

Eastern Returns to Frisco on Jan. 5 for NCAA Title Game

The NCAA Division I Championship is on the line when 12-2 Eagles play unbeaten North Dakota State in game televised on ESPN2 at 9 a.m. Pacific

At the top of the heap, you'll find the Bison and the Eagles – and in Frisco too.

In a battle of programs which have never lost in the title game, the two winningest teams in the 2010's among schools who compete in the playoffs will square off Saturday, Jan. 5 for the NCAA Division I Football Championship at Toyota Stadium in Frisco, Texas.

Kickoff is 9:04 a.m. Pacific time in a game that is televised on ESPN2 and may be viewed via ESPN3/ESPN+ (<http://watchespnn.com>). Fans can also listen to the game on 700-AM ESPN, 105.3-FM, via the web at tunein.com and via mobile phone app, with pre-game coverage starting one hour prior to kickoff.

The Bison have won 120 of 133 games since 2010, and have won all six times they have advanced to the championship game since then (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017). Eastern won in 2010 in its only title game appearance, and knocked off NDSU in the quarterfinals 38-31 in overtime that season in Cheney. The Eagles are 90-29 since 2010, a percentage of .756 that trails only the Bison at .902 and the .778 percentage (70-30) of Ivy League member Harvard, which does not participate in the playoffs.

"It's going to be a huge challenge," said Eastern head coach **Aaron Best**. "They have been the premier FCS team for a while. I think it was **Ketner Kupp** who said to somebody that the standard of FCS championship caliber football is North Dakota State. So, it doesn't take much to know that they have done what they have accomplished with consistency on both sides of the ball and on special teams."

North Dakota State is unbeaten at 14-0 this season, the overall No. 1 seed in the playoffs and was the unanimous top-ranked team throughout the season in the STATS Top 25 poll and were third in the American Football Coaches Association poll. Eastern, which lost regular season games in 2016 (50-44 in Fargo in overtime) and 2017 (40-13 in Cheney) to drop to 1-2 all-time against the Bison, is



2018 Eagle Football • NCAA FCS Playoffs

#4/3 Ranked Eastern Washington Univ. "Eagles" versus

#1/1 North Dakota State University "Bison"

Saturday, Jan. 5 • 9 a.m. Pacific
Toyota Stadium (20,500) • Frisco, Texas

EWU Coach: Aaron Best (Eastern Washington '01)

School Record: 19-6/13-3 Big Sky Conference (Second Season)

Career Record: 19-6 (Second Season)

2018: 12-2/7-1 Big Sky Conference (t-CHAMPIONS)

2017: 7-4/6-2 Big Sky Conference (t-3rd)

Last Game: #4/3 EWU 50, #12/14 Maine 19 (Dec. 15 in Cheney)

TV: ESPN2

Webcast: ESPN+ (<http://watchespnn.com>)

Radio: 700-AM ESPN and 105.3-FM in the Spokane/Cheney

area, as well as KTEL 1490-AM & 99.7-FM in Walla Walla.

Larry Weir returns for his 28th season calling the play-by-play, with analysis handled by Paul Sorensen. Broadcasts begin one hour prior to kickoff and include an expanded post-game show.

Internet Radio: <https://tunein.com/radio/Eastern-Washington-Eagles-Sports-Network-s273711/>

Radio Mobile Phone App: Available via tunein radio.

Live Stats: <http://ncaa.com/tcs>

NORTH DAKOTA STATE "BISON"



Coach: Chris Klieman (Northern Iowa '90)

School/Career Record: 68-6 (5th year)/Same

SID: Ryan Perrault (701-231-8331/ryan.perrault@ndsu.edu)

Website: www.gobison.com

2018 Schedule

(14-0 Overall, Missouri Valley - Outright Champions)

9/1	Cal Poly	W, 49-3
9/15	North Alabama	W, 38-7
9/22	Delaware	W, 38-10
9/29	#3 South Dakota St.	W, 21-17
10/6	at #22 Northern Iowa	W, 56-31
10/13	at Western Illinois	W, 34-7
10/20	#7 Illinois State	W, 28-14
10/27	at South Dakota	W, 59-14
11/3	Youngstown State	W, 17-7
11/10	at Missouri State	W, 48-7
11/17	Southern Illinois	W, 65-17
12/1	#23 Montana State	W, 52-10
12/8	#7 Colgate	W, 35-0
12/14	#5 South Dakota State	W, 44-21

All-Time Scores

NDSU 2, EWU 1

Year	Res.	Score	Loc.
2010	W	38-31 (ot)	H
2016	L	44-50 (ot)	A
2017	L	13-40	H
		H-Home; A-Away; S-Spokane; N-Neutral; #FCS Playoffs. Q- Qwest Field in Seattle.	

12-2. Eastern finished the regular season ranked a season-high fourth by STATS and third by the coaches, and entered the playoffs at the No. 3 seed overall.

Both teams are playoff tested as well, highlighted by NDSU's incredible run of 29 victories in its last 30 playoff games (31-2 overall since 2010). Eastern is 14-4 in that same time frame in the playoffs – with 17 games at home in Cheney and one in Frisco -- but lost in the semifinals in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016. Eastern got over the hump on Dec. 15 by trouncing Maine 50-19, a night after NDSU advanced with a 44-21 romp over Missouri Valley Conference rival South Dakota State.

While the Eagles have played 17 games at home in Cheney, nearly all of NDSU's postseason games have been played in the Fargodome. That has translated to a very pro-Bison crowd each year in Frisco.

"They have a very energized fan base and a big following," said Best of Bison Nation. "They have done a great job, especially when they made the transition from NCAA Division II to Division I. They have left nothing short of excellence, so it's fun to watch."

The Bison, which lost in the semis in 2016, are the fourth-straight conference champion the Eagles will face. Eastern opened the playoffs with a 42-21 victory over Southland Conference champ Nicholls, then rallied in the fourth quarter to beat fellow Big Sky Conference co-champion UC Davis 34-29 on Dec. 8. Maine was the outright champion in the CAA (Colonial Athletic Association).

A 345-139 advantage on the scoreboard – an average score of 49-20 and winning margin of 29.4 points – only scratches the surface of how dominating the Eagles have been during their seven-game winning streak. Most notably, Eastern is averaging 556.9 yards of offense, compared to 379.3 for opponents, including a 270.9 to 156.1 advantage in rushing. Eastern has a big advantage in turnovers forced (23-8) with 15 interceptions.

"That's a special bunch," Best said of his team. "I don't want this season to end because they are so precious, they are so important and they are so fun to hang around every day."

The Eagles wrapped up their 10th Big Sky Conference title and clinched their 13th berth in the FCS Playoffs with a dominating 74-23 victory over Portland State Nov. 16 at Hillsboro Stadium in Hillsboro, Ore. This is the 12th-straight season the Eagles will have finished 5-3 or better in the Big Sky, with a 12th-straight winning season and 21st in the last 23 years. Eastern closed the 2017 season with a 7-4 record overall and was 6-2 in the Big Sky Conference in the first season under head coach **Aaron Best**.

Links to EWU Football Information

A complete Season Outlook of Eagle Football: <http://goeags.com/news/2018/8/2/football-season-outlook-eastern-working-out-kinks-after-base-built-in-2017.aspx?path=football>

A .pdf version of the 2018 EWU Football Fact Book & Archives: http://goeags.com/sports/2018/1/8/FB_Other%20Links-Archives.aspx

More Information on the Eastern Football Team: <http://goeags.com/index.aspx?path=football>

2018 Big Sky Conference Standings

Team	Big Sky Conference					All Games				
	W	L	PCT	PF	PA	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Eastern Washington	7	1	.875	384	135	12	2	.846	623	302
UC Davis	7	1	.875	356	217	10	3	.769	516	356
Weber State	7	1	.875	235	161	10	3	.769	362	275
Montana State	5	3	.625	238	212	8	5	.615	370	370
Idaho State	5	3	.625	279	260	6	5	.545	388	363
Montana	4	4	.500	272	244	6	5	.545	373	314
Cal Poly	4	4	.500	251	312	5	6	.455	315	400
Northern Arizona	3	4	.429	194	241	4	6	.400	258	322
Portland State	3	5	.375	206	250	4	7	.364	302	398
Idaho	3	5	.375	195	260	4	7	.364	274	412
Northern Colorado	2	6	.250	195	303	2	9	.182	262	391
Southern Utah	1	7	.125	195	312	1	10	.091	281	456
Sacramento State	0	7	.000	144	294	2	8	.200	241	354
*North Dakota	4	4	.500	231	174	6	5	.545	293	249

*Not eligible to win league's automatic berth in FCS Playoffs.

BIG SKY IN THE FCS PLAYOFFS (Times Pacific) – Saturday, Nov. 24: Montana State 35, Incarnate Word 14. **Saturday, Dec. 1:** No. 1 Seed North Dakota State 52, Montana State 10; Weber State 48, Southeast Missouri State 23; Eastern Washington 42, Nicholls 21; UC Davis 23, UNI 16. **Friday, Dec. 7:** No. 7 Seed Maine 23, No. 2 Seed Weber State 18; **Saturday, Dec. 8:** No. 3 Seed Eastern Washington 34, No. 6 Seed UC Davis 29; **Saturday, Dec. 15:** No. 3 Seed Eastern Washington 50, No. 7 Seed Maine 19. **Saturday, Jan. 5:** No. 1 Seed North Dakota State (14-0) vs. No. 3 Seed Eastern Washington (12-2), 9 a.m.

Location/Founded: Cheney, Wash./1882

Enrollment: 12,607 (fall '17)

Switchboard: 509.359.6200

President: Dr. Mary Cullinan

Nickname/Colors: Eagles/Red and White

Affiliation: NCAA Championship Subdivision (FCS)

Conference: Big Sky Conference

Stadium: Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field)

Capacity/Surface: 8,600/Sprin turf

Ath. Phone: 509.359.2463/1.800.648.7697

Athletic Director: Lynn Hickey

Senior Woman Administrator: Open

Faculty Representative: Laurie Morley

Head Athletic Trainer: Brian Norton

Facilities Manager: Kerry Pease

Equipment Manager: Spenser Ybarra

Marketing/Promotions: Kyle Hoob

Business Operations: Chad Karthaus (Assoc. AD)

Ticket Manager: Nicole Guerra

Tickets Website: WWW.GOEAGGS.COM/TICKETS

Ticket Office: 509.359.4339

Head Football Coach: Aaron Best

Alma Mater: Eastern Washington '01

Record at Eastern (entering 2018): 7-4, One Season

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Big Sky Record (entering 2018): 6-2, One Season

Best Time to Contact: Weekday Mornings

At This Number: 509.359.6541

2017 EWU Record: 7-4

Big Sky Record: 6-2 (tie-3rd)

Big Sky Titles: 9 (92-97-04-05-10-12-13-14-16)

FCS Playoff Appearances: 12 (85-92-97-04-05-07-09-10-12-13-14-16)

FCS Record & Championships: 14-10 ... 2010

National Champions

All-Time Homecoming Record: 55-33-3

All-Big Sky Conference Performers Returning: 10

Letter Winners Returning: 56 (26 offense/27

defense/3 specialists)

Letter Winners Lost: 14 (6 offense/7 defense/1

specialist)

Starters Returning: 17 (9 offense/8 defense, plus 1

kicker, 1 snapper)

Starters Lost: 5 (2 offense/3 defense, plus 1 punter)

Offensive Formation: Multiple

Defensive Formation: 4-2-5

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EWU Records Watch

Among others, the Eagles set school records in 2018 offensively for total points (623) and most games of 50 points or more (6, tied with the 2014 team), and defensively have tied a school record with nine games of allowing 20 points or fewer (also in 1997, 1981, 1964 and 1949). Amazingly, the Eagles have done that without the services of a bevy of players lost because of injuries. In fact, EWU's starting lineup from its second game of the season versus Northern Arizona was minus nine players -- three on offense and six on defense -- versus Maine in the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs.

Below are records which have been broken or about to be broken by the Eagles this season (does not include season records previously set by Gage Gubrud in the 2016 season):

Wins: 12 (previous record 13 in 2010)

Scoring: 623 (previous record 618 in 2014)

Touchdowns: 83 (current record is 84 in 2014)

Games Scoring 50 or More Points: 6 (ties record of six in 2014)

Games Allowing 20 or Fewer Points: 9 (ties record of 9 in 1997, 1981, 1964 & 1949)

Total Offense: 7,556 (current record 8,002 in 2013)

Rushing Yards: 3,682 (previous record 3,130 set in 1950)

Rushing Touchdowns: 39 (previous record 32 set in 2014)

Rushing Yards Per Carry: 6.73 (current record is 6.41 set in 2001)

Rushing Attempts: 547 (current record 572 in 1997)

Average Total Offense Per Game: 540.4 (current record is 533.5 set in 2013)

Passes Broken Up: 70 (previous record is 67 set in 2010)

Season Rushing Yards by a Quarterback: Eric Barriere, 603 (current record is 606 set by Gage Gubrud in 2016)

Season Field Goals: Roldan Alcobendas, 15 (current record is 17 set by Jimmy Pavel in 2017)

Career Field Goals: Roldan Alcobendas, 35 (current record is 39 set by Jason Cromer from 1988-90)

Season Punting Average: Roldan Alcobendas, 44.9 (current record 44.9 set by Jake Miller in 2014)

Career Punting Average: Roldan Alcobendas, 44.8 (current record 43.8 set by Jake Miller in 2011-14)

Season Kick Scoring: Roldan Alcobendas, 113 (previous record 103 by Josh Atwood in 1997)

Career Kick Scoring: Roldan Alcobendas, 314 (previous record 236 by Mike Jarrett in 2009-11)

Career Extra Points Made: Roldan Alcobendas, 209 (previous record 143 by Mike Jarrett in 2009-11)

Career Extra Points Attempted: Roldan Alcobendas, 215 (previous record 150 by Mike Jarrett in 2009-11)

*** Career Total Offense Per Game: Gage Gubrud, 344.6** (previous record 315.4 by Vernon Adams Jr. from 2012-14)

Career Passing Per Game: Gage Gubrud, 312.0 (previous record 288.7 by Bo Levi Mitchell from 2010-11)

*** Single Game Average Per Rush: 14.7** (previous Big Sky record was 11.1 set by Portland

2018 SCHEDULE (all times Pacific)

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result	Series
Sept. 1	Central Washington	Cheney, Wash.	W, 58-13	EWU 35-30-4
Sept. 8	at #18 Northern Arizona	Flagstaff, Ariz.	W, 31-26	EWU 21-12
Sept. 15	at Washington State!	Pullman, Wash.	L, 24-59	WSU 4-1
Sept. 22	Cal Poly*%	Cheney, Wash.	W, 70-17	EWU 8-2
Sept. 29	at Montana State*	Bozeman, Mont.	W, 34-17	EWU 32-10
Oct. 6	Southern Utah*\$	Cheney, Wash.	W, 55-17	EWU 7-3
Oct. 13	at #13 Weber State*+	Ogden, Utah	L, 6-14	EWU 19-16
Oct. 20	Bye			
Oct. 27	Idaho#*\$	Cheney, Wash.	W, 38-14	UI 15-7
Nov. 3	at Northern Colorado*	Greeley, Colo.	W, 48-13	EWU 12-1
Nov. 10	#4 UC Davis*&	Cheney, Wash.	W, 59-20	EWU 7-0
Nov. 16	at Portland State*	Portland, Ore.	W, 74-23	Tied 20-20-1
Dec. 1	#14 Nicholls^	Cheney, Wash.	W, 42-21	Tied 1-1
Dec. 8	#7 UC Davis^	Cheney, Wash.	W, 34-29	EWU 8-0
Dec. 15	#12 Maine^	Cheney, Wash.	11 a.m.	EWU 1-0
Jan. 5	# North Dakota State>	Frisco, Texas	9 a.m.	NDSU 2-1

*Big Sky Conference Game. %Eastern Athletics Hall of Fame Day. #Homecoming. &Senior Day. !Televised on Pac-12 Networks. ~Televised regionally by SWX. \$Televised live regionally by Root Sports. +Televised by Eleven Sports. ^FCS Playoffs & Televised on ESPN3. >NCAA Division I Championship Game in Frisco, Texas, and televised on ESPN2.

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State vs. UC Davis in 2013)

[^] Single Game TD Passes: **Eric Barriere**, 7 vs. Maine 12/15/18 (ties record of 7 by Vernon Adams Jr. vs. Washington on 9/3/16)

[^] Single Game TD Receptions: **Nsimba Webster**, 4 vs. Maine 12/15/18 (ties record of 4 set by three other players)

^{*} Longest Punt: **Roldan Alcobendas**, 78 vs. Weber State 10/13/18 (previous record 74 by Jake Miller vs. Washington State on 9/8/12)

^{*} Longest Run by a Quarterback: **Eric Barriere**, 85 vs. Southern Utah 10/6/18 (previous record 80 by Jack Perrault vs. Western Washington in 1942).

^{*}Also Big Sky Conference Record. [^]Also FCS Playoffs Record.

Winningest FCS Teams Since 2010

By percentage . . . 1. North Dakota State .902 (120-13); 2. Harvard .778 (70-30); 3. Eastern Washington .756 (90-29); 4. Kennesaw State .7524 (79-26); 5. Jacksonville State .7522 (85-28); 6. Sam Houston State .742 (92-32); 7. James Madison .713 (82-33); 8. Bethune-Cookman .702 (73-31); 9. San Diego .675 (77-27); 10. Central Arkansas .664 (71-36).

By victories . . . 1. North Dakota State 120; 2. Sam Houston State 92; 3. Eastern Washington 90; 5. Jacksonville State 85; 6. James Madison 82; 7. Kennesaw State 79; 8. San Diego 77; 9. South Dakota State 75; 10. New Hampshire 74.

Game Notes

Eagles Face Stiff Test Again Versus Powerhouse Bison

Eastern faced the top rushing defense in FCS on Dec. 15 against Maine, but North Dakota State will be the most formidable test to date for Eastern's offense. The Bison rank fifth in total defense (284.4 yards per game), with rankings of 13th in rushing (111.5), 11th in passing (172.9) and seventh in passing efficiency (103.93). The Bison are second in FCS in scoring defense (11.8) while ranking sixth in scoring offense (41.7).

The Bison are also in the top five nationally in red zone defense (1st, 50.0 percent) and red zone offense (5th, 91.4 percent), while also ranking in the top 10 on both sides of the ball in third down conversions. The Bison are fourth offensively (51.2 percent) and ninth defensively (28.6 percent).

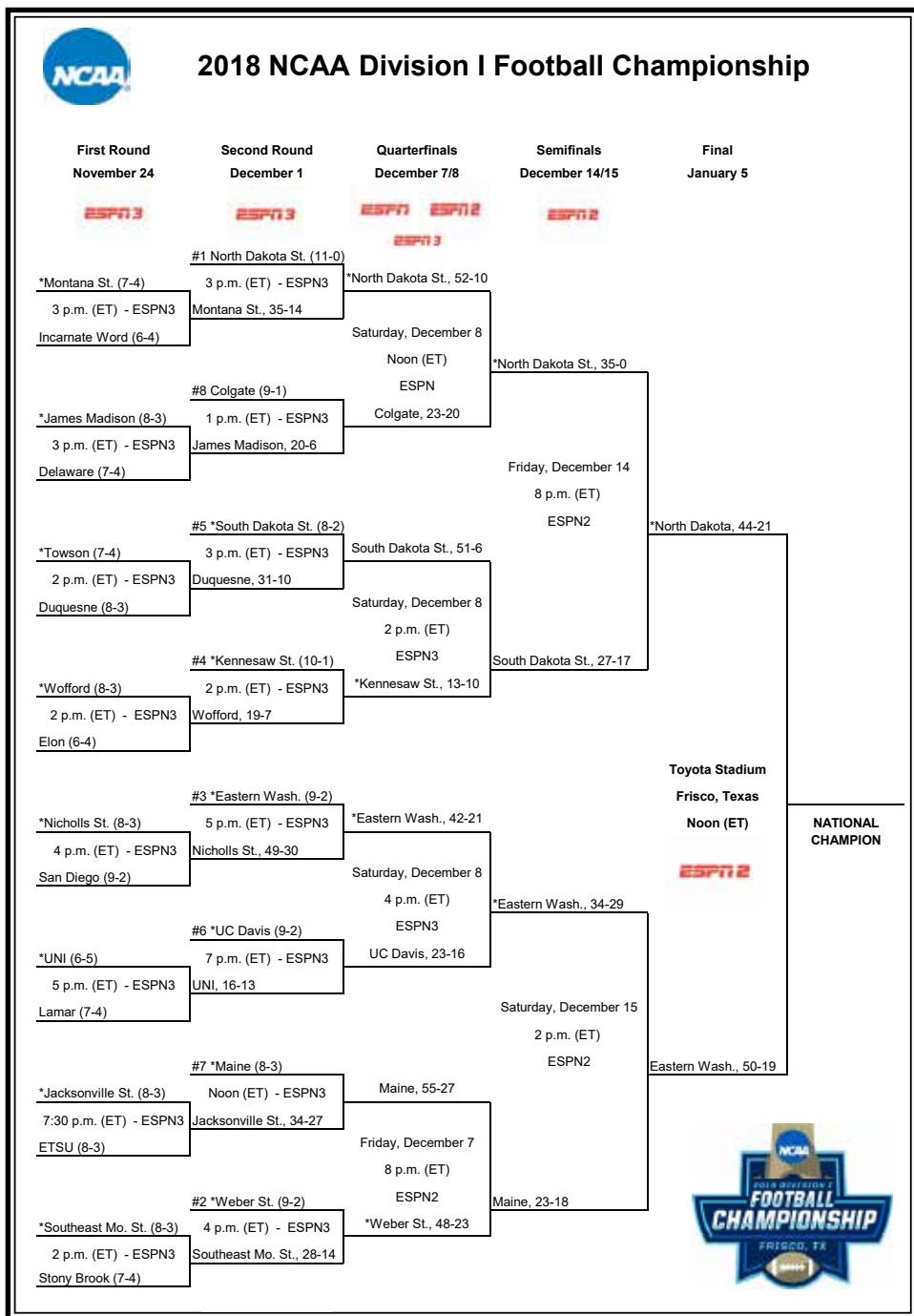
In addition, NDSU is ranked fourth in turnover margin (+1.29 per game), ranking second nationally in interceptions (21), ninth in turnovers gained (27) and fifth for fewest giveaways (9). Besides ranking second in team offensive passing efficiency (169.72), the Bison are seventh in rushing offense (285.9), 88th in passing offense (184.6) and 16th in total offense (284.4).

Individually, All-America quarterback Easton Stick leads FCS in passing efficiency at 172.6, with 2,554 yards, 26 touchdowns, just five interceptions and a 61.8 percent completion rate. He also has rushed for 14 touchdowns to rank second in FCS with 240 points accounted for (17.1 per game to rank 11th). Bruce Anderson is fourth nationally in rushing yards per carry (7.45), with a total of 924 (42nd) and an average of 77.0 (49th). Lance Dunn has added 12 rushing touchdowns (20th) and a total of 15 (10th). Darius Shepherd is 24th in receiving yards (940), 60th in receiving yards per game (67.1) and 103rd in receptions per game (4.1).

Defensively, Robbie Grimsley is 14th in FCS with an average of 0.4 interceptions per game (six total), and Greg Menard is 59th in sacks with an average of 0.57 per game (8 total). On special teams, Shepherd is fourth in punt returns (15.6 per return) and Garret Wegner is ninth in punting (43.2).

Quartet of Coaches Were Eagles Back in 2010

Head coach **Aaron Best** is among the four current coaches who were with the Eastern Football team back in 2010 when the Eagles won the NCAA Division I title with a 20-19 win over Delaware in the championship game. Best served as offensive coordinator, offensive line coach and academic coordinator in what was then his 10th year on the coaching staff and 14th overall as an Eagle. Current defensive coordinator **Jeff Schmedding** was special teams coordinator, video coordinator and a safeties coach that season, and was in his sixth season on the staff. In addition, **Heath Pulver** served as tights coach for the Eagles in 2010, and returned in 2017 to take over that position as well as the role of special teams coordinator. Current offensive line coach **Jase Butorac** was a true freshman and redshirted in 2010 for the Eagles.



Eight Eagles Graduated at End of Fall Quarter

Besides a run to the NCAA Division I Championship Game, eight Eagle players finished their run at a college degree when classes concluded in the fall quarter. The players included **Zach Eagle** (exercise science/pre-physical therapy), **Mitch Fettig** (criminal justice), **Josh Lewis** (criminal justice), **Matt Meyer** (recreation and tourism management), **Nsimba Webster** (communications), **Nzuzi Webster** (communications), **Gage Gubrud** (business administration/management) and **Roldan Alcobendas** (business administration/finance). Previously, **Jonah Jordan** and **Brandon Montgomery** received business administration degrees and are now graduate students in business. Expected to fulfill requirements for their degrees in the winter quarter (starting on Jan. 7) are **Ketner Kupp** (business administration/management), **Cole Karstetter** (business administration/accounting) and **Kurt Calhoun** (exercise

science).

In fall quarter of 2018, Eastern's players had combined 3.07 grade point average, and the accumulative average GPA of the Eagles is 3.15. **Sam McPherson, Josh Lewis, Dehonta Hayes, Brandon Montgomery and Mitch Fettig** were among the eight players in the program with a perfect 4.0 GPA in fall quarter. Hayes (communications) has a current accumulative GPA of 3.84. McPherson (mechanical engineering) is at 3.78 and Fettig finished at 3.77.

Matching Its Second-Best Win Total in School History. Average Score in 12 Victories is 49-19

Eastern has won 12 games for just the fifth time in school history, with the record coming during EWU's national championship season in 2010 when the Eagles were victorious 13 times. Eastern won 12 games in 1997, 2013 and 2016, and had 11 in 2012, 2014 and 1967. Thus, this is the sixth time in the last nine seasons (2010-2018) that Eastern has been victorious at least 11 times.

The Eagles have now won their 12 games this season by an average of 30.3 points per game – 593-229 for an average score of 49-19. That was nearly identical to EWU's 50-19 victory in the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs against Maine. Until rallying for a 34-29 win over UC Davis in the quarterfinals of the FCS Playoffs, the closest victories for EWU were 21 points versus Nicholls and 24 against Idaho. The largest was a 53-point romp over Cal Poly, which was the biggest winning margin for EWU in a Big Sky game and the third-largest overall as a member of FCS.

Eastern's defensive effort in league play was unprecedented – Eastern had never held Big Sky opponents to 23 points or less in eight-straight games until the 2018 season, which is a span of 32 seasons and 246 games. In 1997 and 2008 the Eagles had a stretch of four-straight league games in holding opponents to 23 points or fewer, and overall EWU had six in a row to begin the 1997 campaign. The overall record came in 1981 when EWU held its last nine opponents to 14 or less and allowed only 97 points for the season (9.7 per game).

In beating Maine 50-19 on Dec. 15, the Eagles had 50 points or more for the sixth time this season and the 61st time in school history, and are now 58-3 in those games. Earlier this season, EWU scored what was then the fourth-most in school history – a record versus a FCS opponent – in a 70-17 win over Cal Poly. Eastern has had 22 50-point games in the last 6+ seasons (including six thus far in 2018), with six in 2014, three in 2017, two each in 2016, 2013 and 2012 and one in 2015.

Eagles Second in FCS in Total Offense, Plus in Top 20 in Rushing and Passing

Eastern is the only school to rank in the top 20 in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in total offense, rushing and passing. The Eagles are averaging 540.4 yards on offense to rank second in FCS, trailing only Davidson with an average of 561.9. Broken down, EWU is averaging 263.0 rushing (10th) and 277.4 passing (17th). Defensively, Eastern is allowing 385.6 per game to rank 60th, including 156.7 on the ground (46th) and 228.9 through the air (84th).

The Eagles are ranked third in scoring (44.5) and 20th in scoring defense (21.6), and are one of five schools in FCS to rank in the top 20 in both. Eastern's unbeaten Jan. 5 opponent North Dakota State is at 41.7 (sixth) and 11.8 (second). Princeton is first in scoring (47.0) and is fourth in defense (13.0), Kennesaw State ranks fourth in scoring (43.5) and seventh in defense (15.4) and James Madison is 18th in scoring (33.9) and sixth in defense (14.6).

In addition, EWU leads FCS with six defensive touchdowns, and nearly had a seventh when **Josh Lewis** returned an interception to the Maine 1-yard line on Dec. 15 in the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs. Eastern also is second in turnovers gained with 32, is third with 20 interceptions and ranks 12th overall in turnover margin (32 takeaways, 21 giveaways, +0.79 per game). In addition, EWU has the most first downs in FCS with 338, is 13th in passing efficiency

TEAM RANKINGS

2018 Polls

- **STATS (Final Regular Season):** 1. North Dakota State; 2. Kennesaw State; 3. Weber State; 4. **Eastern Washington**; 7. UC Davis; 23. Montana State.
- **American Football Coaches Association (Final Regular Season):** 1. North Dakota State; 2. Kennesaw State; 3. **Eastern Washington**; 4. Weber State; 10. UC Davis, 24. Montana State.

EWU in the 2018 STATS Top 25 Poll

- Nov. 19 (final regular season): 4th (#1 North Dakota State; #3 Weber State; #7 UC Davis, #23 Montana State). Nov. 12: 4th (#2 NDSU; #3 WSU; #7 UCD, #25 MSU). Nov. 5: 5th (#1 NDSU; #3 WSU; #4 UCD, #25 Idaho State). Oct. 29: 5th (#1 NDSU; #4 WSU; #6 UCD). Oct. 22: 5th (#1 NDSU; #4 WSU; #6 UCD, #22 North Dakota). Oct. 15: 9th (#1 NDSU; #7 WSU; #10 UCD). Oct. 8: 4th (#1 NDSU; #13 WSU; #14 UCD; #22 Montana). Oct. 1: 5th (#1 NDSU; #6 WSU; #14 UM; #16 UCD). Sept. 24: 5th (#1 NDSU; #6 WSU; #17 UM; #19 UCD, #26 Montana State). Sept. 17: 6th (#1 NDSU; #7 WSU; #19 UM; #21 UCD; #22 UND). Sept. 10: 6th (#1 NDSU; #11 WSU; #15 UM; #20 Northern Arizona; #23 UCD). Sept. 3: 6th (#1 NDSU; #10 WSU; #14 UM; #18 NAU). Preseason: 9th (#1 NDSU; #8 WSU; #24 UM).

2018 Preseason Polls

- **STATS:** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. South Dakota State; 4. Sam Houston State; 5. Kennesaw State; 8. Weber State; 9. **Eastern Washington**; 24. Montana; 28. Southern Utah; 29. Northern Arizona; 31. Idaho; 33. Sacramento State.
- **AFCA:** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. South Dakota State; 4. Sam Houston State; 5. Kennesaw State; 6. Jacksonville State; 7. **Eastern Washington**; 8. Weber State; 25. Montana; 26. Idaho; 27. Northern Arizona; 31. Southern Utah; 32. Sacramento State.
- **Hero Sports:** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. Kennesaw State; 4. **Eastern Washington**; 5. South Dakota State; 18. Weber State; 22. UC Davis; 23. Idaho.
- **College Sports Madness:** 1. TBA; 2. TBA; 3. TBA; 4. TBA; 5. **Eastern Washington**; 11. Northern Arizona; 15. Montana; 22. Montana State; 25. Idaho; 29. UC Davis; 32. Sacramento State; 41. Weber State.
- **Athlon Sports:** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. New Hampshire; 4. South Dakota State; 5. Kennesaw State; 6. **Eastern Washington**; 9. Weber State; 18. Montana; 23. Sacramento State.
- **Street & Smith's:** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. South Dakota State; 4. Kennesaw State; 5. Jacksonville State; 6. Sam Houston State; 7. Weber State; 14. **Eastern Washington**; 16. Northern Arizona; 19. Sacramento State.
- **College Football America:** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. South Dakota State; 4. Sam Houston State; 5. Kennesaw State; 7. Weber State; 9. **Eastern Washington**; 22. Northern Arizona; 23. Sacramento State; 24. Montana.

