

## ON THE SLATE

## Tuesday, Sept. 28

## Prep volleyball

Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 5 p.m.  
Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at McLoughlin, 5 p.m.  
Tri-Cities Prep at Irrigon, 6 p.m.  
Sherman at Echo, 5 p.m.  
Griswold at Elgin, 5 p.m.  
Ione/Arlington at Condon, 5 p.m.  
**Prep girls soccer**  
Hermiston at Pasco, 7 p.m.  
The Dalles at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.  
McLoughlin at La Grande, 5 p.m.  
**Prep boys soccer**  
Pendleton at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.

## Prep slowpitch softball

Hermiston at Pasco (2), 4 p.m.

## Wednesday, Sept. 29

## Prep volleyball

Nixyaawii at Umatilla, 5 p.m.  
Ione/Arlington at Sherman, 5 p.m.  
**Prep boys soccer**  
La Grande at McLoughlin, 5 p.m.  
**College volleyball**  
Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 6 p.m.

## Thursday, Sept. 30

## Prep volleyball

Heppner at Stanfield, 5 p.m.  
Pendleton at Ridgeview, 6:30 p.m.  
Richland at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Enterprise at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Union, 6 p.m.  
Enterprise at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m.  
McLoughlin at Baker, 6:30 p.m.

## Prep girls soccer

Hermiston at Chiawana, 7 p.m.  
Pendleton at Crook County, 4:30 p.m.  
Four Rivers at Stanfield/Echo, 4 p.m.  
Irrigon at Riverside, 4 p.m.  
**Prep boys soccer**  
Crook County at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.  
Irrigon at Riverside, 6 p.m.

## Prep slowpitch softball

Chiawana at Hermiston (2), 4 p.m.

## Friday, Oct. 1

## Prep football

The Dalles at Pendleton, 7 p.m.  
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 7 p.m.  
Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.  
Santiam Christian at McLoughlin, 7 p.m.  
Ione/Arlington at Enterprise, 7 p.m.  
Pilot Rock at Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat, 7 p.m.  
Irrigon at Umatilla, 7 p.m.  
Grant Union at Riverside, 7 p.m.  
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler at Echo, 7 p.m.

## Johnson:

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Johnson joins the Mountaineers following a two-year professional playing career in Brazil where he played for Basquete Blumanau/APAB in the Brazil-CBC League.

Johnson spent this past season, 2020-21 working as a volunteer assistant coach at Lakeland High School in Rathdrum, Idaho. During that time, Johnson also operated a business that trained high school age basketball players in personal skill development in North Idaho.

As a player, Johnson was a member of the Washington State Cougars from 2012-16. He played three seasons with WSU from 2013-16, appearing in 93 games. He was a starter in 42 of those contests. He finished his career at WSU ranked 16th in three-point field goals made with 121. He averaged 9.0 points per game in three seasons, including a season best 11.3 per contest during his redshirt-junior season in 2015-16.

Following his time at WSU, Johnson played his final collegiate season at Western Kentucky in 2016-17. With the Hilltoppers, he started in all 32 games and averaged a career best 13.2 points per game.

## Golf:

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"I think some are watching the weather," he said. "The cutoff is Sept. 29, so cards and groupings can be put together."

Fee to play is \$65 for amateurs and \$75 for pros. Everyone will get a player's pack.

## A game for everyone

Manning first started playing disc golf a couple of years ago when he and fellow bullfighter Sean Peterson were looking for something to do before a rodeo.

"We were staying in a hotel and

we were next to a disc golf course," Manning said. "We went to Big 5 and got a starter pack of three discs. We can kill half a day playing. Now, we have courses we like to go to. We know which ones are good, which are bad and which are fun."

Manning has his brother, Miles Barry, who also is a bullfighter, playing the game.

"Miles is really into it," Manning said. "I got into it more than they did, and I was better than they were in the beginning. I met a friend, Andrew Laffie, in Pendleton playing disc golf. He played for the Oregon State University disc team in college. He really taught me how to play. I was better than

he was within a year. I turned pro last year."

