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In his fourth full season at Eastern, McCullough broke the individual all-time scoring record in a game against Warner Pacific on April 4. The Post Falls, Idaho, native broke Randy Dolven's previous record of 1,790 points, a mark that stood since 1967.

Despite suffering a season-ending injury in an exhibition at Gonzaga to start off the 2021-22 season, the star point guard tallied a career total of 2,129 points — a record that will likely stand for quite some time. McCullough has worked to be the ultimate teammate, improving his assist numbers every season and growing as a leader on and off the court.

On the pitch, Farrington topped a record that stood since 2006. The senior scored her 30th career goal in a match against Carroll on Oct. 22, to become the program's all-time leading goal scorer. The forward hit two goals in the same contest to both tie and break the program record on the same night.

Cambree Scott has been one of the most electric volleyball players at Eastern in

recent memory, dominating defensively at the net. Scott broke the program record for career blocks and ended the 2021 season with 525. She is set to return to the program next season, presenting Scott with an opportunity to further distance herself as the all-time leader in blocks at Eastern.

MACMILLAN OVERCOMES SEVERE INJURY, COMES BACK TO DOMINATE ON THE GRIDIRON

LA GRANDE — Watching Brody MacMillan's brutal running style from the stands during the 2021 fall football season, one might not even be aware that the star running back suffered a catastrophic injury less than a year before.

The La Grande tailback and linebacker suffered ACL, LCL and meniscus injuries in a game against Vale on March 19 during the 2021 spring season.

After working endlessly to rehab and recover during the summer, MacMillan returned to the team in Week 3 against Estacada and never looked back. The senior dominated the running lanes game in and game out, regularly rushing for several touchdowns per game and easily topping 100 yards.

MacMillan's assertive running style became the identity of a La Grande team that went 7-2 on the year and made it to the quarterfinal round of the OSAA 4A state tournament.

"His drive and love for the game is unmatched," head coach Rich McIlmoil said. "I've never seen a kid with that much love for football. He absolutely loves the game and will leave it all on the field."

MOUNTAINEERS TRAVEL TO PLAY TOP-RANKED GONZAGA

SPOKANE, Wash. — In a once-in-a-lifetime experience, the Eastern Oregon University men's basketball team traveled to Spokane to face the NCAA No. 1 Gonzaga Bulldogs on Oct. 31.

Fans at The Kennel packed the stadium as the Bulldogs came away with a 115-62 victory. While the learning experience was substantial for the Eastern players and coaches, a handful of injuries sustained during the game cast a dark shadow over the trip north. Star guard Max McCullough was injured early in the game, putting an end to his season.

The AP No. 1 team in the country opened up its season in front of a packed house, just one season removed from coming a

game shy of an NCAA championship. The stakes in this exhibition might not have been as high, but the intensity in the stadium was immense.

Eastern held its own throughout the game, despite the heavy skill differential. The Zags maintained a 52-27 lead at halftime that extended in the second half when Eastern had to dig deep into its rotation due to injuries.

Aside from the injuries, the players took away quite the experience. Playing in a packed arena against the nation's top talent in the sport set an example of what can be achieved in the sport of basketball. Battling against All-Americans and potential top NBA draft picks set the stage for the remainder of Eastern's schedule in the 2021-22 season.

LOCAL LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS TAKE HOME STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

LA GRANDE — It was a memorable year for Union County Little League teams, taking home two state titles.

The Union County Junior softball team won the Oregon Junior League Championship on July 11, at Eastern Oregon University, defeating Warm Springs 10-7. The victory marks

the first time a Union County All-Star Little League team has won a state championship since 2004.

"This group was determined to play hard and had great attitudes," head coach Meghan Counsell said. "They really worked at it and were determined."

On the boys side, the La Grande Junior baseball team defeated South Central 14-12 in the championship game of the Oregon Little League Junior Baseball Tournament on July 21, in Turner.

"The kids went into the game knowing that we were going to fight hard and give it all we got," La Grande head coach Kirk Fenley said.

La Grande earned its spot in the state tournament after defeating Wallowa 19-8 in the District 3 tournament in Baker City. The juniors, whose ages range from 12 to 14, competed against Baker and Wallowa in a double-elimination district tournament before traveling to Turner's Cascade Sports Complex for the state tournament.

Neither team was able to advance to a regional or state competition because of the pandemic, but the two Union County teams represented the county well in Little League play this past year.

2021 Year in Review: In Memoriam

The Observer bids farewell to residents of Union and Wallowa counties who died in 2021.