2018 Big Sky Preseason Polls

- **Coaches' Poll:** 1. **Eastern Washington** (6) - 134; 2. Weber State (3) - 124; 3. Northern Arizona (3) - 121; 4. Idaho (1) - 101; 5. Sacramento State - 94; 6. Southern Utah - 91; 7. Montana - 82; 8. Montana State - 76; 9. UC Davis - 64; 10. Cal Poly - 40; 11. Northern Colorado - 30; 12. Idaho State - 29; 13. Portland State - 21.
- **Media Poll:** 1. **Eastern Washington** (27) - 651; 2. Weber State (19) - 636; 3. Northern Arizona (1) - 535; 4. Montana (2) - 496; 5. Idaho (3) - 483; 6. Southern Utah (1) - 449; 7. Sacramento State - 415; 8. Montana State (1) - 391; 9. UC Davis (1) - 331; 10. Idaho State - 170; 11. Cal Poly - 169; 12. Northern Colorado - 166; 13. Portland State - 103.

2017 Polls

- **STATS (FINAL):** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. South Dakota State; 4. Sam Houston State; 5. Weber State; 14. Southern Utah; 21. **Eastern Washington**.
- **Coaches (FINAL):** 1. North Dakota State; 2. James Madison; 3. Sam Houston State; 4. South Dakota State; 5. Weber State; 13. Southern Utah; 22. **Eastern Washington**.

EWU in the 2017 STATS Top 25 Poll

- Preseason: 5th. Sept. 4: 7th. Sept. 11: 12th. Sept. 19: 11th. Sept. 25: 9th. Oct. 2: 10th. Oct. 9: 10th. Oct. 16: 8th. Oct. 23: 14th. Oct. 30: 11th. Nov. 6: 19th. Nov. 13: 18th. Nov. 19: 17th. Final: 21st.

(153.64) and ranks 17th in third-down conversion percentage (.436).

Quarterback **Eric Barriere** has steadily been climbing the national rankings despite playing in three of EWU's first five games of the season as a backup to **Gage Gubrud**. He's 10th in FCS in passing efficiency (150.8), 39th for passing yards overall (2,252) and 13th in touchdown passes with 24 after setting school and FCS Playoff records with seven versus Maine on Dec. 15.

Receiver **Nsimba Webster** is sixth in FCS receiving yards (1,287 to rank 10th in school history), 19th in receiving yards per game (91.9) and 25th in catches (5.7 per game with a total of 80 to rank as the 11th-most in all-time at EWU). Running back **Sam McPherson** is ranked seventh in FCS for average per carry (7.27), is 22nd with an average of 96.6 yards per game, is 20th with 12 rushing touchdowns and is eighth with 1,352 total rushing yards to rank as the fifth-most all-time at EWU.

Kicker **Roldan Alcobendas** is the only player in FCS (minimum of one attempt per game) to be perfect kicking field goals (15-of-15). Alcobendas is 11th in FCS in scoring overall and third in kick scoring (8.7 per game), and is 31st with an average of 1.15 field goals per game. His 44.9 punting average is second nationally, ranking only behind a punter who plays for a school in Florida (Chris Faddoul, Florida A&M, 46.8). The season (44.9) and career averages (44.8) for Alcobendas are both on pace to either tie or break school records of 44.9 and 43.8, respectively. His 113 kick-scoring points this season broke the school record of 103 and ranks fifth in Big Sky history, and his 314 career points are also a school record and rank sixth all-time in the league. His second extra point of the season was blocked, but he's made all 67 since then for a season total of 68-of-69 to break his own single season consecutive makes record of 63 set in 2016. He also owns the career record with 85-straight from 2016-2017.

Eastern Now 50-0 Since 2010 When Winning the TO Battle

In the last 10+ seasons (2008-18), the Eagles are now 59-1 when they've won the turnover battle, 24-6 when they've been tied and 21-31 when they've lost (total of 104-38). The last time EWU lost when it won the turnover battle came in the 2009 FCS Playoffs at Stephen F. Austin when EWU had two miscues and forced four in the 44-33 loss. Thus, EWU is 50-0 since 2010 when they've won the turnover battle, 21-5 when they've been tied and 19-24 when they've lost. That's a collective record of 90-29 (75.6 percent), with 24 of those 29 losses (83 percent) coming in games EWU has lost the turnover battle and 56 percent of EWU's wins coming when they've won the turnover battle (79 percent when including ties).

In the last 11 games, Eastern has a plus-17 turnover advantage (30 takeaways and 13 giveaways), but in the first three the Eagles were a negative six (two takeaways and eight giveaways). For the season, EWU is 12th in FCS with a plus 0.79 margin per game (32 takeaways to rank second in FCS, 21 giveaways). Eastern is third in FCS with 20 interceptions and leads with six defensive touchdowns.

Eastern opened the 2018 season by losing the turnover battle against Central Washington 3-1, but winning on the scoreboard 58-13. The Eagles were tied 1-1 against NAU in turnovers, but prevailed 31-26. Washington State scored 24 points on four Eastern turnovers, with the Eagles failing to register a takeaway. Eastern won the turnover battle 2-1 in its 70-17 romp past Cal Poly, 2-1 at Montana State in a 34-17 win and 2-1 at home against Southern Utah. Eastern lost the turnover battle 2-1 in a

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2018 Honors

- **Head Coach Aaron Best**
- FCS Coach of the Year (Hero Sports Fan Vote)
- Co-Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year
- **#37 - Roldan Alcobendas - 6-0 - 170 - Sr. - 3L* - Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '13)**
- Recipient of Fred Mitchell Place-Kicker Award (announced Dec. 10)
- First Team All-America (Kicker - American Football Coaches Association)
- First Team All-America (Kicker - FCS Athletic Directors Association)
- First Team All-America (Kicker - STATS)
- First Team All-America (Kicker - Associated Press)
- First Team All-America (Kicker - Hero Sports)
- First Team All-Big Sky (Kicker - selected by league's head coaches)
- First Team All-Big Sky (Punter - selected by league's head coaches)
- Big Sky Special Teams Player of the Week (League Office/vs. UCD 11/10 . . . 1x1 fg, 8x8 extra points, 39.8 avg. punt with four downed inside the 20 at the 5, 7, 9 & 19)
- Big Sky Special Teams Player of the Week (League Office/vs. WSU 10/13 . . . 2x2 fg, 60.3 avg. punt with EWU record 78)
- Big Sky Special Teams POW (League Office/vs. MSU 9/22 . . . 2x2 fg, 4x4 extra points, 46.8 punt avg.)
- **#99 - #Jay-Tee Tiuli - DL - 6-4 - 320 - Sr. - 3L* - Seattle, Wash. (Federal Way HS '14)**
- Second Team All-America (Defensive Tackle - Associated Press)
- Second Team All-America (Defensive Tackle - STATS)
- Big Sky Conference Defensive MVP (selected by league's head coaches)
- First Team All-Big Sky (Defensive Tackle - selected by league's head coaches)
- **#75 - Spencer Blackburn - OL - 6-2 - 290 - Sr. - 2L* - Bellingham, Wash. (Meridian HS '14)**
- Second Team All-America (Center - Associated Press)
- Third Team All-America (Center - STATS)
- Second Team All-Big Sky (Center - selected by league's head coaches)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 (3.67/Professional Accounting)
- Academic All-America Nominee (3.67/Professional Accounting)
- **#3 - Eric Barriere - QB - 6-0 - 200 - So. - 1L* - Inglewood, Calif. (La Habra HS '16)**
- Honorable Mention Sophomore All-America (Quarterback - Hero Sports)
- Third Team All-Big Sky (Quarterback - selected by league's head coaches)
- FCS National Performer of the Week (Col. FB Performance Awards/vs. PSU 11/16 . . . 315 tot. off./.6 TD)
- Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week (League Office/vs. PSU 11/16 . . . 315 tot. off./5 TD Pass, 66 TD Rush)
- **#94 - Mitchell Johnson - DL - 6-3 - 240 - Fr. - HS* - West Linn, Ore. (West Linn HS '17)**
- First Team Freshman All-America (Defensive End - Hero Sports)
- Second Team All-Big Sky (Defensive End - selected by league's head coaches)
- **#9 - Andrew Boston - 6-3 - 185 - Fr. - HS* - Puyallup, Wash. (Emerald Ridge HS '17)**
- Honorable Mention Freshman All-America (Wide Receiver - Hero Sports)
- **#5 - Nsimba Webster - WR - 5-10 - 180 - Sr. - 3L* - Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14)**
- First Team All-Big Sky (Wide Receiver - selected by league's head coaches)
- **#90 - Keenan Williams - DL - 6-3 - 265 - Sr. - 3L - Cheney, Wash. (Cheney HS '15)**
- First Team All-Big Sky (Defensive End - selected by league's head coaches)
- **#20 - Sam McPherson - RB - 5-10 - 200 - Sr. - 3L - Bothell, Wash. (Bothell 'HS '15)**
- Second Team All-Big Sky (Running Back - selected by league's head coaches)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District 8 (3.75/Mechanical Engineering)
- FCS National Performer of the Week (Col. FB Performance Awards/vs. Nicholls 12/1 . . . 137 rushing, 2 TD)
- Academic All-America Nominee (3.75/Mechanical Engineering)
- **#66 - Kaleb Levao - OL - 6-4 - 310 - Sr. - 2L* - Aberdeen, Wash. (Aberdeen HS '14)**
- Second Team All-Big Sky (Offensive Guard - selected by league's head coaches)

14-6 loss at Weber State when the Eagles threw two fourth-quarter interceptions.

During its current seven-game winning streak, Eastern has a 23-8 advantage in turnovers forced. The Eagles won the battle 1-0 in beating Idaho 38-14 and 3-2 in defeating Northern Colorado 48-13. Eastern forced five turnovers – equaling its most since 2010 – and had only one giveaway in a 59-20 victory over UC Davis on Nov. 10. The Aggies had entered the game with a plus-12 margin, ranking them fifth in FCS. Eastern ended the regular season with a 4-1 advantage over Portland State, including EWU's third-straight game with three interceptions, the first time EWU has accomplished that feat since joining the Big Sky Conference in 1987. In the FCS Playoffs against Nicholls, EWU tied 2-2, then had a 4-1 advantage over both UC Davis and Maine in the quarterfinals.

So far in 2018, Eastern is 9-0 if when it wins the turnover battle, 1-2 when it has more turnovers and 2-0 when tied. In 2017, EWU was 3-0 when it won the turnover battle, 3-3 when it lost and 1-1 when it was tied. Eastern finished the 2017 season at minus 10 turnovers for the season, ranking EWU 105th out of 123 FCS schools in turnover margin (-0.91 per game), 90th in turnovers lost (23) and 105th in turnovers gained (13).

Running Game Sets Pair of School Records, Plus is On Pace for Average Per Carry Record at 6.93 to Rank Second in FCS

Eastern's running game has been a mainstay this season, setting records for most yards (3,682) and rushing touchdowns (39) in a single season. The previous records were 3,130 yards set in 10 games in 1950 (313.0 average) and 32 TDs in 2014.

Eastern is averaging 6.73 yards per carry to rank second in FCS, compared to a 3.9 average for opponents. Only Davidson's 7.44 average per rush is better in FCS, and the Eagles are on pace to break the school record of 6.4. The Eagles are averaging 540.4 yards on offense to rank second in FCS, including 263.0 rushing to rank 10th.

All five EWU running backs are averaging at least 6.5 per carry – senior **Sam McPherson** is at 7.27 to rank seventh in FCS. In addition, junior **Antoine Custer Jr.** averages 6.5, junior **Tamarick Pierce** is at 7.9, junior **Dennis Merritt** has an 8.1 average and true freshman **Isaiah Lewis** is at 7.4. The school record is 7.9 set by Taiwan Jones in 2010, with the minimum number of carries to qualify being 45 (Pierce is at 70 and Merritt is at 43).

Quarterback **Eric Barriere** is averaging 6.7 per carry, which includes yardage on 16 sacks in his last eight games. He had a career-high 99 yards versus Portland State on Nov. 16, including a 66-yard TD on the game's third play. Versus Southern Utah, he finished with 98 yards on the ground after recording the longest run in school history by a quarterback (ninth-longest overall) with an 85-yard touchdown run.

Eastern is also on record pace in total offense per game (540.4), and is averaging 7.5 yards per offensive play with a total of 7,566 offensive yards (436 from the school record). As a member of FCS, the record for average rushing yards per game is 225.4 set in 2001 when Jesse Chatman averaged 190.5 single handedly. The EWU season record for average yards per rush is 6.4 set in 2001, and the record for average yards per play of 7.7 was set in 2013. Eastern's records for total offense came in 2013 when it averaged 533.5 and had 8,002 total. Eastern has never averaged more rushing yards than passing yards in a single season as a member of FCS, and the last time it happened overall was in 1981 (226.5 rushing and 145.0 passing). Eastern's balanced attack

2018 Honors (continued)

- #64 - **Chris Schlichting** - OL - 6-5 - 295 - Jr. - 2L* - **North Bend, Wash. (Mount Si HS '15)**
• Second Team All-Big Sky (Offensive Tackle - selected by league's head coaches)
- #40 - **Ketner Kupp** - LB - 6-0 - 225 - Sr. - 3L - **Yakima, Wash. (Davis HS '15)**
• Second Team All-Big Sky (Linebacker - selected by league's head coaches)
- #1 - **Josh Lewis** - DB - 6-0 - 190 - Sr. - 3L* - **Lakewood, Wash. (Steilacoom HS '14)**
• Second Team All-Big Sky (Cornerback - selected by league's head coaches)
- #85 - **Henderson Belk** - TE - 6-4 - 245 - Sr. - 3L* - **Mukilteo, Wash. (Kamiak HS '14)**
• Third Team All-Big Sky (Fullback - selected by league's head coaches)
• Academic All-America Nominee (3.67/Professional Accounting)
- #74 - **Beau Byus** - OL - 6-5 - 265 - Sr. - 2L* - **Spokane, Wash. (Central Val. HS '14)**
• Third Team All-Big Sky (Offensive Tackle - selected by league's head coaches)
- #63 - **Jack Hunter** - OL - 6-4 - 295 - Sr. - 2L* - **Spokane, Wash. (Gonzaga Prep HS '14)**
• Third Team All-Big Sky (Offensive Tackle - selected by league's head coaches)
- #39 - **Curtis Billen** - LS - 6-2 - 215 - Sr. - 3L* - **Everett, Wash. (Mariner HS '14)**
• Third Team All-Big Sky (Long Snapper - selected by league's head coaches)
- #28 - **Antoine Custer** - RB - Jr. - 5-9 - 190 - Jr. - 2L - **Berkeley, Calif. (De La Salle '16)**
• Honorable Mention All-Big Sky (Running Back - selected by league's head coaches)
- #57 - **Dylan Ledbetter** - DL - 6-3 - 270 - Jr. - 2L* - **West Seattle, Wash. (O'Dea HS '15)**
• Honorable Mention All-Big Sky (Defensive Tackle - selected by league's head coaches)
- #18 - **D'londo Tucker** - DB - 6-0 - 180 - Sr. - 4L* - **Federal Way, Wa. (Fed. Way HS '13)**
• Honorable Mention All-Big Sky (Cornerback - selected by league's head coaches)
- #4 - **Mitch Fettig** - DB - 6-1 - 200 - Sr. - 3L* - **Olympia, Wash. (Olympia HS '14)**
• Third Team All-Big Sky (Safety - selected by league's head coaches)
• Academic All-America Nominee (3.76/Criminal Justice)
- #6 - **Nzuzi Webster** - DB - 5-10 - 180 - Sr. - 3L* - **Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14)**
• Honorable Mention All-Big Sky (Safety - selected by league's head coaches)
• Big Sky Defensive Player of the Week (League Office/vs. UCD 11/10 . . . 45-yard interception return for a TD to give EWU 28-17 lead in the third quarter, fourth-quarter fumble recovery, 3 tackles)
- #8 - **Gage Gubrud** - QB - 6-2 - 205 - Sr. - 3L* - **McMinnville, Ore. (McMinnville HS '14)**
• Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week (League Office/vs. NAU 9/8 . . . 322yds pass/80 rush/402 total, 4td pass)
• Big Sky Offensive Player of the Week (College Sports Madness/vs. NAU 9/8 . . . 402yds total off., 4td pass)
• FCS National Performer of the Week (Col. FB Performance Awards/vs. CWU 9/1 . . . 19-of-23, 337yds, 5td)
- #80 - **Zach Eagle** - WR - 5-8 - 175 - Sr. - 2L* - **Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '14)**
• Academic All-America Nominee (3.91/Exercise Science)
- #59 - **Kurt Calhoun** - LB - 6-2 - 235 - Sr. - 3L* - **Zillah, Wash. (Zillah HS '14)**
• Academic All-America Nominee (3.60/Exercise Science)
- #49 - **Jim Townsend** - DL - 6-4 - 265 - Jr. - 2L* - **Okanogan, Wash. (Okanogan HS '15)**
• Academic All-America Nominee (3.44/Biology)
- #98 - **Andre Slyter K** - 6-2 - 195 - So. - SQ* - **Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS '16)**
• Academic All-America Nominee (3.55/Entrepreneurship)

has averaged 263.0 rushing and 277.4 passing, with balanced yardage totals of 3,682 and 3,884, respectively.

McPherson has had three 100-yard rushing performances in his last four games, with 143 and a game-winning 35-yard touchdown run with 26 seconds remaining versus UC Davis on Dec. 8. He also had 137 rushing yards and two touchdowns in EWU's playoff win over Nicholls on Dec. 1, and how has six 100-yard performances in his career and five this season. The second team All-Big Sky Conference performer now has 1,352 yards this season, moving into fifth in single season school history. He is ranked seventh in FCS seventh in FCS for average per carry (7.27), is 22nd with an average of 96.6 yards per game, is 20th with 12 rushing touchdowns and is eighth in total rushing yards. He handled the bulk of the rushing load in EWU's first three games, with Custer making his 2018 debut versus Cal Poly after suffering a preseason hamstring injury.

Custer has 614 and eight scores in 10 games played (61.4/6.5); Pierce has 550 yards (39.3/7.9) and seven TDs; Merritt has 348 (24.9/8.1) with a trio of scores; and Lewis has 52 (26.0/7.4). Barriere has added 603 yards on the ground (46.5/6.7) with six scores, and Gubrud has 169 (33.8/5.5) and a pair of touchdowns. Barriere's total is just three yards from the single season record for rushing yards by a quarterback of 606 set by Gage Gubrud in 2016.

"I would argue with anybody that the top four backs we have in Antoine, Sam, Tamarick and Dennis all rival anybody in this league," said Eastern head coach **Aaron Best** earlier this season.

McPherson is EWU's first 1,000-yard rusher since Quincy Forte in the 2013 season when he finished with 1,208. Taiwan Jones had 1,213 yards in 2009 and went over the 1,000-yard mark again in 2010 with 1,742 yards. In 13 of the last 24 seasons (1995-2018), Eastern has had a 1,000-yard rusher, including nine different players. McPherson has now rushed for 2,001 yards and 15 touchdowns in his 44-game career (10 as a starter), with 626 receiving on 66 catches and a total of 2,789 all-purpose yards (63.4 per game). He's scored 21 TDs in his EWU career, and is even a perfect 6-of-6 passing for 155 yards, three touchdowns and a passing efficiency rating of 482.0.

Custer, an honorable mention All-Big Sky Conference selection in 2018, was a second team all-league pick in 2017 when he rushed for 776 yards and 10 touchdowns. He now has 1,806 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns in his 34-game career (21 as a starter), and scored on runs of 62 and 43 yards versus Cal Poly, 2 and 13 yards against SUU and a pair of 1-yard plunges versus UC Davis. He also has 556 receiving yards on 64 catches and 499 on kickoff returns for a total of 2,861 all-purpose yards (84.1 per game). His career 23.8 average returning kickoffs is currently 11th in school history and he's scored a total of 23 touchdowns as an Eagle.

Eastern finished with 378 yards on the ground versus Portland State, including a 14.0 average per rush. It was EWU's fifth performance this season with at least 300 rushing yards, a mark EWU has achieved just 11 other times since 1987 when EWU became a member of the Big Sky Conference. Only twice in that span – 1999 and 2001 – has EWU had two performances of at least 300 in the regular season. The Eagles had 626

Future Schedules
***(subject to change and not
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2019 SCHEDULE

8/31/19	at Washington
9/7/19	Open
9/14/19	at Jacksonville St.
9/21/19	Open
9/28/19	North Dakota*
10/5/19	at Sacramento St.*
10/12/19	Northern Colorado*
10/19/19	Open
10/26/19	at Montana*
11/2/19	Northern Arizona*
11/9/19	at Idaho State*
11/16/19	at Cal Poly*
11/23/19	Portland State*

Also, the

9/5/20 at Florida
9/12/20 Western Illinois
9/19/20 Northern Arizona
9/11/21 Jacksonville State
9/18/21 at Western Illinois
9/3/22 at Oregon

2018 Preseason Honors

#8 - Gage Gubrud - QB - 6-2 - 205 - Sr. - 3L* - McMinnville, Ore. (McMinnville HS '14)
EWU Co-Captain
Walter Payton Award Watch List (25 players selected by STATS)
FCS National Performer of the Year Watch List (36 players selected by Col. FB Performance Awards)
First Team All-America (Athlon Sports)
Second Team All-America (College Sports Madness)
Second Team All-America (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)
Third Team All-America (STATS)
Third Team All-America (Hero Sports)
First Team All-Big Sky (selected by league office)
First Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#99 - Jay-Tee Tiuli - DL - 6-4 - 320 - Sr. - 3L* - Seattle, Wash. (Federal Way HS '14)
Polynesian College Football Player of the Year Award Watch List (50 players selected nationally; Tiuli only player from FCS selected)
Third Team All-America (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)
First Team All-Big Sky (selected by league office)
First Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#37 - Roldan Alcobendas - 6-0 - 170 - Sr. - 3L* - Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '13)
Fred Mitchell Award Watch List (34 placekickers selected nationally)

#75 - Spencer Blackburn - OL - 6-2 - 290 - Sr. - 2L* - Bellingham, Wash. (Meridian HS '14)
EWU Co-Captain
Fourth Team All-America (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)
First Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#28 - Antoine Custer Jr. - RB - 5-9 - 190 - Jr. - 2L - Berkeley, Calif. (De La Salle '16)
First Team All-Big Sky (selected by league office)
Second Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#39 - Curtis Billen - LS - 6-2 - 215 - Sr. - 3L* - Everett, Wash. (Mariner HS '14)
Second Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#65 - Tristen Taylor - OL - 6-6 - 325 - Jr. - 2L* - Stockton, Calif. (Stagg HS '15)
Second Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#4 - Mitch Fettig - DB - 6-1 - 200 - Sr. - 3L* - Olympia, Wash. (Olympia HS '14)
EWU Co-Captain
Second Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#87 - Dre' Sonte Dorton - WR - 5-10 - 185 - Jr. - 1L* - Pasco, Wash. (Chiawana HS '15)
Second Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#1 - Josh Lewis - DB - 6-0 - 190 - Sr. - 3L* - Lakewood, Wash. (Steilacoom HS '14)
Third Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#5 - Nsimba Webster - WR - 5-10 - 180 - Sr. - 3L* - Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14)
Third Team All-Big Sky (Phil Steele FCS Magazine)

#20 - Sam McPherson - RB - 5-10 - 200 - Sr. - 3L - Bothell, Wash. (Bothell 'HS '15)
EWU Co-Captain
Nominee for AFCA Good Works Team (169 selected nationally)

#40 - Ketner Kupp - LB - 6-0 - 225 - Sr. - 3L - Yakima, Wash. (Davis HS '15)
EWU Co-Captain

total yards versus the Vikings for an average of 10.8 per play.

One game earlier, Eastern ended with 669 yards of total offense – sixth-most in school history – against UC Davis on Nov. 10, including 372 on the ground and 297 through the air. Eastern averaged 5.9 on the ground and 7.1 overall, with **Sam McPherson** leading the way with 133 yards on just six carries (22.2 per rush).

Eastern has had eight rushing performances this season of at least 235 yards, with 380 versus Southern Utah on Oct. 6 and two weeks earlier having the second-most rushing yards in school history with 441 versus Cal Poly on Sept. 22. The EWU running game has come a long way since 2016 when quarterback **Gage Gubrud** led the Eagles in rushing as a sophomore in 2016. That same season, Eastern led the Big Sky in passing (401.0 per game) but was 12th in rushing (128.6).

In the milestone performance against Cal Poly, Custer had 133 and two touchdowns on just eight carries (16.6 per rush). Merritt had 92 with an 81-yard touchdown run; McPherson had 84 on eight carries; Pierce added 52 on five rushes; and Gubrud even had 50 yards on four totes.

The Eagles have had a 100-yard rusher in 10 of their last 16 games dating back to 2017, including six by McPherson and four by Custer. Besides McPherson's 143 versus UC Davis, 137 against Nicholls and 133 versus Portland State, Custer had an even 100 in a 372-yard outing versus UC Davis and 122 on a 308-yard day on Nov. 3 versus Northern Colorado. Eastern had 248 against Northern Arizona on Sept. 8, including 161 on 22 carries by McPherson and 80 yards by Gubrud. One game earlier against Central Washington, McPherson had 185 yards on just 15 carries and Merritt added 75 as the Eagles finished with 328 as a team. At the time, the 328 were the most rushing yards EWU has had in its last 147 games dating back to a 331-yard performance in a 47-22 win over Idaho State on Sept. 25, 2004. Eastern finished with 677 yards of offense (349 passing) against Central and had 570 versus NAU (322 passing).

"When you start getting rushing yards like that, it's not just first and second level blocking, but it's third level blocking," explained Best. "Receivers don't just catch balls here, they block downfield too."

In Eastern's last 16 games (14-2 record) dating back to the 2017 season, the Eagles have rushed 640 times for 4,211 yards and 44 touchdowns, with averages of 263.2 per game and 6.6 per rush. By contrast, Eastern has attempted 520 passes for 4,456 yards and 43 touchdowns, with averages of 278.5 per game and 8.6 per play. In total, Eastern is averaging 541.7 yards per game and 7.5 per play with 87 total offensive touchdowns.

Last year, Eastern ended the season with 728 yards against Portland State (440 passing/288 rushing) and one game before that had 376 against North Dakota (132 passing/244 rushing). McPherson had 118 yards on eight carries on just one half of action against UND, with Custer contributing another 70 on 19 carries. Custer had 177 yards and three touchdowns on 24 carries against PSU to end the season.

Defense Allows Just 16.9 Points in League, With 21.6 Average Overall the Lowest Since 1997

You have to go back more than 20 years to find a defense that has been stingier than this year's team. A year after allowing 33.4 points per game, the Eagles are allowing just 21.6 for the team's best performance since 1997. That season, on their way to a semifinal appearance in the FCS Playoffs (then I-AA), Eastern allowed just 17.4 points per game. Eastern's nine games of allowing 20 points or fewer equals the school record also set in 1997, 1981, 1964 and 1949.

Eastern leads FCS with six defensive touchdowns, and nearly had a seventh when **Josh Lewis** returned an interception to the Maine 1-yard line on Dec. 15 in the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs. Eastern also is second in turnovers gained with 32, is third with 20 interceptions and ranks 12th overall in

EWU PLAYOFF HISTORY

- Eastern is making a 13th appearance in the playoffs in 2018, becoming just the 12th team in FCS to have 13 or more appearances. The other appearances for the Eagles came in 1985, 1992, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016. With a 6-5 record during an injury-ravaged season in 2011, Eastern fell a victory shy of making its first back-to-back-to-back appearances, but accomplished that feat in 2012-13-14. The Eagles were also 6-5 in 2015 and missed the postseason, and 7-4 in 2017 when they were also passed over.
- This is Aaron Best's first playoff appearance as head coach, but 10th overall. He was a player in 1997, then coached in 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 and now 2018. He has now been a part of 25 playoff games (17-8), with 22 as a coach (15-7) and three as a player (2-1). He has been involved in 21 of those games at home (15-6), just three on the road (1-2) and was offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in 2010 when the Eagles won the NCAA Division I title with a 20-19 victory over Delaware on a neutral field in Frisco, Texas.
- Eastern now has 10 playoff berths in a 15-year span (2004-18), ranking the Eagles as one of only three schools among 123 in FCS to accomplish that feat. New Hampshire (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17) made the playoffs for the 14th-straight time in 2017. The third team was Montana (2004-05-06-07-08-09-11-13-14-15) with 10 appearances in that stretch.
- The Eagles have five appearances in the last seven years (2012-18), with only six other teams on that list (Jacksonville State, New Hampshire, North Dakota State, Sam Houston State, South Dakota State and James Madison).
- The Eagles have a 19-11 record in their 13 playoff appearances, ranking eighth all-time for wins. Eastern has a 15-6 record at home, 3-5 on the road and 1-0 in the championship game on a neutral field. Eastern has advanced to the semifinals in the FCS Playoffs six times (1997, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018) and is 2-4 in those games. The Eagles have won their opener 10 times (1985, 1997, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018) and are 6-4 in the quarterfinals. The Eagles won the title in 2010 in its first and only appearance in the championship game. The Eagles have received first-round byes in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 (the playoffs were expanded to 20 teams in 2010 and to 24 teams in 2013).
- 2018 – (No. 3 seed, ranked #4)
 - #1/No. 1 seed **North Dakota State** – W, 20-19 (Championship/Frisco, Texas)
 - #14/No. 7 seed **Maine** – W, 50-19 (Semifinals/Cheney)
 - #7/No. 6 seed **UC Davis** – W, 34-29 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - #14 **Nicholls** – W, 42-21 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2016 – (No. 2 seed, ranked #3)
 - #13 **Youngstown State** – L, 38-40 (Semifinals/Cheney)
 - #12 **Richmond** – W, 38-0 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - #14 **Central Arkansas** – W, 31-14 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2014 – (No. 4 seed, ranked #4)
 - #7/No. 5 seed **Illinois State** – L, 46-59 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - #12 **Montana** – W, 37-20 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2013 – (No. 3 seed, ranked #3)
 - #5 **Towson** – L, 31-35 (Semifinals/Cheney)
 - #20 **Jacksonville State** – W, 35-24 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - #13 **South Dakota State** – W, 41-17 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2012 – (No. 2 seed, ranked #4)
 - #5 **Sam Houston State** – L, 42-45 (Semifinals/Cheney)
 - #16 **Illinois State** – W, 51-35 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - #10 **Wagner** – W, 29-19 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2010 – (No. 5 seed, ranked #1)
 - #5 **Delaware** – W, 20-19 (Championship/Frisco, Texas)
 - #10 **Villanova** – W, 41-31 (Semifinals/Cheney)
 - #25 **North Dakota State** – W, 38-31 in OT (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - #9 **Southeast Missouri State** – W, 37-17 (Second Round/Cheney)
- 2009 – (ranked #13)
 - at #12 **Stephen F. Austin** – L, 33-44 (First Round)
- 2007 – (ranked #14)
 - at #15 **Appalachian State** – L, 35-38 (Quarterfinals)
 - at #3/No. 2 seed **McNeese State** – W, 44-15 (First Round)
- 2005 – (ranked #15) –
 - at #7 **Northern Iowa** – L, 38-41 (First Round)
- 2004 – (ranked #14)
 - #9 **Sam Houston State** – L, 34-35 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
 - at #1/No. 1 seed **Southern Illinois** – W, 35-31 (First Round)
- 1997 – (No. 3 seed, ranked #4)
 - #9/No. 8 seed **Youngstown State** – L, 14-25 (Semifinals/Spokane)
 - #5/No. 5 seed **Western Kentucky** – W, 38-21 (Quarterfinals/Spokane)
 - #17/No. 14 seed **Northwestern State** – W, 40-10 (First Round/Spokane)
- 1992 – (ranked/seeded #14)
 - at #3 **Northern Iowa** – L, 14-17 (First Round)
- 1985 – (ranked/seeded #11)
 - at #4 **Northern Iowa** – L, 14-17 (Quarterfinals)
 - at #5 **Idaho** – W, 42-38 (First Round)

turnover margin (32 takeaways, 21 giveaways, +0.79 per game). Eastern set a school record with 70 passes broken up, breaking the previous record of 67 set in the 2010 season.

