

## SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30**  
**Boys basketball:** Central at North Eugene, 7 p.m. Falls City at McKenzie, 7 p.m.  
**Girls basketball:** Gresham at Central, 7 p.m. Falls City at McKenzie, 5:30 p.m.  
**Men's basketball:** Western Oregon at Oregon, 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 1**  
**Women's basketball:** Seattle Pacific at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 2**  
**Boys basketball:** Dallas at Glencoe, 7:15 p.m. Eddyville Charter at Falls City, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Alsea, 7 p.m.  
**Girls basketball:** Central at St. Helens, 7:15 p.m. Dallas at Marist, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Alsea, 5:30 p.m.  
**Wrestling:** Central at Tillamook Country Smoker, noon. Dallas at McNary Tournament, 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 3**  
**Boys basketball:** Dufur at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.  
**Girls basketball:** Dufur at Perrydale, 3 p.m.  
**Women's basketball:** Saint Martin's at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.  
**Wrestling** Dallas at Perry Burlison Classic, 9 a.m.

**MONDAY, DEC. 5**  
**Boys basketball:** Perrydale at Delphian, 7:30 p.m.  
**Men's basketball:** Western Oregon at Montana State Billings, 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 6**  
**Boys basketball:** Central at Liberty, 7:15 p.m. Falls City at Crosshill Christian, 7 p.m. Livingstone Adventist at Perrydale, 7 p.m.  
**Girls basketball:** Grants Pass at Central, 7 p.m. The Dalles at Dallas, 7 p.m. Falls City at Crosshill Christian, 5:30 p.m. Livingstone Adventist at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m.  
**Swimming:** Silverton at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

## QUICK HITS

### Williams scores touchdown

HOUSTON — San Diego Chargers wide receiver Tyrell Williams had eight catches for 70 yards and a touchdown against the Houston Texans on Sunday. The Chargers won 21-13. Williams' touchdown came on a 21-yard strike in the second quarter. For the season, Williams has 51 catches for 790 yards and five touchdowns.

### WOU volleyball adds DeCarli

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon volleyball coach Tommy Gott added to his early signing class after Sianna DeCarli, of Petaluma, Calif., signed her letter of intent.

DeCarli, a 6-foot outside hitter and opposite, earned All-Sonoma County league honors as a junior at Petaluma High School.

"We are very excited about the addition of Sianna to our roster," Gott said. "She comes from a very good and talented club in California and is someone who has a heavy arm and should score lot of points for us in the future during her time as a Wolf." Western Oregon finished 10-17 overall during the 2016 season.

## STAT SHEET

**3** The number of losses Western Oregon's men's basketball team has so far this season. The Wolves lost four games total during the 2015-16 campaign.

**5** The number of touchdowns former Western Oregon receiver Tyrell Williams has caught so far this season for the San Diego Chargers.

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Be aggressive

## Boschma, Miller find new attitude, leadership roles

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — It's a change some might not even notice.

When Western Oregon sophomore Kaylie Boschma steps up for a jump shot, it may seem like a routine play, but for Boschma, it's a signal of a major evolution as a player.

As a freshman, Boschma appeared in 26 games. She was a solid distributor and could always drive hard to the hoop.

When it came to pulling up for a jump shot — that was another matter.

That's no longer the case this season.

"I feel I have improved the most in the confidence of my shot," Boschma said. "I feel comfortable with taking the shot and not driving every time or passing it up."

Boschma spent much of the offseason working with teammate Ali Nelke.

"Ali gave me someone to work out with to push ourselves," Boschma said. "Ali is just as hard, if not a harder worker, than me and she makes me want to be better and push myself."

Boschma is no longer a one-dimensional guard — and a more potent offensive weapon.

"I think I am more well-rounded," she said. "Instead of just being a driver, I'm harder to guard."

Boschma had 10 points and eight rebounds during a 59-50 win over Oregon Tech

on Saturday — despite playing only 19 minutes because of early foul trouble — and is third in the team in points per game.

"We can always count on Kaylie to bring energy," WOU coach Holli Howard-Carpenter said. "She works extremely hard, and she pushes her teammates even harder. She wants to win, and she approaches each practice as an opportunity to get better."

Boschma isn't the only Wolf to show breakout potential.

Junior forward Jasmine Miller also scored 10 points against Oregon Tech and is second on the team in scoring, averaging 11.6 points per game.

"I think I play consistently aggressive and improved my leadership skills, as well," Miller said.

That aggressiveness is something the Wolves have been waiting to see. The seeds were planted a season ago.

"Last year was pretty tough, but I learned a lot," Miller said. "We learned how to play with heart because every game was tough, and we had to fight and not back down. I also learned the importance of leadership and being there for your teammates. Most importantly, I learned that you have to want to get better each and every day. That means every practice, lift and game, you have to put in the work to get where you want to be."

The work has paid off.



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Western Oregon sophomore Kaylie Boschma scored 10 points against Oregon Tech on Saturday. Boschma averages 10.4 points per game, good for third on the team.

She's shooting a team-high 61 percent from the field and leads the squad in re-

bounds (36).

"Jasmine has broken out of her shell and made great strides in being consistently aggressive," Howard-Carpenter said. "She's doing things this year I knew she could do, and she is playing with a ton of confidence."

Both players have taken it upon themselves to spark a change within the locker room.

"You have to be committed to help change the program, even if that means you might not see immediate success right now, but there will be change in the future and years to come, and I want to be able to say I was a part of the team that helped change the culture at Western Oregon," Miller said.

WOU has nearly as many wins (three) as all of last season (four) and Boschma and Miller have played a big role in the early success.

"Both Kaylie and Jasmine have grown a lot and have displayed the consistency we've been missing," Howard-Carpenter said.

Western Oregon begins Great Northwest Athletic Conference play Thursday at 7 p.m. against Seattle Pacific and Saturday at 7 p.m. against Saint Martin's, when WOU will find out just how improved the team is.

"We have to start competing harder and growing as a team," Howard-Carpenter said. "On the defensive end, we have to be more relentless and focus on executing our game plans. On offense, we are focusing communicating and making the easy play. We don't have to have super star performances. We have to make the easy pass. When we do that, we can be pretty tough to guard."

### Basketball

- Western Oregon's women's basketball team defeated Oregon Tech 59-50 on Saturday.
- Jasmine Miller and Kaylie Boschma scored 10 points each. Sydney Azorr added nine points and six rebounds.



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Western Oregon junior Jasmine Miller is second for the Wolves in scoring. Miller averages 11.6 points per game. She scored 10 points against Oregon Tech on Saturday.

## WESTERN OREGON ROUNDUP

# Men's basketball splits games

Itemizer-Observer staff report

ST. GEORGE, Utah — Western Oregon's men's basketball split its two games at the Dixie State Classic.



Omlid

78-73 on Saturday.

Junior forward Tanner Omlid led all scorers with 23 points against Westminster College. He also grabbed 10 rebounds for his third double-double of the season and also had five steals and two blocks.

Akil Reese and Malik Leaks each added 10 points.



Reese



Faruq-Bey

time. Western Oregon plays at Oregon Wednesday (today) at 7 p.m. before playing at Montana State Billings Monday at 6 p.m.

Ali Faruq-Bey led WOU in scoring against Dixie State with 15 points, while Omlid added 11 points and seven assists.

Western Oregon (3-3 overall) hosted Concordia Tuesday after press time.



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Ali Faruq-Bey (22) fights for a loose ball against San Francisco State on Nov. 18. Faruq-Bey scored 15 points in a losing effort against Dixie State on Saturday.