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EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL FOOTBALL

Mountaineers conclude season with comeback win

By Ronald Bond
The (La Grande) Observer

LA GRANDE — Running back Victor Dias spent most of his final game in an Eastern Oregon University uniform watching from the sidelines after reaggravating a knee injury he had suffered last week against Rocky Mountain College.

He got the opportunity, though, to take the kneelown on the final play of the game as EOU sent its senior out with a win and built some momentum for the offseason.

“It’s one way to honor him. He was a hard runner for us and a great leader for us,” EOU head coach Tim Camp said of Dias.

The Mountaineers mounted two lengthy fourth-quarter drives to rally for the lead, then got a stop on a two-point conversion when defensive back Eric Prom broke up a would-be tying pass with eight seconds to play to hold on for a 28-26 victory over No. 22 Carroll College Saturday in their season finale at Community Stadium.

“It feels great,” said Prom, one of 15 Mountaineer seniors. “The whole time we kept harping on finishing games playing a whole four quarters, keeping the same energy, and it showed today.”

Eastern trailed 20-14 entering the fourth quarter, and started the final period with the ball on its own 2-yard line.

A 98-yard drive followed,

with two Tanner Zenke receptions — the second a 39-yard completion on a deep fade route — helping get EOU into Carroll territory. Kaler Moore reached the end zone four plays later, scoring a 34-yard touchdown on fourth-and-1 to give the Mountaineers a 21-20 lead with 11:54 to play.

“The kids played for each other,” Camp said. “They wanted to send the seniors out as winners. We had a good week of practice (and built) off the win from last week.”

EOU’s defense then kept Carroll out of the end zone despite the Saints marching into the red zone and having first-and-goal at the EOU 2-yard-line. Matthew Burgess, who had rushed for 157 yards on the afternoon, was stopped on three of the runs, including getting stuffed on fourth down short of the goal line with about eight minutes to go.

“I think they were trying to send a message, saying, ‘We’re going to power it in right here,’” Camp said of why he thought Carroll went for it on fourth down instead of taking a short field goal attempt. “That was a big goal-line stand.”

Eastern followed with a 99-yard drive, again taking to the air. Kai Quinn’s completions of 33 and 13 yards to Saige Wilkerson and a 42-yard bomb to Zenke moved EOU to the Carroll 15, and Wilkerson’s 10-yard catch two plays later gave the Mountaineers a

28-20 lead with just 3:06 to go.

Camp said the Mountaineers threw a few more deep passes down the field than they had in recent weeks, and it paid off.

“The attitude going in was we were going to take shots on their corners. We know when they’re in man coverage there’s an opportunity,” he said. “Our kids made plays today.”

The passes weren’t the only times EOU gambled, either: The Mountaineers ran a successful punt fake, attempted an onside kick after their go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, and went for it on fourth down near midfield in the third quarter.

“We had nothing to lose. We were going to take a couple shots,” Camp said, adding he had plans to run another fake punt later in the game. “I was a riverboat gambler today.”

Carroll’s last-ditch effort resulted in a 12-yard touchdown catch by Joe Farris at the left pylon on fourth and goal, but on the ensuing 2-point conversion for the tie, Prom stepped in front of the would-be receiver short of the end zone to break up the pass after Carroll quarterback Devan Bridgewater was forced to scramble.

“I just recognized the formation, I was shouting it to my team,” Prom said of the 2-point conversion. “We were able to get great pressure and I was where I needed to be.”

The victory was the fifth in a row in the series for the Mountaineers. Each of the last three have been nail-biters, too — a 41-34 win by EOU in overtime in 2017, an 8-7 win by the Mountaineers in Helena, Montana, last year and Saturday’s thriller.

Eastern fell behind 7-0 early, but battled back to tie the score at 7-7 late in the first quarter on an 18-yard touchdown catch by Conner Falk and a 14-7 lead on Moore’s 1-yard run with 3:23 to play in the first half. Carroll tied the score going into the break on a 26-yard Shane Sipes TD catch, then retook the lead, 20-14, on Tony Collins’ 18-yard TD catch.