Eastern's defense was particularly impressive during league play, with EWU allowing only 135 points for a league-leading 16.9 average per game – with seven of those points coming on a punt return touchdown. Included was an 89:52 stretch of not allowing a point, spanning two games. The school record for fewest average points in a Big Sky season came in 1992 when the Eagles surrendered just 16.4 per game (115 total) in seven league games (6-1 record).

Eastern had three interceptions in each of the last three regular season games, the first time that has happened since 1987 when EWU joined the league. The Eagles forced a season-high five turnovers (three interceptions and two fumbles) against UC Davis in a 59-20 win on Nov. 10, equaling the most since forcing six (four fumbles, two interceptions) in a 41-31 victory over Villanova on Dec. 18, 2010, in the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs. It was Eastern's third five-turnover performance in league play since forcing six (four fumbles and two interceptions) in a 36-27 victory over Montana on Sept. 18, 2010, in the inaugural game on EWU's red turf at Roos Field. In addition, the Eagles finished with 13 passes broken up versus UCD – the second-most in school history behind the school-record 14 EWU had in 1984 versus Montana State.

Eastern allowed 40 points in the first quarter of its eight Big Sky games, 35 in the second, 44 in the third and 16 in the fourth. Eastern pitched a shutout in 14 of 32 quarters, and had a stretch of five-straight goose eggs ended in the third quarter versus Idaho on Oct. 27. It would have been 15, but the Eagles gave up a defensive two-point conversion in the fourth quarter of EWU's finale versus Portland State. In the game versus the Vandals, the Eagles as a team recorded five sacks, six quarterback hurries and broke up five passes in holding Idaho to 204 yards passing and 159 on the ground.

In the next game versus Northern Colorado on Nov. 3, Eastern's had a rare occurrence of three interceptions and six sacks. In fact, that many of each in the same game has not happened since 1985 when EWU had three picks and seven sacks in a 31-19 win over Weber State. The six sacks versus UNC were the most in a league game since Oct. 19, 2014, when EWU had seven versus Northern Colorado, and overall, EWU had 10 versus Fordham in 2017 and six against Richmond in 2016. Only six times since 2005 has EWU had at least six sacks in a game. The three interceptions were the most in a league game since EWU had five versus Portland State in 2009. Eastern has had three on eight occasions since then. The two interceptions by **D'londo Tucker** was the first time EWU has had a player have two in the same game since 2014 when a trio of players accomplished that feat.

In eight league games, Eastern allowed the fewest points per game (16.9) while ranking second in total defense (346.6), second in passing defense (185.4) and second in rushing defense (161.2). Eastern held Idaho scoreless for the first 38:27 of the game. One game earlier in a 14-6 loss at Weber State, Eastern's defense held the Wildcats to just one offensive touchdown and scoreless for the final 51:25 of the contest. The Eagles held Weber State to 166 first-half yards and just 109 in the second half to keep the game within striking distance. The Eagles allowed just 159 yards through the air and 116 on the ground, and held Weber State to just 4-of-15 on third down. Weber State's average per rush was just 2.6 yards and the Eagles recorded six three-and-outs, and forced and recovered a fumble on another WSU possession.

Eastern is 30-15 Since 2010 Versus Ranked Opponents, Including 2-7 Versus No. 1

Overall, EWU has faced the No. 1 team in FCS nine times, winning twice – 35-31 in 2004 over Southern Illinois in the FCS Playoffs and 30-21 in 2002 over Montana at Albi Stadium in Spokane, Wash. One of the losses was in 2016 in Fargo, N.D., when North Dakota State beat No. 8 Eastern 50-44 in overtime. The following season, EWU was ranked seventh and lost 40-13 to second-ranked

FCS vs. FBS

RANKED TEAMS

- Eastern's 49-46 victory at No. 25 Oregon State on Aug. 31, 2013, was just the fourth time since the division was created in 1978 that a FCS (formerly known as I-AA) team defeated a ranked FBS opponent. Here are the four times that feat has occurred, plus one since then.
 - 1983 - Cincinnati (Ohio) def. #20 Penn State 14-3
 - 2007 - Appalachian State def. #5 Michigan 34-32
 - 2010 - James Madison def. #13 Virginia Tech 21-16
 - **2013 - Eastern Wash. def. #25 Oregon State 49-46**
 - 2016 - North Dakota State def. #13 Iowa 23-21

EAGLES VS. FBS

- Since the early 1980's when it began the move to become a member of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (in 1984), Eastern is now 10-26 all-time versus Football Bowl Subdivision teams. Against current Pac-12 Conference members, EWU is now 2-10 (2-12 including losses to Washington State in 1907 and 1908) with a 49-46 upset of 25th-ranked Oregon State in 2013 and a 45-42 win over Washington State in 2016. Eastern has won three of its last nine games versus FBS foes. A 35-17 win over Connecticut on Sept. 8, 2001, snapped a five-game losing streak versus FBS foes, then a 20-3 win at Idaho in 2012 snapped a 10-game skid. Here is Eastern's complete list of games versus FBS members since 1983.
- Year - Opponent - Result
 - 1983 - Cal State-Long Beach - W, 20-17
 - 1985 - at Cal State-Long Beach - W, 30-23
 - 1986 - at Cal State-Long Beach - L, 34-35
 - 1990 - at #10 Houston - L, 21-84
 - 1994 - at Utah State - W, 49-31
 - 1996 - at Boise State - W, 27-21
 - 1996 - at Idaho - L, 27-37
 - 1997 - Idaho - W, 24-21
 - 1998 - at Idaho - L, 14-31
 - 1999 - Idaho - L, 21-48
 - 1999 - at Boise State - L, 7-41
 - 2000 - at Oregon State - L, 19-21
 - 2000 - at Boise State - L, 23-41
 - 2001 - at Connecticut - W, 35-17
 - 2002 - at Arizona State - L, 2-38
 - 2003 - at San Diego State - L, 9-19
 - 2003 - at Idaho - W, 8-5
 - 2004 - at Air Force - L, 20-42
 - 2005 - at San Jose State - L, 21-35
 - 2006 - at Oregon State - L, 17-56
 - 2006 - at #6 West Virginia - L, 3-52
 - 2007 - at Brigham Young - L, 7-42
 - 2008 - at #12 Texas Tech - L, 24-49
 - 2008 - at Colorado - L, 24-31
 - 2009 - at #10 California - L, 7-59
 - 2010 - at Nevada - L, 24-49
 - 2011 - at Washington - L, 27-30
 - 2012 - at Idaho - W, 20-3
 - 2012 - at Washington State - L, 20-24
 - 2013 - at #25 Oregon State - W, 49-46
 - 2013 - at Toledo - L, 21-33
 - 2014 - at Washington (9/6/14) - L, 52-59
 - 2015 - at #7 Oregon (9/5/15) - L, 42-61
 - 2016 - at Wash. St. (9/3/16) - W, 45-42
 - 2017 - at Texas Tech (9/2/17) - L, 10-56
 - 2018 - at Washington State (9/15/18) - L, 24-59
 - 2019 - at Washington (8/31/19)
 - 2020 - at Florida (9/5/20)
 - 2022 - at Oregon (9/3/22) ... **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

NDSU in Cheney.

A 59-20 victory over UC Davis on Nov. 10 was the seventh occasion all-time that Eastern has played a fellow top 5 opponent, and EWU is now 4-3 in those games. The last time it happened was in 2013 when No. 3 EWU lost to No. 5 Towson 35-31 in the semifinals of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs. The Eagles had two other top 5 matchups that year. The Eagles are 9-34 all-time versus top 5 opponents (4-2 since 2010), including 2-7 versus No. 1 (0-1 since 2010).

The UC Davis rematch on Dec. 8 in the FCS Playoffs was the 17th time in school history EWU has played a matchup of top 10 teams in FCS, including the third-straight season. The Eagles are now 10-7 in those games -- including a 5-3 mark in the regular season and 5-4 in the playoffs Eastern is 19-42 in 61 games all-time versus top 10 opponents, but is 10-7 since 2010.

Eastern is now 59-69 in 128 games against ranked teams in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision since becoming a member of that classification in 1983 (then known as I-AA). Since 2010, though, the Eagles are 30-15 overall. This season, the Eagles are 5-1, plus beat the No. 9 team in NCAA Division II at the time when EWU blasted Central Washington 58-13 to open the season.

Earlier this season, Eastern defeated a ranked NCAA Football Championship Subdivision opponent for the first time since 2016 when the Eagles beat Northern Arizona 31-26 on Sept. 8. Northern Arizona had entered the game ranked 18th in the STATS Top 25 poll, and the win snapped a three-game losing streak in games versus ranked foes. The last win came over No. 12 Richmond 38-0 on Dec. 10, 2016, in the quarterfinals of the FCS Playoffs. Eastern, however, fell 14-6 to No. 13 Weber State on Oct. 13, 2018, in Ogden, Utah, in another game versus a ranked foe.

Eastern Has 41 Players With Combined 672 Career Starts

Eastern's experience is not questioned, with 41 total players with a total of 672 games of starting experience -- 22 players on defense, 19 players on offense and 336 starts on both sides of the ball.

Thus far in 2018, nine players have made starting debuts, including **Jim Townsend** at defensive end and **Andrew Boston** at wide receiver versus Central Washington in EWU's opener. Senior **Nick Foerstel** made his first start at Washington State at defensive end, then senior offensive tackle **Beau Byus**, junior linebacker **Andrew Katzenberger** and sophomore linebacker **Chris Ojoh** made their starting debuts versus Cal Poly. Against Southern Utah on Oct. 6, **Dehonta Hayes** made the first start of his career and finished with a career-high 11 tackles.

The other two starts came in the secondary in the FCS Playoffs against Nicholls when sophomore **Kedrick Johnson** and sophomore safety **Calin Criner** made their starting debuts. After falling behind 14-3, Johnson returned a blocked field goal by junior **Dylan Ledbetter** for a touchdown and start a run of 39-straight points in the 42-21 Eagle win. It was the first blocked field goal returned for a touchdown since Alvin Tolliver returned one 67 yards for a scorer versus, Montana State on Oct. 7, 2000. Johnson finished with a career-high seven tackles and a sack, and also recovered a fumble. Criner also had seven tackles and forced a fumble.

Although the Eagles adhere to the "next man up" mentality when dealing with injuries, EWU played the Nicholls and UC Davis playoff games without three senior defensive starters (**Mitch Fettig**, **Keenan Williams**, **Cole Karstetter**) out with injuries. Coupled with one other senior defensive starter lost for the season (**Kurt Calhoun**), two senior offensive starters (**Gage Gubrud**, **Zach Eagle**) and one junior offensive starter lost for the year (**Tristen Taylor**), those seven players have combined for 240 games played and 181 starts in their careers.

The Eagles entered the season with 32 total players returning with a total of 364 games of starting experience (182 on each side), including 15 on defense

TOP CROWDS

- All but three of the 32 largest crowds Eastern has ever played in front of have occurred since the 2000 season. Eastern's 2007 game at BYU in sold-out LaVell Edwards Stadium broke the year-old record for the largest crowd the Eagles have ever played in front of. Strong winds, rain, snow and temperatures ranging from 37-45 degrees didn't keep many fans at home as the announced crowd of 64,522 was even larger than the stadium's listed capacity of 64,045.
- Eastern's 2006 game versus West Virginia at sold-out Milan Puskar Stadium was attended by 59,504 fans -- at the time, that was the largest crowd by nearly 20,000 fans the Eagles had ever played against. The previous record was 39,581 set at Arizona State in 2002. Below is a list of the 32 crowds in excess of 20,000 the Eagles have ever played against.
- *Attendance - Opponent - Date - Result*
- 64,522 - at Brigham Young - Oct. 20, 2007 - L, 7-42
- 62,861 - at Washington - Sept. 6, 2014 - L, 52-59
- 59,504 - at West Virginia - Sept. 9, 2006 - L, 3-52
- 58,128 - at Oregon - Sept. 5, 2015 - L, 42-61
- 58,088 - at Washington - Sept. 3, 2011 - L, 27-30
- 58,083 - at California - Sept. 12, 2009 - L, 7-59
- 54,988 - at Texas Tech - Sept. 2, 2017 - L, 10-56
- 49,887 - at Texas Tech - Aug. 30, 2008 - L, 24-49
- 46,417 - at Colorado - Sept. 6, 2008 - L, 24-31
- 41,649 - at Oregon State - Aug. 31, 2013 - W, 49-46
- 39,581 - at Arizona State - Aug. 31, 2002 - L, 2-38
- 38,071 - at Oregon State - Aug. 31, 2006 - L, 17-56
- 34,389 - at Air Force - Sept. 11, 2004 - L, 20-42
- 33,598 - at Washington State - Sept. 8, 2012 - L, 20-24
- **32,952 - at Washington State - Sept. 15, 2018 - L, 24-59**
- 32,952 - at Washington State - Sept. 3, 2016 - W, 45-42
- 30,782 - at Oregon State - Sept. 2, 2000 - L, 19-21
- 27,323 - at U.S. International - Oct. 28, 1967 - W, 44-19
- 26,082 - at Montana - Oct. 26, 2013 - W, 42-37
- 26,066 - at Montana - Sept. 17, 2011 - L, 14-17
- 25,944 - at Montana - Sept. 23, 2017 - W, 48-41
- 25,751 - at Montana - Oct. 17, 2009 - L, 34-41
- 25,493 - at Boise State - Oct. 14, 2000 - L, 23-41
- 25,213 - at Montana - Nov. 14, 2015 - L, 16-57
- 23,739 - at Montana - Oct. 15, 2005 - W, 34-20
- 23,329 - at Montana - Nov. 15, 2003 - L, 10-41
- 23,226 - at Montana - Oct. 6, 2007 - L, 23-24
- 21,981 - at Boise State - Oct. 9, 1999 - L, 7-41
- 21,487 - at Boise State - Sept. 21, 1991 - L, 17-31
- 21,145 - at San Diego State - Aug. 30, 2003 - L, 9-19
- 20,477 - at Montana State - Oct. 13, 2012 - W, 27-24
- 20,459 - at Toledo - Sept. 14, 2013 - L, 21-33

EWU'S SEASON-ENDING FCS/I-AA RANKINGS

- 1985 - 11th (NCAA Division I-AA Poll)
- 1992 - 14th (NCAA Division I-AA Poll)
- 1993 - 20th (The Sports Network)
- 1997 - 4th (The Sports Network) & 4th (ESPN/USA Today)
- 2004 - 8th (The Sports Network) & 7th (ESPN/USA Today)
- 2005 - 13th (The Sports Network) & 13th (ESPN/USA Today)
- 2007 - 8th (The Sports Network) & 8th (Coaches)
- 2009 - 13th (The Sports Network) & 13th (Coaches)
- 2010 - 1st (The Sports Network) & 1st (Coaches)
- 2012 - 4th (The Sports Network) & 4th (Coaches)
- 2013 - 3rd (The Sports Network) & 3rd (Coaches)
- 2014 - 4th (The Sports Network) & 4th (Coaches)
- 2016 - 4th (STATS) & 4th (Coaches)
- 2017 - 21st (STATS) & 22nd (Coaches)
- *EWU was ranked in the top 25 in 57 consecutive polls until being unranked in the season-ending rankings in 2015.*

and 17 on offense. Of the players lost from the 2017 team, four had at least 20 starts. They collectively had 128 starts, including 98 on defense and 26 on offense.

Current Starts on Defense (336 starts by 22 players): **Mitch Fettig** 43, **Josh Lewis** 35, **Nzuzi Webster** 26, **Keenan Williams** 26, **Ketner Kupp** 26, **Cole Karstetter** 25, **Jay-Tee Tiuli** 24, **D'londo Tucker** 22, **Dylan Ledbetter** 20, **Kurt Calhoun** 18, **Nick Foerstel** 12, **Tysen Prunty** 10, **Jonah Jordan** 10, **Jim Townsend** 9, **Dehonta Hayes** 9, **Chris Ojoh** 7, **Jack Sendelbach** 4, **Calin Criner** 3, **Kedrick Johnson** 3, **Conner Baumann** 2 (including 1 as a fullback), **Andrew Katzenberger** 1, **Anfernee Gurley** 1.

Current Starts on Offense (336 starts by 19 players): **Chris Schlichting** 39, **Spencer Blackburn** 36, **Gage Gubrud** 28, **Tristen Taylor** 28, **Jack Hunter** 26, **Nsimba Webster** 25, **Antoine Custer Jr.** 21, **Matt Meyer** 18, **Terence Grady** 18, **Kaleb Levao** 17 (including 1 as defensive lineman), **Zach Eagle** 13, **Andrew Boston** 13, **Henderson Belk** 12, **Sam McPherson** 10, **Eric Barriere** 10, **Beau Byus** 10, **Jayce Gilder** 6, **Jayson Williams** 4, **Johnny Edwards IV** 2.

Championship Information & EWU Postseason History

Eastern Returns to Site of 2010 Title Victory

After a season full of late-game rallies and gut-wrenching victories, then Eastern football coach Beau Baldwin had a simple response following his team's 20-19 victory over Delaware in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Game Jan. 7, 2011, at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas.

"Why wouldn't we?"

That became the mantra of Baldwin and his team, long before the title game victory in which the Eagles scored three touchdowns in the final 16:48 of the game to rally from a 19-0 deficit and end their season with a school-record 11-game winning streak. Eastern won six games when it trailed or was tied in the fourth quarter. But the championship game victory was by far the largest deficit the Eagles faced in those six games, and the most gratifying.

Texas native Bo Levi Mitchell was selected as the game's Most Outstanding Player after passing for all three Eastern touchdowns in the comeback. He finished with 302 yards through the air, giving him a school-record 37 TD passes for the season. Defensively, Buck Buchanan Award Winner J.C. Sherritt had 18 tackles to equal the seventh-most in school history, as the Eagles held the Blue Hens scoreless on their last four possessions.

"This game wouldn't be right if that didn't happen – if we didn't go down 19-0 and have to make a comeback," said Mitchell, who is formerly from Katy, Texas, and transferred from Southern Methodist University near Frisco. "And for these players – especially J.C. – to make a stop on defense to win this game, if it wasn't like that, it just wouldn't be right."

Baldwin's team found itself behind 19-0 mid-way through the third quarter and had been out-gained 337-98 at that point in total offense. Eastern dominated the rest of the game, owning a 229-90 advantage with touchdown drives of 80, 89 and 63 yards.

Besides finishing 8-0 on its new, red Sprinturf surface at Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field), Eastern was 3-0 without its All-America running back Taiwan Jones. The junior rushed for 1,742 yards and scored 17 total touchdowns in 10 full games played and parts of two others, but a foot injury ended his season against North Dakota State in the quarterfinals as he missed the last two games of the playoff run. Jones would later announce he was leaving EWU early to declare himself eligible for the NFL Draft.

In particular, the overtime victory against North Dakota State tested Eastern's mettle, as the Eagles had to go on a 13-play, 90-yard drive to knot the game with 23 seconds to play in regulation. They were tested again against Delaware, scoring what would prove to be the game-winner with 2:47 left in the game. Mitchell had touchdown passes of 22 yards to Brandon Kaufman, 9 to Nicholas Edwards and 11 to Kaufman to end those three drives, then Eastern stopped Delaware on downs at the EWU 39-yard line with 47 ticks of the clock left to wrap-up the title.

Eastern was no stranger to narrow victories, with nine of Eastern's wins coming by an average of 6.2 points per game, including seven decided by seven points or less. Of those nine games, the Eagles trailed or were tied in the fourth quarter of six of them, in one they trailed in the third quarter and in the other two they were scoreless in the final

stanza. Despite the late-season loss of Jones, the Eagles were a confident bunch of players who relied on being loose through the direst of circumstances.

"Our crew, at times, had what I call a loose focus," Baldwin explained. "But honestly, I think that helped them in a lot of tough situations. They didn't get tight and worried or afraid to be in a challenging spot. To have the opportunity to practice and play this late in the season, they had a blast because you don't have those moments very often."

Eagles Haven't Played a Road Playoff Game Since 2009

The 9-2 Eagles received a No. 3 seed and a second-round game after ending the regular season with a four-game winning streak. The No. 3 seed guaranteed the Eagles the potential to host at least two games up to the National Championship game. They then got a bonus third home game when No. 2 seed Weber State lost in the quarterfinals.

Eastern hasn't played a true playoff road game since 2009 when it fell at Stephen F. Austin in the first round, and has gone 13-4 in the 17 home games since then with playoff berths in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 and 2018. Eastern won the 2010 NCAA Division I title on a neutral field in Frisco, Texas. Overall, Eastern is 19-11 in the playoffs with a 15-6 record at home, 3-5 on the road and 1-0 in the championship game on a neutral field.

Four Big Sky Conference teams advanced to the playoffs and three of them were among the final eight teams alive heading into the quarterfinal round. The Eagles, though, are the last league team standing. Eastern was the 2010 NCAA Division I Champions after winning three home games in the playoffs and then defeating Delaware 20-19 for the title in Frisco, Texas. Eastern also hosted three games in 2012, 2013 and 2016, but lost in the semifinals all three seasons. Eastern hosted two more playoff games in 2014, falling in the quarterfinal round.

"We like to be at home – playing at home means you did a little bit more during the regular season," said Eastern head coach **Aaron Best**.

Eagles Rank in the Top 12 in Both Playoff Appearances and Victories, Even After Snub in 2017

The Eagles are making their 13th tournament appearance to rank 12th in FCS history, and have a 19-11 record all-time to rank eighth in wins. Head coach **Aaron Best** and his team had the mantra all season of "Leave No Doubt" after the team was denied a berth in 2017 after finishing 7-4 overall and 5-2 in the league.

"The standard around here are Big Sky championships and playoff berths, so when we don't do that it hurts," he explained. "I've been here 20-plus years and have been a part of a lot of victories, so it hurt when I couldn't tell those players last year why we didn't get in. The natural response is we didn't do enough on our resume to get in, but this year we didn't want to put it anybody else's hands. We weren't going to let a committee or people decide our fate. We decided our own fate, and here we are in the bracket and being allowed to play it out."

Eagles Continue Big Sky Success With Impressive Consistency

Consistency has been a cornerstone of EWU Football, and the Eagles have cemented a 15-year run of winning the league title and/or advancing to the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs at least every other year. Since 2004, Eastern has advanced to the playoffs and/or won the league title at least every other year, and hasn't had back-back-empty seasons since 2002 and 2003.

Eastern clinched its 10th Big Sky title and 13th appearance in the FCS Playoffs in what is now 35 years as a member of the FCS (formerly I-AA). Since 2010 when EWU won the NCAA Division I title, the Eagles have won league titles six times (2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018) and advanced to the playoffs all six of those seasons. From 2004 to 2009 Eastern advanced to the playoffs four times (2004, 2005, 2007, 2009), and won the league title twice (2004, 2005). Eastern has three other playoff berths in school history (1985, 1992, 1997) and two other titles (1992, 1997), and has only had two multi-year stretches in which they accomplished neither. Those were both six-year stretches from between 1986-1991 and 1998-2003.

The Eagles have been impressive – if not dominant – in the league in the last 12 years (2007-2018), winning 80 percent of their games (77-19) and six titles. In that span, Eastern has had no league finish below 5-3 and five of them have included 7-1 or 8-0 records. Eastern got the 2018 league season off to a great start on Sept. 22 with a 70-17 victory over Cal Poly, followed by wins over Montana State (34-17) and Southern Utah (50-17). After a 14-6 loss at Weber State, Eastern rebounded for victories over Idaho (38-14), Northern Colorado (48-13), UC Davis (59-20) and Portland State (74-23). A crowd of 8,789 was on hand for the UC Davis game – the 30th-straight sellout at Roos Field (crowd of 8,600 or more) and 42nd in history.

EWU Playoff History & Tidbits

• Eastern is making a 13th appearance in the playoffs in 2018, becoming just the 12th team in FCS to have 13 or more appearances. The other appearances for the Eagles came in 1985, 1992, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2016. With a 6-5 record during an injury-ravaged season in 2011, Eastern fell a victory shy of making its first back-to-back-to-back appearances, but accomplished that feat in 2012-13-14. The Eagles were also 6-5 in 2015 and missed the postseason, and 7-4 in 2017 when they were also passed over.

• This is Aaron Best's first playoff appearance as head coach, but 10th overall. He was a player in 1997, then coached in 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 and now 2018). He has now been a part of 25 playoff games (17-8), with 22 as a coach (15-7) and three as a player (2-1). He has been involved in 21 of those games at home (15-6), just three on the road (1-2) and was offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in 2010 when the Eagles won the NCAA Division I title with a 20-19 victory over Delaware on a neutral field in Frisco, Texas.

• Eastern now has 10 playoff berths in a 15-year span (2004-18), ranking the Eagles as one of only three schools among 123 in FCS to accomplish that feat. New Hampshire (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17) made the playoffs for the 14th-straight time in 2017. The third team was Montana (2004-05-06-07-08-09-11-13-14-15) with 10 appearances in that stretch.

• The Eagles have five appearances in the last seven years (2012-18), with only six other teams on that list (Jacksonville State, New Hampshire, North Dakota State, Sam Houston State, South Dakota State and James Madison).

• The Eagles have a 19-11 record in their 13 playoff appearances, ranking eighth all-time for wins. Eastern has a 15-6 record at home, 3-5 on the road and 1-0 in the championship game on a neutral field. Eastern has advanced to the semifinals in the FCS Playoffs six times (1997, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2018) and is 2-4 in those games. The Eagles have won their opener 10 times (1985, 1997, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018) and are 6-4 in the quarterfinals. The Eagles won the title in 2010 in its first and only appearance in the championship game. The Eagles have received first-round byes in 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018 (the playoffs were expanded to 20 teams in 2010 and to 24 teams in 2013).

2018 – (No. 3 seed, ranked #4)

#1/No. 1 seed **North Dakota State** - W, 20-19 (Championship/Frisco, Texas)
#12/No. 7 seed **Maine** - W, 50-19 (Semifinals/Cheney)
#7/No. 6 seed **UC Davis** - W, 34-29 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
#14 **Nicholls** W, 42-21 (Second Round/Cheney)

2016 – (No. 2 seed, ranked #3)

#13 **Youngstown State** - L, 38-40 (Semifinals/Cheney)
#12 **Richmond** - W, 38-0 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
#14 **Central Arkansas** - W, 31-14 (Second Round/Cheney)

2014 – (No. 4 seed, ranked #4)

#7/No. 5 seed **Illinois State** - L, 46-59 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
#12 **Montana** - W, 37-20 (Second Round/Cheney)

2013 – (No. 3 seed, ranked #3)

#5 **Towson** - L, 31-35 (Semifinals/Cheney)
#20 **Jacksonville State** - W, 35-24 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
#13 **South Dakota State** - W, 41-17 (Second Round/Cheney)

2012 – (No. 2 seed, ranked #4)

#5 **Sam Houston State** - L, 42-45 (Semifinals/Cheney)
#16 **Illinois State** - W, 51-35 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
Wagner - W, 29-19 (Second Round/Cheney)

2010 – (No. 5 seed, ranked #1)

#5 **Delaware** - W, 20-19 (Championship/Frisco, Texas)
#10 **Villanova** - W, 41-31 (Semifinals/Cheney)
#25 **North Dakota State** - W, 38-31 in OT (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
#9 **Southeast Missouri State** - W, 37-17 (Second Round/Cheney)

2009 – (ranked #13)

at #12 **Stephen F. Austin** - L, 33-44 (First Round)

2007 – (ranked #14)

at #15 **Appalachian State** - L, 35-38 (Quarterfinals)
at #3/No. 2 seed **McNeese State** - W, 44-15 (First Round)

2005 – (ranked #15) -

at #7 **Northern Iowa** - L, 38-41 (First Round)

2004 – (ranked #14)

#9 **Sam Houston State** - L, 34-35 (Quarterfinals/Cheney)
at #1/No. 1 seed **Southern Illinois** - W, 35-31 (First Round)

1997 – (No. 3 seed, ranked #4)

#9/No. 8 seed **Youngstown State** - L, 14-25 (Semifinals/Spokane)
#5/No. 5 seed **Western Kentucky** - W, 38-21 (Quarterfinals/Spokane)
#17/No. 14 seed **Northwestern State** - W, 40-10 (First Round/Spokane)
1992 – (ranked/seeded #14)
at #3 **Northern Iowa** - L, 14-17 (First Round)
1985 – (ranked/seeded #11)
at #4 **Northern Iowa** - L, 14-17 (Quarterfinals)
at #5 **Idaho** - W, 42-38 (First Round)

2018 Honors

Led by Five First Team Honors by Alcobendas, Total of Six Eagles Receive All-America Recognition

Sixth-year senior kicker **Roldan Alcobendas** was honored on five NCAA Football Championship Subdivision All-America teams as a first team selection, heading a list of six Eagles to earn All-America honors in the 2018 season. Alcobendas was honored by the American Football Coaches Association, the FCS Athletics Directors Association, Associated Press, STATS and Hero Sports. In being honored for his perfect season kicking field goals, he was one of just 11 players nationwide to be honored on the FCS ADA All-America squad. In addition, he was also named on Dec. 9 as the winner of the Fred Mitchell Award as the top place-kicker among FCS, NCAA Division II, NCAA Division III, NAIA and NJCAA schools.

Senior nose tackle **Jay-Tee Tiuli** was as second team All-America selection by both STATS and Associated Press, and senior center **Spencer Blackburn** was on the AP second team and the STATS third squad. On Dec. 17, redshirt freshman defensive end **Mitchell Johnson** (first team) and redshirt freshman wide receiver **Andrew Boston** (honorable mention) were both selected to the Hero Sports Freshman All-America team, and the next day quarterback **Eric Barriere** was named to the Hero Sports Sophomore All-America team as an honorable mention pick.

Alcobendas is only the third All-America kicker in EWU's history as a member of FCS, and the first since Jimmy Pavel was honored as a first team All-American in 2012. The 2013 graduate of Camas (Wash.) High School earned first team All-Big Sky Conference honors as both a kicker and punter in the 2018 season.

Blackburn earned his All-America honors after earning second team All-Big Sky Conference honors three-straight seasons from 2016-18. The Eagles have now had 23 offensive linemen earn All-America accolades in 35 years in FCS (1984-2018), including 14 first team All-Americans. They have combined for 73 honors (37 first team, 19 second team, 5 third team and 12 honorable mention).

Tiuli was the Big Sky Conference Defensive MVP in 2018 and earned first team All-Big Sky honors. This is also his first All-America honor, and he is the first interior defensive lineman (not including defensive ends) to earn All-America honors for the Eagles since Renard Williams earned honorable mention in 2011 and first team accolades in 2010.

Alcobendas Wins Fred Mitchell Award as Top Place-Kicker in the Nation

A national player of the year award was probably the furthest thing on the mind of **Roldan Alcobendas** when he was laying on a high school soccer field in the spring of 2013 and on the turf at Bobcat Stadium in Bozeman, Mont., a year-and-a-half later.

