

# Sports

POWDER VALLEY FOOTBALL

## Badgers roll over Enterprise, earn first playoff bid since 2016

By Ronald Bond  
The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — The Powder Valley Badgers scored the game's first 34 points and coasted to a 60-28 victory over the Enterprise Outlaws in the opening game of the Special District 3 playoffs Friday at Eastern Oregon University. The win improved Powder's record to 6-3 and solidified its OSAA ranking as the Badgers later grabbed one of four at-large berths to state. It's the Badgers' first playoff berth since 2016, when they reached the state quarterfinals.

"It's a huge step for us," head coach Josh Cobb said. "We're young. We're sophomore-heavy, so getting these guys some playoff experience is going to be huge for the long run."

Reece Dixon threw for 463 yards and six touchdown passes for the Badgers on Friday, including a 72-yard scoring strike to Kaden Krieger and a 6-yard pass to Dominick Grende to help Powder Valley's lead reach 28-0 after one quarter.



Powder Valley's Roper Bingham making a catch during the Badgers' win Friday.

Another long touchdown pass — this one of 74 yards from Dixon to Ethan Stephens — made it 34-0 before the Outlaws finally got on the board. Gideon Gray scored from 2 yards out, and a safety just before the half brought Enterprise within 34-8.

But four second half scores — the last of which was a

54-yard touchdown catch by Roper Bingham — made it 60-8 with 3:03 to play in the third quarter.

Grende and Bingham finished with 188 and 116 yards receiving, respectively.

The Outlaws added three fourth-quarter scores on a 9-yard run by Jericho Peters, a 25-yard rush by Trace

Evans and a 40-yard TD reception by Evans for the final margin.

The Badgers, who have won their last three games, ended up as the No. 12 seed and will travel to face Lowell in the first round of the state playoffs Friday at 6 p.m. Lowell is about 20 miles east of Eugene.

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EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

## EOU falls just short against Coyotes

By Ronald Bond  
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LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon football team gave Frontier Conference-leading and sixth-ranked College of Idaho all it could handle, and gave itself a shot at the upset.

The Mountaineers led 14-7 at halftime, were tied 14-14 after three quarters and had a chance, trailing by seven in the final minute of the game — a marked improvement from the season-opening 48-12 loss to the same Coyotes.

"That was a dog fight. We went a little bit dim in the third quarter offensively. We got a lot of kids playing out there who are freshmen, sophomores and juniors," head coach Tim Camp said of his team against the senior-laden Yotes. "Pretty proud of them."

But third-quarter offensive struggles and a strong second-half by C of I offensively were enough to allow the Yotes to escape with a 24-17 victory Saturday at Community Stadium.

It was the third time in three weeks EOU has been within a touchdown of its opponent in the fourth quarter. Eastern has lost those three contests by six, 13 and now seven points.

The Mountaineers were the aggressors early and often against C of I. EOU scored on its second possession on a 1-yard touchdown run by Victor Dias for a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter, while defensively the Mountaineers held C of I powerful offense in check. C of I was forced to punt on its first four possessions, and went three-and-out three times.

The Yotes pulled even late in the second quarter when Nick Calzaretta scored from a yard out to cap a 14-play, 90-yard drive that took seven minutes.

It took Eastern 11 seconds to respond, as Kai Quinn hit Cade Reed for a 95-yard touchdown pass right in the middle of the C of I defense to give EOU the lead at the half.

College of Idaho pulled even early in the third quarter on the ground, as Calzaretta scored from 21 yards out to cap a drive that saw him rush for 54 yards.

Another long drive by C of I — this one an 86-yard excursion that took more than nine minutes — ended in a Kyle Mitchell field goal for a 17-14 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Hunter Jaurez then hauled in a one-handed catch for a 30-yard score and a 10-point lead with 11:11 to play.

But the Mountaineers finally woke up on offense to get back in the game late. A 64-yard drive set up a 32-yard Jaiden Machuca field goal to make it a one-possession game with 2:30 to play.

Eastern failed to recover the ensuing onside kick, but stopped C of I to regain possession with 44 seconds to play. Quinn found Victor Dias for a 20-yard completion one play after being sacked, but Eastern's Hail Mary pass on the final play fell incomplete.

## Seahawks slip past Tampa Bay in OT

By Tim Booth  
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — After leading a masterful drive in the final seconds of regulation only to see a potential winning field goal attempt on the last play sail wide, Russell Wilson took it upon himself in overtime.

No way was Tampa Bay's Jameis Winston going to end up with the ball in his hands again.

Wilson finished off one of the finest games of his career with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Jacob Hollister on the opening drive of overtime, capping Seattle's rally for a 40-34 win over the

Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday.

Wilson continued his brilliant season, tying his career high with five touchdown passes as Seattle (7-2) overcame Jason Myers' missed 40-yard field-goal attempt on the final play of regulation and never gave Tampa Bay a chance in the extra session.

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