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P R E S S

EOC FOOTBALL 1970



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la Grande 97850

Oregon State System of Higher Education

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Covering Mountie Sports

KLBM Radio--Again this season KLBM will carry the three EOC home games and the Mountie--Eastern Washington clash in Pendleton. For the third straight season John Ferrar will do the play-by-play.

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P R O S P E C T U S

A large crop, both green and ripe, of returning lettermen and some much-needed transfers make this the best prospective Eastern Oregon College football team in years. It couldn't come at a better time. The Mounties enter the tough Evergreen Conference this fall and the EVCO record speaks for itself.

Head coach Lee Insko is pleased both with the large turnout of players on the squad and with the opening practices for the EOC gridgers.

A pair of outstanding running backs and an all-conference receiver should make the Mountie offense click this fall.

Gordon Syphers, who led EOC in rushing two seasons ago and was second last year, returns for his fourth season as a starter.

John Huntsman will be moved into the vacant full-back spot. The stocky Huntsman was an All-American at Ricks Junior College two seasons ago. Last year he was red-shirted by EOC after playing just one quarter of the season opener against College of Idaho.

Ray Patrick is being moved into the Mountie backfield at flanker to combat the often double and triple coverage that often plagues the ex-Pendleton High school star.

The rest of the receiving corps should improve over last year. Tim Benintendi, who was all-conference honorable mention as a defensive back, is expected to start at split end.

Freshman Mike White from La Grande has looked impressive at the tight end position.

Transfer Bob Johnson is being counted on heavily at quarterback. Johnson played as backup signal caller for Treasure Valley Community College last season.

Prospectus continued

Several other transfers are also expected to help the Mounties. Roger Rada, John Di Fede, Mike Knee, Jim McDonald, and Ron Cline are expected to beef up the Mounties at several weak spots.

1970 F O O T B A L L S C H E D U L E

Sept. 19	College of Idaho at La Grande
Sept. 26	Northern Montana at La Grande
Oct. 3	Central Washington at Ellensburg *
Oct. 10	open
Oct. 17	Oregon Tech at Klamath Falls *
Oct. 24	Pacific at La Grande
Oct. 31	Southern Oregon at Ashland *
Nov. 7	University of Nevada at Reno
Nov. 14	Eastern Washington at Pendleton *
Nov. 21	Oregon College at Monmouth *

* Conference games

FOOTBALL STAFF

LEE INSKO--Head Coach--Insko will begin his third season and feels that his full-scale recruiting program should begin to bear fruit this year. Insko is a 1956 graduate of the University of Idaho. He spent 13 years in coaching in high schools in Idaho, Washington, and Oregon before coming to EOC in 1968.

IVAN HARSHBARGER--Offensive Line Coach--Harshbarger, who led the Mountie basketball team to the Oregon Collegiate Conference title last year, will again handle the EOC offensive line. Harshbarger played college football at Bethel College in Nebraska where he was an all-conference tackle and received his master's degree from the University of Oregon.

LEONARD PHELAN--Offensive Backfield Coach--Phelan is one of two student assistants at EOC this fall. Phelan was the Mountie fullback for two seasons and was MVP on the '67 team. He led the Mounties in rushing in 1969.

DICK McMILLAN--Defensive Coach--Outstanding defensive player on the 1968 team, McMillan replaces Erling Odegaard as defensive coach. Odegaard is on sabbatical leave from EOC. McMillan was co-captain of the '69 Mounties.

ROSTER SKETCHES

Returning Mounties

DAVE FINE--Fine is a 2-year letterman from Cottage Grove who is expected to add much needed strength to the EOC line. Fine concentrates on the offensive line where he anchors what coach Insko believes will be a greatly improved forward wall.

Returning Mounties

GORDON SYPHERS--Syphers returns for his senior year at EOC after starting for three seasons in the Mountie backfield. A speedy offensive back, Syphers, a Creswell, Oregon native, led the Mounties in rushing in '68 and was number two man last season with 447 yards in 101 carries. He averaged 4.4 yards per carry last season. Syphers was chosen as one of three co-captains for the coming season.

RAY PATRICK--Patrick already owns all the EOC receiving records and still has two years eligibility left for the Mounties. The Pendleton high graduate caught 35 passes for 551 yards last year. He was named all-conference as wide receiver in '69. In his freshman year, Patrick caught 49 passes for 813 yards. That adds up to a whopping two-year total of 84 passes caught for 1,364 yards. Patrick is also co-captain for the '70 season.

NEIL COOPER--A graduate of Hermiston high school, Cooper has been the mainstay of the EOC defensive secondary for three seasons. As a freshman, Cooper was an all-conference choice. The following year he was all-conference honorable mention. EOC coach Lee Insko calls Cooper the best small hitter. Cooper intercepted four passes last season to lead the team. Although he is small, Insko thinks he is one of the best hitters in the conference.

JOHN HUNTSMAN--Red-shirted after playing just one quarter against College of Idaho last season, Huntsman is expected to be a main cog in the Mountie offense this year. Huntsman is a two-time All-American halfback from Ricks Junior College who played his high school football in La Grande. The short and stocky Huntsman is expected to add a new dimension to coach Insko's offense at fullback.