But after two knee surgeries and more rehabilitation work than most people can endure, the sixth-year senior has been recognized for his perseverance and accuracy as the 2018 recipient of the Fred Mitchell Award. The announcement was made on Monday (Dec. 10), just a few days after Mitchell notified him he had won the award, presented for excellence on the football field and in the community.

"I'm a loss of words and was honestly speechless when Mr. Mitchell let me know," said Alcobendas, a 2013 graduate of Camas (Wash.) High School. "I'm very honored to be recognized with this award."

Alcobendas will receive the award in February at the National Football Foundation Chicago Metro Chapter Awards Ceremony at Halas Hall. The honor has

been awarded since 2009, and is presented to the nation's top place-kicker in FCS, Division II, Division III, NAIA, and NJCAA for excellence on the football field and in the community. Over 750 place-kickers are eligible. The honor has been awarded since 2009, and is presented to the nation's top place-kicker in FCS, Division II, Division III, NAIA, and NJCAA for excellence on the football field and in the community. Over 750 place-kickers are eligible.

His 113 kick-scoring points this season broke the school record of 103 and ranks fifth in Big Sky history, and his 314 career points are also a school record and rank sixth all-time in the league. His second extra point of the season was blocked, but he's made all 67 since then for a season total of 68-of-69 to break his own single season consecutive makes record of 63 set in 2016. He also owns the career record with 85-straight from 2016-2017.

"It's incredible, absolutely incredible," said Eastern head coach **Aaron Best**. "He came in wounded and worked his way back on the football field. He hurt his knee again in 2014 in Bozeman and came back again from that. The evaluative measure for a kicker is putting it between the pipes – it doesn't matter how long or how pretty, it matters if it gets done. Roldan got it done."

The Award is named for Fred Mitchell, an All-America place-kicker from Wittenberg University and 41-year sports columnist for the Chicago Tribune. Said Mitchell: "[Roldan Alcobendas](#) checks all the boxes when it comes to fulfilling the criteria for being the 2018 Fred Mitchell Award winner. His perseverance following a pair of devastating knee injuries has been remarkable. And his commitment to community service is what we are all about. We are proud to add him to our family of distinguished winners."

"I give all the credit to all 11 guys," he said. "Coach Best always says what matters is for everybody to do their job to make this operation work. I honestly wouldn't have been able to do this without them, including **Curtis Billen** who has been our snapper for the last four years. And I've had a few holders, but I have full trust that they are going to execute their job just like they think I'm going to execute mine."

As a bonus for his past suffering, Alcobendas received a sixth year to complete four years of eligibility because of injuries that cost him a pair of seasons. Alcobendas had to sit out both the 2013 and 2015 seasons because of knee injuries – one suffered while playing in his senior year of soccer.

"It was a very humbling experience," he said of the rehabilitation after the surgeries. "I took this year to really work on my craft. I'm very blessed to be in this situation."

Alcobendas is the only player in FCS (minimum of one attempt per game) to be perfect kicking field goals (15-of-15). Alcobendas is 11th in FCS in scoring overall and third in kick scoring (8.7 per game), and is 31st with an average of 1.15 field goals per game. His 44.9 punting average is second nationally, ranking only behind a punter who plays for a school in Florida (Chris Faddoul, Florida A&M, 46.8). The season (44.9) and career averages (44.8) for Alcobendas are both on pace to either tie or break school records of 44.9 and 43.8, respectively.

"It's a testament of how much hard work and effort I've put in to this point," he said of his accuracy. "Those previous years weren't up to my standards, so I truly took the time to improve."

The Eastern football program participate in numerous community service projects during the year, and Alcobendas participated in youth clinics, Cheney "Clean-Sweep" campus pick-up days, Special Olympics and the "Light the Way Dinner Auction" to help raise funds for the American Childhood Cancer Organization of the Inland Northwest.

Alcobendas earned Big Sky All-Academic honors in 2016 and 2017, and has a 3.23 GPA as a business administration marketing major with a minor in communications. He recently concluded coursework for his degree.

"He's a better person than he is a player," added Best. "He's persevered and come back, and had to have thoughts of whether this was really for him. He got his sixth year, and to he not only kicked and punted for us, but he was the best in the league in both. Now he is being recognized as best in the nation for what he does, both on and off the field. He has great parents and great structure, and I'm just proud and privileged to have been a part of his journey. I couldn't see a more deserving individual earning this award."

Earlier this season, Alcobendas moved past Troy Griggs (231 from 1998-01) and Mike Jarrett (236 from 2008-11) for the all-time EWU lead for kick scoring. Alcobendas has also established EWU career records for extra points made (209) and attempted (215), breaking the previous records held by Jarrett (2009-11) with 143 makes and 150 attempts. Alcobendas has made 35-of-46 field goals in his career to rank third in school history for field goals made and fifth in attempts. In his career, he has 108 kickoffs for a 57.4 average (6,198 total yards) with 17 touchbacks.

Alcobendas was rewarded three times this season (four in his career) with ROOT Sports Big Sky Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honors. His most recent honor came when he scored 11 points for the Eagles – just two from his career high – in EWU's 59-20 win over UC Davis on Nov. 10. He kicked a 24-yard field goal to remain perfect on the season at 13-for-13. He also converted all eight of his extra points and punted five times for a 39.8 average with four of his punts downed inside the UCD 20-yard line – three inside the 10. The average field position for UC Davis after his punts was their own 15-yard line, including the 5, 7, 9 and 19. Aside from two long touchdown runs of 46 and 69 yards, UCD got to EWU's red zone just once all day, and the Aggies had to settle for a field goal.

He also earned the honor after he kicked a pair of field goals in EWU's 14-6 loss at 13th-ranked Weber State on Oct. 13, and also added a punting record to his resume. He averaged 60.3 yards on seven punts in Eastern's defensive battle, including a school-record 78 yarder with the wind in the second quarter and another of 72 yards with the wind in the third. He also had a wind-aided punt of 63 yards, and a punt into the wind of 60. Two of his punts were downed inside the 10-yard line of Weber State. He now owns two of the top three punts in school history, with the previous record set by Jake Miller against Washington State on Sept. 8, 2012, with a punt of 74 yards. The 60.3 average for Alcobendas versus the Wildcats nearly broke the Big Sky record of 61.5 set by Eddie Johnson of Idaho State in 2002 versus Cal Poly. He kicked a 31-yard field goal in the second quarter and a 27-yarder in the third quarter to remain perfect on the season.

He originally broke the school record for career kick scoring against Montana State on Sept. 29 and received his second career ROOT Sports Big Sky Conference Special Teams Player award on Oct. 1 as a result. He suffered a knee injury in 2014 at Bobcat Stadium, then returned two years later and won his first Big Sky POW honor in 2016 after a performance in Bozeman. He scored 11 points in 2016 and had 10 more in this year's 34-17 victory. In 2018, he converted field goals of 24 and 25 yards versus the Bobcats, converted four extra points and punted four times for a 46.8 average with a long of 60. Three of his punts were downed inside the MSU 20-yard line, including a key 59-yarder in the fourth quarter. In all, the average field position for MSU after his punts was the 14-yard line.

"It was a proud, proud moment to watch him put the ball through the pipes and get the record," Best said of his 24-yarder that gave EWU a 17-10 second-quarter lead versus the Bobcats. "We didn't mention it before or during the game, but after the game we talked about that. What an accomplishment for him after everything he's overcome in six years here, but it feels like about 10 years."

He finished the 2016 season 9-of-15 kicking field goals and made 73-of-74 extra points. He made his last 63 extra points in a row in 2016 to shatter the previous season record of 47. His 73 total extra points made in 2016 were one behind the Big Sky Conference record of 74 set by former Eagle Kevin Miller in 2013. He also averaged 54.6 yards on 44 kickoffs with seven touchbacks.

He missed his first extra point attempt of the game against UC Davis on Oct. 7, 2017, ending his school-record string of consecutive career extra points made at 85. In the 2017 season, he made 46-of-47 extra point attempts and 10-of-14 field goals. He also handled kickoff duties much of the season, and averaged 59.8 yards on 39 kicks in 2017 with seven touchbacks.

Returning to the venue he suffered a season-ending knee injury in 2014, Alcobendas made field goals of 48 and 31 yards and had a career-high 11 total points in EWU's 41-17 victory over Montana State in 2016 to earn Big Sky Conference Special Teams Player of the Week honors. His 48-yarder was the best of his career, and equals the 23rd-longest in school history. He also had a 31-yarder blocked and made all five of his extra point attempts to account for 11 of EWU's points. In addition, he averaged 64.0 yards in three kickoffs, including one touchback.

Aaron Best is Fan Choice as FCS Coach of the Year to Go Along With Big Sky Conference co-Coach of the Year Accolades

The fans have spoken, and for guiding the Eastern Washington University football team to the NCAA Division I Championship game, they have voted Best as the best in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision.

With a late push of votes from Eagle Nation, EWU head coach **Aaron Best** was declared by Hero Sports as the FCS Coach of the Year in voting which concluded Dec. 21. Best received nearly 40 percent of the total votes cast, with a total of 2,078 to out-distance North Dakota State's Chris Klieman with 1,127.

The Eagles – which are 12-2 in Best's second year at the helm -- take on the Bison on Jan. 5 in Frisco, Texas, for the championship EWU won in 2010 and NDSU has won six of the seven years since. His team advanced to Frisco with a 50-19 win over Maine on Dec. 15, and Best was quick to praise the EWU's fans for such a monumental achievement in Best's 22nd year as either an Eastern player or coach.

"The crowd was amazing – thank you all for coming out," he said in his post-game press conference. "There was a lot of support and people buying extra tickets to help others get into the stadium. It helped, and it's always helps this time of year when school is not in session and there aren't as many students. But it sounded like a mid-season game. I can't say enough."

Becoming the fifth different Eastern football head coach to win the honor, Best was selected on Nov. 21 as the Big Sky Conference co-Coach of the Year as selected by his peers in the league, sharing the honor with UC Davis head coach Dan Hawkins. Best guided Eastern to a 9-2 regular season record overall (now 12-2) and 7-1 mark in the Big Sky to share the league title with UC Davis and Weber State. In two years at the helm, he has compiled an 19-6 record overall and 13-3 mark in the league.

"This has everything to do with the people we are surrounded with daily, and the resources available to us," said Best. "I can't be happier for our 10 assistants and the people behind the scenes who are able to make the days happy and productive. You are only as good as your staff members and your supporting cast."

Beau Baldwin, Paul Wulff, Mike Kramer and Dick Zornes are the four coaches who came before him, and all were honored at least once. Best played for Kramer, who won in 1997, and then served as an assistant coach under Paul Wulff (2001, 2004, 2005) and Beau Baldwin (2012, 2013).

"I'm happy and thrilled for Aaron," said Baldwin, who left EWU two years ago to become offensive coordinator at Cal. "He's very deserving, and it's amazing what he's done after the change that occurred from 2016 to 2017 with the coaching staff. He still was able to do a great job in 2017 and back that up this year. It says a lot about his leadership and the guys 100 percent buying in."

"To be mentioned in the same breath as Coach B, Coach Wulff, Coach Kramer and Coach Zornes, there are very few words to be able to describe that," Best said. "I've never envisioned this. Obviously, you want your team to have success, and this is a coaching staff award that comes as a result."

Wulff also won the honor in his second year at the helm, while Kramer won in his fourth. Best's conference winning percentage of .813 is currently slightly better than Baldwin (.806), who won his first coach of the year honor in his fifth season at the helm. Overall, Best (.750) is just ahead of Baldwin (.726) and Dave Holmes (.719), who coached five seasons from 1963-67. Zornes, who coached 15 seasons from 1979-93, won his honor in EWU's sixth year in the league after joining the Big Sky in 1987. Zornes and Best are both graduates of Eastern as well.

"The award means a ton, but team awards and individual player awards trump the coach of the year award," Best added. "It's humbling to be recognized by your peers in anything, but especially as intense as college football head coaching is. I've only found that out in two years."

Best led guided Eastern to a No. 3 seed in the NCAA Football Championships – his first playoff appearance as a head coach, but 10th overall. He was a player in 1997, then coached in 2004, 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016 and now 2018. The Eagles won three home playoff games to advance to the NCAA Division I Championship Game on Jan. 5, 2019, in Frisco, Texas.

"We are very proud of Coach Best for his leadership of our football program," praised EWU Director of Athletics Lynn Hickey. "He is a person of impact with his students, on our campus as a whole, and within the entire Cheney/Spokane

community. He is an outstanding coach with a tireless work ethic -- but most importantly is a really good person who stands by his values. He has guided his staff and team through a lot of adversity this year due to injuries, but has inspired them to move forward and leave no doubt that they were champions. This is a very well-deserved honor for coach personally, but also for the excellent staff he has surrounded himself with."

The Eagles set school records offensively for total points (623) and most games of 50 points or more (6, tied with the 2014 team), and defensively have tied a school record with nine games of allowing 20 points or fewer (also in 1997, 1981, 1964 and 1949). Amazingly, the Eagles have done that without the services of a bevy of players lost because of injuries. In fact, EWU's starting lineup from its second game of the season versus Northern Arizona was minus nine players -- three on offense and six on defense -- versus Maine in the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs.

What the Eagles accomplished this season was not lost on Kramer himself, a former veteran coach in the Big Sky and now retired. Eastern lost All-America quarterback **Gage Gubrud** at mid-season, but have won their last seven games while out-scoring opponents 345-139 for an average score of 49-20 and a winning margin of 29.4 points.

"Aaron and his staff weathered the loss of one of the iconic players in Big Sky history," said Kramer, who was also head coach at Montana State and Idaho State. "That is leadership. They never wavered and the best is still ahead of them in 2018."

"It's a sign of a very senior-laden team, and guys who don't flinch because they've experienced a ton of rocks on the windshield along their journey," explained Best. "It's great to connect and integrate former Eagles with our current Eagles, and coach Kramer talked to our team last summer. We are all connected in some way and know how special this place is, and he told the team three words that I'll never forget: 'Take the Candy.' He's had some very special teams along the way, and he felt like a couple of those teams didn't take the candy in terms of understanding how privileged they are, how well-equipped they are and how talented they are. Our team did that this year – they did take the candy and now it's time to take more candy."

Best has now been a part of 25 playoff games (17-8), with 22 as a coach (15-7) and three as a player (2-1). He has been involved in 21 of those games at home (15-6), just three on the road (1-2) and was offensive coordinator and offensive line coach in 2010 when the Eagles won the NCAA Division I title with a 20-19 victory over Delaware on a neutral field in Frisco, Texas.

Best himself is a product from the state of Washington, and that has long been a trademark of the Eagle program as "Washington's Team." The Eagles have 105 players in their program, and 82 of them – 78 percent – are from the state of Washington. Eastern's coaching staff is Washington-based as well, with eight of the team's 11 full-time coaches (73 percent) hailing from the Evergreen State. Best is a 1996 graduate of Curtis High School in Tacoma, Wash., and shares the same alma mater with **Brian Strandley** (1990) and **Jay Dumas** (1992).

Best made his head coaching debut versus Texas Tech in a 56-10 loss on Sept. 2, 2017 in Lubbock, Texas. It came versus the same team Baldwin made his EWU head coaching debut against back on Aug. 30, 2008, in a 49-24 Red Raider victory. Interestingly, Baldwin also graduated from Curtis, six years earlier than Best in 1990. Best was making his debut as Baldwin's offensive line coach in that 2008 game.

"The thing I like the most about coach Best is that he is authentically going to do it his way," added Baldwin. He's not going to do it like anyone else before him. It's what he believes in and it's rubbing through. The team sees that and respects that. The team and staff have bought into his vision and that's why they are in the position at the end of the regular season at 9-2 and a No. 3 seed nationally. It's all been earned, and I couldn't be happier with the job he's done since the moment he stepped in. I can't wait to watch the rest of the season unfold."

Freshman All-America Accolades Awarded to Mitchell Johnson and Andrew Boston

In a big year for the defense at Eastern Washington University, redshirt freshman **Mitchell Johnson** was awarded first team Freshman All-America honors on Dec. 17 from Hero Sports. In addition, fellow redshirt freshman **Andrew Boston** earned honorable mention as a wide receiver.

Mitchell burst on the scene in 2018 and responded with 27 tackles, a team-leading 4 1/2 sacks, a pair of interceptions, two passes broken up, a pair of quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble. Johnson earned second-team All-Big Sky honors in his first season as an Eagle.

A 2017 graduate of West Linn (Ore.) High School, Johnson was EWU's Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year when he redshirted in 2017. He played in all 14 games as a backup, and had season highs of four tackles in three different games. He had four of his sacks in consecutive games versus Northern Arizona, Washington State and Cal Poly. Two of them came against the Cougars, and he also had a half-sack versus Maine on Dec. 15 to advance EWU to the NCAA Division I Championship Game on Jan. 5 in Frisco, Texas. Mitchell also had interceptions against Southern Utah in the regular season and UC Davis in the playoffs. His fumble recovery came against Weber State on Oct. 13, but the Eagles have won seven games since then.

Boston enters the championship game second on the team with 43 receptions for 531 yards (12.3 per catch) and four touchdowns. He had a career-high nine catches versus Idaho on Oct. 27, and had five grabs for a season-high 89 yards and a TD against Nicholls in the first round of the FCS Playoffs on Dec. 1. He scored a touchdown versus Maine in the semifinals, and had scores against Washington State and Cal Poly in back-to-back games early in the season. He is from Puyallup, Wash., and is a 2017 graduate of Emerald Ridge High School. He was last year's co-Scout Team Offensive Player of the Year, sharing the honor with Marques Hampton Jr.

Led by Defensive MVP Jay-Tee Tiuli, Eagles Earn 23 Honors on All-Big Sky Conference Team

You can read between the lines with this highly-decorated list of Eastern all-stars. All 10 Eagle offensive and defensive linemen – including nose tackle **Jay-Tee Tiuli** as Defensive MVP – were among the 21 EWU players recognized with a total of 23 honors on the All-Big Sky Conference football team announced Nov. 20 by the league office.

Tiuli, a 6-foot-4, 320-pound senior from Federal Way (Wash.) High School, was joined by 15 other Eastern seniors to be honored, including two-way first-team All-Big Sky performer **Roldan Alcobendas** as both a kicker and punter. Senior wide receiver **Nsimba Webster** and senior defensive end **Keenan Williams** joined Tiuli and Alcobendas as first-team performers.

Seven players earned second-team accolades, including senior center **Spencer Blackburn** for the third-straight year. Junior offensive tackle **Chris Schlichting**, senior offensive guard **Kaleb Levao**, running back **Sam McPherson**, senior linebacker **Ketner Kupp**, senior cornerback **Josh Lewis** and freshman redshirt defensive end **Mitchell Johnson** were also second teamers.

On the third team were senior offensive tackle **Beau Byus**, senior offensive guard **Jack Hunter**, sophomore quarterback **Eric Barriere**, senior safety **Mitch Fettig**, senior tight end **Henderson Belk** as a fullback and senior long snapper **Curtis Billen** as a special teams player. Four Eagles received honorable mention – junior running back **Antoine Custer Jr.**, junior defensive tackle **Dylan Ledbetter**, senior cornerback **D'londo Tucker** and senior cornerback/nickel back **Nzuzi Webster**, who was recognized by the league at safety.

"We're very proud of these players, and it is very team driven," said Eastern head coach **Aaron Best**. "When you do well as a team on a particular side of the ball it's noticed by the league's coaches. We had an outstanding season in all three phases – offense, defense and special teams – and the all-league team reflects that."

Tiuli is just the sixth Eagle to earn player of the year honors on that side of the ball, joining J.C. Sherritt (2010), Greg Peach (2008), Joey Cwik (2005), Chris Scott (1997) and Jason Marsh (1993). Eastern has won 14 honors on offense, including the first co-MVP tandem in 2016 when Cooper Kupp and Gage Gubrud were honored. That capped a stretch in which EWU won the MVP honor on offense in 12 of 17 years.

"The league has spoken by naming him as the defensive MVP, and they certainly saw what we see every day at practice," Best said. "Congratulations goes to him, as well as his teammates because he makes a ton of those players on that side of the ball better. And that's why we are where we are defensively with a huge

progression from where we were the last couple of years."

Tiuli is only the 10th Big Sky Conference interior lineman to win the defensive award since 1974 -- 45 years. He's only the second in the league since Scott from EWU won it in 1997.

"It's hard to do but it's well-earned," said Best. "He's a player we count on – he's our bell-cow. It shows his versatility in not only stopping the run, but getting to the quarterback."

Tiuli has been a dominant force in the middle, and in the 13 games he's played he has 38 tackles, four sacks, two passes broken up, a quarterback hurry, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery for a touchdown. He has started 24 of the 49 out of a possible 50 games he has played the last four seasons at EWU (he missed EWU's 2018 playoff game versus Maine for violation of team rules). He has had 115 total tackles with 12 1/2 sacks, four quarterback hurries, four passes deflected, a pair of forced fumbles and a fumble he recovered for a touchdown. He had to redshirt in 2017 because of an injury, but before the start of that season he earned third team preseason All-America honors from STATS.

"That redshirt year last year really vaulted him into the elite company of this league," Best said. "I have a lot of respect for the coaches around the league for selecting him."

Eastern finished as the Big Sky co-champions with a 7-1 record, and owned the best point differential in the league of 31.1 points per game. Eastern averaged 48.0 on offense and 16.9 on defense to lead the league in both categories, with UC Davis having the next-best margin at a plus 17.4 per game.

Eastern's offensive line was as veteran and experienced as any other position for the Eagles. Blackburn, a second-team All-Big Sky choice the last two seasons, has started 36 of the 38 games he has played as an Eagle, including the last 36. Schlichting has started all 39 games he has played.

In addition, Hunter has started 26 of 39 games played; Levao 17 of 37 games; and Byus 10 of 36, giving EWU a total 128 starts and 189 games played among that quintet (average of 26/38). And that doesn't even account for the contributions of Belk, who started 12 of 44 games thus far in his career.

"Getting all five offensive linemen some sort of recognition is huge, and has been accomplished very few times here," Best said. "Kudos to (offensive line) coach **Jase Butorac** and company for getting that done."

The Eagles led the league in offense with an average of 557.4 yards per league game, and was also second in defense at 346.6. That average advantage of 210.8 was also the best in the league by more than triple that of UC Davis with an advantage of 66.7.

"We had a good mix, although I would have liked to see a few more on the first team offensively," added Best of the entire squad of honorees. "We did some really good things in the conference with our running game and ranked second in the country in total offense. Nsimba obviously represents us well at the wide receiver position."

"Defensively we were very decorated on the defensive line, at linebacker and in the secondary," Best said. "With Mitch on the list as a freshman and Keenan as a senior, we had bookend defensive ends honored, with the senior going out with a bang as a first team selection."

"We were happy to see on special teams Roldan earn first team as a kicker and then doubling as a punter, and Curtis Billen getting recognized for paying his dues for four years here as a long snapper," added Best, with Billen serving as EWU's long snapper for all 50 out of 50 games the last four years. "It's incredible because he's been as consistent as anybody, and this is a huge honor for a player not too many people know about in the world of long snapping."

Pair of Eagle Senior Co-Captains on Academic All-District 8 Squad

Eastern football senior co-captains **Sam McPherson** and **Spencer Blackburn** were selected in November to the Google Cloud Academic All-District 8 Football Team as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). They now advance to the national ballot to select Academic All-America honors.

Most recently, **Cooper Kupp** earned Academic All-America honors back-to-back in 2015 and 2016 for the Eagles, who have had eight different players win 12

Academic All-America honors since 1989. A total of 67 have now been honored since then on the All-District squad, which includes NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) and Bowl Subdivision (FBS) football players from schools in Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Alaska, Hawaii and British Columbia.

McPherson is a running back with a 3.75 grade point average as a mechanical engineering major (through fall quarter of 2018), and Blackburn is a center with a 3.67 GPA in professional accounting. McPherson graduated from Bothell (Wash.) High School in 2015, and Blackburn graduated in 2014 from Meridian HS in Bellingham, Wash.

Player Notes

Barriere Leads EWU to Trio of Postseason Wins and is Now 8-1 as a Starter

Quarterback **Eric Barriere** took over as EWU's starter from the injured **Gage Gubrud** in Eastern's sixth game of the season, and has led EWU on a seven-game winning streak streak with a trio of playoff wins. Barriere is now 8-1 as a starter this season and 9-1 in his career, and was selected on Dec. 18 as an honorable mention Sophomore All-America selection by Hero Sports.

He has steadily been climbing the national rankings despite playing in three of EWU's first five games of the season as a backup to **Gage Gubrud**. He's 10th in FCS in passing efficiency (150.8), 39th for passing yards overall (2,252) and 13th in touchdown passes with 24 after setting school and FCS Playoff records with seven versus Maine on Dec. 15.

During the seven-game winning streak he's directed, the Eagles have out-scored opponents 345-139 for an average score of 49-20 and a winning margin of 29.4 points. So far in 13 games played in 2018, Barriere has completed 177-of-286 passes (61.9 percent) for 2,252 yards and 24 touchdowns, with 90 rushes for 603 yards (6.7 per carry) and seven scores. He is just three yards from Gubrud's single season record for rushing yards by a quarterback of 606 in 2016.

In his first postseason start against Nicholls on Dec. 1, Barriere accounted for 216 yards of offense. He was 17-of-29 passing for 162 yards and a touchdown, and added 54 yards on the ground. He followed that with a 21-of-25 (84.0 percent) passing performance against UC Davis and 278 total yards (235 passing, 43 rushing). His 29-yard scramble was the first play of a game-winning 75-yard driving in the final minute for the Eagles in the 34-29 quarterfinal victory.

His third playoff game featured a career-high 405 yards of total offense, with 352 passing and 53 rushing. He had seven touchdown passes to set new school and FCS Playoff records. He tied the EWU record of seven set by Vernon Adams Jr. versus Washington on Sept. 6, 2014, and broke the previous FCS Playoffs record of six held by five former players, including Eagles Kyle Padron and Adams in 2012.

Barriere certainly had the Midas touch to end the regular season on Nov. 16 in Hillsboro, Ore., and as a result earned a pair of player of the week honors. He was not only the Big Sky Conference co-Offensive Player of the week, but College Football Performance Awards named Barriere as its FCS National Player of the Week. He accounted for 40 points and 315 yards of offense in EWU's 74-23 victory at Portland State in directing EWU to its 10th Big Sky Conference football title in school history.

Barriere scored on a 66-yard touchdown on the game's third offensive play, setting the stage for what was to come for the Eagles. Including his six rushes for 99 yards and 15 pass completions for 216, he averaged 15.0 yards on those plays. with a touchdown every 3.5 times he rushed or completed a pass. He completed 15-of-27 passes for a career-high five touchdowns and an efficiency rating of 176.5. Including his rushing touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversion passes, he accounted for 40 points for the Eagles.

"He's been awesome and his teammates trust him," said Eastern head coach **Aaron Best** on the injury replacement for All-American **Gage Gubrud**. "He prepares well and he's a playmaker. He may not be as fluid in the pass game and as concrete with certain things that Gage was exposed to, but he's definitely a dynamic playmaker."

In his 18-game career, he has completed 61.5 percent of his passes (192-of-312) for 2,390 yards, 25 touchdowns and seven interceptions, and has rushed 108 times for 651 yards and eight more TDs. He has a passing efficiency rating of 150.8 this season and 147.2 in his career.

"His leadership will continue to grow, but we didn't expect that as a sophomore in the shoes he's in," Best continued. "It's going to take time, and it took Gage some time. The thing I'm most impressed with by Eric is that he's very unflappable for the most part. No matter if he throws a good ball or a bad ball, he's very competitive and he expects a lot out of himself. A lot of times you wouldn't know that from his mannerisms because he always smiles. That what makes him who he is."

Barriere started for the Eagles in the first five games before suffering a season-ending foot injury against Montana State on Sept. 29. Barriere took the reins in the nine games after that, and they've produced nearly identical total offense numbers as starters. Gubrud averaged 283.2 passing and 33.8 rushing for a total of 317.0 per game; Barriere has averaged 248.8 passing and 62.1 rushing for a 310.9 average. Gubrud accounted for 17 touchdowns (13 passing, 2 rushing), and Barriere has had 30 (23 passing, seven rushing).

"He came here because we win and he wanted to be a part of a highly-productive, quarter-back driven football team," added Best. "He just got the opportunity to have the keys thrown up to him a little sooner than expected. Why wouldn't you rev that thing up? We tell him to go warm-up the car and drive it."

Barriere guided a 59-20 victory over fourth-ranked UC Davis on Nov. 10, in which EWU scored 21-straight points to take the lead for good in the first half. He also engineered a 48-13 win at Northern Colorado on Nov. 3 in a game the Eagles took a 20-0 halftime line. One game earlier, he led the Eagles to a 31-0 halftime lead and 38-14 victory over Idaho on Oct. 27.

In the sixth start of his career, Barriere completed 16-of-30 passes for 285 yards and a score against UCD, and finished with 60 yards rushing to give him 345 yards of total offense. Versus UNC, Barriere accounted for 309 yards of total offense for EWU – 245 passing and 64 rushing. He completed 24-of-36 passes and TD passes of 4 and 19 yards, plus he scored runs of on 9 and 15 yards.

Against the Vandals, he completed 29-of-42 passes for 326 yards and three touchdowns in his first 300-yard passing performance of his career. He also rushed for 70 yards and a TD, giving him a career-high 396 yards of total offense. His previous high was 331 versus Southern Utah on Oct. 6 in a 55-17 Eagle win. Barriere and the Eagles had a near-perfect first half versus UI, scoring 31 points and having a 364-129 advantage in total offense.

In a 55-17 win over Southern Utah on Oct. 6 in his first start this season, he passed for 233 yards and a touchdown and rushed for another 98 and two more TDs in just three quarters of action. He completed 13-of-21 passes and had his rushing yardage on five carries with no sacks. Making just his second career start, he completed a 48-yard pass on the first offensive play of the day for the Eagles, then later had an 85-yard rush for a touchdown – a school record for a quarterback and ninth-longest overall all-time -- to give the Eagles a 31-10 lead in the second quarter. He accounted for three of EWU's seven touchdowns, rushing for two scores and passing for another.

However, in a 14-6 loss at Weber State on Oct. 13, Eastern was held without a touchdown for the first time in 10 years. Barriere completed 19-of-42 passes for 185 yards and was intercepted twice in the fourth quarter to squelch Eagle drives. He had a net rushing gain of 18 yards despite getting sacked four times.

Barriere was also thrown to the fire during his redshirt freshman season when he made the first start of his career against North Dakota on Nov. 11, 2017, and led the Eagles to a 21-14 win. The 2016 graduate of La Habra (Calif.) High School had 185 yards of total offense, had a touchdown pass and scored once on the ground on a fourth down play to end the first half. He completed 13-of-23 passes for 130 yards and a touchdown, and rushed 15 times for 55 yards. He was sacked only once and had no turnovers. He rushed for a pair of first downs, and passed for another eight. Barriere helped Eastern to a turnoverless game, but had to recover his own fumble late in the game that was followed by a key 67-yard punt by Jordan Dascalio that was downed at the UND 3-yard line. Had Barriere not recovered the fumble, UND would have taken over at the EWU 31 trailing just 21-14.

By contrast, Vernon Adams Jr. – a former Eagle who Barriere draws comparisons to – had 75 yards passing (7-of-12) and 62 rushing (five carries) in

his starting debut in 2012 at Weber State in a 32-26 victory. Before the UND game, Barriere had appeared in three games in 2017 and was 1-of-2 for 13 yards and an interception, all coming against Texas Tech on Sept. 2.