A
Arden Abel
Robert Ahlbrandt
Betty Alam
Charles "Chuck" Anderson Jr.
Larry Anderson
Linda Anderson
Patricia Anderson
Virginia Anderson
Joseph Aragon
Frank Archambeau
Keith Arnold
Freida "Gail" Atwood

B
Howard Bailey
Scott Baker
Crescence "Cres" Bakker
Hugh "Eric" Barker
Chane "Chain" Barnard
Sally Barrow
Ruthann Batty
Kendall Baxter
David Bean
Skip Beardsley
Richard "Dick" Beedle
James "Joe" Bellisle
Marcia Bergstrom
Alvin Bennett
Donald "Don" Berry
Eileen Berry
Beverly Bibler
Richard Bidwell
Nancy Biechler
Lloyd "Harry" Bigler
Lois Bigler
Steven Bloyed
Anthony "Tony" Boesch
Gene Bolin
Brenda Bomberger
Dewald Boswell
Carmella Bourhill
William "Bill" Bowen
Susan Boyd
Albert Boyle
Arthur "Mike" Brennan
Edcil Bright
Donna Brodhead
Merald "Rusty" Brodhead
Earnest "Beryl" Brookshire
Frederick "Fred" Brown
J.B. Brown
Marlene Brown
Mary Brown
Van Brown

Crawford "C.J." Bryan
Barbara Buce
Carol Buckley
Melvin "Mel" Buffington
Joshua Burrigt
Beverly Bushman
Leroy Bushman
Kathleen Buttram

C
Kerry Cameron
Harold Campbell
Douglas Carper
George Carratello
Connie Carter
William "Bill" Carter
Ettore "Eddie" Cascio
Wanda Case
Howard Castle
Karen Catlin
Annette Cheatham
Wayne Christensen
Lawrence "Larry" Christman
James Clark
Pamela Clark
Robert Clark
Gloria Clements
Thomas "Tom" Collins
Hubert "Herb" Comfort
Patti Comstock
Bobby Cornford
Kathleen Costa
David Council
Richard Crabb
Steve Craig
Gerald Crawford
Michelle Crepeau
Richard Croft
Donald Crow
Stephen Cruikshank
Judy Culp
Tamara "Tammy" Culver

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LaNeva Davis
Melvin Davis
Cecle DeFries
Thomas "Tom" Dehart
Lorenzo "Lorry" DelCurto
Teresa DiFalco
Caroline Dominic
Linda Doss
Timothy Doss
Chauncey Doty
Gaynell Dougherty
Virginia "Gin" Drew
Connie Driskell
Leslie DuCharme
Patricia "Pat" Duffey
Raymond Duggins
Michael "Mike" Dunn
Milton "Bill" Durand

E
Lois Ebel
Raymond "Ray" Eitelgorge
Clyde Elliott IV
Kelly Elliott
Gloria Engleson
Sherill "Butch" Estes
Shelia Evans
Virginia "Peggy" Evans
Frances "LaDon" Evers

F
Patricia Fager
Verna Feik
Brigette Ferguson
Margey Fisher
Philip Flanders

G
Lloyd Garinger
Gary Gaston
Patricia "Pat" Gemaehlich
Millicent "Peggy" Gentle
Jerry Lou Gerber
Gregory "Greg" Gerke
Claudine Gilkison
Frank Gladden IV
Eddythe Glenn
Lise Gott
Ernal Goucher
Bob Gregory
Bethaleen "Beth" Green
Faith Green
Forrest Green
Patricia Greene
Claytie "Lori" Greenway
Marcia "Sunny" Greer
Dean "Dan" Gruis

H
Donna Hack
Kathryn "Kay" Hadden
Walter Haldenwang
Lilyan Hale
Reta Hallgarth
Carole Halvorson
Wilfred "Willie" Hamann
Everett "Butch" Hancock
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Vera Harmon
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Ted Harris
Christen Hart
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Ronald Hayward Jr.
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Tona Helbling
Gayleen Henderson
Vera Henderson
Courtney Hendrickson
Charity Henry
Glen Henry
Verla Henry
Edith "Marie" Hewitt
Icely Hewitt
Patrick Higgins

Rolland Hilde
Teresa "Terri" Hocker
Shane Homan
Michael Hopkins
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James Hubbard
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Allen "Buster" Hunter

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Wesly Kilgore
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Velda Klein
Beverly Kling
Mark Kubin
Shirley Kunkel

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Brenda Lamoureux
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Pat Lynn

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Brian "Tim" McManus
John McNair
Kristine McNair
Evelyn Meeker
Eugene Meier
Steven Merrick
Donald Miller
June Miller
Michael Miller
Phillip Miller
Ronald Miller
Rosie Miller
Clinton Millman
Teresa Miniard
Rusty Mink
Edith Mitts
Lee Mitts
Max Moffit

Alvin Montgomery
Alta "Rose" Moore
LeeRoy Moschkau
Margaret Moss
Larry Murphy
Mindy Musgrove

N
Blake Nelson
Richard Nelson
Tanya Nelson
Rosella Ngiraungil
Shirley Nice
William Niday
Robert Niswender

O
Virginia "Ginger" Oldham
Fauna Ollis
Meri Olmsted
Ronald Olsen
Verlea Olsen
William "Bill" Olson
Sue Orlaske

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Floriece Papenfuhs
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Hershell Parker
William "Bill" Paxton
Rodney Payant
Norman Payne
Gerald Peeke
Joseph Perez
Catherine Peters
Nedra Peters
Delta Phelps
Glennis Phillips
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Richard Pollard
Julia Pound
Cecil Puckett

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Esther Rickert
Jerald "Jerry" Rickman
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