

BMCC athletics

Six athletes receive NWAC honors, join All-Region teams

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East Oregonian

Six Blue Mountain Community College athletes have been honored for their excellence on and off the field.

On Wednesday, the Northwest Athletic Conference Fall Academic Excellence Award was given to defender Jonathan Wolotira of Pendleton and midfielder Elijah Mendez of the men's soccer team, and midfielders Jenna Senter (Pendleton) and Hunter Price of the women's team.

"I am so very proud of these two and their focus to their studies and to become better students," said women's soccer coach Jordan Hillmick of his players in a press release. "When they're not on the field, they're working on their studies and truly embody what a student-athlete should be."

Outside hitter Erin Kelly and libero Rainena Schenbeck Chang of the Timberwolves' volleyball team were also selected for the award.

Recipients must be sophomores with a minimum of 26 credits earned, a 3.25 cumulative GPA, and a recommendation from the college.

"Jon and Elijah are an example to all future soccer players of the men's soccer program," coach Austin Shick said. "I am excited to see their growth in the next few years as they continue their soccer careers at the next level."

The honors continue as three women and two men were named to the NWAC's fall All-East Region teams.

Freshmen Kiana Corpuz (forward, Hilo, Hawaii), Olivia Luna (forward, Irrigon), and Daisy Torries (goalkeeper, Pasco) will play for the women's team. Freshmen Victor Gomez Lozano (midfielder, Dayton, Wash.) and Trystin Quintero (forward, Meridian, Idaho) will join the men's squad.

The athletes were nominated by their coaches for their athletic and academic contributions made during the season.

Pendleton cheer camp now open for registration

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The Pendleton High School cheerleading squad will host their annual cheer camp on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. at Warberg Court.

Participants will learn a halftime routine to be performed at the Bucks' girls

basketball game against St. Helens on Dec. 20 at 5 p.m. alongside the PHS cheerleaders.

Space is limited, and registration is ongoing. Participants must be ages 5 to 14, and can sign up by emailing cheer.phs@yahoo.com, or by contacting the PHS athletic office at 541-966-3802. A \$25 entry fee is also required to register.

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tion when she set middle blocker Lauren Kerlegan up for a kill for the match point, 15-13.

"We were playing a B-minus game the whole way. We played to avoid mistakes, and not to win," Humphreys said. "If you don't come out strong right away, you won't do well. That's how this tournament is."

The Timberwolves moved into the consolation bracket in a loser-out match against Skagit Valley for a chance to stay in the running.

Skagit fell into the bracket after a three-set loss against Pierce. The Timberwolves handed

Skagit their night's second loss after three sets in a best two out of three contest.

Blue Mountain dropped the first set 25-20. But the Timberwolves bounced back to win the second set 25-20 and the third set 15-13 to move forward in the tournament. Sophia Casarez added 22 assists and McQueen scored three aces to lead the team.

"This one was more of a team effort," Humphreys said. "The freshmen stepped up and every player got on the court for this match."

The Timberwolves will face the loser of the Spokane/Lower Columbia match on Friday.

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Want drama? Then perhaps the game of the week is USC-UCLA

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
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Here are some things to watch this week in the Pac-12 Conference:

Game of the week: There's nothing on the line, but perhaps the most compelling matchup this week is the rivalry game between USC and UCLA because of the drama that surrounds it. The Trojans were officially eliminated from contention for the Pac-12 title game with last weekend's loss to Cal at the Coliseum. The loss amped up the talk that Clay Helton's days at USC may be over. A loss to the team's rival would seem to all but cement his fate. On the other sideline there's the enigmatic Chip Kelly, who hasn't fared as well as some Bruins boosters would have liked in his first season as head coach. The Bruins have been eliminated from championship contention, too. A big rivalry win at the Rose Bowl would give those boosters something to cheer.

Matchup of the week: Stanford quarterback K.J. Costello against California's defense. While Gardner Minshew has cornered the attention market among Pac-12 North QBs, Costello is putting up solid numbers in his sophomore season. He ranks second in the league (behind Minshew, of course) with an average of 285.4 passing yards per game, and he's thrown 23 touchdowns. He ranks atop the conference for passing efficiency (156.9). Cal's D, meanwhile, ranks atop the league for pass defense efficiency (112.0), interceptions (14) and overall pass defense, allowing opponents an average of 183.8 passing yards a game.