Junior Chris Schlichting Has Started All 39 Games in His Career

Second-team All-Big Sky junior offensive tackle **Chris Schlichting** has started in each of EWU's 39 games in his last two-plus seasons for the Eagles. He started all 14 games as a redshirt freshman in 2016, all 11 in 2017 and 14 thus far this season. Senior center **Spencer Blackburn** has a streak of 36 consecutive starts since taking over the position in the fourth game of the 2016 season. He's earned second-team All-Big Sky honors in each of the last three seasons.

Junior offensive tackle **Tristen Taylor** had started 28-of-28 games as an Eagle until a season-ending knee injury kept him out of the lineup on Sept. 22 versus Cal Poly. Safety **Mitch Fettig**, a third-team All-Big Sky selection in 2018, had started 33-straight games until sitting out the Northern Colorado game on Nov. 3.

Eastern's offensive line entering the year boasted a starting five with 88 starts between them. Currently they have 146, including 39 by Schlichting; 36 by Blackburn; 28 by Taylor; 26 by **Jack Hunter** and 17 by **Kaleb Levao**. However, against Cal Poly and the team's subsequent games, Taylor was unavailable because of a season-ending knee injury and former tight end **Beau Byus** is now starting in his place. Converted guard **Matt Meyer** had to start at tackle in place of Byus on Oct. 13, then started instead of Levao on Nov. 10. Levao earned second-team All-Big Sky honors, Hunter was on the third team and Byus received honorable mention as all five Eagle offensive linemen received all-league accolades.

A total of 16 players have started at least 18 games. The others include Fettig (43 starts/44 played), linebacker **Ketner Kupp** (26/47), cornerback **Josh Lewis** (35/50), cornerback **Nzuzi Webster** (26/52), defensive end **Keenan Williams** (26/42), rover **Cole Karstetter** (25/35) and **Kurt Calhoun** (18/34) on defense; and quarterback **Gage Gubrud** (28/32), running back **Antoine Custer Jr.** (21/34), wide receiver **Nsimba Webster** (25/43) and guard **Matt Meyer** (18/34) on offense.

Kupp Up to 15th in School History in Tackles with 256

One of the team's co-captains, **Ketner Kupp** leads the Eagles in tackles with 104 to rank 27th in school history, and has also broke-up three passes and has five quarterback hurries. The second-team All-Big Sky Conference selection has 256 tackles in his career to rank 17th all-time at EWU, and has started 26 of the 46 games he's played in his career.

He had his eighth career double-figure tackling game against UC Davis on Dec. 8 in the FCS Playoffs, finishing with 16 to surpass his previous career high of 12. Against Nicholls on Dec. 1 he had 12 tackles and a 95-yard interception return for a touchdown, which ranks second in school history. The only return longer was a 96-yarder by Maurice Perigo versus Southwest Texas State on Sept. 21, 1996.

Kupp is the younger brother of four-time EWU FCS All-American Cooper Kupp, who now plays for the Los Angeles Rams in the NFL. Interestingly, Cooper's longest plays as an Eagle were pass plays of 78 and 75 yards and a pair of 76-yard punt returns. Cooper is a third-generation NFL player from his family – his grandfather, Jake, played from 1964-75 as a guard with Dallas, the Washington Redskins, Atlanta Falcons and the New Orleans Saints. Cooper and Ketner's father, Craig, was a fifth-round draft pick by the New York Giants in 1990 and played in 1991 for the Phoenix Cardinals and the Dallas Cowboys.

With Careers Nearing an End, Webster Twins Contribute Mightily in Late-Season Wins

The Webster twins are making their mark in Eastern history, and both had a huge game on Nov. 10 when EWU defeated fourth-ranked UC Davis 59-20. They now have 95 games played between them, with a collective total of 51 starts.

Nsimba Webster, a senior wide receiver who earned first team All-Big Sky honors in 2018, is coming off a record-setting performance in EWU's 50-19 win over Maine in the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs. He had nine catches for 188 yards and four touchdowns, equaling EWU's school record shared by three other players and also tying the FCS Playoff record. It was his second-most yards in his career,

ranking behind the 212 he had on 10 catches in EWU's 2018 opener versus Central Washington. He now has eight 100-yard performances in his career.

He is sixth in FCS receiving yards (1,287 to rank 10th in school history), 19th in receiving yards per game (91.9) and 25th in catches (5.7 per game with a total of 80 to rank as the 11th-most in all-time at EWU). In his 43-game career (25 as a starter), he has caught 152 passes to rank 15th in school history, good for 2,141 yards to rank 18th and 18 touchdowns to equal the 16th-most all-time at EWU.

He caught three passes against UC Davis for 103 yards, including grabs of 32, 35 and 36 yards. He then followed that with five catches for 96 yards and a 68-yard score versus Portland State, plus had a 57-yard punt return in the win. He opened the 2018 season in blazing fashion with 10 catches, two touchdowns and a career-best 212 yards to rank as the ninth-most in school history. He followed that victory over Central Washington with two more touchdowns on seven catches for 176 yards in a win over nationally-ranked Northern Arizona.

Nzuzi Webster has 32 tackles with nine passes broken up and an interception he returned for key 45-yard touchdown in EWU's victory over UC Davis on Nov. 10. In his 52-game career (26 as a starter), he has 165 total tackles and a trio of interceptions. A third team selection as a sophomore in 2016 and honorable mention in 2018, he also has 31 passes broken up in his career to rank fourth in school history.

Nzuzi's third career interception was returned 45 yards for a key touchdown in the third quarter versus UC Davis to give the Eagles a 28-17 lead. He also had three tackles and recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter, and as a result earned ROOT Sports Big Sky Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors.

The twins are from Antioch, Calif., and were 2014 graduates of Deer Valley High School where they helped the Wolverines to an 11-2 record and semifinal appearance in the 2013 CIF Division I North Coast Section Playoffs. They lost to eventual champion De La Salle 57-27, whose roster included future Eagle **Antoine Custer Jr.** (who rushed for 1,141 yards and 14 TDs as his team's Sophomore of the Year). Nsimba passed and ran for 50 touchdowns as a senior and Nzuzi contributed greatly on offense, defense and special teams. Former Eagle and current Buffalo Bill Taiwan Jones ('07) also attended Deer Valley High School.

Fettig's Career Ends Six Tackles Short From Record for Defensive Back

Senior co-captain **Mitch Fettig** started 43 of the 44 games he's played in his Eastern career, but an injury has ended his career just short of the school record for tackles by a defensive back. He finished with 282 tackles to rank 13th in school history – just six from the school record by a defensive back of 288 set by Julian Williams from 1997-00. He passed the 263 by cornerback T.J. Lee (2010-13), who now plays for the BC Lions in the Canadian Football League.

Fettig also had six interceptions and 17 passes broken up in his career – including three break-ups in EWU's 59-20 victory over UC Davis on Nov. 10. A 2014 graduate from Olympia HS, Fettig was a third team All-Big Sky selection as a senior and junior, and earned honorable mention in 2016. He missed a pair of games with injuries as a freshman in 2015, but played in every games possible after that until missing EWU's game in 2018 versus Northern Colorado. He started all 14 games in 2016, all 11 in 2017 and the first eight in 2018 for a streak of 33 Eagle games in a row which was ended Nov. 3 at UNC. He played and started his last game as an Eagle versus Portland State on Nov. 16.

More Player Notes & Superlatives on All-Big Sky Performers

A first-team All-Big Sky performer, senior **Keenan Williams** has 142 tackles, 8 1/2 sacks and three forced fumbles in his 42-game career (26 as a starter). However, he suffered a late-season injury and is out for the rest of the year.

Senior cornerback **Josh Lewis** has started 35 out of the 50 games he's played as an Eagle, and has career totals of 146 tackles, 10 interceptions to rank tied for ninth in school history and 23 passes broken up to rank all-time at EWU. This season alone he has a team-high five interceptions and 12 passes broken up to go along with 57 tackles, a pair of sacks, a forced fumble and a quarterback hurry. He was a second-team All-Big Sky selection in 2018 and is expected to play in the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl on Jan. 19. Against Maine on Dec. 15 in the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs, he had a pair of interceptions, including one he returned 22 yards

to Maine's 1-yard line and set-up EWU's first score in the 50-19 romp. He also had five tackles and three passes broken up as he has helped EWU establish a new season school record with 70 PBU's this season.

A sixth-year senior, **D'londo Tucker** has 103 tackles, seven interceptions and also has 19 PBUs in his 49-game career (22 as a starter) to rank 12th in school history. He has four interceptions to go along with his 46 tackles and seven pass breakups. He earned honorable mention All-Big Sky honors in 2018.

Honorable mention All-Big Sky defensive tackle **Dylan Ledbetter** has 8 1/2 sacks in his 39-game career (20 as a starter), with totals of 116 tackles, five passes broken up and four blocked kicks. His blocks in 2018 have come against Northern Arizona, Weber State and Nicholls in the FCS Playoffs. After falling behind 14-3 against Nicholls, sophomore **Kedrick Johnson** returned a blocked field goal by Ledbetter for a touchdown and start a run of 39 unanswered points in the 42-21 win. Ledbetter's father, Mark, played as a linebacker at Washington State and lettered from 1986-89. He played in the Aloha Bowl on Dec. 25, 1988 and had eight tackles with a sack. He went on the play in the World League after signing a free agent contract with New Orleans in the NFL, and then played in the Canadian Football League for Sacramento, Birmingham and Calgary.

Total of 64 Players Play in Opener, Including Debuts by 16

A total of 64 Eagles played in EWU's opener versus Central Washington, including 16 players making their debuts in an Eastern uniform. Of the newbies, redshirt freshman **Andrew Boston** received the first start of his career in his first game, and finished with one catch for 10 yards. He is from Puyallup, Wash., and is a 2017 graduate of Emerald Ridge High School. **Tre Weed** was the only true freshman to see action for the Eagles, and he ended up returning four punts for 43 yards with a long of 22.

78 Percent of EWU's Roster are Players from Washington

The Eagles have 105 players in their program, and 82 of them – 78 percent – are from the state of Washington. Eastern's coaching staff is Washington-based as well, with eight of the team's 11 full-time coaches (73 percent) hailing from the Evergreen State. Head coach **Aaron Best** is a 1996 graduate of Curtis High School in Tacoma, Wash., and shares the same alma mater with **Brian Strandley** (1990) and **Jay Dumas** (1992).

32-Game Career Ends for Gubrud With Impressive 21-7 Record as a Starter and Big Sky Total Offense Per Game Record

Eastern head coach **Aaron Best** announced after the Idaho game on Oct. 27 that All-America quarterback **Gage Gubrud** will be lost for the season with a lower leg injury which required surgery on Oct. 31. Gubrud suffered the injury late in the game versus Montana State on Sept. 29 and has been replaced ever since by sophomore **Eric Barriere**.

"Eric Barriere is our quarterback moving forward and Gage Gubrud will be shelved for the rest of the season," said Best after his team jumped out to a 31-0 halftime lead over Idaho and won 38-14. "Everybody has Gage's best interests in mind, and that's where we stand going forward."

Gubrud finished his career as the owner of 21 school records, eight Big Sky Conference marks and three in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision, most coming in a sensational sophomore campaign in 2016. With 11,026 yards of total offense in his career, Gubrud averaged 344.6 yards of total offense per game to rank third all-time in FCS and break the Big Sky record of 328.9 set by Dave Dickenson of Montana with 11,513 yards in 35 games from 1992-95.

Gubrud went over the 10,000-yard mark in his career for total offense on Sept. 8 at Northern Arizona to become the fourth Eagle in school history to achieve that feat. He finished just 16 yards from joining those same three players in the 10,000-yard passing club, with a current total of 9,984 in his career. His average of 312.0 per game was a school record, and ranks third in Big Sky history and 20th in FCS.

His 11,026 yards of total offense ranks third in EWU history and 12th all-time in the Big Sky Conference. Gubrud also had 87 touchdown passes in his 32-game career to move into third in school history past Erik Meyer (2002-05) with 84. There are no official lists for TD passes in the 55-year history of the league, but it's

believed he's tied for eighth.

At No. 4 in school history in career passing yards with 9,984, Gubrud ranks only behind 10,000-yard passers Matt Nichols (12,616, #1 in Big Sky), Vernon Adams Jr. (10,438, unranked) and Erik Meyer (10,261, unranked). He is also third in total offense with 11,026 yards, ranking behind Nichols (13,308, #1 in Big Sky) and Adams (11,670, #7), but surpassing Meyer (10,942, #13).

Finishing 21-7 in 28 games as a starter, he was also third in school history in completion percentage (.646), third in efficiency rating (155.8), third in touchdown passes (87), second in completions (753) and second in attempts (1,165).

Gubrud had a school-record 10 400-yard passing performances in his career, three more than Adams with seven. He had back-to-back-to-back 400-yard performances on three occasions, and Adams, Jordan West and Matt Nichols are the only other quarterbacks in EWU history to have accomplished that feat two games in a row. Gubrud's 19 300-yard passing performances are tied with Nichols (19) and are one behind Adams (20) for the school record.

Gubrud owns school records with 13 performances of at least 400 yards of total offense and six with at least 500. He owns eight of the top 10 single game total offense performances in school history (1-2-3-4-6-7-8-10), plus the Nos. 14, 20 and 29 performances. He owns nine of the top 19 passing performances (1-2-4-7-13-15-16-18-19), plus Nos. 23, 40 and 45.

"It's incredible – not just for this team but for this athletic department and university," said Best of Gubrud's contributions. "He came on campus without a scholarship, earned a scholarship and then caught fire his sophomore year. He had an amazing career in just three years – really 2 1/2 years. He's an incredible leader, captain and teammate, and I call him a dear friend. He's meant a ton for us and will continue to mean a ton because he'll be a very good mentor for Eric side-by-side in-game, out-of-game and in the meeting room. We could sit here for an hour-and-a-half in talking about the greatness and accolades he represents. He's a true EKG (Eastern Kind of Guy), and we highly respect his work. It's just unfortunate his career was cut short due to a physical ailment."

In five games in 2018, Gubrud had 1,585 yards of total offense – 1,416 through the air and 169 on the ground. He completed 61.9 percent of his passes (99-of-160) and had a 156.8 passing efficiency rating. Although he no longer meets the minimum number of games played to be ranked nationally, in FCS stats released on Oct. 7 he was 12th in average points responsible for (18.0), 15th in passing efficiency (156.8), ninth in total offense (317.0 per game) and 12th in passing (283.2 per game).

More 2018 Team Notes

Eagles Equal Their Highest Rankings of the Season at End of Regular Season

At the end of the regular season, Eastern held steady at fourth in the STATS NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Top 25 poll of sportswriters, broadcasters and sports information directors, and remained third by the American Football Coaches Association. Entering the postseason matching its highest rankings of the season, Eastern was also a high of third in the coaches poll and was fourth in the STATS ranking before a 14-6 loss at Weber State on Oct. 13. Eastern dropped five positions in each poll after that loss, but remained in the top 10 on Oct. 15.

Also ranked nationally from the Big Sky Conference to end the regular season were Weber State (3 STATS/4 AFCA), UC Davis (7/10) and Montana State (23/24). The Eagles beat UC Davis 59-20 on Nov. 10 in Cheney in a key game for both schools with league championship and playoff implications. However, EWU suffered a 14-6 loss at Weber State on Oct. 13, allowing the Wildcats to earn the automatic berth in the FCS Playoffs. Eastern, which beat MSU 34-17 on the road back on Sept. 29, also pulled out a 31-26 victory on Sept. 8 at Northern Arizona, which at the time was ranked 18th by STATS and 20th by the AFCA.

In reaching its highest rankings of the season on Oct. 8 and again on Nov. 5, 12 and 19, the Eagles haven't been ranked third in the coaches poll since 2016, when EWU was also as high as third in the STATS rankings (to end the regular season). Eastern was as high as fourth in both polls in 2015, but in 2014 were ranked second

for nine weeks in the coaches poll, plus were second for eight weeks by STATS after entering the preseason with the No. 1 ranking. Eastern also spent at least one week in the top spot in the STATS poll in 2012 and 2011, as well as in 2010 when EWU finished first in both polls after winning the NCAA Division I championship.

The Eastern and Weber State game on Oct. 13 was picked in the preseason by STATS as the most important Big Sky game of the season on its list of Pivotal FCS Conference Games in 2018. The Eagles were seventh and the Wildcats were eighth in the AFCA preseason poll, and WSU was one slot better than EWU in the STATS preseason poll (8th/9th). Eastern is picked to win the Big Sky Conference title by the league's head coaches and media with WSU second.

Eastern ranked as high as fourth nationally in rankings released by a trio of preseason publications. Hero Sports pegged the Eagles as the No. 4 team in FCS, ranking behind defending champion NDSU, JMU and Kennesaw State. Eastern was sixth in the Athlon Sports rankings, and is the top-ranked Big Sky team in both polls. Eastern was 14th in the Street & Smith's top 25.

EWU Outscores Last Seven Opponents 295-120, Averaging 555 Yards

A 345-139 advantage on the scoreboard – an average score of 49-20 and winning margin of 29.4 points – only scratches the surface of how dominating the Eagles have been during their seven-game winning streak. Most notably, Eastern is averaging 556.9 yards of offense, compared to 379.3 for opponents, including a 270.9 to 156.1 advantage in rushing. Eastern has a big advantage in turnovers forced (23-8) with 15 interceptions.

Sophomore quarterback **Eric Barriere** has averaged 260.1 passing and 63.3 rushing for an average of 323.4 yards of total offense per game. He's accounted for 27 touchdowns – 22 passing and another five rushing. **Sam McPherson** has averaged 95.6 yards on the ground with six touchdowns, and **Antoine Custer Jr.** has averaged 59.2, with the Eagles rushing for a total of 21 touchdowns. Barriere's favorite receivers have been **Nsimba Webster** (42-607-6td) and **Andrew Boston** (23-269-2td), with eight different Eagles catching the 22 TD receptions.

Defensively, Eastern has forced 23 turnovers while having just eight giveaways on offense. The Eagles have had 15 interceptions, and for the first time since at least 1987 had at least three in three-straight games (Nov. 3-16). The Eagle defense also has 18 sacks, 38 passes broken up and 21 quarterback hurries in just those seven games. Sophomore linebacker **Chris Ojoh** has started the last six games and leads the way during the winning streak with 58 tackles, a touchdown-saving interception, six quarterback hurries, a sack, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a pass broken up. **Ketner Kupp** and **Nzuzi Webster** both returned interceptions for touchdowns, and **Nsimba Webster** returned a punt for a score. Kupp has had 55 tackles and a pair of passes broken up in those seven outings, and cornerback **Josh Lewis** has four interceptions with one he returned to the Maine 1-yard line to set-up EWU's first score in the 50-19 rout. Lewis also has four passes broken up and a pair of sacks, and cornerback **D'londo Tucker** has three interceptions. Defensive end **Jim Townsend** has three of the team's sacks and 24 tackles, and tackle **Keith Moore** has four sacks and 14 total stops.

A trio of injury replacements have also produced impressive statistics. Safety **Calin Criner** has 36 tackles, five passes broken up and an interception; safety **Dehonta Hayes** has 41 tackles, three passes broken up and an interception; and rover **Kedrick Johnson** has 30 tackles with a pair of sacks, a pass broken up and a quarterback hurry.

In a 59-20 win over UC Davis on Nov. 10, the Eagles finished with their most passes broken up (13) – the second-most in school history behind the school-record 14 EWU had in 1984 versus Montana State. Eastern also equaled the most turnovers forced since 2010 with five against UCD. One game earlier in a 48-13 win at Northern Colorado, the Eagles finished with the rare combination of three interceptions and six sacks. Only one other time in EWU's recorded history has that happened, and the six sacks were the most in a league game since 2014. Eastern's three interceptions equaled the most since 2009, and **D'londo Tucker** was the first player to have two in the same game since 2014.

Eastern started the winning streak with a 38-14 victory over Idaho following a bye week. The Eagles jumped out to a 31-0 halftime lead and held the Vandals scoreless for the first 38:27 of the game. Eastern finished with five sacks, six quarterback hurries and broke up five passes in holding Idaho to 204 yards passing and 159 on the ground.

Eastern Honored Huge Class of 27 Seniors Versus UC Davis on Nov. 10

If the number 27 isn't monstrous enough, 1,066 and 482 is.

Eastern honored a large group of 27 seniors on Nov. 10 when the Eagles played UC Davis. Those 27 seniors now represent 1,066 games worth of experience and 482 career starts. Broken down, the list includes 13 seniors on defense who have a collective total of 554 games played and 269 starts; the offense has 12 players with 420 games worth of experience and 213 starts. In addition, kicker/punter **Roldan Alcobendas** and long snapper **Curtis Billen** have 42 and 50 games worth of experience, respectively, on special teams. The group of seniors won 33 of 40 Big Sky Conference games and 48 games overall in the last five years, starting in 2014 when many of the seniors were redshirts.

No. – Name – Position – Height – Weight – Year – Experience Entering 2018 – Hometown (High School) – Games/Starts

#37 - **Roldan Alcobendas** – Kicker/Punter - 6-0 - 170 - Sr. - 3L* - Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '13) – 42

#46 - **Conner Baumann** – Defensive End - 6-2 - 250 - Sr. - 3L* - Bellevue, Wash. (Newport HS '14) – 35/2

#85 - **Henderson Belk** – Tight End - 6-4 - 245 - Sr. - 3L* - Mukilteo, Wash. (Kamiak HS '14) – 44/12

#39 - **Curtis Billen** – Long Snapper - 6-2 - 215 - Sr. - 3L* - Everett, Wash. (Mariner HS '14) – 50

#74 - **Beau Byus** – Offensive Tackle - 6-5 - 265 - Sr. - 2L* - Spokane, Wash. (Central Valley HS '14) – 36/10

#59 - **Kurt Calhoun** - Linebacker - 6-2 - 235 - Sr. - 3L* - Zillah, Wash. (Zillah HS '14) – 34/18

#80 - **Zach Eagle** – Wide Receiver - 5-8 - 175 - Sr. - 2L* - Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '14) – 25/13

#35 - **Roy Ebong** – Wide Receiver - 5-8 - 175 - Sr. - SQ* - New York, N.Y. (Kingston HS '13) – 1/0

#92 - **Nick Foerstel** – Defensive End - 6-3 - 240 - Sr. - 3L* - Tumwater, Wash. (Tumwater HS '14) – 37/12

#11 - **Terence Grady** – Wide Receiver - 6-5 - 205 - Sr. - 3L* - Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS '14) – 45/18

#63 - **Jack Hunter** – Offensive Guard - 6-4 - 295 - Sr. - 2L* - Spokane, Wash. (Gonzaga Prep HS '14) – 39/26

#91 - **Jonah Jordan** – Defensive Tackle - 6-1 - 265 - Sr. - 3L* - Spokane, Wash. (Mead HS '14) – 42/10

#33 - **Cole Karstetter** - Rover - 5-11 - 205 - Sr. - 3L* - Spokane, Wash. (Ferris HS '14) – 35/25

#66 - **Kaleb Levao** – Offensive Guard - 6-4 - 310 - Sr. - 2L* - Aberdeen, Wash. (Aberdeen HS '14) – 38/17

#1 - **Josh Lewis** - Cornerback - 6-0 - 190 - Sr. - 3L* - Lakewood, Wash. (Steilacoom HS '14) – 50/35

#70 - **Matt Meyer** – Offensive Guard - 6-5 - 315 - Sr. - 2L/TR* - Lynden, Wash. (Lynden HS '13 & Wash. St. Univ.) – 35/18

#31 - **Brandon Montgomery** - Cornerback - 5-10 - 185 - Sr. - 2L* - Tacoma, Wash. (Wilson HS '14) – 38/0

#99 - **Jay-Tee Tiuli** – Defensive Nose Tackle - 6-4 - 320 - Sr. - 3L* - Seattle, Wash. (Federal Way HS '14) – 49/24

#18 - **D'londo Tucker** - Cornerback - 6-0 - 180 - Sr. - 3L* - Federal Way, Wash. (Federal Way HS '13) – 49/22

#5 - **Nsimba Webster** – Wide Receiver - 5-10 - 180 - Sr. - 3L* - Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14) – 43/25

#6 - **Nzuzi Webster** - Cornerback - 5-10 - 180 - Sr. - 3L* - Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14) – 52/26

#90 - **Keenan Williams** – Defensive End - 6-3 - 265 - Sr. - 3L - Cheney, Wash. (Cheney HS '15) – 42/26

Senior Co-Captains ...

#75 - **Spencer Blackburn** - Center - 6-2 - 290 - Sr. - 2L* - Bellingham, Wash. (Meridian HS '14) – 38/36

- #4 - **Mitch Fettig** - Safety - 6-1 - 200 - Sr. - 3L* - Olympia, Wash. (Olympia HS '14) – 44/43
- #8 - **Gage Gubrud** - Quarterback - 6-2 - 205 - Sr. - 3L* - McMinnville, Ore. (McMinnville HS '14) – 32/28
- 40 - **Ketner Kupp** - Linebacker - 6-0 - 225 - Sr. - 3L - Yakima, Wash. (Davis HS '15) – 47/26
- #20 - **Sam McPherson** – Running Back - 5-10 - 200 - Sr. - 3L - Bothell, Wash. (Bothell 'HS '15) – 44/10

Eagles Now 52-10 on The Red Turf, Including 13-4 in the Playoffs

After winning all five of its regular season home games in 2018 and a trio of playoff games to extend its current home winning streak to nine, Eastern is now 52-10 (83.9 percent) overall at Roos Field since 2010. Eastern has lost just six regular season games at "The Inferno" – 39-6 (86.7 percent), plus are 13-4 (76.5 percent) in playoff games. The only regular season losses at home for EWU since then are to conference foes Montana State (2011), Portland State (2011 and 2015), Northern Arizona (2015) and Weber State (2017), as well as North Dakota State.

The stadium has been known as "Roos Field" since 2010 when a new red synthetic Sprinturf surface made its debut. Eastern finished a perfect 8-0 in its debut season at "The Inferno," including three playoff victories. Eastern has won 83.9 percent of its games since the red turf was installed in 2010 – including a 4-0 record versus rival Montana.

The North Dakota State game on Sept. 9, 2017, was the 50th at Roos Field since the red turf surface was installed in 2010. In 2016, Eastern finished 7-1 in the 50th season of football at EWU's current stadium location, which opened in 1967. Eastern has a 165-65 record (71.7 percent) in 230 games at Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field) since 1967, with the Eagles utilizing Joe Albi Stadium in Spokane as the school's main home field from 1983-89.

NCAA Passes Legislation to Allow True Freshmen to Play Four Games and Still Redshirt

The days of four years of eligibility are a thing of the past – now it's 4 1/2. The NCAA Division I Council passed a proposal in June of 2018 that will allow players to participate in any four games in a season and still use a redshirt that year. The change, not retroactive, took effect in 2018.

Eagle head coach **Aaron Best** and his coaching staff have made decisions on a game-by-game basis on which, if any, of the team's 23 true freshmen will play. The team has allowed selected "Eagle-Shirts" to suit up and play, but the No. 1 focus will be on making sure those players are physically and mentally ready to play Division I football. In Eastern's first two games, **Tre Weed** was the only true freshman among the 65 players who saw action. On Sept. 15, tight end **Aiden Nellor** saw action on special teams. Nellor played again on Sept. 22, and was joined by defensive lineman **Joshua Jerome** and running back **Isaiah Lewis**. Jerome had nine tackles in his debut, and Davis carried once for five yards. Weed, Nellor, Jerome and Lewis all played versus Southern Utah on Oct. 6. No true freshmen played at Weber State on Oct. 13, but **Anthony Stell** played in four-straight games from Nov. 3 against Northern Colorado to Dec. 1 versus Nicholls. Weed and Nellor played in their fourth games versus UC Davis in the regular season, and Jerome played in his fourth against Idaho. **Zion Fa'aopega** made his Eagle debut on Nov. 16 versus Portland State and saw action in the first two playoff games, and **Darrien Sampson** and **Justin Patterson** made their debuts versus Nicholls in the FCS Playoffs. Sampson and Lewis both played versus UC Davis in the playoffs, and Sampson also played against Maine.

Eagles Have Impressive 53-9 Big Sky Record Since 0-2 Start in 2011

The Eagles have won 53 of their last 62 Big Sky games since a 0-2 start in 2011. At one point the Eagles had won 44 of 50 league games, and the only Big Sky school which has come close to that in the 55-year history of the league was Montana, which won 50 of 55 games from 1995-2002 and 46 of 51 from 2003-2009.

Including four non-conference victories (two versus MSU, and one each against Cal Poly and Northern Arizona) and a playoff win (Montana), the Eagles have won

53 of their last 61 versus conference foes (2012-2018), and are 58-9 since the 0-2 start in 2011. Including three wins at the end of the 2009 season, Eastern has a 63-12 record in league games since then.

What's perhaps most impressive is Eastern's ability to consistently win on the road versus conference foes, with records of 23-5 on the road, 25-3 at home and 48-8 overall in the last seven seasons since 2012. Since then, Eastern has defeated every Big Sky team on the road at least once, including former Big Sky member North Dakota and a 2012 non-league road victory at Idaho, which re-joined the league in 2018. Until losing at Southern Utah in October of 2017, the Eagles had won their previous road game versus all 13 other league members. Eastern also lost at Weber State in 2018.

Eagles Continue Stretch of Success in FCS Statistics in Passing and Total Offense

In EWU's last 14 seasons (2004-2017), EWU has ranked in the top 10 in passing 12 times, total offense on 10 occasions and scoring five times. Eastern is poised to add to that with current rankings of No. 2 in total offense and No. 3 in scoring in FCS in 2018. In school history, EWU has won two FCS titles for total offense (2001, 1997), as well as three passing offense titles (2016, 2015, 2011) and two for scoring offense (2014, 2001).

In the 2017 season, Eastern was eighth in FCS in passing (320.5 per game) and fifth in total offense (476.7), and was also 14th in scoring (34.5) and 11th in third down conversions (46.1 percent).

Quarterback **Gage Gubrud** was second in FCS in total offense per game (357.8), and was fourth in passing yards per game (334.2), third in FCS in points responsible for per game (19.4), fourth in completions per game (26.1) and 13th in total passing touchdowns (26). In 2016 he led FCS in both passing and total offense (368.6 and 411.0, respectively).

Four Eagles Make NFL Rosters, Two as Starters With Rams

Four former Eagles were in uniform when the NFL regular season began in September, including a pair of starters with the Los Angeles Rams.

Cooper Kupp is a starting receiver for the Rams after bursting onto the scene last year with 62 catches for 869 yards and five touchdowns to earn All-Rookie honors by the Pro Football Writers Association. He and his wife, Anna, and their newborn son, Cooper Jamison, actually attended the MSU game on Sept. 29, 2018, to watch his brother **Ketner Kupp** play. Cooper returned to a venue he caught nine passes for 152 yards and two touchdowns as a sophomore in 2014, and 13 for 154 and a score in his senior year in 2016. In all, Kupp caught 42 passes for 617 yards and seven touchdowns in four victories versus the Bobcats. It was the first time in the last two years with the Rams that Kupp was able to see the Eagles play. Just two days prior to attending the EWU-MSU game, he caught nine passes for a career-high 162 yards and had the first two-touchdown day of his career versus Minnesota. He had a 70-yard TD reception in the 38-31 victory, giving him 24 catches for 348 yards and four touchdowns in the first four games – all wins – for the Rams.

Ebukam is a starter at outside linebacker after finishing with 31 tackles, a pair of sacks and a forced fumble in 16 games (two as a starter). Kendrick Bourne, also a rookie last year, is a backup wide receiver for the San Francisco 49ers and had his first regular season touchdown in the NFL on Sept. 16, 2018. He had 16 receptions for 257 yards as a rookie, all coming in the last eight games of the season. Veteran running back Taiwan Jones remains on the Buffalo Bills roster as he enters his eighth season in the NFL.

