

# Honors:

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head into my final season.”

Quinn, who helped lead the Mountaineers to a 3-1 overall record during the altered spring season, was one of a host of all-conference honors EOU received.

Head coach Tim Camp was named co-Coach of the Year for the Frontier Conference, while defensive lineman Chase Van Wyck was named Defensive Player of the Year, and John Lesser was named the Champion of Character for the Mountaineers.

In 13 seasons of leading the Mountaineers, Camp has a career record of 74-61 following the 2020 season. He led the Mountaineers to the program's first Frontier Conference regular-season title.

With 12 players earning All-Frontier Conference honors this season, Camp now has produced 89 all-conference players while leading EOU. He has had three defensive player of the year winners and two offensive player of the year winners.

With a 3-1 record, the Mountaineers looked good for an NAIA playoff spot, but lost out via the conference tiebreakers.

“We felt like we were a team that deserved to move on,” Quinn said. “We will

use that for motivation heading into the fall.”

Joining Quinn on the first-team offense was Tanner Zenke, PJ Schubert, a Pendleton graduate, and Luke Thomas. Earning second-team honors was Lesser, Isaiah Thomas and Heppner graduate Patrick Collins.

Schubert and Collins, along with Thomas, were key on the Mountaineers' offensive line, leading a unit that helped pave the way for a ground game that averaged 194.5 yards per game. They helped the offense average 209.5 yards through the air and surrendered just eight sacks on the year.

“Offensively, we were much better in the run game and pass game due to the guys who we have around us,” Quinn said. “On the offensive line, we had five big guys who did their job and made it easy for us. The guys in the trenches don't get the love they need. They deserve a lot more.”

Earning first-team honors on defense were Van Wyck, Zak Donato and Solo Taylor. Dakota Hibbs was the lone selection for EOU on the second team.

Zachary Cahill was a first-team selection at kicker and was a second-team selection at punter. Luke Thomas was a first-team selection for special teams at both kick returner and punt returner.



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Oregon offensive lineman George Moore (77) prepares for a play against Washington State in Pullman, Wash., in November 2020.

# Ducks: Jones returns as starter

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FBS in total yards per game (412.9), including 166.7 rushing yards per game (61st). Iowa State outgained the Ducks 228-86 on the ground during the Fiesta Bowl.

“My coaching of the run blocking last year left a lot to be desired,” offensive line coach Alex Mirabal said. “Those are things that we're jumping into and we're delving into right now in spring ball.”

On the first play of the team portion of the Saturday, April 17, scrimmage at Autzen Stadium, C.J. Verdell, who missed the Pac-12 championship game and Fiesta Bowl with a thumb injury, ran for a 67-yard touchdown.

After bursting through the line of scrimmage, Verdell only had to make a safety miss on his way to the end zone.

“It kind of lets you know that every drill that we work, every assignment that we do, hat placement, hands, all that comes into play when you see C.J. takes off and scores that run,” Moore said. “It was kind of a relief knowing that every-

thing we're doing, once we go out there and actually play a team, it's going to be put in full effect.”

Third-year sophomore Steven Jones (right tackle) and junior T.J. Bass (guard) are the other returning starters on the offensive line. Malaesala Aumavae-Laulu, who played right guard and right tackle last season, has been limited this spring due to injury.

There is a list of touted young prospects pushing for playing time, but the current starters have paid their dues and are playing in unison the way the 2019 offensive line did.

“Those guys aren't going to be easy outs for anybody,” Mirabal said. “They're grown. They went through the lumps last year, they went through playing for the first time, and now they look like a veteran offensive line in spring ball.”

Other members of the 2017 class, who are now team leaders, include Verdell, wide receiver Johnny Johnson and linebacker Isaac Slade-Matautia.

“It's been awesome to play with George and

Alex. Really, the whole class of 2017, we've been through a lot,” Walk said. “Maybe not as much as the class of 2016, but we went through a lot with the coaching change and starting off 7-6. That wasn't where we wanted to be the first year. We had to sit behind guys that were obviously great players and in the NFL now.

“We're kind of getting our turn. It means a lot to grind with these guys every day.”

Immediately after the 34-17 loss to the Cyclones on Jan. 2 in Glendale, Arizona, Moore told Mirabal he was going to use the extra year of eligibility granted by the NCAA to play alongside Forsyth and Walk in 2021 as the Ducks seek a third consecutive Pac-12 title.