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In this Nov. 3, 2018 file photo, Southern California head coach Clay Helton leads his team onto the field before an NCAA college football game in Corvallis. Helton has told his players not to worry about his job security as they head into the final two games of their 5-5 regular season. Helton realizes fans are unhappy just one season after he led the Trojans to the Pac-12 title.

PAC-12 FOOTBALL

USC
(5-5, 4-3)

UCLA
(2-8, 2-5)

Saturday, 12:30 p.m., at Rose Bowl, Pasadena, TV: FOX

Numbers game: There are three teams in play in the South, so here are the scenarios for a trip to the Pac-12 championship: Arizona State controls its own destiny, and can capture the South's berth with victories at Oregon and then in the rivalry game against Arizona. Utah needs to win this weekend at Colorado (the Utes finish up against BYU) and get help with a Sun Devils loss in one of their last two games. The Wildcats need to win out

(against Washington State this weekend and the rivalry game) and hope for a Colorado victory over the Utes. ... The North could come down to the Apple Cup. Washington and Washington State can clinch the berth by winning out. The Huskies host Oregon State this weekend, while the No. 8 Cougars have Arizona. ... Speaking of the Huskies, they have a 13-game winning streak at home. The Cougars' home streak is at 12. ... Jake Browning has 91 career touchdown passes, ranking him sixth on the Pac-12 all-time list. Jared Goff is fifth with 96. ... Stanford is bowl eligible for a 10th straight year.

Upset watch: Right now Utah is a 7-point favorite over Colorado. The Utes jumped back into the rankings at No. 21 after a convincing win over Oregon last weekend. Colorado, on

the other hand, has lost five straight, and has just been decimated by injuries this season. But the Buffaloes got receiver Laviska Shenault back last week after a three-game absence and he had a 100-yard receiving game in a 31-7 loss to Washington State. And the Buffs are at home. So maybe this is a good time for Colorado to salvage a season that started out with such promise.

Impact performer: Matt Gay, who won the Lou Groza award for the nation's best kicker last year, seems to just be getting better. If that's possible. Gay made all six of his field goal attempts in Utah's victory over Oregon last weekend, a school record. His 20 points tied a team record for a kicker, too. Among those field goals was a career-long 55-yarder. He's made 18 straight FGs, tying the school record.

No looking ahead for Boise State

By **TIM BOOTH**
AP Sports Writer

When Boise State was sitting at 3-2 for the second straight season, the idea of being in position to host the Mountain West Conference title game seemed far-fetched.

Yet the 23rd-ranked Broncos only need wins over New Mexico on Friday night and No. 14 Utah State next week, and the conference title game will be decided on the blue turf.

The matchup against Utah State could have major implications for not just the conference, but the New Year's Six bowl games. But the game against the Aggies only takes on that magnitude if the Broncos don't stumble in Albuquerque.

"A lot of work goes into where we are right now, it's a chance to finish it right and it starts with New Mexico this week," Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said. "It's a matter of fact, we

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Boise State
(8-2, 6-1)

New Mexico
(3-7, 1-5)

Friday, 6 p.m., at Dreamstyle Stadium, Albuquerque TV: CBSSN

know what our goal is, to play in that championship game, and you have to win games to get into it."

The Broncos (8-2, 5-1 MWC) have won five straight and find themselves with a shot at the conference title thanks to last week's 24-17 win over Fresno State. The Broncos trailed 17-3 at one point, before scoring the final 21 points of the game and ending Fresno State's perfect run in conference play.

They may end up seeing the Bulldogs again in the

conference title game. But it Boise State gets there, last week's victory ensured it would be a home game.

"Every year you have to find a way to win your division to put yourself into that game," Harsin said.