A big draw to the sport for Manning is that disc golf is cheap.

"There are no green fees and it plays fast," he said. "When you play golf, you are committing to half a day, and it can get spendy. If you have someone who has never heard of disc golf or who has never played golf, you can show them the difference. If you took them out for golf in the morning, and disc golf in the afternoon, they would have more fun playing disc golf. It's easier. I have taken bullfighters and bull riders out."

Once you get to the pro ranks, and find discs that you prefer to play

with, the sport can drain your wallet a bit.

"I have between 200 and 300 discs," Manning said. "If you just want to have a nice walk in the park you can play with three. I will pay \$15 for a disc, throw it a few times. If it's not what I want, I can sell it for \$10 and get part of my money back."

And if you really like your disc, you put your name and phone number on it. If you lose a disc, an honest person will make sure you get it back.

If you want to learn to play, Manning runs weekly events on Tuesday nights at Community Park in Pendleton. There are also events on Thursdays and Sundays.

## SPORTS SHORT

## EOU selects 1980 baseball team for Hall of Fame

*The Observer*

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University Athletics announced its 2021 Hall of Fame class, selecting the 1980 baseball team.

The team finished 28-10, marking the best winning percentage by an Eastern baseball team at the time. The record was eventually broken by the 1984 team that won 34 games. Of the 1980 team, five players were named all-conference, four were named all-district and one was named all-American.

"This group of men had

outstanding accomplishments on the diamond both individually and as a team," Athletic Director Anji Weissenfluh said in a press release. "Not only did they have an impact athletically, they also played significant roles on campus and in our community."

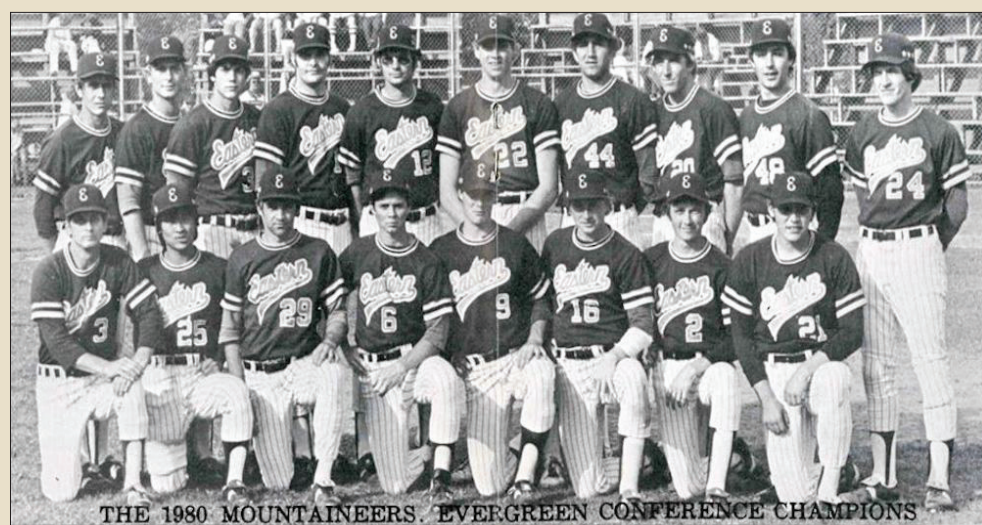
The Mountaineers won 19 straight games during the 1980 season, which still stands as a program record. The 1980 team held a league batting average of .339, which remains a school record through both the wood bat and metal bat eras.

In addition to a productive offense, the 1980 team

also was known for its stellar defense. The Mountaineers recorded a .971 fielding percentage overall and .981 in league play, which stands as a program record.

The all-conference players from the 1980 team are shortstop John Tolan, pitcher Jeff Davis, outfielder Bill Kean, outfielder Tim Noland and first baseman Gary Davidson. Tolan was named an honorable mention all-American.

The 1980 team won the Evergreen Conference regular season championship and went on to finish as runner-up in the conference tournament.



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Eastern Oregon University Athletics announced it selected the 1980 baseball team for the 2021 Hall of Fame Class.

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