

3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE

The Eastern Oregon League was ruled by the teams from the far east once again, with Vale putting together a perfect EOL slate. Irrigon returns some important pieces as it will try to jump into the top two this year to earn one of the two playoff spots.

2016 Final Standings

	Conf.	Ovr.
 Vale*	10-0	27-4
 Burns*	8-2	21-11
 Nyssa	6-4	12-11
 Irrigon	4-6	15-14
 Riverside	1-9	3-18
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*-made postseason

Projected Finish

-  Vale Vikings
-  Burns Hilanders
-  Irrigon Knights
-  Nyssa Bulldogs
-  Riverside Pirates
-  Umatilla Vikings

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes)

Returning All-League

Vale — Presley Jensen, MB, sr.; Tesse McFetridge, OH, sr.; Dally Johnson, MB, sr.; Sable Kelso, DS, sr.
Burns — Rachel Dunn, MB, sr.
Nyssa — Syriah Trujillo, DS, soph.
Irrigon — Mya Chapman, S, sr.; Taylor Davis, MB, sr.
Riverside — Masie Hancock, S, sr.
Umatilla — Nancy Ortiz, OH, sr.

4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE

Baker ran away with the GOL championship a year ago and are poised to do so again having only lost three seniors. La Grande and Ontario have both improved as well, though, and Mac-Hi is looking to continue building its program. Top team gets automatic playoff berth.

2016 Final Standings

	Conf.	Ovr.
 Baker*	6-0	21-5
 La Grande*	4-2	12-11
 Ontario	2-4	8-12
 Mac-Hi	0-6	1-12

*-made postseason

Projected Finish

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes)

1. Baker
2. La Grande
3. Ontario
4. Mac-Hi

McLoughlin Pioneers

Head coach: Amanda Nelson, 4th year
Assistant coaches: Jenny Camarena, 2nd year; Beck Jo Gifford (JV coach), 1st year.
Returning starters: Jadie Jackson, OH, jr.; Anney Bannock, S, jr.; Brittany Wells, L, jr.
Other seniors: Jacquelyn Wagner.
2016 season: 1-12 overall, 0-6 Greater Oregon League (4th).
2017 season outlook: Mac-Hi will spend 2017 developing its core and building team trust as the Pioneers will be comprised of mostly sophomores and juniors. Coach Nelson believes the team has a dedication and drive to improve from a one-win season in 2016.

Nelson’s key to the season: “Communication is key. We will really be pumping up the talk this year.”

2017 Schedule

Aug. 26	at La Grande Tournay	8 a.m.
Aug. 31	at Helix	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Umatilla	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	vs. Elgin	4 p.m.
Sept. 7	vs. Waitsburg (WA)	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Helix Tourn.	8 a.m.
Sept. 11	vs. College Place (WA)	TBD
Sept. 12	vs. Touchet (WA)	TBD
Sept. 16	at Riverside Tourn.	8 a.m.
Sept. 19	at Baker*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Ontario*	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	vs. Umatilla	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	vs. La Grande*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	vs. Ontario*	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	vs. Baker*	2:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	at La Grande*	7 p.m.

*-denotes league game



Irrigon Knights

Head coach: Lisa Connell, 1st year (2nd with team)
Assistant coach: Minerva DeLoera, 1st year

2016 season: 15-14 overall, 4-6 EOL (4th); Lost to Nyssa in league playoff.

Key returners: Mya Chapman, S/OH, sr.; Taylor Davis, MB/RS, sr.; Brianna Rice, MB/OH, jr.; McKenzie Wilson, S/OP, sr.; Karlee Gale, S/DS,sr.; Bailey Botefuhr, S/OH, fr.; Brooke Tolar, DS, jr.

Season outlook: Irrigon returns some key pieces to a team that finished middle of the pack in 2016, but with a year of solid

play under its belt the Knights want to become a big-time player in the EOL under first-year head coach Lisa Connell.



Umatilla Vikings

Head coach: Sonia Ego, 3rd year
Assistant coach: Rylee Christianson, 1st year

Returning starters: Guadalupe Flores, DS/S, sr.; Sonia Coria, RH, sr.; Nancy Ortiz, OH, sr.

Impact newcomers: Charlene Alvarez, so.; Yarectzy Carrillo, so.
Primary goals for the season: Ego emphasizes the most important thing for the team is to continue learning new skills, which in turn will allow them to compete at their best ability.

Biggest strengths: “We have fun, we support one another, and we never give up.”

Ego’s key to the season: “Communication and team work.”



2017 Schedule

Aug. 25	vs. Umatilla	W 3-0
Aug. 25	vs. Condon/Wheeler	W 3-0
Aug. 26	vs. Enterprise	W 2-0
Aug. 26	at Stanfield	W 2-0
Aug. 26	vs. Echo	T 1-1
Aug. 31	vs. Hermiston JV	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Heppner	TBD
Sept. 8	at Ione	1 p.m.
Sept. 8	vs. Echo#	3 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Waitsburg (WA) Tourn.	8 a.m.
Sept. 19	at Riverside*	6 p.m.

Sept. 21	vs. Umatilla*	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	vs. Burns*	4 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs. Vale*	10 a.m.
Sept. 30	vs. Nyssa*	2 p.m.
Oct. 5	vs. Riverside*	6 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Stanfield	Noon
Oct. 10	at Umatilla*	5 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Burns*	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Vale*	11 a.m.
Oct. 14	at Nyssa*	4 p.m.
Oct. 21	Districts	4 p.m.

*-league game

#-at Ione

Riverside Pirates

2017 Schedule

Aug. 29	vs. Condon/Wheeler	4 p.m.
Sept. 5	vs. Tri-Cities Prep (WA)	6 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Helix	4 p.m.
Sept. 7	vs. Pilot Rock#	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Umatilla*	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	vs. Stanfield	10 a.m.
Sept. 16	vs. South Wasco	10 a.m.
Sept. 16	vs. Elgin	10 a.m.
Sept. 19	vs. Irrigon*	6 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Stevenson (WA)	6 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs. South Wasco%	TBD
Sept. 29	vs. Vale*	3 p.m.

Sept. 30	vs. Nyssa*	11 a.m.
Sept. 30	vs. Burns*	3 p.m.
Oct. 3	vs. Umatilla*	6 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Irrigon*	6 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Waitsburg (WA)	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Burns*	5 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Nyssa*	Noon
Oct. 14	at Vale*	3 p.m.

*-denotes league game

#-game played in Helix

%-game played in Maupin

Head coach: Marie Cain, 3rd year
Assistant coach: Gina Patterson, 2nd year
Returning starters: Ashley Price, OH, jr.; Zulema Gaytan, M, jr.; Maria Gonzalez, S, so.; Lilyann Rockwell, L, so.
Team’s primary goals: “Be competitive, play our games, make post season ranking.”
Cain’s key to the season: “Teamwork, communication, heart.”



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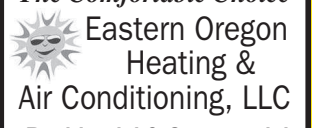


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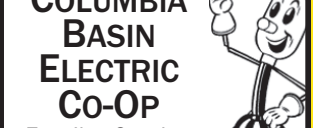
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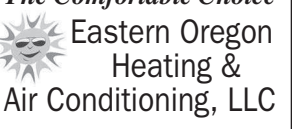
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