Aaron Neary had spent his rookie season with the Rams, even starting once at center in the regular season, but was cut at the end of training camp in 2018. He was then with the Cleveland Browns for less than a week until being released before the team's regular season opener, then was picked back up by the Rams for their practice squad.

Veteran Jake Rodgers, who last played for EWU in 2014, was released by the Pittsburgh Steelers, and rookie Albert Havili was released by the Bills after starting the preseason with the San Diego Chargers. He is now on the Baltimore Ravens practice squad.

With Kupp, Ebukam, Bourne and Neary, Eastern had four rookies play in the regular season in the NFL in 2017 – certainly extremely rare if not unprecedented by a FCS school. As NFL 53-man rosters were announced for 2018, STATS reported there were 157 players from 71 different FCS schools on regular season rosters, but Eastern is the only Big Sky school with more than two. Eastern has the sixth-most in FCS, trailing only Harvard (8), North Dakota State (6), James Madison (6), Illinois State (6) and Delaware (6).

Eastern also has five Eagles active in the Canadian Football League, including quarterbacks Bo Levi Mitchell (Calgary), Matt Nichols (Winnipeg) and Vernon Adams Jr. (Montreal). Linebacker J.C. Sherritt (Edmonton) and T.J. Lee III (British Columbia). Released in 2018 were Victor Gamboa (Ottawa), Shaq Hill (Edmonton), Cassidy Curtis (British Columbia) and Tevin McDonald (British Columbia).

Mitchell led the Calgary to the 2018 Grey Cup title after leading the Stampeders to the title back in 2014. He was the CFL's Most Outstanding Player in 2018 after throwing a league-best 35 touchdowns passes. He was 24-of-36 passing for 253 yards and two TDs in a 27-16 victory over Ottawa in the Grey Cup on Nov. 25 in Edmonton, Alberta.

After trailing most of the game, Eastern had back-to-back scores to take a 44-41 lead with 4:32 to play after a 53-yard drive. Eastern's defense held NDSU to single scores in the third and fourth quarters to that point, but the Bison put together a 15-play, 71-yard drive to knot the score at 44 with a 28-yard field with 42 seconds remaining. Following a 35-yard pass play on EWU's next possession, Jordan Dascallo missed a 49-yarder that could have won it. After an EWU interception in overtime, a 25-yard run by Lance Dunn on the first play of the ensuing possession by the Bison ended the game.

Eastern had 556 yards of offense, and had scoring drives of 82, 75, 85, 75, 62 and 53 yards. Eastern had 450 passing yards, while the Bison finished with 280 on the ground and 257 through the air for a total of 537. **Gage Gubrud** passed for 450 yards and four touchdowns, and rushed for 49 and a touchdown in a losing effort. He led the Eagles on four second-half scoring drives after Eastern lost senior wide receiver Cooper Kupp for the game with a shoulder injury.

In Kupp's place, Stu Stiles caught eight passes for 169 yards and a touchdown. Wide receiver Kendrick Bourne finished with eight receptions for 133 yards, while Kupp had a pair of touchdown catches in the first half and finished with five catches for 62 yards.

Senior safety Zach Bruce had a career-high 14 tackle. Linebackers **Ketner Kupp** and **Kurt Calhoun** were forced to start their first games of their careers because of a pair of injuries to EWU's starters. Kupp, brother of former Eastern senior receiver Cooper Kupp, finished with eight tackles. Calhoun, whose brother Tim was a tight end for the Eagles (2002-06), had 13.

Looking Back to 2010 . . . Eastern Washington 38, North Dakota State 31 (OT)

With their backs against the wall in a snowstorm, Eastern found a way to rally in the final minutes and upset North Dakota State 38-31 in overtime Dec. 11, 2010, at Roos Field in Cheney, Wash., in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs.

Junior running All-America Taiwan Jones led the Eagles with a career-high 230 rushing yards, but 138 of those came on his first four carries of the game as EWU jumped out to a 14-0 lead. He had 203 yards in the first half alone, then suffered a season-ending foot injury early in the second half.

After North Dakota State took a 31-24 lead with 5:51 left, Eastern put together a 13-play, 90-yard drive to knot the game with 23 seconds to play on a 4-yard touchdown pass from Bo Levi Mitchell to Nicholas Edwards. Mitchell, who was 13-of-32 for 141 yards, two interceptions and three touchdowns in the game, had entered that drive with just 38 yards passing.

Tyler Hart gathered in a 25-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell on the first play of overtime, then linebacker J.C. Sherritt forced a fumble that was recovered by teammate Zach Johnson to end the game with NDSU at the Eastern 1-yard line. Sherritt, an All-America senior linebacker who would go on to win the Buchanan Award, finished with a team-high 15 tackles to give him 406 in his career and break the school record.

With a steady snowfall in the second half and Jones out for the game, the Eagles had just 35 yards in the third quarter compared to just nine for the Bison. Eastern had 85 yards in the fourth and NDSU had 117 as EWU finished with 382 yards of offense to 316 for North Dakota State.

North Dakota started the second half with a kickoff return for a touchdown, the first one against the Eagles in 600 returns dating back more than 10 years to Sept. 25, 1999. But Eastern's Jesse Hoffman countered with one of his own on the ensuing kickoff, giving EWU a 24-17 advantage.

All-Big Sky Conference defensive tackle Renard Williams had two sacks and four total tackles for the Eagles, and Johnson finished with 12 tackles, a pair of passes broken up and a half-sack. His twin brother Matt Johnson chipped in 10 tackles, as did Tyler Washburn.

Recent Game Recap

Eagles Advance to National Championship Game With 50-19 Win!

For the first time in four tries in the semifinals since winning the 2010 NCAA Division I championship, the Eagles jumped out to a 21-0 lead in the first quarter and were victorious in the semifinals of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs by routing Maine 50-19 on Dec. 15 at Roos Field in Cheney, Wash. Sophomore quarterback **Eric Barriere** led the way for the Eagles with a career-high 405 yards of total offense,

Series History & Notes

* Eastern is 1-2 all-time versus North Dakota State, falling 40-13 at home in 2017 in the second game of the head coaching career of **Aaron Best**. Eastern also lost 50-44 in overtime in Fargo in 2016 and won by a 38-31 score on Dec. 11, 2010, in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs at Roos Field in Cheney, Wash.

Looking Back to 2017 . . . #2 North Dakota State 40, #7/6 Eastern Washington 13

After a close first half, Eastern suffered its second-straight defeat on the young season as second-ranked North Dakota State used a 31-3 scoring run and 375 rushing yards to roll past the No. 7/6 Eagles 40-13 at sold-out Roos Field in Cheney, Wash., on Sept. 9, 2017, in the 50th game on the famed red turf of Roos Field.

Eastern led in the second quarter 10-9, but the Bison scored the final 10 points of the half to lead 19-10 at intermission. An Eastern field goal early in the second half cut the advantage to 19-13, but NDSU scored on three-straight touchdown drives of 75, 72 and 40 yards to break the game open and take a 40-13 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Eastern was out-gained in total offense 532-204, including a 436-73 advantage after the first quarter when EWU led 131-96. North Dakota State had a 175-15 advantage in the second quarter and 261-58 in the second half. The Bison rushed for 375 and had 157 passing, while EWU finished with 134 through the air and had 70 on the ground. Eastern's defense, after allowing NDSU to convert just one of its first seven third downs, allowed the Bison to convert six of their last seven. The Bison finished 7-of-14 on third down, while EWU was 4-of-13.

Eastern scored on an eight-play, 75-yard drive in the first quarter, highlighted by a 50-yard passing connection from **Gage Gubrud** to **Terence Grady**. Gubrud also scored on a 2-yard rush. **Roldan Alcobendas** added field goals of 38 and 22 yards. Gubrud completed 10-of-30 passes for 134 yards and was intercepted twice. Senior wide receiver Nic Sblendorio caught four passes for 30 yards, and Grady had two for 66 yards. Running back **Antoine Custer Jr.** rushed 11 times for 48 yards.

Defensively, linebacker **Jack Sendelbach**, making his second start as an injury replacement for **Ketner Kupp**, had a career-high 13 tackles for the Eagles. He also had two fumble recoveries and contributed on a sack. Safety **Mitch Fettig** had 11 tackles, and broke up a pass, and linebacker **Kurt Calhoun** had nine tackles and a forced fumble.

In what was the and was a repeat match-up between top 10 ranked teams, a crowd of 10,231 were on hand for EWU's home opener. It was the 15th-most in school history as EWU now has had 21-straight regular season sellouts (crowd of 8,600 or more) and 33 overall.

Looking Back to 2016 . . . No. 1 North Dakota State 50, No. 8 Eastern Washington 44 (OT)

Top-ranked and five-time defending national champion North Dakota State rallied in the final minutes and beat No. 8 Eastern Washington University 50-44 on Sept. 10, 2016, in overtime in a thrilling showdown at the Fargodome in Fargo, N.D.

including 352 passing with seven touchdown passes to tie a school record and break the FCS Playoffs record. Wide receiver **Nsimba Webster** tied a school record and the playoffs record with four touchdown receptions, and finished with nine catches for 188 yards. Eastern also rushed for 216 yards against the top rushing defense in FCS, as EWU out-gained the Bears 568-479 in total offense. Senior **Sam McPherson** had 64 rushing yards, but three other players had at least 41. The Eagles didn't give up a sack versus a team ranked second in FCS with 47 total on the year. Junior safety **Dehonta Hayes** led Eastern defensively with a career-high 13 tackles, with EWU as a team forcing four turnovers, getting three sacks and finishing with eight passes broken up. Eastern now has 70 passes broken up this season to break the previous record of 67 set in 2010. Senior cornerback **Josh Lewis** intercepted a pass that set-up EWU's first score, then a strip-sack and fumble recovery by sophomore **Keith Moore** led to a second TD later in the quarter. Senior linebacker **Ketner Kupp** and sophomore linebacker **Chris Ojoh** each had eight tackles. Eastern led 28-0 at halftime and then scored 22 points in the second half to win its seventh-straight game. A week after forcing four turnovers in a quarterfinal win over UC Davis but not scoring any points off of them, EWU scored 14 quick points off turnovers in the first quarter. **Josh Lewis** had the first of his two interceptions early in the game at the Maine 22-yard line, and returned it to the 1 to set-up a TD pass from sophomore **Eric Barriere** to redshirt freshman **Andrew Boston**. Later in the quarter, after a strip-sack and recovery by sophomore **Keith Moore**, Barriere capped a 56-yard drive with a 3-yard TD pass to **Jayce Gilder**. Later in the quarter, Eastern went on a seven-play, 75-yard drive to take a 21-0 lead. That was capped by an 11-yard TD pass by Barriere to **Nsimba Webster** – the first of a school-record four Webster would have on the day. Eastern didn't allow a sack and rushed for 216 yards – 6.0 per rush – which played a big part in EWU scoring 50 points for the sixth time this season. Maine brought a defense to Cheney which led FCS in rushing defense and ranked ninth overall.

More Aaron Best Comments

On Depth of Defense Despite Missing Starters: "As long as we have players we have a chance. It starts with coaching, and then it relies on the belief of the players. After the belief it's the execution. We rotate and have rotated for years with a lot of players seeing action in a game on the defensive front. If you earn time you're going to get time. That is kind of our philosophy on defense. It's not as if we play 11 guys and if someone gets hurt then we play the 12th guy. We're playing 16 to 18 guys in a normal game anyways. It just so happens that some of those guys that were getting second string reps early in the season are now first string players. Some of the players that started third string are getting second team reps because they have earned it during the week of play. We can't say enough about those guys -- we only have who we have, and can only play with who we have. They are Eastern kind of guys -- that is why we recruited them and our DNA is going to stay that way for a long time."

On North Dakota State Program: "Coach Klieman is a great man. I met him last year when they came to Cheney in our second game. I have a high respect of him in what he does, what he presents, and the way he coaches. They are a well-coached outfit, they have a ton of wins under their belt, and they are the reigning champions. So, when you add all those things up, it's a great challenge in front of us."

On Maine Win: "It was a total team effort. I can't say enough to score 50 and allow only 19 in a semifinal against a very good Maine Black Bears team. That says something. Our team played very, very energized today and were very passionate. People wanted to know why we couldn't win in a semifinal on our home field since 2010, and here we are – we did it. This has taken a lot of time, effort, focus and energy to get to this point. But the journey doesn't end here. For three weeks we've been fortunate enough to knock off a league champion, and here we are playing against another."

On Challenge of Playoffs: "Our players are ready and our coaches are ready, and we don't flinch. That's a quality not a lot of people have. There is a lot of belief in the locker room and we carry that to the football field. We talk all the time about how the team is won from Sunday through Friday, and you have to put that on display on Saturday. We have to have our best preparation during the week – you aren't just going to wing it on Saturday. Our coaches have put players in positions to master what we are asking them to do on Saturday, and our guys are professional in their preparation. We lean on our 27 seniors, and some have had their careers cut short. But they are as important as any to get our younger players to get their eyes and minds in the right spot. Collectively we've done a great job to continue to be consistent in our approach in all three phases, and guys have been making plays. If we can continue to do that we always give ourselves a shot on Saturday."

On Playing a New Opponent: "We like preparing for opponents we haven't played against. Both teams are going lean on what has gotten us to this point, and each team will

throw a few things at each other. When the bell rings it will be a matter of executing what we put in place during the week. It maybe leads to an exciting atmosphere because it's not a common opponent. It's fun to play a team from another conference, and, again, a conference champion for the third-straight week."

On Journey to Success Since Becoming Head Coach: "This 22-month journey has aged me about 20 years. The people in our program are amazing, as well as our administration. I'm an Eastern alum and my wife is an Eastern alum – I couldn't write this script. I want us to continue to create an unwritten script, because those are best scripts. This is truly authentic."

On Backups Getting Thrust Into Starting Roles: "It's who we are and how we do things. Eric is a backup and one of seven backups who have had to step into starting roles in the playoffs. It's incredible – we like to make it hard, but iron sharpens iron. I'm proud of this bunch and can't say enough about them."

On Injuries: "You go and play games with the players you have -- we just find a way. We've been healthy at some positions and that's helped us in certain areas. We don't worry about who we don't have, but it's unfortunate that a lot of the lost players are seniors. They've played their last football for us and their final season is shortened. I think there is a respect factor by the players filling in for seniors and getting the opportunity to play. They've done a marvelous job – closing the gap between starters and the next man up is our job as coaches to develop players and depth over time. This is selfless team which does selfless acts."

On Nicholls Victory: "It's incredible. We have a lot of grit and resilience – that's who we are at Eastern. You can hang around about 40 seconds and you'll understand. I'm proud of this team and it's awesome to come back from a 14-3 deficit and end up winning 42-21. When two champions get together, there are going to be punches thrown back and forth. They threw more way early on, but we absorbed the punches and got our own punch in when Dylan Ledbetter blocked that ball. The block was awesome, but the return by Kedrick was even more awesome. We could have had momentum at 14-3, but at 14-10 we had a ton of momentum."

On All-Big Sky Running Backs: "Seeing Sam as a second team running back was phenomenal after watching him become our first 1,000-yard rusher since Quincy Forte. It was great to see his teammate in the backfield, Antoine Custer Jr., get honorable mention too after being banged up early in the year."

On Emotions This Season Compared to Last Year: "The feelings were different. We knew we would be hearing our name this year, but we didn't know where we would be in the bracket. Last year we were hoping to see our name anywhere and we didn't, so it was a little more emotional last year than this year. It's great to see the Big Sky get three seeds in the top eight – really the top six. The Big Sky is well-represented with Montana State also getting a ticket. This conversation is more fun than the one we had 365 days ago."

On Seniors Embracing Leave No Doubt Mantra: "A lot of it has to do with our 27 seniors. A quarter of our team – 27 out of 105 – are seniors. They got stung as juniors, and it's a lot easier when you echo something when it's heard and driven home by a quarter of the team. It truly helps when you have that type of veteran leadership on both sides of the ball. We learned from going 7-4 – we said we needed to get to eight to give us a better chance and leave no doubt. We got to nine so we exceeded those expectations."

On Innovation & Depth on Offense: "We're not boring – we're among the national leaders in total offense for a reason. We're innovative and coach **Bodie Reeder** does a great job. Earlier this season everybody wanted to know what we were going to do without **Gage Gubrud**. I'm passionate when I say that it's the people in place – we have competitive depth here and when you miss a piece you don't have to reach very far. **Eric Barriere** has filled in amicably and he's only going to get better as his career goes on. It's fun to have trick plays and we practice and make them good during the week."

On Defense: "Our defense has been good from game one. We aren't with all of our starters and we continue to make strides. When you create turnovers, are decent on third down and when you stop a team and make them one-dimensional, it bodes well for us."

On Senior Day: "Having 27 seniors is a high number, but they have all those games under their belts too. We have a couple of sixth-year guys with a few more games than the average fifth-year senior would have. But it's an incredible group. To be able to rely on a quarter of your team to perform on and off the field is like having 27 other assistant coaches out there. We are very privileged and very thankful for everything they've done not only on the rectangle, but in the classroom, weight room and in the community. They mean a ton and Senior Day is a special day they will never forget the rest of their lives."

On Barriere: "He's not a veteran yet, but he's growing up in front of our eyes. I commend him 100 percent. He's a great man, his preparation was awesome and he's a great team player. Experience will allow you to grow. He's human, and he's going to make mistakes and he's going to take chances. He just needs to minimize those mistakes while still being aggressive."

2018 Two-Deep Depth Chart

Eastern Washington Two-Deep Versus North Dakota State (1/5/19)

#2017 Starter. *Has used redshirt season.

DEFENSE

End

49 - **Jim Townsend** - 6-4 - 265 - Jr. - 2L* - Okanogan, Wash. (Okanogan HS '15)
96 - **Darnell Hogan** - 6-4 - 230 - Jr. - 1L* - Seattle, Wash. (Cleveland HS '15)

Nose Tackle

99 - **Jay-Tee Tiuli** - 6-4 - 320 - Sr. - 3L* - Seattle, Wash. (Federal Way HS '14)
60 - **Caleb Davis** - 6-3 - 270 - Fr. - HS* - Bonney Lake, Wash. (Bonney Lake HS '17)

Tackle

57 - **#Dylan Ledbetter** - 6-3 - 270 - Jr. - 2L* - West Seattle, Wash. (O'Dea HS '15)
91 - **#Jonah Jordan** - 6-1 - 265 - Sr. - 3L* - Spokane, Wash. (Mead HS '14)

End

92 - **Nick Foerstel** - 6-3 - 240 - Sr. - 3L* - Tumwater, Wash. (Tumwater HS '14)
94 - **Mitchell Johnson** - 6-3 - 240 - Fr. - HS* - West Linn, Ore. (West Linn HS '17)

Strong-Side Linebacker

58 - **Chris Ojoh** - 6-1 - 220 - So. - 1L - Sunland, Calif. (Bishop Alemany HS '17)
54 - **Cale Lindsay** - 6-1 - 220 - Fr. - HS* - Tacoma, Wash. (Lakes HS '17)

Linebacker

40 - **#Ketner Kupp** - 6-0 - 225 - Sr. - 3L - Yakima, Wash. (Davis HS '15)
36 - **Andrew Katzenberger** - 6-1 - 220 - Jr. - 2L* - Lynnwood, Wash. (Lynnwood HS '15)

Rover

33 - **#Cole Karstetter** - 5-11 - 205 - Sr. - 3L* - Spokane, Wash. (Ferris HS '14)
27 - **Kedrick Johnson** - 6-3 - 210 - So. - 1L* - Vancouver, Wash. (Hockinson HS '16)

Cornerback

1 - **#Josh Lewis** - 6-0 - 190 - Sr. - 3L* - Lakewood, Wash. (Steilacoom HS '14)
31 - **Brandon Montgomery** - 5-10 - 185 - Sr. - 2L* - Tacoma, Wash. (Wilson HS '14)

Cornerback

18 - **D'londo Tucker** - 6-0 - 180 - Sr. - 4L* - Federal Way, Wash. (Federal Way HS '13)
6 - **Nzuzi Webster** - 5-10 - 180 - Sr. - 3L* - Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14)

Safety

25 - **Calin Criner** - 5-10 - 185 - So. - 1L* - Boise, Idaho (Rocky Mountain HS '16)
29 - **Anthony Smith** - 5-11 - 190 - Fr. - HS* - Everett, Wash. (Mariner HS '17)

Safety

23 - **Dehonta Hayes** - 5-11 - 195 - Jr. - 1L* - Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln HS '15)
22 - **Tysen Prunty** - 6-1 - 205 - Jr. - 2L* - Beaverton, Ore. (Tigard HS '15)

OFFENSE

Left Tackle

74 - **Beau Byus** - 6-5 - 265 - Sr. - 2L* - Spokane, Wash. (Central Valley HS '14)
77 - **Wyatt Musser** - 6-5 - 295 - Fr. - HS* - Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin HS '17)

Left Guard

63 - **#Jack Hunter** - 6-4 - 295 - Sr. - 2L* - Spokane, Wash. (Gonzaga Prep HS '14)
69 - **Will Gram** - 6-4 - 300 - Jr. - 1L* - Troy, Idaho (Troy HS '15)

Pronunciations

Roldan Alcobendas
"roll-dan" "al-coe-ben-dez"

Barriere
"bare-ee-aa" rhymes with Perrier

Bowens
"bow-ins"

Antoine Custer Jr.
"an-twawn"

Calin Criner
"cal-uhn" "cry-nur"

Foerstel
"for-stell"

Gubrud
"goo-brood"

Marques Hampton
pronounced "marcus"

Dehonta Hayes
"duh-hawn-tay"

Levao
"luh-vow"

Cale Lindsay
"lynnd-zay"

Talolo Limu Jones
"tuh-low-low" "lee-moo"

Debore'ae McClain
"duh-bore-ee-aa"

Mataia
"muh-tay-ah"

Chris Ojoh
"o-joh"

Darreon Moore
"dare-ee-uhn"

Wyatt Musser
"muss-ur"

Tamarick Pierce
"tuh-mare-rick"

Prunty
"pruhn-tee"

Sise
"sice"

Tiuli
"tee-oo-lee"

D'londo Tucker
"duh-lawn-doe"

Nsimba Webster
"sim-buh"

Nzuzi Webster
"zoo-zee"

Incoming Players

Risone Ama
"rih-sew-nay ah-mah"

Fa'aopega
"fah-ow-pang-uh"

Osuoha
"sh-sue-ha"

Center

75 - **#Spencer Blackburn** - 6-2 - 290 - Sr. - 2L* - Bellingham, Wash. (Meridian HS '14)
67 - **D.J. Dyer** - 6-4 - 325 - So. - 1L* - Kennewick, Wash. (Kennewick HS '16)

Right Guard

66 - **Kaleb Levao** - 6-4 - 310 - Sr. - 2L* - Aberdeen, Wash. (Aberdeen HS '14)
70 - **Matt Meyer** - 6-5 - 315 - Sr. - 2L/TR* - Lynden, Wash. (Lynden HS '13 / Washington State Univ.)

Right Tackle

64 - **#Chris Schlichting** - 6-5 - 295 - Jr. - 2L* - North Bend, Wash. (Mount Si HS '15)
77 - **Wyatt Musser** - 6-5 - 295 - Fr. - HS* - Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin HS '17)

Quarterback

3 - **Eric Barriere** - 6-0 - 200 - So. - 1L* - Inglewood, Calif. (La Habra HS '16)
15 - **Gunner Talkington** - 5-10 - 180 - Fr. - HS* - Battle Ground, Wash. (Battle Ground HS '17)

Running Back

20 - **Sam McPherson** - 5-10 - 200 - Sr. - 3L - Bothell, Wash. (Bothell 'HS '15)
or 28 - **#Antoine Custer Jr.** - 5-9 - 190 - Jr. - 2L - Berkeley, Calif. (De La Salle '16)

Tight End

85 - **Henderson Belk** - 6-4 - 245 - Sr. - 3L* - Mukilteo, Wash. (Kamiak HS '14)
89 - **#Jayce Gilder** - 6-4 - 245 - Jr. - 2L* - Corvallis, Mont. (Corvallis HS '15)

Wide Receiver

5 - **#Nsimba Webster** - 5-10 - 180 - Sr. - 3L* - Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14)
2 - **Jayson Williams** - 6-1 - 205 - Jr. - 2L* - Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln HS '15)

Wide Receiver

11 - **Terence Grady** - 6-5 - 205 - Sr. - 3L* - Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS '14)
87 - **Dre' Sonte Dorton** - 5-10 - 185 - Jr. - 1L* - Pasco, Wash. (Chiawana HS '15)

Wide Receiver

9 - **Andrew Boston** - 6-3 - 185 - Fr. - HS* - Puyallup, Wash. (Emerald Ridge HS '17)
88 - **Johnny Edwards IV** - 5-11 - 180 - So. - 1L - Pasadena, Calif. (Bishop Alemany HS '17)

SPECIAL TEAMS

Punter

37 - **Roldan Alcobendas** - 6-0 - 170 - Sr. - 3L* - Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '13)
98 - **Andre Slyter** - 6-2 - 195 - So. - SQ* - Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS '16)

Kicker

37 - **Roldan Alcobendas** - 6-0 - 170 - Sr. - 3L* - Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '13)
98 - **Andre Slyter** - 6-2 - 195 - So. - SQ* - Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS '16)

Kickoffs

98 - **Andre Slyter** - 6-2 - 195 - So. - SQ* - Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS '16)
37 - **Roldan Alcobendas** - 6-0 - 170 - Sr. - 3L* - Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '13)

Long Snapper

39 - **Curtis Billen** - 6-2 - 215 - Sr. - 3L* - Everett, Wash. (Mariner HS '14)
47 - **Cody Clements** - 6-2 - 230 - Fr. - HS* - Richland, Wash. (Richland HS '17)

Holder

15 - **Gunner Talkington** - 5-10 - 180 - Fr. - HS* - Battle Ground, Wash. (Battle Ground HS '17)

Kickoff Returners

44 - **Dennis Merritt** - 5-10 - 180 - Jr. - 1L* - Leavenworth, Wash. (Cascade HS '15)
87 - **Dre' Sonte Dorton** - 5-10 - 185 - Jr. - 1L* - Pasco, Wash. (Chiawana HS '15)

Punt Returners

5 - **Nsimba Webster** - 5-10 - 180 - Sr. - 3L* - Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14)
20 - **Sam McPherson** - 5-10 - 200 - Sr. - 3L - Bothell, Wash. (Bothell 'HS '15)

Coaches

Head Coach – **Aaron Best** (Eastern Washington '01; 2nd Season as Head Coach & 18th Season Overall)

Defensive Coordinator/Safeties
– **Jeff Schmedding** (Eastern Washington '02; 15th Season)

Associate Head Coach/Defensive Front Coordinator/Def. Line – **Eti Ena** (Eastern Washington '05; 3rd season)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
– **Bodie Reeder** (Eastern Illinois '10; 2nd Season)

Linebackers//High School Relations
– **Josh Fetter** (Idaho '96; 8th Season)

Defensive Line/Pro Liaison – **Brian Strandley** (Idaho '95; 8th Season)

Cornerbacks/Recruiting Coordinator
– **Cherokee Valeria** (Central Washington '99; 7th Season)

Offensive Line/Community Service/Academic Coordinator – **Jase Butorac** (Eastern Washington '15; 2nd Season)

Wide Receivers – **Jay Dumas** (Washington State '99; 2nd Season)

Running Backs/Video Coordinator
– **Kevin Maurice** (St. Joseph's, Ind., College '06; 2nd Season)

Tight Ends/Special Teams Coordinator – **Heath Pulver** (Eastern Washington '09; 2nd Season but previously at EWU)

Director of Athletic Performance
– **Nate Barry** (Idaho '11; 1st Season)

Director of Football Operations
– **Marc Anderson** (Eastern Washington '14; 3rd Season)

EAGLE EXCELLENCE

THIRTEEN NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff Berths
1985, 1992, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018

TEN Big Sky Championships, including “three-peat” in 2012/2013/2014 & back-to-back titles in 2004/2005
1992, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018

- Three Payton Award Winners (Cooper Kupp in 2015, Bo Levi Mitchell in 2011 and Erik Meyer in 2005), two Buchanan Award Winners (J.C. Sherritt in 2010 and Greg Peach in 2008) and a Jerry Rice Award recipient (Cooper Kupp) in the last 13 seasons (2005-2017). In both 2013 and 2014, Vernon Adams Jr. was the runner-up for the Payton Award. In 2016, Cooper Kupp and Gage Gubrud were second and third, respectively, in the voting.
- In 2018 when EWU won its fourth league title in the last six seasons, Eastern made its 10th playoff appearance in 14 seasons. Eastern is one of only three teams to qualify for the playoffs 10 times in the last 15 seasons (2004-18).
- Eastern has had 21 winning seasons in the last 23 years (1996-2018), including a current school record string of 12-straight (2007-18) and another stretch of seven straight (1999-2005). The last time Eastern had that many winning seasons in a row came 75 years earlier in the Red Reese era when Eastern had a string of 11-straight winning seasons from 1931-1941.
- In the past 22 years (1996 through 2017), the Eagles have won 67 percent (175-93) of their games overall and 70 percent (119-52) in Big Sky Conference play. Included are eight Big Sky titles and four runner-up finishes, as well as 20 winning seasons, 10 NCAA Championship Subdivision Playoff berths and the 2010 FCS title. As a result, former head coach Beau Baldwin (2008-16) left Eastern with a 58-14 Big Sky record for a winning percentage of .806 to rank as the fifth-best in league history. His .733 winning percentage overall (85-31) ranked seventh all-time in the 54-year history of the Big Sky.
- Eastern has averaged 33.7 points on offense and allowed 27.0 points on defense in the past 22 seasons (1996 through 2017), for totals of 9,035 points scored and 7,231 allowed in 268 games (record of 175-93).
- Eastern's 34 victories from 2012-14 represents by a landslide – by seven wins – the best three-year stretch of success in the school's football history. The 2008-2010 and 2009-11 teams won 27 games. It's also the fourth-best in Big Sky Conference history, ranking only behind the 39 games Montana won between 2000-02 and 2007-09, and the 38 the Grizzlies won between 1994-96.
- Finishing fourth in the final Sports Network top 25 poll of the 2016 season, Eastern had a top four finish five times in the past seven years (2010-2016) and six times overall. In the 2015 season, Eastern extended its string of nationally-ranked weeks to 57 before the streak was ended with the final poll of the season. Eastern started 2016 ranked 14th in the preseason poll and ended the year 10 positions higher. The 2016 season was the 13th time Eastern has finished the season nationally ranked, including nine times since 2004. The other seasons were in 1985, 1992, 1993, 1997, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013 and 2014. Six times the Eagles have finished in the top four – fourth in 1997, 2012, 2014 and 2016; third in 2013; and first in 2010 after winning the NCAA Division I title.
- Capping an 11-game winning streak to end the year, Eastern was the 2010 NCAA Division I National Champions. The top-ranked Eagles defeated #9 Southeast Missouri State (37-17), #25 North Dakota State (38-31 in overtime) and defending champion #10 Villanova (41-31) in three home playoff games, then defeated #5 Delaware (20-19) in the championship game on Jan. 7, 2011, in Frisco, Texas. Quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell was selected as the game's Most Outstanding Player after throwing three touchdowns passes in the final 16:48 as EWU rallied from a 19-0 deficit.
- The Eagles have been ranked No. 1 in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in 2014, 2012, 2011 and 2010 for at least one week of the season. Eastern ended both the 2010 regular season and the playoffs as the No. 1-ranked FCS team by both The Sports Network and in the FCS Coaches Poll. Eastern was also No. 1 in the first two polls of the 2011 season, two weeks in 2012 and once in 2014. The Eagles were as high as second in 2013, as high as fourth in 2015 and as high as third in 2016.

Eagle Pride . . .

