors, the Stars would rally to within 22-19, but two kills by Lindburg and one by Tuma closed out the win.

The roles were reversed in the third set with EOU playing from behind after going down 20-12. Lindburg and Tuma led them back to catch OCU at 21-21, and then into the lead at 23-21. Faa’agi made it 23-22 with a kill, but Lindburg and Miller killed the next two points to win it for EOU.

DAWGS: Boys beat Wilson in overtime

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aggressive in a zone and we had a little trouble handling it at first,” Rodriguez said. “We were getting the normal shots we like to take, we just weren’t hitting them.”

A commitment to strong defense helped set the tone for the Bulldogs in the second half, and the Bulldogs shooters were able to get into a little bit of a rhythm on the other end as well.

Shaelynn Gilbert finished with nine points, Jazlyn Romero added seven and Rileigh Andreason had six.

Teagan McNamee was high-point for Wilsonville with 10.

Jordan Ramirez scored five of his nine points in the extra stanza to lift Hermiston over Wilson in the first round of the Aloha Tournament on Friday night.

Chance Flores poured in a game-high 26 points for the Bulldogs (2-0), Xavier Rambo added 14 and James finished with 12. Thomas McCullough had just three points, but made them at key moments and grabbed some big rebounds said coach Casey Arstein.

The Bulldogs outscored Wilson (0-1) 10-4 in overtime after the game was knotted at 66-all at the end of regulation.

Hermiston went into halftime down 35-26, but made some key adjustments to get their offense going in the third quarter and scored 21 points in the frame.

“The second half we spread them out a little bit and started attacking the basket with out passes,” Arstein said. “Everybody played their role, especially in the second half. We fought back and kids played hard.”

Max Lommen led Wilson with 22 points and Maleek Elmi added 20.

Hermiston will play in the tournament championship today against Aloha. A game time had not been announced at press time.

The Bulldogs will see what Rodriguez said should be their toughest opponent of the young season today when they face Lewiston (ID) in the championship game at 5:45 p.m.

“I thought they handled tonight mentally really well,” Rodriguez said. “I want to see how they’ll respond against a team that is as big and athletic as Lewiston.”

WHS	8	9	8	15	—	40
HHS	7	12	12	15	—	46
WILSONVILLE — T. McNamee 10, C. Guttridge 9, M. Weilberg 7, K. Hieb 5, S. Bynum 4, B. Morris 2, K. Tresse 2, J. Classen 1, K. Burke.						
HERMISTON — M. Juul 15, S. Gilbert 9, J. Romero 7, K. Padilla 6, R. Andreason 6, J. Thomas 2, R. Meyers 1, H. Meyers, H. Thompson.						
3-pointers — WHS 1; HHS 3. Free throws — WHS 13-26; HHS 19-34. Fouls — WHS 26; HHS 19. Fouled out — T. McNamee, K. Tresse (WHS).						

BOYS BASKETBALL

HERMISTON 76, WILSON 70, OT — At Aloha, Andrew James’ shot with three seconds left rimmed out to send the game to overtime, but

Women’s College Basketball

Oregon State women turn back Idaho

Associated Press

WAILUKU, Hawaii — Sydney Wiese scored 19 points and No. 24 Oregon State clamped down on Idaho down the stretch for a 60-49 win Friday night in the Maui Jim Maui Classic the Beavers are hosting.

Idaho, which led by as many as 14 in the second



Idaho
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#24 Oregon St.
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quarter, made just three field goals in the fourth quarter, none in the last 2:42, as the Beavers pulled away.

Kolbie Orum added 10

points and Breanna Brown came off the bench to grab a career-high 14 rebounds to go with eight points as the Beavers (4-1) outrebounded Idaho 49-27.

Mikayla Ferenz had 10 points for the Vandals (2-4), who shot 22 percent in the second half (6 of 27) and 31 percent for the game (18 of 58).

Men’s College Basketball

No. 13 Indiana rolls over SIU-Edwardsville

By COREY ELLIOT

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana coach Tom Crean doesn’t have a timetable for OG Anunoby’s return from a sprained ankle.