Quinn saved his best performance of the season for last, completing 23 of 39 passes for a season-high 290 yards and two touchdowns. Zenke (121 yards receiving) and Wilkerson (69) led Eastern through the air.

The Mountaineers finish with an overall record of 4-7 and 4-6 in the Frontier Conference, but won its final two games, and three of the last six, to rebound from a 1-4 start to the season.

“It’s been a tremendous blessing, and it speaks volumes of Coach Camp and the program and the guys we have,” Dias said. “All I saw was guys laying it on the line for each other all year, and today was no different.”

POWDER VALLEY FOOTBALL

Badgers’ rally falls short against Hornets

■ Powder Valley erases 16-point deficit but can’t hold off Camas Valley in Class 1A quarterfinal

EO Media Group

CAMAS VALLEY — The Powder Valley Badgers rallied from a 16-point halftime deficit to pull even early in the fourth quarter of their 1A quarterfinal game against Camas Valley, but the Hornets responded with 20 straight points and held on for a 48-36 win over the Badgers Saturday afternoon.

Powder Valley was down 22-6 at halftime, but eventually pulled even at 28-28 on a touchdown catch by Dominick Grende early in the fourth quarter.

But the Hornets built their lead back up to 20 before the Badgers scored late for the final margin.

“They hit hard, they scouted us well, (and) they were a good ball club,” Badgers’ head coach Josh Cobb said. “I was super proud of the guys. We only have three seniors on the squad.”

Cobb added that he was pleased the team didn’t give in even when the outcome was determined.

“We scored with a minute and a half left to get it within 12. They never quit,” he said. “They’re a scrappy bunch of guys. Quit is not ever in their mindset. Wish we could have played another week.”

Even with the season ending in the quarterfinals, Cobb’s squad gained a wealth of postseason experience that will help a team made up mainly of underclassmen.

“We got a whole crew of sophomores and freshmen that play, and getting them playoff experience and winning a tight barnburner game (against Lowell last week) was huge,” Cobb said.

The Badgers’ season ends with a record of 7-4.

Beavers win women’s NIT

CORVALLIS (AP) — Destiny Slocum was a non-factor for No. 7 Oregon State in the first half of the championship game of the Preseason WNIT on Sunday. The second half was a different story.

Slocum scored all 17 of her points after the break and ignited a decisive third-quarter run to lead No. 7 Oregon State to an 80-69 victory over Missouri State.

Slocum’s 3-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer capped a 13-0 run for a 55-49 lead and Oregon State went on to end the nation’s longest road winning streak at 13 games.

PAC-12 FOOTBALL

Utah routs UCLA, keeps hopes alive for playoff berth

By John Coon
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah dominated yet another opponent on both sides of the ball.

The No. 8 Utes smothered UCLA on offense and shredded the Bruins on defense on their way to a 49-3 victory on Saturday night.

It was the largest margin of vic-

tory for Utah in a Pac-12 game.

Utah (9-1, 6-1 Pac-12, No. 7 CFP) also beat the Bruins for a fourth straight season.

On offense, the Utes totaled 536 yards and rushed for 201 yards. Their domination was equally pronounced on defense.

UCLA (4-6, 4-3 Pac-12) saw a three-game winning streak end

after it committed five turnovers and averaged just 3.7 yards per play. The Bruins finished with 50 rushing yards after losing 81 total yards on sacks and tackles for loss.

“We certainly won the rushing battle and controlled both sides of the line of scrimmage,” Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said.

The Utes wanted to prove they

were the more physical team and proved it over 60 minutes. Utah’s ability to be disruptive on every play caused the Bruins to unravel as the game progressed.

“We just laid one on them in the first series and we figured out who was the more physical team in this game,” defensive end Bradlee Anae said. It just lays the foundation for

the rest of the things When you’re more physical, other things come along.”

Zack Moss ran for 127 yards and two touchdowns and added 65 receiving yards. Moss moved into second-place for career all-purpose yardage at Utah.

Tyler Huntley threw for a season-high 335 yards and two touchdowns.

SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Class 6A playoffs — Second Round	
Friday's Games	
Mountainside 34, Tigard 31 OT	
Barlow 26, Sheldahl 24	
West Linn 34, Sherwood 14	
Central Catholic 28, Newberg 12	
Lake Oswego 42, West Salem 31	
Lakeridge 51, Aloha 40	
Tualatin 50, North Medford 35	
Jesuit 70, Liberty 24	
Class 5A playoffs — Quarterfinals	
Friday's Games	
Thurston 48, Wilsonville 9	
Silverton 48, Scappoose 14	
West Albany 41, Ashland 15	
Crater 49, Parkrose 0	
Class 4A playoffs — Quarterfinals	
Friday's Games	
Marist 28, North Marion 21	
La Grande 14, Gladstone 0	
Saturday's Games	
Banks 34, Baker 14	
The Dalles 58, Tillamook 51	
Class 3A playoffs — Quarterfinals	
Friday's Game	
Hidden Valley 51, Cascade Christian 30	
Saturday's Games	
Rainier 50, Armit 22	
Burns 14, Clatskanie 13	
Santiam Christian 58, Vale 6	
Class 2A playoffs — Quarterfinals	
Saturday's Games	
Kennedy 45, Oakland 7	
Monroe 56, Toledo 26	
Heppner 32, Warrenton 7	
Knappa 36, Coquille 30	
Class 1A playoffs — Quarterfinals	
Friday's Games	
St. Paul 56, Days Creek 6	
Crane 42, Dufur 6	

Saturday's Games	
Camas Valley 48, Powder Valley 36	
Adrian/Jordan Valley 64, Hosanna Christian 16	
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
Saturday's Games	
FARWEST	
Air Force 38, Colorado St. 21	
BYU 42, Idaho St. 10	
E. Washington 42, Cal Poly 41	
Hawaii 21, UNLV 7	
Montana 35, Weber St. 16	
Montana St. 27, UC Davis 17	
New Mexico St. 41, Incarnate Word 28	
Oregon St. 35, Arizona St. 34	
S. Utah 31, N. Arizona 30	
Sacramento St. 31, Idaho 7	
San Diego 52, Morehead St. 20	
Utah 49, UCLA 3	
Utah St. 26, Wyoming 21	
Washington St. 49, Stanford 22	
EAST	
Ohio St. 56, Rutgers 21	
Penn St. 34, Indiana 27	
SOUTH	
Alabama 38, Mississippi St. 7	
Cincinnati 20, South Florida 17	
Clemson 52, Wake Forest 3	
Florida St. 49, Alabama St. 12	
Georgia 21, Auburn 14	
LSU 58, Mississippi 37	
SOUTHWEST	
Memphis 45, Houston 27	
Oklahoma 34, Baylor 31	
Oklahoma St. 31, Kansas 13	
TCU 33, Texas Tech 31	
Texas A&M 30, South Carolina 6	

NFL				
AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
East Division				
W	L	T	Pct	
New England 9	1	0	.900	
Buffalo 7	3	0	.700	
N.Y. Jets 3	7	0	.300	
Miami 2	8	0	.200	
South				
W	L	T	Pct	
Indianapolis 6	4	0	.600	
Houston 6	4	0	.600	
Tennessee 5	5	0	.500	
Jacksonville 4	6	0	.400	
North				
W	L	T	Pct	
Baltimore 8	2	0	.800	
Pittsburgh 5	5	0	.500	
Cleveland 4	6	0	.400	
Cincinnati 0	10	0	.000	
West				
W	L	T	Pct	
Kansas City 6	4	0	.600	
Oakland 6	4	0	.600	
L.A. Chargers 4	6	0	.400	
Denver 3	7	0	.300	
NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
East				
W	L	T	Pct	
Dallas 6	4	0	.600	
Philadelphia 5	5	0	.500	
N.Y. Giants 2	8	0	.200	
Washington 1	9	0	.100	
South				
W	L	T	Pct	
New Orleans 8	2	0	.800	
Carolina 5	5	0	.500	
Atlanta 3	7	0	.300	
Tampa Bay 3	7	0	.300	
North				
W	L	T	Pct	