- Two FCS Total Offense Championships (2001, 1997), as well as three passing offense titles (2016, 2015, 2011) and two for scoring offense (2014, 2001). In EWU's last 14 seasons (2004-2017), EWU has ranked in the top 10 in passing 12 times, total offense on 10 occasions and scoring five times. EWU ended 2016 as the FCS leader in passing offense (401.0 per game).
- A total of 87 Eagles have been drafted or signed free agent contracts with NFL or CFL teams since 1989. Fourteen have been drafted by the NFL and five drafted by the CFL, in addition to four NFL draftees between 1965-74. The most recent additions are free agent signees **Albert Havili** (Los Angeles Chargers) and **Victor Gamboa** (Ottawa Redblacks). Two players from EWU's 2016 team were drafted – **Cooper Kupp** in the third round and **Samson Ebukam** in the fourth, both by the Los Angeles Rams. **Kendrick Bourne** and **Shaq Hill** signed free agent contracts with the San Francisco 49ers and Houston Texans, respectively, and **Jordan West** had a free agent tryout with the Chicago Bears.
- Ten Eagles have been selected to participate in the NFL Scouting Combine in the past 14 years (2003-2016), with 15 selected to play in eight different college all-star games. Most recently, punter **Jordan Dascalos** played in the 2018 NFL Player's Association Collegiate Bowl. One year earlier, wide receivers **Cooper Kupp** and **Kendrick Bourne** were invited to the NFL Combine, and Kupp played in the Senior Bowl. Bourne and defensive end **Samson Ebukam** played in the NFL Player's Association Collegiate Bowl. Also, offensive linemen **Clay DeBord** and **Aaron Neary** played in the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl in 2016 before signing free agent contracts with Arizona and Denver, respectively. Neary is now with the Los Angeles Rams and DeBord also played briefly in the NFL.
- The Eagles have won 158 first-team FCS All-America honors in the past 21 seasons (1997-2018), with a total of 166 in school history. In 2018, kicker Roldan

- Alcobendas was honored on five different teams as a first team choice as a placekicker, and also won the Fred Mitchell Award giving to the top placekicker from all college classifications except for FBS.
- Eastern players have been selected as the Big Sky Conference Offensive MVP in 12 of the last 18 seasons (through 2018). In 2016, **Gage Gubrud** and **Cooper Kupp** became the first teammates to earn co-MVP honors. In 2015, Kupp became only the second wide receiver in 42 years to win the honor. Nine of EWU's MVP awards have been quarterbacks, including Gubrud, **Vernon Adams** (2014 & 2013), **Bo Levi Mitchell** (2011), **Matt Nichols** (2009 and 2007), **Erik Meyer** (2005 and 2004) and **Josh Blankenship** (2002), as well as running backs **Jesse Chatman** (2001) and **Taiwan Jones** (2010). An Eagle has won the Big Sky MVP on offense 12 times in school history (**Harry Leons** 1997). **Jay-Tee Tiuli** was the Defensive MVP in 2018, becoming the sixth Eagle to earn that honor (**Jason Marsh** 1993, **Chris Scott** 1997, **Joey Cwik** 2005, **Greg Peach** 2008, **J.C. Sherritt** 2010).
- Wide receiver **Cooper Kupp** capped his sensational career as a four-time consensus All-American by repeating as FCS Offensive Player of the Year by the FCS Athletic Director's Association. He also finished second in the voting for the Walter Payton Award, presented in 2016 by STATS. Teammate **Gage Gubrud** was third in the voting for the award Kupp won as a junior. He finished his career as the all-time collegiate in receiving yards with 6,284, and his 418 receptions and 71 touchdown catches were both all-time NCAA Division I records (FCS and FBS). In all, he set 15 FCS, 11 Big Sky and 29 EWU records in his 52-game career (all as a starter with at least two catches in each). He broke his own Big Sky record with 117 catches as a senior, good for 1,700 yards and 17 scores. As a junior, he was selected as the FCS Offensive Player of the Year by both STATS and the FCS Athletic Director's Association, and he was also presented the 2015 Walter Payton Award as selected by Mickey Charles LLC. He caught a 114 passes in 2015, and announced on Nov. 30, 2016, his intention to return for his senior year rather than pursue professional opportunities a year early. He was selected as the recipient of the Jerry Rice Award given to the top freshman in FCS, and also in 2013 won the College Performance Awards Wide Receiver Award. Kupp led Eastern to 41 victories overall and 28 in the Big Sky Conference, with three league championships and playoff berths in his freshman, sophomore and senior seasons.
- In his first season as a starter in his sophomore season in 2016, **Gage Gubrud** had a FCS record 5,160 passing yards on his way to winning FCS Player of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Columbus (Ohio). A first team All-American, he also finished third in the voting for the Walter Payton Award, presented in 2016 by STATS. Teammate **Cooper Kupp** was second in the voting after winning the award as a junior. Gubrud was 11-2 in 13 games as a starter and led FCS in total offense with a league and school record average of 411.9 yards per game. He broke a total of three FCS records, seven Big Sky marks and 18 school records. One of his records was 551 yards of total offense in EWU's season-opening 45-42 win at Washington State in his starting debut.
- Wide receiver/kickoff returner **Shaq Hill** became the first player in school history to play for Eastern in four Big Sky Championship seasons (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016). He helped Eastern have a collective 30-2 league mark and 46-11 record in those four years, while earning All-Big Sky accolades in each season. He became just the second Eastern player in school history to letter in four playoff years, playing an EWU record 11 postseason games. He finished his career with 178 receptions for 2,818 yards and 32 touchdowns, and had school records for career kickoff returns (94) and yards (2,280). His 5,234 all-purpose yards were the third-most in EWU history.
- Offensive tackle **Jake Rodgers**, a consensus FCS All-American in 2014, was drafted in the seventh round of the 2015 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons (he now plays for the Pittsburgh Steelers). The 2010 graduate of Shadle Park High School in Spokane, Wash., was the 225th pick overall.
- Sixth-year senior **Ronnie Hamlin** broke the Big Sky Conference career tackles record after finishing his career with 50 starts in 53 career games (both school records at the time). The three-time All-American equaled a career high with 16 tackles against Illinois State in his final game as a collegian, and finished the season with 110 tackles on the season and 473 in his career. He finished with 20 performances in his career with at least 10 tackles. Most importantly, he helped lead the Eagles to a 39-14 record overall and 28-5 Big Sky Conference mark with a trio of league titles, three playoff berths and three appearances in the quarterfinals of the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs.
- Two-time All-America quarterback **Vernon Adams Jr.** was runner-up in both 2013 and 2014 for the Payton Award given to the top player in FCS, and was 28-6 as a starter at EWU. His 2014 season was shortened by four games because of a broken foot, but he still passed for 3,483 yards (348.3 per game) and 35 touchdowns. As a sophomore, he finished second in the nation in total offense (373.3 per game), with school and Big Sky record totals of 5,559 yards of offense (second in FCS history), 4,994 passing yards (third) and 55 touchdown passes (third). His passing efficiency rating of 183.13 led the nation, ranked fourth all-time in FCS and broke EWU and Big Sky records. He was selected as the College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Year in 2013. He established the Big Sky Conference and EWU records with 110 touchdown passes to rank 10th all-time in FCS history. He played his senior year at Oregon and is now in the CFL.
- After a sensational season that saw him break a NCAA Football Championship Subdivision record, wide receiver **Brandon Kaufman** earned the 2012 FCS Wide Receiver Award from College Football Performance Awards (CFPA). Kaufman finished the 2012 campaign with a FCS record 1,850 receiving yards, closing the year with 93 total catches and 16 receiving touchdowns in 14 games. Besides earning first team All-Big Sky Conference honors, Kaufman was selected to four All-America teams, including first team honors from College Sports Madness and Beyond Sports College Network. Kaufman left Eastern a year early, and signed a free agent contract with the Buffalo Bills in spring 2013. Interestingly, Kaufman and former Eagle soccer player Lauren Jacobsen were married by former Eastern head coach Beau Baldwin in Colorado in 2015.
- Helping teams win titles at the high school, collegiate and professional levels, quarterback **Bo Levi Mitchell** won the 2011 Walter Payton Award presented by The Sports Network to the top player in the NCAA Championship Subdivision. In 2011, Mitchell led the FCS in four categories, including passing yards (4,009) and touchdown passes (33) on his way to breaking four school records. He broke EWU's record for single season passing yards with 4,009, which at the time ranked 17th in FCS history and fifth in Big Sky Conference history. He led EWU to a 19-7 record in two years, including the 2010 NCAA Division I title with a 20-19 victory over Delaware. He was named the Most Outstanding Player of the championship game, throwing three touchdown passes as the Eagles rallied from a 19-0 deficit to score three TDs in the final 16:48. He now plays for Calgary in the Canadian Football League, and he led the Stampeders to the 2018 Grey Cup title. He was the CFL's Most Outstanding Player in 2018 after throwing a league-best 35 touchdowns passes. He was also the league's Most Outstanding Player in 2016, and two years prior he was game MVP in leading Calgary to the 2014 Grey Cup championship. He also led Katy, Texas, High School to an undefeated season and a state championship in 2007. His brother, **Cory Mitchell**, played wide receiver for the Eagles, and caught passes from Bo Levi in the 2011 season. Cory also signed with Calgary after finishing his EWU eligibility in 2014, but did not make the team.
- Linebacker **J.C. Sherritt** won the 2010 Buck Buchanan Award presented by The Sports Network to the top defensive player in the NCAA Championship Subdivision. He was also selected to six different All-America teams as a first team selection, and was the College Sporting News Defensive Player of the Year and the Big Sky Defensive MVP. He broke his own league and school records by finishing his senior season with 176 tackles, which ranked sixth in FCS history. He closed his career with a school-record 432 tackles to rank second in Big Sky history and 10th all-time in FCS. As a junior, he finished second in the voting for the 2009 Buchanan

- Award. On his way to earning first-team All-America honors on five different teams, he had a school and Big Sky Conference record 170 tackles, and led FCS with an average of 14.2 tackles per game. He is now with the Edmonton Eskimos in the CFL, where he was the league's Defensive Player of the Year after finishing with a CFL record 130 tackles in 2012. A year after his former Eagle teammate Bo Levi Mitchell won the Grey Cup, Sherritt helped Edmonton win the CFL title in 2015.
- Eagle All-America offensive tackle **Michael Roos** became the highest draft choice in school history when Tennessee selected him in the second round of the 2005 NFL draft. He was the 41st selection overall, the third offensive tackle selected and the first NCAA Championship Subdivision player taken. In addition, he was the first Big Sky Conference player selected and the highest since 1989. In 2008, in just his fourth NFL season, he earned prestigious All-Pro honors and was also honored in 2010 and 2011. He started 226 consecutive football games he played in dating back to his sophomore season at EWU in 2002 until suffering a knee injury in 2014, which subsequently led him to retire on Feb. 26, 2015. He started 190 of a possible 190 games in that span until an appendicitis attack and subsequent surgery ended the streak in October 2012. He retired on Feb. 26, 2015. He was inducted into the Eastern Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 1, 2016, and he and his wife, Katherine, received the Hall of Fame Service and Contribution Award.
- Running back **Taiwan Jones** finished fourth in the voting for the 2010 Walter Payton Award presented by The Sports Network to the top player in FCS. He was also selected to five different All-America teams as a first team selection, and was also the Phil Steele Publications FCS Offensive Player of the Year, the College Football Performance Awards Running Back of the Year and the Big Sky Offensive MVP. Despite missing three games and parts of two others because of injuries, he rushed for 1,742 yards and scored 17 total touchdowns to rank second in FCS in rushing (145.2 per game) and second in all-purpose yards (201.8 per game). Following his junior season, he declared himself eligible for the 2011 NFL draft and was selected in the fourth round by the Oakland Raiders. He was the first player taken from the Big Sky Conference and is Eastern's second-highest draft choice in school history. The 2016 season was his sixth with the Raiders, playing as a running back, cornerback, kick returner and on other special teams units. He played in 2017 and 2018 for the Buffalo Bills.
- Defensive end **Greg Peach** won the 2008 Buck Buchanan Award presented by The Sports Network to the top defensive player in FCS. He earned first-team All-America honors on five different teams and was the College Sporting News FCS Defensive Player of the Year and the Big Sky Conference Defensive MVP. The two-time All-American led FCS with averages of 1.64 sacks and 2.1 tackles for loss per game, while setting school records with totals of 18 sacks in 2008 and 35 1/2 in his career. He went on to play seven seasons in the CFL with the Edmonton Eskimos, Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and announced his retirement on May 28, 2016.
- Quarterback **Erik Meyer** won the 2005 Walter Payton Award presented by The Sports Network to the top player in the NCAA Championship Subdivision. He and wide receiver **Eric Kimble** were Eastern's first-ever back-to-back All-America selections at their positions. Meyer led San Jose to the Arena Football League title in 2014 after several successful seasons with the Spokane Shock, where he was the AFL MVP in 2013. He served as a student assistant coach for the Eagles in 2012, and was quarterbacks coach at Central Washington in fall of 2013.
- Quarterback **Matt Nichols** finished fourth in the voting for the 2009 Walter Payton Award presented by The Sports Network, capping a record-breaking career. He broke school and Big Sky records for passing yards with 12,616 and total offense with 13,308. At the time, both marks ranked sixth all-time in FCS history. He eventually signed a free agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League, and went on to play with the Edmonton Eskimos where he was reunited with former Eastern teammate **J.C. Sherritt**. Nichols is now with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.
- Former Eagles **T.J. Lee III** and **Ryan Phillips** both became starting defensive halfbacks on the same B.C. Lions teams in 2015 and 2016. Lee, a two-time All-American and three-time first-team All-Big Sky selection as an Eagle from 2010-13, had his fourth season in the CFL in 2017, and had his 2016 campaign shortened with an Achilles injury. Phillips, who played for Eastern in 2003 and 2004, concluded his 12th season with the Lions before joining the Montreal Alouettes in the off-season and subsequently retired. He won five West Division All-Star honors and once had an iron-man streak of 181 consecutive games played. Lee is still with the Lions, and one of his former B.C. teammates was former Eagle **Tevin McDonald**, who also previously played in the NFL for the Oakland Raiders.
- **Matt Johnson** was drafted in the fourth round of the 2012 National Football League Draft by the Dallas Cowboys, but injuries kept him from playing in the regular season in his three seasons with the club (2012-14). The 2010 FCS All-American started every game he played as an Eagle (45) and was twice selected as a first team All-Big Sky selection. He finished his career just one interception away from the school record of 18. He was also only nine interception return yards from the record of 219 held by Kurt Schulz and his six career forced fumbles tied for the school record.

Eagle Tradition . . .

- Eastern has made 67 National or Regional Television appearances in the last six years alone (2012-through 2017), including broadcasts on ESPN (1), ESPNU (3), ESPN3 (9), Root Sports (19), the Pac 12 Networks (5), Comcast Sports NW (2), Fox Sports Networks (1), Eleven Sports (1) and SWX (26). Eastern made 18 appearances the previous two years (2010 & 2011) on ESPN2 (2), Altitude (2), Max Media (2), Root (1), Comcast (1), Fox College Sports (1), Midco (1), KPAX (1), KSBY (1) and SWX (6). In 2014, Eastern had 12 of its 14 games nationally or regionally televised, and in 2015 eight of 11 were aired. All but one were televised in 2016, and in 2017 all but two were on national or regional TV.
- * Eastern set a new school record with an average of 10,123 fans in five home games in 2017, and had an 8,435 average in eight home games in 2016. Since EWU won the NCAA Division I championship in 2010, EWU has had the top eight attendance averages in school history in the eight years since.
- With a Roos Field crowd of 8,789 versus UC Davis to conclude the 2018 regular season home schedule, Eastern enters 2019 with 30-consecutive regular season sell-out crowds at "The Inferno" and 42 all-time in stadium history (8,600 or more). Eastern had its 21st-best crowd versus Idaho in 2018 with 10,023 fans at the stadium, which was in its 52nd season of existence in 2018. Eastern had three in the top 20 in 2017, including the fifth-most fans in school history against Montana State (11,301), No. 8 against Sacramento State (10,917) and No. 17 versus North Dakota State (10,231).
- Eastern has 10 playoff berths in a 15-year span (2004-18), ranking the Eagles as one of only three schools among 123 in FCS to accomplish that feat. New Hampshire (2004-05-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17) made the playoffs for the 14th-straight time in 2017 but did not earn a berth in 2018. The third team was Montana (2004-05-06-07-08-09-11-13-14-15) with 10 appearances in that stretch. The Eagles have five appearances in the last seven years (2012-18), with only six other teams on that list (Jacksonville State, New Hampshire, North Dakota State, Sam Houston State, South Dakota State and James Madison). Eastern's 13 appearances overall make them just the 12th team in FCS with that many, and their 16 wins entering the 2018 playoffs ranked 11th.
- The Eagles have now had 23 offensive linemen earn All-America accolades in 35 years in FCS (1984-2018), including 14 first team All-Americans. They have

- combined for 73 honors (37 first team, 19 second team, 5 third team and 12 honorable mention). A total of 61 Eastern offensive linemen have earned All-Big Sky accolades in 32 seasons in the league (1987-18), including 25 who have earned first team honors. They have combined for 99 honors (32 first team, 23 second team, 2 third team, 42 honorable mention). Since 1994, eight different Eagle offensive linemen have played in 10 different all-star games. Tackle **Clay DeBord** and guard **Aaron Neary** in 2015 were the most recent players to earn All-America and first team All-Big Sky honors, and tackle **Jake Rodgers** and Neary earned both in 2014. All three also played in postseason All-Star games and went on to play in the NFL.
- Since becoming a member of FCS in 1984, Eastern has had 91 players earn a total of 331 All-America honors (through 2017). In 2018, kicker Roldan Alcobendas, center Spencer Blackburn and nose tackle Jay-Tee Tiuli were honored, combining for nine honors. In 2016, **Cooper Kupp**, **Gage Gubrud**, **Samson Ebukam**, **Shaq Hill** and **Kendrick Bourne** combined for 21 total honors.
- A total of 106 first-team All-Big Sky Conference honors have been won by Eastern players since 1997 (through 2018). Since joining the Big Sky in 1987, Eastern has won a total of 486 All-Big Sky accolades (first, second, third, honorable mention).
- The Eagles have won 133 Big Sky Player of the Week honors in the past 22 seasons (1997-2018). Winners in 2018 were **Roldan Alcobendas** (three times on special teams), **Eric Barriere** (once on offense) and **Nzuzi Webster** (once on defense).
- In 13 of the last 24 seasons (1995-2018), Eastern has had a 1,000-yard rusher, including nine different players. The latest is **Jon McPherson** in 2018, and he was the first since **Quincy Forte** in the 2013 season when he finished with 1,208. **Taiwan Jones** had 1,213 yards in 2009 and went over the 1,000-yard mark again in 2010 with 1,742 yards.

Eagle Consistency . . .

- In the past 10+ seasons (2008-through 2018), the Eagles are 59-1 when they've won the turnover battle, 24-6 when they've been tied and 21-31 when they've lost (total of 104-38). The last time EWU lost when it won the turnover battle came in the 2009 FCS Playoffs at Stephen F. Austin when EWU had two miscues and forced four in the 44-33 loss. Thus, EWU is 50-0 since 2010 when they've won the turnover battle, 20-5 when they've been tied and 19-24 when they've lost. That's a collective record of 90-29 (76 percent), with 24 of those 29 losses (83 percent) coming in games EWU has lost the turnover battle and 56 percent of EWU's wins coming when they've won the turnover battle (79 percent when including ties).
- From 1999-2018, 18 out of 20 seasons have concluded with a victory in the team's final game of the regular season, and EWU has won 31 of its last 36 regular season games in November (through 2018). In November and beyond since 2004 (through 2018), the Eagles are 41-15 – 35-7 in the regular season and 16-8 in the playoffs. Since 2010, EWU is 36-8 overall in November and beyond.
- * Through 2018, the Eagles are 46-8 in their last 54 Big Sky games since a 0-2 start in 2011. Eastern has won 36 of its last 42 league games, with the lone losses coming against Weber State and Southern Utah in 2017; Montana and Portland State in 2015 and Northern Arizona in both 2015 and 2014. An Oct. 25, 2014, loss at Northern Arizona snapped EWU's 14-game conference winning streak and a home loss against the Lumberjacks on Nov. 7, 2015, ended a streak of eight Big Sky wins in a row. Including non-conference victories (two versus MSU and one against Cal Poly) and a playoff win (Montana), the Eagles have won 40 of their last 46 versus conference foes, and are 50-8 since the 0-2 start in 2011.
- * With two games in the 2017 regular season requiring late-game rallies and one in the 2018 FCS Playoffs, Eastern has now won 24 games since 2010 when trailing or tied in the fourth quarter (through 2018).
- * Eastern has had 22 50-point games in the last six+ seasons (through 2018), with six in 2018, six in 2014, three in 2017, two each in 2016, 2013 and 2012 and one in 2015. Eastern is now 58-3 in the 61 games they have scored at least 50 in school history. The lone losses were to Washington (59-52 in 2014), Idaho State (55-52 in 2003 in double overtime) and Weber State (63-59 in 1991, which at the time was the highest-scoring game in FCS/I-AA history).
- Eastern has returned 19 kickoffs for touchdowns in the past 22+ seasons and 20 punts for scores in the same time span (1996 through 2018 regular season). Until allowing one in the 2010 FCS Playoffs against North Dakota State, the Eagles had not allowed a kickoff return for a touchdown since the 1999 season – a total of exactly 599 touchdown-less returns.

EWU Football Academic Honors . . .

- Eastern football players have earned 13 CoSIDA Academic All-America honors since 1989, including six first-team selections. Cooper Kupp was honored on the first team as a senior in 2016 and junior in 2015, and as a second team choice in 2014 when he was one of just two sophomores on the 50-player list (freshmen are not eligible). Kupp is the first three-time Academic All-American in school history. Nine different Eagles have been honored.
- Eastern players have been honored 67 times since 1989 on the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII team (through 2018 season).
- A total of 21 awards have been won by Eagles on the FCS Athletic Directors Association Academic All-Star team since the award began in 1998. **Spencer Blackburn** won in 2017, **Cooper Kupp** was selected in 2015 and 2016, and tight end **Jake Withnell** was honored in 2015 when he was a finalist for that organization's post-graduate scholarship award.
- A total of 431 Eagles have been selected to the Big Sky All-Academic team in the past 22 years (1996-2017) – an average of nearly 20 per year. Since 2001, when the league went to an eight-team alignment, Eastern has had a league-most 365 selections through 2017 (the school with the next-best total has 254). Eastern has won a total of 564 Big Sky All-Academic honors since joining the league in 1987, including a program-best 34 in the 2016 season.
- **Jeff Minnerly** was awarded the "Elite 88" Award by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. He received the award for having the highest cumulative grade point average among the participants in the 2010 NCAA Division I Football Championship Game at Pizza Hut Park in Frisco, Texas. Eastern won that game 20-19, as Minnerly finished with two passes broken up and two tackles. Minnerly was a 4.0 student at Ferris HS in Spokane, Wash., where he excelled in football and basketball.
- Sixteen Eastern football players have been honored as EWU's recipient of the Big Sky Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award, including **Cooper Kupp** in 2016-17, **Ashton Miller** in 2013-14, **Jeff Minnerly** in 2012-13 and **Matt Martin** in 2010-11.

2018 BSC COACH OF THE YEAR • Head Coach AARON BEST**19-6 overall/13-3 Big Sky (2nd season)****148-74 (.667) in 17+ seasons as an Eastern head coach/assistant**

Aaron Best himself claims to bleed Eagle red. The 22-year veteran of the Eastern Washington University football program was named as EWU's 21st head football coach on Jan. 21, 2017, and was selected as the co-Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year in 2018 when EWU finished the regular season 9-2, won a share of the Big Sky title with a 7-1 mark and entered the FCS Playoffs with the No. 3 seed. In his first season, he guided Eastern to a 7-4 overall record and 6-2 Big Sky finish. His debut season was even better than those of previous Eagle head coaches Beau Baldwin (6-5/5-3), Paul Wulff (6-5/5-3) and Mike Kramer (4-7/2-5).

- Before taking over as head coach, Best spent 20 previous seasons since the fall of 1996 as a player and coach at Eastern. The previous nine seasons were spent as Eastern's offensive line coach under former head coach Beau Baldwin.

- Best is only the fifth head coach since 1979 for the Eagles, and the third since then who played collegiately as an offensive lineman. Dick Zornes, who is also an Eastern graduate, coached at EWU from 1979-93 before former Idaho offensive lineman Mike Kramer took over from 1994-99. Washington State offensive lineman Paul Wulff took over from 2000-2007 until Baldwin, a Central Washington graduate, took the reins in 2008. All five of those coaches have won Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year honors (total of eight honors).

* Besides coaching the offensive line as a full-time assistant for 14 of his 18 seasons (through 2018) on the coaching staff, Best has also served in various coordinator positions, most recently as the team's running game coordinator and as the program's long-time academic coordinator. He was a student assistant coach in 2000 and a graduate assistant in 2001, then became the school's primary offensive line coach from 2002-2006, and again from 2008-16.

- With Best on the coaching staff, Eastern has had 14 different offensive linemen earn All-America accolades, with those players combining to win first team All-Big Sky Conference honors on 15 occasions. He played alongside four other All-Americans at EWU who all earned first team All-Big Sky honors, in addition to himself earning both honors when he played for the Eagles from 1996-1999. In all, in Best's 22 seasons as an Eagle, EWU players have won 26 first team All-BSC honors, 26 second team accolades, 19 on the third team and 36 honorable mentions (through 2018).

- Among the offensive linemen he coached was Michael Roos, who went on to a 10-year career with the Tennessee Titans in the National Football League. Roos became the highest NFL draft choice in school history when he was chosen in the second round – 41st overall – by the Tennessee Titans in 2005. A season-ending knee injury in 2014 led to his retirement from the NFL after 10 seasons. He credited Best in his retirement statement on Instagram on Feb. 26, 2015.



"I was very lucky to have the best offensive line coach possible in Aaron Best. He taught all of us the meaning of hard work and perseverance."

- In the last 15 seasons (2004-18) – 14 with Best on the coaching staff -- EWU has ranked in the top 10 in passing 12 times, in total offense on 11 occasions and scoring six times. In 2017, Eastern was eighth in FCS in passing (320.5 per game) and fifth in total offense (476.7), and was also 14th in scoring (34.5) and 11th in third down conversions (46.1 percent). In 2018, Eastern ended the regular season second in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in total offense at 553.2 yards per game, ninth in rushing offense (274.1), 16th in passing (279.1) and fourth in scoring (45.2).

- Best helped coordinate an offense in 2016 which set seven Big Sky Conference records and two additional EWU marks for a total of nine school records. Eastern finished the year ranked second in FCS in total offense with an average of 529.6 yards per game and was the FCS leader in passing offense (401.0 yards per game). Eastern was also third in scoring offense (42.4). Eastern's offense excelled after Best helped develop an offensive line that lost all five starters from EWU's 2015 squad plus two other seniors. In the last eight games of the 2016 season, the starting lineup consisted of two redshirt freshmen and a trio of sophomores. Eastern finished 12-2 overall and was a perfect 8-0 in the Big Sky Conference.

- Best started 22-straight games at center for Eastern in 1998 and 1999, earning honorable mention All-Big Sky honors as a junior and first team honors as a senior. He also earned honorable mention All-America honors his final season. An outstanding student with a 3.3 grade point average, as a senior he was selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII team and was selected to the FCS Athletic Directors Academic All-Star Team. Twice he was selected to the Big Sky All-Academic team. He

received his bachelor's degree in social science from EWU in 2001. He was Eastern's long-snapper for four seasons and was a backup lineman in 1997 when Eastern led the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in total offense (505.6 yards per game). That team finished 12-2 and advanced to the FCS "Final Four." The Eagles were 31-16 in the four seasons Best played for EWU, and Eastern had a 1,000-yard rusher each year. In all, the Eagles have had a 1,000-yard rusher in 12 of the 22 seasons Best has been at EWU.

- Best graduated in 1996 from Curtis High School in Tacoma, Wash., where he had a 3.75 grade point average. He was co-captain his senior season as Curtis won the State AAA championship.

- Best was born Jan. 27, 1978, in Tacoma, Wash. He and the former Kim Walker were married on July 15, 2007, in Everett, Wash. They have three children – one son, Tank (10), and two daughters, Tenli (8) and Texis (4).



EWU FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACHES

In Pressbox . . .



Bodie Reeder

Quarterbacks/
Offensive Coordinator
2nd Season
Eastern Illinois '10



Jeff Schmedding

Defensive Coordinator/
Safeties
15th Season
Eastern Washington, '02

On Sideline . . .



Jay Dumas

Wide Receivers
2nd Season
Washington State '99



Brian Strandley

Defensive Line/
Pro Liaison
8th Season
Idaho '95



Kevin Maurice

Running Backs/
Video Coordinator
2nd Season
St. Joseph's, Ind., College '06



Eti Ena

Associate Head Coach/
Defensive Front Coordinator/
Defensive Line
3rd season
Eastern Washington '05



Jase Butorac

Offensive Line/
Community Service/
Academic Coordinator
2nd Season
Eastern Washington '15



Josh Fetter

Linebackers/
High School Relations
8th Season
Idaho '96



Heath Pulver

Tight Ends/
Special Teams Coordinator
2nd Season but previously at EWU
Eastern Washington '09



Cherokee Valeria

Cornerbacks/
Recruiting Coordinator
7th Season
Central Washington '99

Aaron Best's Coaching Career

Year	School	Coaching Assignment	Head Coach	Record/Big Sky
2018	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		@12-2/7-1 (1st)
2017	Eastern Wash.	Head Coach		7-4/6-2 (t-3rd)
Totals as Head Coach (1+ seasons)				19-6 (.760)/13-3 (.813)

2016	Eastern Wash.	Run. Game Coord./OL/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	<12-2/8-0
2015	Eastern Wash.	Run. Game Coord./OL/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	6-5/5-3
2014	Eastern Wash.	Run. Game Coord./OL/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	>11-3/7-1
2013	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	=12-3/8-0
2012	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	\$11-3/7-1
2011	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	6-5/5-3
2010	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	+13-2/7-1
2009	Eastern Wash.	Off. Coord./OL Coach/Acad.	Beau Baldwin	*8-4/6-2
2008	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Beau Baldwin	6-5/5-3
Totals as O-Line Coach Under Beau Baldwin (9 seasons)				85-32 (.726)/58-14 (.806)

2007	Toronto Argonauts	Offensive Line Coach	Michael Clemons	11-8
2006	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	3-8/3-5
2005	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	&7-5/5-2
2004	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	~9-4/6-1
2003	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	6-5/3-4
2002	Eastern Wash.	Offensive Line Coach	Paul Wulff	6-5/3-4
2001	Eastern Wash.	Graduate Assistant Coach	Paul Wulff	7-4/3-4
2000	Eastern Wash.	Student Assistant Coach	Paul Wulff	6-5/5-3
Totals as EWU Coach Under Paul Wulff (7 seasons)				44-36 (.550)/28-23 (.549)

Totals as Collegiate Coach at Eastern (17+ seasons) **148-74 (.667)/98-40 (.710)**

@NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Nicholls 42-21, defeated UC Davis 34-29, defeated Maine 50-19); Big Sky Conference Champions.
< NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Central Arkansas 31-14, defeated Richmond 38-0, lost to Youngstown State 40-38); Big Sky Conference Champions.
> NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Montana 37-20, lost to Illinois State 59-46); Big Sky Conference Champions.
= NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated South Dakota State 41-17, defeated Jacksonville State 35-24, lost to Towson 35-31); Big Sky Conference Champions.
\$NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Wagner 29-19, defeated Illinois State 51-35, lost to Sam Houston State 45-52); Big Sky Conference Champions.
+NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Champion (Defeated Southeast Missouri State 37-17, defeated North Dakota State 38-31 in overtime, defeated Villanova 41-31, defeated Delaware 20-19); Big Sky Conference Champions.
*NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Lost to Stephen F. Austin 44-33);
&NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Lost to Northern Iowa 41-38); Big Sky Conference Champions
~NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Southern Illinois 35-31, lost to Sam Houston State 35-34); Big Sky Conference Champions
! Won Eastern Division Championship in the Canadian Football League and advanced to the playoffs (Lost to Winnipeg 19-9 in East Final)

Playing Career at Eastern Wash.