For now, the 13th-ranked Hoosiers are going to have to step up and even over-compensate on some nights to make up for the absence of one of their biggest play-makers. On Friday night, it was Juwan Morgan who answered the call.

“Juwan rebounded for two tonight,” Crean said. “He came out and brought it. When you take OG (Anunoby) out of the lineup, you take so much athleticism, versatility, you take shooting, take the rebounding, the defense out. I thought our guys tried to do a really good job of making up for that. And Juwan did even more there.”

Morgan scored a career-high 18 points on 8-for-8 shooting and finished with 10 rebounds, De’Ron Davis



AP Photo/AJ Mast

Indiana forward De’Ron Davis (20) drives in front of SIU Edwardsville forward Jalen Henry during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Bloomington, Ind., Friday, Dec. 2, 2016. Indiana won 83-60.

scored 14 points and Indiana rolled to an 83-60 victory over SIU-Edwardsville.

The Hoosiers didn’t start the game firing on all cylinders. Indiana (6-1) didn’t make its first basket until 16:12 remaining in the first half, missing its first eight attempts. Trailing 4-0, the Hoosiers shook off the slow start when Zach McRoberts hit a 3-pointer from the

corner that ignited Indiana. The Hoosiers would finish the final 15 minutes of the half outscoring SIU-Edwardsville 40-17.

Led by Morgan, the Hoosiers’ efforts on the glass eliminated opportunities for SIU-Edwardsville (4-4) to score second chance points. Indiana grabbed 30 defensive rebounds. Indiana’s 15 offensive

rebounds led to the Hoosiers outscoring the Cougars 17-5 in second-chance points. But the Hoosiers’ second chance points opportunities were non-existent if Morgan was shooting the ball. The sophomore didn’t miss all night, making each of his eight shot attempts and the only 3-pointer he attempted.

“I feel like I’m scratching the surface,” Morgan said. “I think just mentally I’ve been thinking too much about shooting, things like that. My teammates look to give me the ball. And I look to have big games. But it was just a good night for us as a team.”

Indiana molded the rest of the basketball game around an aggressive rebounding effort, ball movement and its depth. The Hoosiers dominated the glass, outrebounding the Cougars 45-31. Indiana’s offense revolved around ball movement, as 15 of Indiana’s 28 field goals came by way of an assist with nine Hoosiers recording at least one assist.

BMCC: Haringa leads women with 17 points

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us,” Baxter said. “He gave us a boost with his ball handling and gave us some good minutes.”

Clackamas (4-1) had a balanced game scoring the ball, as three players reached double figures led by Isaiah Gentry with 16 points. Irrigon alumnus and Clackamas freshman Fredy Vera played a little more than 13 minutes for the Cougars, and he went 0-1 shooting with one block and three fouls.

Baxter said even with the loss the coaching staff was happy with the effort put forth against a Clackamas team that will likely make the NWAC tournament at the end of the season.

“Their press caused us some problems but we figured it out a little as the game went on,” Baxter said. “Obviously there are a few things to clean up but we’re pretty proud of the guys tonight.”

In the women’s game, the Timberwolves (0-3) struggled to stop Grays Harbor’s inside game as the Chokers shot 59 percent from the floor (38-64) to put away Blue Mountain. Alexia Thrower and Monet Salazar both had big scoring games for Grays Harbor (3-3), combining for 56 points on 20-26 shooting and also added a combined 11 rebounds.

Leading the scoring charge for Blue Mountain was Brook Haringa with 17 points and six rebounds and Akira McGee with 16 points and five boards. Miah Slater also added 11 points and



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Akira McGee (2), of BMCC, drives to the basket during Friday’s game again Grays Harbor College at McRae Activity Center in Pendleton.

five rebounds.

As a team, Blue Mountain shot a meager 28 percent from the floor (22-80) and 26 percent from 3-point range (7-27). Grays Harbor also dominated the glass on Friday, outrebounding the T-Wolves 60-34.