JERRY BENINTENDI--Benintendi was a hard-luck case in 1969. After being counted on as a starter throughout the '68 season at guard, Benintendi suffered a pinched nerve in his neck and had to have an operation. He is expected to be a full strength for the '70 season.

ANDY BARR--Barr has been a useful offensive starter at both center and guard and will lend valuable experience up front. Barr started in '69 and is expected to do so again this season for the third straight year.

LEONARD COOPER--Cooper played most of '69 as middle guard after missing much of the '68 season with a broken collarbone. A junior from Hermiston, Cooper is being counted on for a considerable portion of the defensive success for the Mounties. Cooper was all-conference honorable mention last year.

GORDON PROCTOR--Proctor is a 3-year letterman who can play anywhere on defense. He was named an all-conference performer at outside linebacker. Proctor is a 5 ft. 11 in. senior from Mosler.

LARRY JOHNSON--Johnson is one of the smallest members of the Mounties and is probably the team's leader in the hustling department. Johnson is a linebacker with a lot of drive and hitting ability. He led EOC in fumble recoveries in 1968 with five.

MIKE JORGENSEN--Jorgenson lettered with the Mounties in '67 and is expected to shore up the offensive line for EOC. Jorgenson played high school ball at Capital High School in Boise, Idaho.

TIM BENINTENDI--Benintendi, younger brother of Jerry Benintendi, was impressive enough in his freshman season in '69 to be named all-conference honorable mention at his defensive halfback position. Benintendi intercepted two passes during the season and also had part-time duty returning kickoffs for EOC.

New Faces

BOB JOHNSON--With passing ace Stan Weiper gone, the Mounties will be looking for Johnson, a transfer from Treasure Valley Community College, to fill his shoes. Johnson started on defense for the Chuckers and was the backup signal caller who saw plenty of action. Insko feels that Johnson will help the Mountie grid program almost immediately.

ROGER RADA--The big Rada will help the Mounties on the line. A transfer from Washington State, Rada was a former representative on the State Shrine team from Pendleton.

MIKE KNEE--Knee is another offensive lineman from Treasure Valley. The fine Chucker product is expected to shore up the opposition's rush this fall.

RON CLINE--Cline is what EOC coaches like to call "highly recommended" defensive back from Treasure Valley. Cline was a two-year letterman at TVCC.

GREG OVESON--Oveson was a standout at Wallowa High School and most valuable back in the Pendleton East-West Shrine game in August. Oveson will be used at split end and is one of the few freshmen expected to make the EOC varsity.

MARK MATHES--Mathes is a strong linebacker from Pasco, Washington who has made his way onto the Mountie varsity. He is expected to see considerable action.

JIM McDONALD--McDonald is a tough linebacker-fullback who played high school ball at Lakeview. He is expected to be one of the hardest hitters on the Mountie squad.

DICK SHOCKMAN--Shockman was one of the outstanding fullbacks in the Intermountain Conference last season at Hermiston High School. The big, tough Shockman is expected to see some action at linebacker this year.

EASTERN OREGON COLLEGE

VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER

<u>No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exp.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
11	Bob Johnson	QB	6-1	190	Jr.	Tr.	Weiser, Idaho
12	Greg Oveson	SE	5-10	175	Fr.	Fr.	Wallowa, Ore.
16	Buck Garritson	LB	5-9	180	Jr.	1 v.	Halfway, Ore.
20	Ed Sherman	S	5-9	180	So.	1 v.	Ione, Ore.
22	Neil Cooper	DHB	5-8	167	Sr.	3 v.	Hermiston, Ore.
23	Ron Cline	DHB	5-10	170	Jr.	Tr.	Eden, Idaho
24	Ted Stewart	LB	5-7	174	So.	1 jv.	Grants Pass, Ore.
25	John Huntsman	FB	5-9	183	Jr.	Tr.	La Grande, Ore.
26	Gordon Syphers	HB	5-9	160	Sr.	3 v.	Creswell, Ore.
27	John Brading	HB	5-10	165	So.	1 jv.	Grants Pass, Ore.
30	Paul Thoren	LB	5-9	180	So.	1 v.	Elgin, Ore.
32	Dick Shockman	FB-LB	6-1	190	Fr.	Fr.	Hermiston, Ore.
34	Mark Mathes	LB	5-11	180	Fr.	Fr.	Pasco, Wash.
50	John Di Fede	T	6	215	Jr.	Tr.	Napa, Calif.
52	Harold Harris	DT	6-2	228	So.	1 v.	Athena, Ore.
54	Greg Nelson	DT	6-5	225	Jr.	2 v.	Glide, Ore.
60	Mike Jorgenson	G-C	6	198	Jr.	1 v.	Boise, Idaho
62	Max Goin	G-LB	5-9	180	So.	1 v.	Albany, Ore.
64	Andy Barr	C	5-10	195	Sr.	3 v.	Lincoln City, Ore.
65	Mike Knee	G	5-11	190	Jr.	Tr.	Ontario, Ore.
66	Leonard Cooper	DG	6	205	Jr.	2 v.	Hermiston, Ore.
68	Bruce Shelquist	G	5-10	185	So.	1 v.	The Dalles, Ore.
70	Roger Rada	T	6-3	235	Jr.	Tr.	Pendleton, Ore.
71	Dave Huntsman	DT	5-11	225	Jr.	Tr.	La Grande, Ore.
72	Bob Bingman	C	5-11	204	So.	1 jv.	Cambridge, Idaho
75	Jerry Benintendi	G	5-8	182	Sr.	1 v.	Baker, Ore.
76	Terry Smith	DG	5-8	185	So.	1 v.	Halfway, Ore.
77	Dave Fine	T	6-1	200	Jr.	2 v.	Cottage Grove, Ore.
80	Gordon Proctor	LB	5-9	175	Sr.	3 v.	The Dalles, Ore.
79	Jim McDonald	FB-DT	5-10	190	So.	Tr.	Lakeview, Ore.
82	Ray Patrick	FL	5-10	190	Jr.	2 v.	Pendleton, Ore.
84	Kelly Bissenger	LB	5-11	181	So.	1 v.	Stanfield, Ore.
85	Tim Benintendi	SE	5-11	160	So.	1 v.	Baker, Ore.
86	Larry Johnson	LB	5-7	160	Jr.	2 v.	Mt. Vernon, Ore.
	Mike White	TE	5-11	190	Fr.	Fr.	La Grande, Ore.

