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## EOU issues mask requirement for sporting events

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*The Observer*

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University athletics is facing another hurdle related to COVID-19.

The athletics department announced its spectator policy Thursday, Aug. 26, requiring masks for fans in attendance at all indoor and outdoor competitions. The decision is effective immediately and comes right at the start of the 2021 athletics season.

The Cascade Collegiate Conference Council of Presidents met Aug. 26 to discuss

mask policies for outdoor sporting events, which Eastern put into effect on its campus. The decision comes in the wake of Gov. Kate Brown's outdoor mask mandate announced Aug. 25. Union County's COVID-19 total during the month of August has eclipsed 500, making it the highest of any month since the start of the pandemic.

Eastern's fall sports are just starting up, with soccer, football and volleyball beginning regular season competition this month. With home football games around the corner, the Mountaineers are slated to host five games

at Community Stadium. The stadium also hosts men's and women's soccer and can hold up to 3,000 fans.

According to Sports Information Director William McLaughlin, Eastern currently has no plans for enforcing capacity limits at sporting events. The university's spectator policy encourages fans to maintain social distancing standards when attending a sporting event.

The Cascade Collegiate Conference states failure to comply with attendance policy will result in removal from the venue and any further contests.



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Fans pack the stands at Community Stadium at Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, in this undated photo. On Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021, Eastern announced a mask requirement for fans attending sporting events.

## A FRIENDLY DAY OF FOOTBALL

Bucks, Bulldogs put past rivalry aside in jamboree

By **ANNIE FOWLER**  
*East Oregonian*

PENDLETON — It's been nearly four years since Hermiston and Pendleton played each other on the football field. The once-bitter rivalry is a thing of the past.

On Friday, Aug. 27, the teams were on the field for a jamboree. None of the current players were in high school when they last played Oct. 27, 2017, making the jamboree a friendly get-together.

For both teams, it was a chance to run some plays and get a sense of where they are at before playing their opening games Sept. 3.

"It was 100 percent worthwhile," said Pendleton coach Erik Davis, whose team was supposed to be at a jamboree in Redmond. "It was put together with me and David (Faaeteete) this past week with what we wanted to see. We came out of it with some good film."

Faaeteete said it was a good event to gauge where his team is at as a group.

"We weren't very physical," he said. "It was a wake-up call. That's part of being young and learning to play within the system. If we stay with our number one group, we would do better, but we have to see how the younger players handle it."

The day started with one-on-one lineman drills, and some 7-on-7 play for the skill position players.

The teams wrapped things up with 18 offensive and 18 defensive plays per team. They were broken up into sections of eight, six and four plays.

"We wouldn't have been able to do those other drills if there had been more than two teams," Davis said. "This early in the season, and not being on a bus to Bend was good. David was great to come over here."

During the scrimmage portion of the event, the Bucks scored three times, while the Bulldogs scored twice. Quarterbacks were limited



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Pendleton's Kyle Liscom (21) carries the ball during a scrimmage Friday, Aug. 27, 2021, against the Hermiston Bulldogs at Pendleton High School. The Buckaroos and Bulldogs have not played each other on a football field in almost four years.

on their carries out of the backfield, which did not play well with Hermiston's offense and quarterback Chase Elliott.

Defenses also were limited when it came to pressuring the quarterback. Hermiston's Sam Cadenas had to be reined in a couple of times when he got through Pendleton's offensive line and into the backfield.

The Bucks scored first on a pass play from Collin Primus to Payton Lambert. Their second score came

on a 3-yard pass from Primus to Kyle Liscom, and Ben Jennings scored the third on a 6-yard pass from Jack Lieuallen.

Hermiston's first touchdown came on its second series as Elliott broke free for a 20-yard touchdown run. The next came on the Bulldogs' third series of plays as Elliott connected with Vinny Trevino on a 10-yard pass play on the left side of the end zone.