UP NEXT

The Blue Mountain men next play at Edmonds on Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. and the Timberwolf women’s team will host Edmonds today at 6 p.m.

CCC	25	38	—	63
BMCC	21	39	—	60
CLACKAMAS — I. Gentry 16, S. Stringer 13, R. Gibson 7, N. Carr 6, D. Thiesen 5, S. Carson 3, A. Rose 3.				
BLUE MOUNTAIN — I. Harris 15, J. Mathews 14, J. Logan 7, D. Davis 6, J. Cook 6, D. Bravo 4, G. Blankenship 3, R. Brown 3, J. Kasiorek 2.				
3-pointers — CCC 6, BMCC 3. Free throws — CCC 15-26, BMCC 13-32. Fouls — CCC 30, BMCC 21.				

WOMEN					
GH	24	28	23	26	— 101
BM	22	15	22	15	— 74
GRAYS HARBOR — A. Thrower 29, M. Salazar 27, E. Wilston 18, B. Buchanan 9, J. Brasher-Norwood 6, A. Sikora 6, K. Brisbios 6.					
BLUE MOUNTAIN — B. Haringa 17, A. McGee 16, M. Slater 11, E. Ramsey 9, B. Broncheau 7, S. Wammock 6, M. Bisbee 3, S. Schmeckpepper 3, M. Boyer 2.					
3-pointers — GH 5, BM 7. Free throws — GH 20-44, BM 23-31. Fouls — GH 29, BM 26.					

College Football

No. 13 WMU holds on for MAC title

By NOAH TRISTER

Associated Press

DETROIT — Robert Spillane intercepted a pass with 51 seconds remaining, and No. 13 Western Michigan remained undefeated, holding off Ohio 29-23 on Friday night to win its first Mid-American Conference title since 1988.

The Broncos (13-0, No. 17 CFP) led 23-7 at halftime, but Ohio rallied and had the ball in WMU territory in the final minute when Spillane intercepted Greg Windham’s pass over the middle. Spillane immediately took a knee at his own 30, then was mobbed by his teammates as a Ford Field crowd full of Broncos fans roared.

Ohio (8-5) never led and didn’t do much on offense until the final quarter, but the Bobcats still came achingly close to their first MAC championship since 1968.

Instead, WMU became the first undefeated team to win the MAC title game since Marshall in 1999. The question is whether the Broncos have done enough to make it to the Cotton Bowl. WMU is trying to earn the Group of Five bid to a New Year’s Six bowl.

“We’ve done all we can do,” quarterback Zach Terrell said.

Western Michigan’s Corey Davis had eight catches for 144 yards, including a 70-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter. Butch Hampton kicked five field goals, the



AP Photo/Carlos Osorio

Western Michigan head coach P.J. Fleck holds the Mid-American Conference championship trophy after an NCAA college football game against Ohio, Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, in Detroit.

last a 34-yarder that gave the Broncos a 29-23 lead with 1:24 remaining.

The crowd of 45,615 was easily a record for a MAC title game.

THE TAKEAWAY

Ohio: The Bobcats can hold their heads high after giving WMU by far its toughest game against a MAC opponent all season. Ohio’s defense held firm early, when a couple fumbles by the Bobcats gave WMU a chance to break it open.

“They felt they had the talent to be in this game, and so did I,” Ohio coach Frank Solich said. “They were pretty driven to get some things done.”

WMU: The Broncos may end up sweating out the bowl announcements

Sunday — Navy is putting up quite a fight for that Group of Five spot — but WMU can celebrate a truly special season no matter what happens. The Broncos nearly let it slip away in the second half, but their first conference title in nearly three decades was an accomplishment to savor.

UP NEXT

Ohio: The Bobcats’ MAC title drought continues, but Ohio is bowl eligible for the eighth straight season.

WMU: Navy plays Temple for the American Athletic Conference title Saturday, and WMU will obviously be rooting for the Owls in that one. Navy was two spots behind the Broncos in the most recent playoff rankings.