Green Bay	8	2	0	.800
Minnesota	8	3	0	.727
Chicago	4	6	0	.400
Detroit	3	6	1	.350
West				
W	L	T	Pct	
San Francisco 9	1	0	.900	
Seattle 8	2	0	.800	
L.A. Rams 6	4	0	.600	
Arizona 3	7	1	.318	
Sunday's Games				
Baltimore 41, Houston 7				
Indianapolis 33, Jacksonville 13				
Atlanta 29, Carolina 3				
New Orleans 34, Tampa Bay 17				
Dallas 35, Detroit 27				
Minnesota 27, Denver 23				
N.Y. Jets 34, Washington 17				
Buffalo 37, Miami 20				
San Francisco 36, Arizona 26				
Oakland 17, Cincinnati 10				
New England 17, Philadelphia 10				
L.A. Rams 17, Chicago 7				
Today's Game				
All Times PST				
Kansas City vs L.A. Chargers at Mexico City, 5:15 p.m.				
Thursday's Game				
All Times PST				
Indianapolis at Houston, 5:20 p.m.				
NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	10	2	.833	—
Toronto	8	4	.667	2
Philadelphia	8	5	.615	2½

Brooklyn	5	7	.417	5
New York	3	10	.231	7½
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	9	3	.750	—
Orlando	6	7	.462	3½
Charlotte	6	7	.462	3½
Atlanta	4	9	.308	5½
Washington	3	8	.273	5½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	9	3	.750	—
Indiana	7	6	.538	2½
Cleveland	4	8	.333	5
Detroit	4	9	.308	5½
Chicago	4	9	.308	5½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	10	3	.769	—
Dallas	7	5	.583	2½
Memphis	5	8	.385	5
San Antonio	5	8	.385	5
New Orleans	4	9	.308	6
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	9	3	.750	—
Utah	8	4	.667	1
Minnesota	7	6	.538	2½
Oklahoma City	5	7	.417	4
Portland	5	8	.385	4½
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	11	2	.846	—
Phoenix	7	4	.636	3
L.A. Clippers	8	5	.615	3
Sacramento	5	7	.417	5½
Golden State	2	12	.143	9½
Saturday's Games				
Brooklyn 117, Chicago 111				

Milwaukee 102, Indiana 83	
Charlotte 103, New York 102	
Houston 125, Minnesota 105	
Miami 109, New Orleans 94	
Dallas 110, Toronto 102	
Portland 121, San Antonio 116	
L.A. Clippers 150, Atlanta 101	
Sunday's Games	
Philadelphia 114, Cleveland 95	
Sacramento 100, Boston 99	
Denver 131, Memphis 114	
Orlando 125, Washington 121	
New Orleans 108, Golden State 100	
L.A. Lakers 122, Atlanta 101	
Today's Games	
All Times PST	
Cleveland at New York, 4 p.m.	
Charlotte at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.	
Indiana at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Chicago, 5 p.m.	
Portland at Houston, 5 p.m.	
San Antonio at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.	
Boston at Phoenix, 6 p.m.	
Minnesota at Utah, 6 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.	
Tuesday's Games	
Golden State at Memphis, 5 p.m.	
Portland at New Orleans, 5 p.m.	
Phoenix at Sacramento, 7 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.	
Wednesday's Games	
New York at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.	
San Antonio at Washington, 4 p.m.	
Charlotte at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.	
Cleveland at Miami, 4:30 p.m.	
Golden State at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.	
Orlando at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.	
Detroit at Chicago, 5 p.m.	
Utah at Minnesota, 5 p.m.	
Houston at Denver, 6 p.m.	
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 7 p.m.	

Weekly Specials November 18-24

Monday

Meatloaf.....\$8.95

Tuesday

Lasagna.....\$8.95

Wednesday

Ground Round w/Mushrooms.....\$8.95

Thursday

Chicken Fried Steak.....\$9.95

Friday

All You Can Eat Mini Shrimp.....\$9.95

Steak & Shrimp.....\$10.95

Pan Fried Oysters\$10.50

Saturday