"I'm very happy with what I saw on both sides of the field," Davis

said. "The two quarterbacks are new to the position, and our tailbacks were explosive. Our offensive line was untested. Without going to a camp, live reps are hard to come by. The refs said they were impressed with how game-ready we were. It was pretty clean for a jamboree."

Both teams are already looking forward to getting together next year.

"We'd love to host next year," Faaeteete said. "Maybe have some barbecue afterward."

### ON THE SLATE

Tuesday, Aug. 31

#### Prep volleyball

Enterprise at Griswold, TBD  
Irrigon at Griswold, TBD  
Weston-McEwen at Griswold, TBD  
Pilot Rock at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.  
Stanfield vs. Riverside at Echo, 4:30 p.m.  
Riverside at Echo, 6 p.m.  
La Grande at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m.

#### Prep girls soccer

Pendleton at Baker, 4 p.m.  
Umatilla at McLoughlin, 4 p.m.

#### Prep boys soccer

Umatilla at McLoughlin, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 1

No events scheduled

Thursday, Sept. 2

#### Football

Irrigon at Baker JV, 7 p.m.  
Cove at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.  
**Prep volleyball**  
South Wasco County, Irrigon at Heppner, 4 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Imbler, 6 p.m.  
Stanfield at Griswold, 4 p.m.  
Umatilla at Griswold, TBD  
Umatilla vs. Stanfield at Griswold, 5:30 p.m.  
Lyle/Wishram at Lone/Arlington, 5 p.m.

#### Prep girls soccer

Ontario at Pendleton, 4 p.m.  
McLoughlin at Riverside, 4 p.m.

#### Prep boys soccer

Pendleton at Ontario, 3 p.m.  
McLoughlin at Riverside, 6 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 3

#### Football

Pendleton at Southridge, 7 p.m.  
Kamiakin at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
Heppner at Toledo, 7 p.m.  
McLoughlin at College Place, 7 p.m.  
Lone/Arlington at Perrydale, TBD  
Cove at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.  
Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat at Riverside, 7 p.m.  
Colton at Stanfield, 5 p.m.  
Echo at Joseph, 7 p.m.  
Culver at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.

#### Prep volleyball

Delphian at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m.  
Echo at Joseph, 5 p.m.

#### Prep girls soccer

Trout Lake at Stanfield/Echo, 4 p.m.

#### Cross-country

Pendleton, Hermiston at Hanford jamboree, 5 p.m.

### SPORTS SHORT



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Oregon quarterback Anthony Brown (13) reads the defense during the spring game in Eugene in May. Brown was officially named the Ducks' starting QB on Friday, Aug. 27, 2021.

## Ducks name Brown Jr. as starting quarterback

By **JAMES CREPEA**  
*The Oregonian*

EUGENE — Over 500 days since committing to end his college career at Oregon, Anthony Brown Jr. is officially the Ducks' starting quarterback.

The long-expected decision was announced Friday, Aug. 27, eight days before No. 11 Oregon opens the season against Fresno State on Sept. 4.

"The way he handles and

has control and command of the offense, his presence amongst the players at the line of scrimmage, his ability to improvise, sometimes negotiate throws in tough situations, his ability to run the ball as well," Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said of the ways Brown separated himself from the team's trio of freshmen quarterbacks. "He's been really accurate and his explosive play ratio has been really high."

As Oregon's only quarterback with any college game experience, Brown worked exclusively with the first-team offense throughout the offseason. He went 17 of 26 for 208 yards and a touchdown during Oregon's spring game and was 8 of 14 for over 70 yards passing and had six carries for approximately 20 yards during the first fall scrimmage earlier this month.

As one of UO's super seniors,

Brown took on a mentor role to the team's three freshmen quarterbacks, Jay Butterfield, Ty Thompson and Robby Ashford, and has worked extensively with the team's wide receivers throughout the offseason.

"He's become more of a leader," receiver Mycah Pittman said. "That man is a gunslinger. When I tell you that guy has one of the strongest arms — it reminds me of Justin (Herbert) a lot."