The Broncos' rally was largely due to the running of Alexander Mattison. In the biggest game of the season to date, Mattison came through with 144 yards rushing and two touchdowns against the best defense in the Mountain West. Mattison rushed for 91 yards in the second half and the Broncos got the big throw they needed from Brett Rypien when he hit Khalil Shakir on a 49-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter for the deciding points.

While Boise State is rolling toward the end of the season, New Mexico (3-7, 1-5) is floundering. The Lobos have lost five straight, including last week's 42-24 loss at Air Force. The Lobos were competitive in losses

to San Diego State and Colorado State but were blown out by Utah State and Fresno State, and last week wore down against the Falcons.

"I think we've played hard. We haven't been consistent enough probably because we're not good enough truthfully," New Mexico coach Bob Davie said. "And we have two weeks here to hopefully put our best performances together to win a game or two here at the end."

Here's something else to know heading into the 10th all-time meeting between the schools:

Bronco rally: Last week's win over Fresno State was notable because of how rare it's been for Boise State to face a big deficit at home. It was the first time the Broncos overcame a deficit of 14 or more points at home since the 2014 season, when San Diego State built a 20-0 lead only to see Boise State rally for a 38-29 victory.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

Saturday, November 17
Football
Pendleton vs. Thurston (at Hillsboro Stadium), 5:30 p.m.
Wallowa vs. St. Paul (at Hermiston), noon
Vale vs. Rainier (at Hermiston), 4 p.m.

Football

NCAA Football
Top 25
No. 1 Alabama (10-0) beat No. 16 Mississippi State 24-0. Next: The Citadel, Saturday.
No. 2 Clemson (10-0) beat No. 17 Boston College 27-7. Next: Duke, Saturday.
No. 3 Notre Dame (10-0) beat Florida State 42-13. Next: Syracuse, Saturday.
No. 4 Michigan (9-1) beat Rutgers 42-7. Next: Indiana, Saturday.
No. 5 Georgia (9-1) beat No. 24 Auburn 27-10. Next: Massachusetts, Saturday.
No. 6 Oklahoma (9-1) beat Oklahoma State 48-47. Next: Kansas, Saturday.
No. 7 West Virginia (8-1) beat Texas Christian 47-10. Next: Oklahoma State, Saturday.
No. 8 Washington State (9-1) beat Colorado 31-7. Next: Arizona, Saturday.
No. 9 Ohio State (9-1) beat Michigan State 26-6. Next: Maryland, Saturday.
No. 10 LSU (8-2) beat Arkansas 24-17. Next: Rice, Saturday.
No. 11 UCF (9-0) beat Navy 35-24. Next: Cincinnati, Saturday.
No. 12 Syracuse (8-2) beat Louisiana 54-23. Next: Notre Dame, Saturday.
No. 13 Texas (7-3) beat Texas Tech 41-34. Next: Iowa State, Saturday.
No. 14 Utah State (9-1) beat San Jose State 62-24. Next: Colorado State, Saturday.
No. 15 Florida (7-3) beat South Carolina 35-31. Next: Idaho, Saturday.
No. 16 Penn State (7-3) beat Wisconsin 22-10. Next: Rutgers, Saturday.
No. 17 Washington (7-3) beat Stanford 27-23. Next: Oregon State, Saturday.
No. 18 Iowa State (6-3) beat Baylor 28-14. Next: Texas, Saturday.
No. 19 Cincinnati (9-1) beat USF 25-23.

