

# Sports

## POWDER VALLEY FOOTBALL

### Badgers top Wallowa in key tilt

EO Media Group Staff

Reece Dixon threw three touchdown passes and ran for a fourth score, and the Powder Valley Badgers won an important early Special District 3-East contest at home over the Wallowa Cougars Friday, 38-26.

"Wallowa is ranked No. 7 in the coaches poll. The guys are playing really hard. They're pretty excited," Powder Valley head coach Josh Cobb said.

The game of runs saw the Badgers put together the most significant run in the second half, with three straight touchdowns — two on passes by Dixon — to turn a 20-14 halftime deficit into a 38-20 lead in the fourth quarter.

The Badgers had scored the first two touchdowns of the game, but Wallowa responded with 20 straight points to take the six-point margin into the locker room.

Dixon passes for 105 yards and threw two of his three touchdowns to Dominick Grende. As a team, the Badgers rushed for 239 yards.

In a losing effort for Wallowa, Lute Ramsden passed for 247 yards and three touchdowns. Tristin Bales had 144



Powder Valley quarterback Reece Dixon is tackled by Wallowa's Mason Moore (23) and Justin Bales (16) on the way to a score.

yards receiving, 83 rushing and three touchdowns. Complete individual stats

for the Badgers were not available. Powder Valley (2-0 overall,

1-0 SD3-E) visits Pine Eagle Friday, while Wallowa (0-2, 0-1) hosts Elgin Friday.

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## BOISE STATE FOOTBALL

### Boise St. romps past Portland St.

By Jason Chatraw  
Associated Press

BOISE — Defensive end Curtis Weaver shrugged and smiled wryly when asked about his record-tying performance in No. 22 Boise State's 45-10 victory over Portland State on Saturday night.

"It means something to me," Weaver said of matching the school's single-game record of four sacks. "It's always good but, at the end of the day, the whole D-line played a role in it. But we've got to keep moving forward. We've got the Mountain West conference play now and that's still our goal."

Weaver served as a perfect spokesperson for the Broncos' business-like approach to playing an FCS school for only the third time since 2010. Instead of getting caught looking past the Vikings, Boise State was laser focused.

But as focused as Boise State was, it didn't lack for flashy and explosive plays.

John Hightower returned a kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown to get Boise State's scoring started. C.T. Thomas scored the first of two touchdowns on a one-handed snag after getting tipped by his defender. And

Stefan Cobbs scored on his first ever catch, racing 44 yards to the end zone and losing his helmet on a hit after he had scored.

Then there was Weaver wreaking havoc in the Vikings' backfield on just about every play in the second half.

"If (Weaver) continues to stay humble and hungry, hopefully good things keep happening," Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said.

Good things have been happening by the boatloads for the Broncos' defense in the second half.

Boise State (3-0) has yet to allow any points in the second half this season, joining Wisconsin as the only two schools to still hold that distinction.

"Protection was a problem for us all night long," Portland State coach Bruce Barnum said. "We had some things work for us early and I was pleased with the start, but we couldn't get them off the field after that first quarter."

Portland State (1-2), which played Arkansas tough in a 20-13 loss in the Vikings' season opener, racked up 159 yards in the first quarter but only 85 over the final three.

### EOU women's cross-country team places 3rd at home meet

By Ronald Bond  
The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University women's cross country team is already well ahead of where it was this time last year, and its effort at its home cross country meet proved as much.

The Mountaineers, led by a

seventh-place finish from Michelle Herbes and a 10th-place performance by Megan Boals, placed third behind College of Idaho and Northwest Nazarene during Friday's race at Lane Farms east of La Grande.

But head coach Ben Welch said as a team, the combined time was almost 3 1/2 minutes faster for its

top five runners than in the same race last fall.

"Some of that was the better weather this year, but most of it is they are just better. They trained hard (and) they're racing well," Welch said. "It'll be interesting to see what comes of it. (Friday) was a very good start."

Herbes crossed the line in 19:21.10, and Boals followed in 19:45.90 in what was a surprising race.

"I wasn't surprised how fast Megan Boals ran, but Megan Boals was surprised how fast she ran considering one of the comments she made," Welch said.

Katie Jo Gebhardt just missed breaking 20 minutes for the race, finishing in 20:06.20, and freshman Ella Coughlan was fourth on the team and 21st overall in 20:44.20.

"That was a very good first run for her," Welch said.

Molly Gulden rounded out the top five for EOU in 23rd in 20:56.20.

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