EASTERN OREGON COLLEGE

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>TC</u>	<u>YG</u>	<u>YL</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>
Len Phelan	112	467	6	461	4.1	1
Gordon Syphers	101	501	54	447	4.4	2
Paul Thoren	53	181	1	180	3.4	2
Stan Weiper	47	-	193	193	-4.1	
Jack Baird	15	-	-	25	1.7	
Mike Lindgren	6	4	4	0	0	
Skip Roberts	3	-	-	4	1.3	
Max Goin	2	15	10	5	2.5	
John Brading	1	0	0	0	0	
Dick McMillan	1	0	0	0	0	
Mark Halvorsen	1	3	0	3	3	
Ray Patrick	6	30	11	19	3.1	
Roger Borine	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	
Eddie Sherman	1	0	10	-10	-10.0	

<u>Passing</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PI</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>G. AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>
Stan Weiper	166	72	17	873	434	109.1	1
Gordon Syphers	2	2	0	36	1.000	-	0
Mike Lindgren	30	7	5	104	233	-	1

<u>Receiving</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>
Ray Patrick	35	551	16.2	4
Richard Martin	22	206	9.4	2
Gordon Syphers	15	113	7.5	2
Mark Halvorsen	4	47	11.8	0
Tim Benintendi	2	14	7.0	0
Len Phelan	2	19	9.5	0
Stan Weiper	1	19	19.0	0

<u>Scoring</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>PAT</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>TP</u>
Patrick	4	0	0	24
Syphers	4	0	0	24
Dave Fine	0	5	1	8
Phelan	1	0	1	9
R. Martin	2	0	0	12
D. Jacobs	0	0	1	1
Thoren	2	0	0	12

FOOTBALL SEASON TOTALS

<u>Punting</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>LONG</u>
Max Goin	26	946	36.4	55
Roger Borine	14	363	25.9	-
Gordon Syphers	4	178	44.5	57
Terry Smith	1	36	36.0	36

<u>KO Returns</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>TD</u>
G. Syphers	9	150	0
T. Benintendi	3	26	0
J. Brading	4	79	0
R. Patrick	3	12	0
J. Baird	4	53	0
P. Thoren	1	13	0
E. Sherman	1	14	0

<u>Interceptions</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>
Neil Cooper	4	19	4.7	0
Dick McMillan	1	14	14.0	0
T. Benintendi	2	14	7.0	0
Terry Mooney	1	5	5.0	0
Gordon Syphers	1	3	3.0	0
Terry Bissenger	1	5	5.0	0

<u>Punt Returns</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>YDS</u>	<u>TD</u>
G. Syphers	3	38	0
J. Brading	1	36	0
E. Sherman	1	9	0

TEAM TOTALS

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>TC</u>	<u>YG</u>	<u>YL</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>G. AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>
OFFENSE	9	362	1205	340	865	96.1	5
DEFENSE	9	448	2024	193	1831	202.5	17

<u>Passing</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>PA</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PI</u>	<u>NET</u>	<u>G. AVG</u>	<u>TD</u>
OFFENSE	9	197	97	22	1013	112.5	8
DEFENSE	9	182	95	12	1156	128.5	17

1969 FOOTBALL SCORES

EOC		OPPONENT
7	College of Idaho	26
0	Pacific University	33
7	Whitman	44
20	Southern Oregon	7
0	Oregon College	33
9	San Francisco	10
14	Oregon Tech	20
21	Oregon College	40
16	Westminster	13

ON THE COVER: Co-captains Ray Patrick, Gordon Syphers, and Neil Cooper, left to right.

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