Next: UCF, Saturday.									
No. 20 Kentucky (7-3) lost to Tennessee 24-7. Next: Middle Tennessee, Saturday.									
No. 21 Utah (7-3) beat Oregon 32-25. Next: Colorado, Saturday.									
No. 22 Boston College (7-3) lost to Clemson 27-7. Next: Florida State, Saturday.									
No. 23 Boise State (8-2) beat Fresno 24-17. Next: New Mexico, Friday.									
No. 24 Northwestern (6-4) beat Iowa 14-10. Next: Minnesota, Saturday.									
No. 25 Mississippi State (6-4) lost to Alabama 24-0. Next: Arkansas, Saturday.									
Saturday, November 17									
USC at UCLA, 12:30 p.m.									
Oregon State at Washington, 1:30 p.m.									
Nevada at San Jose State, 2 p.m.									
Stanford at California, 4:30 p.m.									
Arizona State at Oregon, 7:30 p.m.									
National Football League									
AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
East									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
New England	7	3	0	0.700	280	236			
Miami	5	5	0	0.500	199	256			
Buffalo	3	7	0	0.300	137	251			
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	0.300	208	254			
South									
Houston	6	3	0	0.667	216	184			
Tennessee	5	4	0	0.556	168	151			
Indianapolis	4	5	0	0.444	260	239			
Jacksonville	3	6	0	0.333	160	199			
North									
Pittsburgh	6	2	1	0.722	279	209			
Cincinnati	5	4	0	0.556	235	288			
Baltimore	4	5	0	0.444	213	160			
Cleveland	3	6	1	0.350	218	263			
West									
Kansas City	9	1	0	0.900	353	240			
L.A. Chargers	7	2	0	0.778	240	186			
Denver	3	6	0	0.333	205	213			
Oakland	1	8	0	0.111	147	272			
NATIONAL CONFERENCE									
East									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Washington	6	3	0	0.667	176	175			
Dallas	4	5	0	0.444	181	171			
Philadelphia	4	5	0	0.444	198	183			
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	0.222	177	228			

South									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
New Orleans	8	1	0	0.889	330	232			
Carolina	6	3	0	0.667	241	232			
Atlanta	4	5	0	0.444	244	254			
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	0.333	232	291			
North									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Chicago	6	3	0	0.667	269	175			
Minnesota	5	3	1	0.611	221	204			
Green Bay	4	4	1	0.500	223	216			
Detroit	3	6	0	0.333	202	244			
West									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
L.A. Rams	9	1	0	0.900	335	231			
Seattle	4	5	0	0.444	219	192			
Arizona	2	7	0	0.222	124	225			
San Francisco	2	8	0	0.200	230	266			
Thursday's Games									
Seattle 27, Green Bay 24									
Sunday's Games									
Houston at Washington, 1 p.m.									
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.									
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.									
Dallas at Atlanta, 1 p.m.									
Cincinnati at Baltimore, 1 p.m.									
Carolina at Detroit, 1 p.m.									
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.									
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.									
Oakland at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.									
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.									
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:20 p.m.									
Open: Buffalo, San Francisco, Miami, New England, Cleveland, N.Y. Jets									
Basketball									
National Basketball League									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Toronto	12	3	8.000	—					
Boston	8	6	5.714	3½					
Philadelphia	9	7	5.653	3½					
Brooklyn	6	9	4.000	6					
New York	4	11	2.667	8					
Southeast Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Charlotte	7	7	5.000	—					
Orlando	7	8	4.667	½					
Miami	6	8	4.289	1					
Washington	5	9	3.571	2					

Atlanta									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Milwaukee	10	4	7.143	—					
Indiana	8	6	5.714	2					
Detroit	7	6	5.388	2½					
Chicago	4	11	2.667	6½					
Cleveland	2	12	1.429	8					
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Southwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Memphis	8	5	6.154	—					
San Antonio	7	6	5.388	1					
New Orleans	7	7	5.000	1½					
Houston	6	7	4.629	2					
Dallas	6	8	4.286	2½					
Northwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Portland	10	4	7.143	—					
Denver	9	5	6.429	1					
Oklahoma City	9	5	6.429	1					
Utah	7	7	5.000	3					
Minnesota	6	9	4.000	4½					
Pacific Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Golden State	12	3	8.000	—					
L.A. Clippers	8	5	6.154	3					
L.A. Lakers	8	6	5.714	3½					
Sacramento	8	6	5.714	3½					
Phoenix	3	11	2.143	8½					
Thursday's Games									
Houston 107, Golden State 86									
Denver 138, Atlanta 93									
L.A. Clippers 116, San Antonio 111									
Friday's Games									
Brooklyn at Washington, 4 p.m.									
Miami at Indiana, 4 p.m.									
Toronto at Boston, 4 p.m.									
Utah at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.									
New York at New Orleans, 5 p.m.									