“I love to work with them because they push me to be a better player each and every day,” Moore said. “As I go out there (to practice), I see in their eyes that they're just going out there to work, and that honestly pushed me to come back to chase the dream that we want to go win a championship again.”

# ON THE SLATE

Times subject to change

## SATURDAY, APRIL 24

- Prep baseball**  
Redmond at Pendleton, noon  
Irrigon at Sherman/Arlington/Condon (2), noon  
Weston-McEwen at Union/Cove (2), 11 a.m.
- Prep softball**  
Pendleton at Redmond, 11 a.m.  
Pendleton vs. Bend (at Redmond), 1 p.m.  
Echo/Stanfield at McLoughlin (2), noon  
Riverside at Weston-McEwen (2), 11 a.m.
- Prep track and field**  
Griswold, Umatilla, Stanfield, McLoughlin at Union Relays, TBD
- Prep boys soccer**  
Kamiakin at Hermiston, 10 a.m.
- Men's college soccer**  
Blue Mountain at Treasure Valley, 1 p.m.
- Women's college soccer**  
Blue Mountain at Treasure Valley, 11 a.m.
- College rodeo**  
Walla Walla, Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain at EOTEC, 6 p.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 25

- College baseball**  
Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 1 p.m.

## MONDAY, APRIL 26

- Prep boys tennis**  
Pendleton at Ridgeview, 3 p.m.
- Prep girls tennis**  
Ridgeview at Pendleton, 2 p.m.
- Prep boys golf**  
Pendleton at The Dalles, 11 a.m.
- Prep girls golf**  
Pendleton at Goldendale, 11 a.m.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 27

- Prep baseball**  
Pendleton at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.  
McLoughlin at La Grande, 4 p.m.  
Umatilla at Heppner/lone, 4 p.m.  
Riverside at Stanfield/Echo, 4 p.m.  
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Grant Union/Prairie City (2), 3 p.m.
- Prep softball**  
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 3 p.m.  
The Dalles at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.  
Echo/Stanfield at Umatilla, 4 p.m.  
McLoughlin at Heppner/lone (2), 2 p.m.
- College volleyball**  
Big Bend at Blue Mountain 5 p.m.  
Big Bend at Blue Mountain 6:30 p.m.
- College women's basketball**  
Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 5:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

- Prep baseball**  
La Grande JV at Irrigon, 4 p.m.
- Prep softball**  
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Grant Union/Prairie City (2), 2 p.m.
- Prep boys tennis**  
Richland at Hermiston, 4 p.m.  
Pendleton at Crook County, 3 p.m.
- Prep girls tennis**  
Richland at Hermiston, 4 p.m.  
Crook County at Pendleton, 2 p.m.
- College men's soccer**  
Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.
- College women's soccer**  
Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 29

- Prep boys tennis**  
Southridge at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
- Prep girls tennis**  
Southridge at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
- Prep track and field**  
Hermiston, Kamiakin at Chiawana, 3:30 p.m.  
McLoughlin at Baker, 2:30 p.m.  
lone at Burns Invitational, 4 p.m.
- Prep boys golf**  
Hermiston at MCC match, Columbia Point Golf Course, Richland, noon  
Echo, Dufur, Enterprise, Hood River, Walla Walla at Heppner, 2 p.m.
- Prep girls golf**  
Hermiston at MCC match, Columbia Point Golf Course, Richland, noon  
Echo, Dufur, Enterprise, Hood River, Walla Walla at Heppner, 2 p.m.
- College baseball**  
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain (2), 1 p.m.

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The following year, he won the shot put (51-4½) and the discus (155-0).

“My dad set the base of my throwing,” Hottman said. “I knew if I went out for track (at Hermiston) that I would have really good coaches. They are an extra set of eyes, and they see things differently than my dad. Coach (Emilee) Strot and Coach Faaeteete see

specific things I needed to work on, and that has helped set up big throws.”

Hottman also puts in a ton of time in the weight room, which has helped his throwing.

“I love to lift,” he said. “It gives you a lot of adrenaline, and you get to try and out lift your friends. It's fun to be in the weight room, especially if Faaeteete is there. It makes you want to be there at 6 in the morning. Coach Faaeteete is a different animal. He knows his stuff and is relatable with athletes.”

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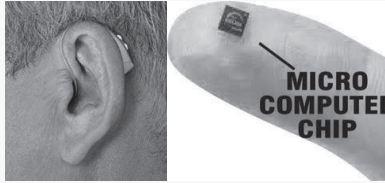


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