1996 – 6-5/4-4 Big Sky - Backup Center & Long Snapper
1997 – #12-2/7-1 Big Sky - Backup Center & Long Snapper
1998 – 5-6/4-4 - Starting Center (11 games) – Honorable Mention All-Big Sky
1999 – 7-4/6-2 - Starting Center (11 games) – Honorable Mention All-America; First Team All-Big Sky; Big Sky All-Academic – CoSIDA All-District VIII – FCS Athletic Directors Academic All-Star Team



Record as a Player (all under head coach Mike Kramer):
30-17 (.638)/21-11 (.656)

Totals as a Player and EWU Coach (21+ seasons): 176-91 (.659)/118-51 (.698).

#NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs (Defeated Northwestern State 40-10, defeated Western Kentucky 38-21, lost to Youngstown State 25-14); Big Sky Conference Champions.

Education

Bachelor's degree in social science, Eastern Wash. University, 2001
Graduate of Curtis High School in Tacoma, Wash., 1996

EWU Coaching Facts

Best Winning Percentage (Overall) . . .
.760 Aaron Best (2 seasons, 2017-18, 19-6)
.726 Beau Baldwin (9 seasons, 2008-16, 85-32)
.719 Dave Holmes (5 seasons, 1963-67, 34-13-1)

Most Victories (Overall) . . .
89 Dick Zornes (15 seasons, 1979-93)
Best Winning Percentage (Big Sky Conf.) . . .
.813 Aaron Best (2 seasons, 2017-18, 13-3)
.806 Beau Baldwin (9 seasons, 2008-16, 58-14)
Most Victories (Big Sky) . . .
58 Beau Baldwin (8 seasons, 2008-16)

EWU FOOTBALL ACADEMIC ALL- AMERICA HONORS

CoSIDA Academic All-America

All-Time Team: 1997 - Kurt Schulz, Defensive Back (played 1988-91)

CoSIDA Academic All-America

First Team: 2016 - Cooper Kupp, Wide Receiver. 2015 - Cooper Kupp, Wide Receiver. 2009 - Jacob Kragt, Defensive End; 2003 - Kyler Randall, Wide Receiver; 2002 - Kyler Randall, Wide Receiver; 1997 - Steve Mattson, Defensive End; 1997 - Jeff Ogden, Wide Receiver

CoSIDA Academic All-America

Second Team: 2014 - Cooper Kupp, Wide Receiver. 2012 - Jeff Minnery, Safety; 2000 - Lance Ballew, Tight End; 1998 - Mike MacKenzie, Running Back; 1996 - Steve Mattson, Defensive End; 1991 - Kurt Schulz, Defensive Back

Big Sky All- Academic Selections (2001-2017)

Eastern Washington	365
Montana	254
Weber State	238
Montana State	211
Idaho State	203
Northern Arizona	170
Portland State	158
Sacramento State	124
Northern Colorado	115*
Southern Utah	94#
North Dakota	94#
UC Davis	50#
Cal Poly	27#

*Since 2006-2007.
#Since 2012-13

Eagles in Overtime (10-5)

The Eagles are 7-2 in single overtime games, 1-3 in double overtime and 2-0 in triple overtime contests.

2016 - North Dakota State	- L, 44-50 (1 OT)
2015 - Cal Poly	- W, 42-41 (1 OT)
2011 - Cal Poly	- W, 53-51 (3 OT)
2011 - Sacramento State	- W, 42-35 (1 OT)
2010 - North Dakota State	- W, 38-31 (1 OT)
2004 - at Montana State	- W, 51-44 - (1 OT)
2003 - at Idaho State	- L, 52-55 - (2 OT)
2001 - at Sacramento State	- W, 42-35 (1 OT)
2001 - at Montana	- L, 26-29 (2 OT)
2000 - at Weber State	- W, 27-24 (1 OT)
1998 - Portland State	- L, 27-30 (1 OT)
1994 - Montana State	- W, 34-31 (3 OT)
1991 - at Idaho	- W, 34-31 (2 OT)
1990 - Montana State	- L, 25-28 (2 OT)
1990 - at Idaho State	- W, 33-26 (1 OT)

**EWU in NCAA Football Championship Subdivision
(since 1984) and the Big Sky Conference (since 1987)**

DICK ZORNES

Year	W	L	T	PF	PA
1979	7	2	0	184	162
1980	6	4	0	221	195
1981	7	3	0	245	97
1982	8	2	0	313	116
1983	5	5	0	202	194
1984	7	2	1	306	200
1985 (FCS Playoffs)	9	3	0	381	260
1986	6	5	0	324	276
1987	4	7	0	220	303
1988	2	8	1	217	372
1989	4	6	0	255	264
1990	5	6	0	300	360
1991	5	6	0	301	364
1992 (FCS Playoffs)	7	4	0	266	194
1993	7	3	0	285	225
Totals (15, .573)	89	66	2	4020	3582

MIKE KRAMER

Year	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Place
1994	4	7	0	.300	294	2	5
1995	3	8	0	.238	357	1	6
1996	6	5	0	.305	254	4	4
1997 (FCS Playoffs)	12	2	0	.481	245	7	1
1998	5	6	0	.316	297	4	4
1999	7	4	0	.326	336	6	2
Totals (6, .536)	37	32	0	.1966	1783	24	22

PAUL WULFF

Year	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Place
2000	6	5	0	.288	243	5	3
2001	7	4	0	.461	349	3	4
2002	6	5	0	.365	276	3	4
2003	6	5	0	.344	321	3	4
2004 (FCS Playoffs)	9	4	0	.488	323	6	1
2005 (FCS Playoffs)	7	5	0	.420	281	5	2
2006	3	8	0	.214	296	3	5
2007 (FCS Playoffs)	9	4	0	.437	288	6	2
Totals (8, .570)	53	40	0	.3017	2377	34	25

BEAU BALDWIN

Year	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Place
2008	6	5	0	.323	295	5	3
2009 (FCS Playoffs)	8	4	0	.404	329	6	2
2010 (FCS Champion)	13	2	0	.472	374	7	1
2011	6	5	0	.356	332	5	3
2012 (FCS Playoffs)	11	3	0	.472	356	7	1
2013 (FCS Playoffs)	12	3	0	.592	424	8	0
2014 (FCS Playoffs)	11	3	0	.618	439	7	1
2015	6	5	0	.381	435	5	3
2016 (FCS Playoffs)	12	2	0	.593	371	8	0
Totals (9, .726)	85	32	0	.4211	3355	58	14

AARON BEST

Year	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Place
2017	7	4	0	.379	367	6	2
2018 (FCS Playoffs)	12	2	0	.623	302	7	1
Totals (1+, .760)	19	6	0	.1002	569	13	3

EWU All-Time . . . 109+ Seasons, 994 games

553 wins, 418 losses, 23 ties/.568

MEMBER OF FCS (I-AA) – 34+ Seasons
411 games, 249 wins, 160 losses, 2 ties/.608

BIG SKY CONFERENCE – 31+ Seasons
246 games, 154 wins, 92 losses, 0 ties/.626

Year	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA	Place
1986	2	6	0	.250	189	262	8th
1987	2	8	1	.217	372	2	6
1988	4	6	0	.255	264	4	4
1989	5	6	0	.300	360	3	5
1990	5	6	0	.301	364	4	4
1991	5	6	0	.301	364	6	1
1992 (FCS Playoffs)	7	4	0	.266	194	6	1
1993	7	3	0	.285	225	5	2
Totals (15, .573)	89	66	2	.4020	3582	26	28

**THE LAST TIME
IT HAPPENED . . .**

Kickoff Returned for a Touchdown

EWU: 96, Dre' Sonte Dorton, Southern Utah, 10/21/17

OPP: 100, Travell Harris, Wash. St., 9/15/18

Punt (not a block) Returned for a TD

EWU: 57, Nsimba Webster, 11/16/18

OPP: 75, Josh Davis, Weber State, 10/13/18

Interception Returned for a Touchdown

EWU: 48, Nzuzi Webster, UC Davis, 11/10/18

OPP: 33, Willie Sykes, Texas Tech 9/2/17

Team Rushing, 300 Yards or More

EWU: 378, Portland State, 11/16/18

OPP: 375, North Dakota State, 9/9/17

Team Passing, 400 Yards or More

EWU: 440, Portland State, 11/18/17

OPP: 524, Washington State, 9/15/18

Total Offense, 500 Yards or More

EWU: 568, Maine, 12/15/18

OPP: 565, Washington State, 9/15/18

Total Offense, 600 Yards or More

EWU: 624, Portland State, 11/16/18

OPP: 626, Texas Tech, 9/2/17

Scoring, 50 Points or More

EWU: 50, Maine, 12/15/18

OPP: 59, Washington State, 9/15/18

Fumble Recovered by Defense for Touchdown

EWU: 0, Jay-Tee Tiuli, So. Utah, 10/6/18

OPP: 33, Herbert Gamboa, Mont., 11/14/15

Blocked Field Goal Returned for Touchdown

EWU: 55, Kedrick Johnson, Nicholls, 12/1/18

OPP: Unknown

Blocked Punt Returned for Touchdown

EWU: 0, Dylan Zylstra, 10/4/14

OPP: 41, Miles Killebrew, Southern Utah, 10/27/12

Interception Return for Defensive PAT

EWU: 94, Jackie Kellogg, Port. St. 10/26/90

OPP: None

Field Goal, 50 Yards or More

EWU: 52, Felipe Macias, Colorado, 9/6/08

OPP: 51, Matt Blair, UC Davis, 11/10/18

Safety

EWU: Stephen F. Austin, 11/28/09 (L, 33-44)

OPP: UC Davis, 10/1/16 (W, 63-30)

Year	Punt Return TD	Opp.	Kickoff Return TD	Opp.
2018	Nsimba Webster	1	Dre' Sonte Dorton	1
2017			Antoine Custer Jr.	1
2016	Cooper Kupp	1	Shaq Hill	1
2015	Cooper Kupp	1		
2014	Cooper Kupp, ****Dylan Zylstra	1	Shaquelle Hill	2
2013	****Evan Day	1	Jesse Hoffman (3)	2
2011	***T.J. Lee, **Darriell Beaumonte	1	Taiwan Jones	
2009		1	A.J. Jimerson	
2008				
2007				
2006	Tony Davis	3		
2005		1		
2004	Eric Kimble (2), *Kyle Long	1		
2003				
2002	Eric Kimble	2	Lamont Brightful	
2001	Kyler Randall (2)	2	Lamont Brightful (2)	
2000			Lamont Brightful (2)	2
1999			Bashir Livingston (3)	
1998	Bashir Livingston (3)	1	Maurice Perigo, Steve Correa	
1997	Maurice Perigo	1		
1996	Maurice Perigo	1		
TOTAL	20	13	19	6

*Long recovered a loose ball for a touchdown after a blocked punt by Gregor Smith. **Beaumonte recovered his own blocked punt for a TD. ***Lee recovered a loose ball for a TD after a blocked punt by Darriell Beaumonte. ****Day recovered a loose ball for a TD after a blocked punt by Dylan Zylstra. *****Zylstra recovered a loose ball for a TD after a blocked punt by Samson Ebukam.

Michael & Katherine Roos Field (formerly Woodward Field)

Cheney, Washington • Current Location Since 1967

8,600 (11,000+ for Montana) • Sprinturf Surface

230 Eastern Home Games • 165-65 (.717)

52-10 (.839) since re-named & red Sprinturf installed in 2010

The 2018 football season at Eastern Washington University will mark the 52nd season Eastern has played its football games at its current site in Cheney, Wash. But it will be the ninth as "Roos Field," as a new red synthetic Sprinturf surface made its debut in 2010.

Eastern finished a perfect 8-0 in its debut season at "The Inferno," including three playoff victories, and is 52-10 (83.9 percent) overall since the turf was installed, including a 39-6 (86.6 percent) record in the regular season and 13-4 (76.5 percent) mark in the FCS Playoffs.

Tennessee Titans offensive tackle Michael Roos and his wife Katherine kick-started the Red Turf Project with a \$500,000 contribution as part of their on-going legacy of giving to Eastern. As a result, the field was renamed in their honor at a dedication ceremony on Sept. 16, 2010. Two days later, 18th-ranked Eastern defeated sixth-ranked Montana 36-27 in the first game on the red Sprinturf field on Sept. 18, 2010. The nickname "The Inferno" was announced on the SWX television special "Rolling Out the Red Turf" the night before the Montana game. The other options in the fan voting for the nickname were Red Sea, Red Zone, Big Red, Red Carpet, Ring of Fire and Lava Pit.

For the previous 78 years, the stadium was named Woodward Field in honor of former Eastern head football and basketball coach Arthur C. Woodward. The "New" Woodward Field has been used by the Eagles since 1967, but prior to that, Woodward Field was located near where Eastern's JFK Library now sits and prior to that at another location on campus.

Woodward was head of Eastern's department of physical education and health for 23 years from 1927 to 1950. He was insistent that every interested student should have the opportunity to engage in competitive sports through intramural activities. He endeared himself to students, and, as a result, Woodward Field was named in his honor in 1932. Woodward passed away of a heart attack on Feb. 2, 1950, just a short time after attending a convocation and rally honoring the Eastern basketball team.

The 2016 season was the 50th year the stadium has been in use. Eastern's 38-7 win over Southwest Texas State on Sept. 21, 1996, was the 100th EWU game at the facility and the school's 26-18 win over Northern Colorado on Oct. 18, 2014, was the 200th. The team's 35-14 victory over Montana State on Nov. 12, 2005, was EWU's 100th win. Eastern has a 165-65 record (71.7 percent) in 230 games at Roos Field since 1967, with the Eagles utilizing Joe Albi Stadium in Spokane as the school's main home field from 1983-89. In 1990 and again from 1997-2002, Eastern played at least one game each year on the artificial turf surface at Albi, which enters its 67th year of existence in fall 2016. Eastern is 43-24-2 in 69 games there dating back to 1950 when it was built.

Roos Field has 8,600 permanent seats after an expansion in 2004 that included the addition of 1,600 seats in the north end zone. Renovations to the facilities in the 1990s included resurfacing the running track, additional bleacher seating on the east side, addition of lights and two new restroom facilities. Eastern beat Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo 61-7 on Sept. 10, 1994, in the first-ever night game at Roos Field, which was also the debut of Mike Kramer's head coaching career. Eastern played its first-ever NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff game at Roos Field on Dec. 5, 2004, in a 35-34 loss to Sam Houston State. The Eagles played three playoff games there in 2010 en route to winning the NCAA Division I Championship, as well as three in 2012, three more in 2013, a pair in 2014 and three more in 2016 and 2018 during Eastern's runs in the playoffs. That's a total of 18, including 17 from 2010-2018, with three more hosted at Albi Stadium in 1997.

With more than 2,000 temporary bleachers added, a record crowd of 11,702 attended the 2010 meeting against Montana, won by the Eagles 36-27. A crowd of 10,529 witnessed EWU's come-from-behind 32-26 win in 2012, 11,339 watched the Eagles win in 2014 and 10,931 were on hand when in EWU's 2016 victory over the Griz. Crowds of 11,583 in 2006, 10,830 in 2008 and 10,754 in 2004 attended the Eastern versus Montana showdowns that were all won by the Grizzlies. Eastern's top 25 all-time single game attendance figures at Roos Field have come in the past 14 seasons (including 2017). Fifteen of the top averages for single season attendance have come in the last 16 seasons (2002-2017), including a record of 10,123 in 2017, which broke the previous record of 9,577 in the 2015 season.

Eastern is 98-27 (78 percent) in the past 21+ seasons at Roos Field (1997-2018), with a current eight-game winning streak. Eastern had a nine-game winning streak snapped in a 36-21 loss to Montana State on Sept. 24, 2011 (the school record is 21 set from 1935-40). The Eagles had a nine-game winning streak at that venue snapped against Sacramento State on Oct. 21, 2000, when the Hornets made a 23-yard field goal with no time remaining. The Eagles were 4-0 in 1999 and 6-0 in 1997. In 1998, the Eagles were 3-1 at Roos Field with the lone loss a 30-27 overtime setback to Portland State when the Eagles missed a 25-yard field goal that could have won it with one second left.

A new concessions/team store building and 500 parking spaces were added at Roos Field in time for the 2013 season. A new video scoreboard was installed in 2012 to help enhance the game-day experience for students, fans and athletes. The Donor Suites and Media Center debuted in the 2004 football season. That same year, 1,600 seats were added at the north end of Roos Field. The project replaced the previous press box, which was built in 1967 when the stadium moved to its current location. The elevated structure includes nine donor suites on the first level and a facility for media and game management functions on the second level.

Improvements were made in summer 2002 to the main Roos Field entrance, including a new ticket booth structure. The previous year, a new football locker room and office complex was completed, as well as improved and increased locker room space for other Eastern sports teams. New restroom facilities at Roos Field were added in 1999 and 2000. The other phases of the project included improvements to the entry plazas and landscaping. Currently, the stadium has a permanent capacity of 8,600, but can accommodate more with the addition of portable bleachers.



Roos Field Top Cro1wds

(Total of 42 sellouts with 8,600+, including last 30 regular season games)

11,702	9/18/10	Montana
11,583	10/7/06	Montana
11,339	11/8/14	Montana
11,256	10/4/14	Idaho State
11,301	10/14/17	Montana State
10,931	10/29/16	Montana
10,924	10/8/16	Northern Colorado
10,917	9/30/17	Sacramento State
10,912	9/19/15	Montana State
10,830	10/11/08	Montana
10,754	10/16/04	Montana
10,741	10/1/16	UC Davis
10,529	9/29/12	Montana
10,422	9/24/11	Montana State
10,352	10/10/15	Cal Poly
10,310	8/23/14	Sam Houston St.
10,231	9/9/17	North Dakota St.
10,223	11/9/13	Montana State
10,135	10/19/13	Southern Utah
10,064	10/18/14	Northern Colorado
10,023	10/27/18	Idaho
9,734	10/5/13	Weber State
9,522	11/23/13	Portland State
9,451	11/4/17	Weber State
9,302	11/12/16	Idaho State
9,214	11/7/15	Northern Arizona
9,212	11/1/14	North Dakota
9,156	9/18/18	Cal Poly
9,116	9/30/14	Montana Western
9,111	9/17/16	Northern Iowa
9,003	10/29/11	Portland State
8,887	10/6/18	Southern Utah
8,789	11/10/18	UC Davis
8,759	10/31/15	Weber State
8,742	10/15/11	Northern Colo.
8,717	11/18/17	Portland State
8,714	10/22/12	Sacramento St.
8,696	10/22/05	Weber State
8,658	9/1/18	Central Wash.
8,646	10/6/12	North Dakota
8,649	11/21/15	Portland State
8,644	11/3/12	Cal Poly

*30th-Consecutive Sellout.

On Oct. 14, 1989, against Idaho State a crowd of 5,009 watched the first Eagles game played at Woodward Field since Oct. 15, 1983, when Eastern hosted Montana Tech in EWU's last game before moving to Albi Stadium in Spokane.

Joe Albi Stadium Top Crowds (Since 1984)

17,142	11/16/02	Montana
15,678	9/30/00	Montana
10,213	10/20/84	Idaho
9,694	9/2/99	Idaho
8,721	10/24/98	Montana
8,529	12/13/97	Youngstown St.
7,891	11/8/03	Montana State
7,835	9/27/86	Idaho
7,756	11/1/97	Idaho
7,500	10/20/90	Idaho

Games played against Whitworth have had crowds estimated at 16,000 (1976), 14,000 (1975), 8,500 (1974) and 7,740 (1977).

Eagles in the Pros

Since 1984, when Eastern became a member of the NCAA Championship Subdivision (FCS), 87 Eastern football players have either signed free agent contracts or have been drafted by National Football League (NFL) or Canadian Football League (CFL) teams. Eleven have been drafted by the NFL and five drafted by the CFL to go along with four NFL draftees between 1965-74. Eastern has also enjoyed a recent influx of players into other existing or now-defunct leagues. They include Arena Football League (AFL) and arenafootball2 (af2), as well as in the United Football League (UFL) and Indoor Football League (IFL). Prior to that, several played in the World League, which became NFL Europa before it folded. The list below shows EWU's current professionals and the team they are currently with.

Professionals in 2018 (most recent team listed)

Los Angeles Rams (NFL) – **Cooper Kupp** – Letterwinner at EWU Wide Receiver – 2013-14-15-16
 Los Angeles Rams (NFL) – **Samson Ebukam** – Outside Linebacker – 2013-14-15-16
 San Francisco 49ers (NFL) – **Kendrick Bourne** – Wide Receiver – 2013-14-15-16
 Buffalo Bills (NFL) – **Taiwan Jones** – Cornerback/Running Back – 2008-09-10
 Los Angeles Rams (NFL) – **Aaron Neary** – Offensive Guard – 2012-13-14-15
 Baltimore Ravens (NFL) – **Jake Rodgers** – Offensive Tackle – 2013-14
 *Buffalo Bills (NFL) – **Albert Havili** – Defensive End – 2013-14-16-17
 British Columbia (CFL) – **T.J. Lee III** – Cornerback – 2010-11-12-13
 Calgary Stampeders (CFL) – **Bo Levi Mitchell** – Quarterback – 2010-11
 Edmonton Eskimos (CFL) – **J.C. Sherritt** – Linebacker – 2007-08-09-10
 Winnipeg Blue Bombers (CFL) – **Matt Nichols** – Quarterback – 2006-07-08-09
 Montreal Alouettes (CFL) – **Vernon Adams Jr.** – Quarterback – 2012-13-14
 *Ottawa Redblacks (CFL) – **Victor Gamboa** – Cornerback – 2014-15-16-17
 *Edmonton Eskimos (CFL) – **Shaq Hill** – Wide Receiver – 2012-13-14-16
 *British Columbia (CFL) – **Cassidy Curtis** – Offensive Line – 2012-13-14-15
 *British Columbia (CFL) – **Tevin McDonald** – Safety – 2013-14
 *No longer on 2018 roster.



J.C. Sherritt added a professional championship to his high school and collegiate titles when the Edmonton Eskimos won the 2015 Canadian Football League Grey Cup. After winning a high school state championship (Pullman, Wash.), Sherritt won the 2010 Buck Buchanan Award given to the top defensive player in the NCAA Championship Subdivision in the same year Eastern Washington won the NCAA Division I title. He helped Edmonton finish 14-4 in the 2015 season, playing in all 18 games for the Eskimos and then leading the team to three playoff victories.

Former Eagle Players & Coaches . . . Where are They Coaching Now?

(Only those currently coaching and with NCAA and/or professional experience)

Name	Current Position	Current School or Pro Team (Previous)
Steve Amrine	Head Coach	Kelso, Wash., HS (Centralia HS/Idaho State)
Beau Baldwin	Offensive Coordinator	California (Eastern Washington/Central Washington) ►
Bruce Barnum	Head Coach	Portland State (Cornell/Idaho State)
Josh Blankenship	Head Coach	Adams State (Tulsa/Muskogee HS/Union HS)
Allen Brown	Cornerbacks	Cal Poly (Eastern Washington)
Luther Carr	Assistant Coach	Union HS in Tulsa, Okla. (Chief Sealth HS in Seattle/Idaho)
Dave Christensen	Offensive Line	Arizona State (Texas A&M/Utah/Wyoming/Missouri)
David Delgado	Tight Ends	Baldwin Wallace University
Bill Driedick Jr.	Scout	B.C. Lions (Palomar C./Univ. HS/Notre Dame/UW/WSU/UI) ►
Nicholas Edwards	Wide Receivers	California (Eastern Washington)
Greg Herd	Wide Receivers	Steilacoom HS in Wash.
Zak Hill	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	Boise State (Hawaii/Eastern Washington)
Torey Hunter	Scout	B.C. Lions (Edmonton Eskimos/Idaho/Eastern Washington)
Steve Kizer	Head Coach	Skyview High School in Wash. (Eastern Washington)
Pete Kwiatkowski	Co-Def. Coord./D-Line	Washington (Boise State/Montana State)
Jimmy Lake	Co-Def. Coord./D-Backs	Washington (Boise State/Tampa Bay Buccaneers)
Kiel McDonald	Running Backs	Utah (Eastern Washington)
Jim McElwain	Head Coach	Central Michigan (Michigan/Florida/Colorado State/Alabama) ►
Brent Myers	Assoc. HC/Offensive Line	Weber State (UNLV/Louisville)
Keith Murphy	Spec. Teams Quality Control	Florida (Southern Ill./New Mexico St./St. Louis Rams)
Travis Niekamp	Defensive Coordinator/DL	Illinois State (Montana/Louisiana Monroe/Washington State)
Mike Orthmann	Offensive Coordinator	Arizona Western JC (Eastern Washington)
Timm Rosenbach	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	Montana (Adams State/UNLV/Montana)
J.D. Sollars	Assistant Coach	Glendale CC (Northern Arizona)
Todd Sturdy	Head Coach	MidAmerica Nazarene (No. Iowa/Iowa State/Wash. St./EWU)
Troy Taylor	Head Coach	Sacramento State (Utah/Eastern Washington/Folsom HS)
Jesse Williams	Defensive Line	Kansas (Ohio University/New Mexico State)

Recent Former Coaches . . .

Junior Adams	Offensive Coordinator	Western Kentucky (Boise State/Eastern Washington)
Jason Belford	Defensive Line	Portland State (Weber State/Wash. State)
Randy Hanson	Assistant Secondary	Cal Poly (Sacramento Mountain Lions)
Mike Kramer	Head Coach	Idaho State (Washington State/MSU/EWU)
Tom Mason	Defensive Coordinator	Texas-El Paso (Hawaii/SMU/Fresno State)
Rich Rasmussen	Chief Administrative Officer	Washington (Boise State/Washington State)
Eric Reid	Offensive Line	Northern Arizona (Portland State/Eastern Washington)
Malik Roberson	Defensive Coordinator/LB	Portland State (Central Washington) ►
Jody Sears	Head Coach/Def. Coord.	Sacramento State (Weber State/Washington State)
Dave Telford	Head Coach	Stanwood, Wash., HS (Indiana State/Monroe HS HC)
Rick Worman	Tight Ends	Dixie State (Wilmington Col./Montreal Alouettes/Miss. Valley State)
Paul Wulff	Asst. HC/Run. Game C./OL	Sacramento St. (South Florida/SF 49ers/Wash. State) ►
John Zamberlin	Scout	Hamilton Tiger-Cats (Weber State)



2018 EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

12-2 Overall (8-0 Home/4-2 Away/0-0 Neutral), 7-1 Big Sky Conference CHAMPIONS (4-0 Home/3-1 Away)

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTEND	RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Sep 1, 2018	#9 CENTRAL WASH.	W	58-13	8658	Sam McPherson	14	186	1386	34	1352	7.3	12	94	96.6
Sep 8, 2018	at #18 Northern Arizona	W	31-26	8938	Antoine Custer Jr.	10	95	646	32	614	6.5	8	62	61.4
Sep 15, 2018	at Washington State	L	24-59	32952	Eric Barriere	13	90	742	139	603	6.7	7	85	46.4
* Sep 22, 2018	CAL POLY	W	70-17	9156	Tamarick Pierce	14	70	563	13	550	7.9	7	81	39.3
* Sep 29, 2018	at Montana State	W	34-17	18667	Dennis Merritt	14	43	358	10	348	8.1	3	81	24.9
* Oct 6, 2018	SOUTHERN UTAH	W	55-17	8887	Gage Gubrud	5	31	207	38	169	5.5	2	29	33.8
* Oct 13, 2018	at #13 Weber State	L	6-14	8211	Isaiah Lewis	3	7	55	3	52	7.4	0	44	17.3
* Oct 27, 2018	IDAHO	W	38-14	10023	Nsimba Webster	14	2	24	0	24	12.0	0	12	1.7
* Nov 3, 2018	at Northern Colorado	W	48-13	3274	Andrew Boston	14	4	18	0	18	4.5	0	8	1.3
* Nov 10, 2018	#4 UC DAVIS	W	59-20	8789	Terence Grady	14	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	8	0.8
* Nov 16, 2018	at Portland State	W	74-23	4205	Dre' Sonte Dorton	14	1	6	0	6	6.0	0	6	0.4
▲ Dec 8, 2018	#7 UC DAVIS	W	34-29	5503	Johnny Edwards IV	14	2	9	5	4	2.0	0	9	0.3
▲ Dec 15, 2018	#12 MAINE	W	50-19	7529	Gunner Talkington	6	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
▲ Jan 5, 2019	vs #1 North Dakota State		9:00 am		Team	8	13	1	70	-69	-5.3	0	1	-8.6
*Big Sky Conference Game. ^FCS Playoff Game.														

*Big Sky Conference Game. ^FCS Playoff Game.

TEAM STATISTICS	EWU	OPP	PASSING	G	Effic	Cmp-Att-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
SCORING	623	302	Eric Barriere	13	150.83	177-286-7	61.9	2252	24	68	173.2
Points Per Game	44.5	21.6	Gage Gubrud	5	156.78	99-160-5	61.9	1416	13	62	283.2
Points Off Turnovers	124	43	Gunner Talkington	6	91.27	5-11-0	45.5	60	0	27	10.0
FIRST DOWNS	338	313	Sam McPherson	14	318.40	3-3-0	100.0	78	0	33	5.6
Rushing	158	125	Jayson Williams	14	402.40	1-1-0	100.0	36	0	36	2.6
Passing	159	160	Anthony Smith	14	352.00	1-1-0	100.0	30	0	30	2.1
Penalty	21	28	Andrew Boston	14	200.80	1-1-0	100.0	12	0	12	0.9
RUSHING YARDAGE	3682	2194	Total.....	14	153.64	287-463-12	62.0	3884	37	68	277.4
Yards gained rushing	4026	2612	Opponents.....	14	115.60	310-515-20	60.2	3205	17	50	228.9
Yards lost rushing	344	418									
Rushing Attempts	547	567									
Average Per Rush	6.7	3.9									
Average Per Game	263.0	156.7									
TDs Rushing	39	20									
PASSING YARDAGE	3884	3205									
Comp-Att-Int	287-463-12	310-515-20									
Average Per Pass	8.4	6.2									
Average Per Catch	13.5	10.3									
Average Per Game	277.4	228.9									
TDs Passing	37	17									
TOTAL OFFENSE	7566	5399									
Total Plays	1010	1082									
Average Per Play	7.5	5.0									
Average Per Game	540.4	385.6									
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	42-825	57-1063									
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	27-235	21-216									
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	20-291	12-60									
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	19.6	18.6									
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	8.7	10.3									
INT RETURN AVERAGE	14.6	5.0									
FUMBLIES-LOST	18-9	22-12									
PENALTIES-Yards	87-891	75-696									
Average Per Game	63.6	49.7									
PUNTS-Yards	56-2460	85-3461									
Average Per Punt	43.9	40.7									
Net punt average	38.3	36.1									
KICKOFFS-Yards	111-6479	60-3500									
Average Per Kick	58.4	58.3									
Net kick average	38.7	39.2									
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	27:23	32:24									
3RD-DOWN Conversions	82/188	87/227									
3rd-Down Pct	44%	38%									
4TH-DOWN Conversions	9/23	11/27									
4th-Down Pct	39%	41%									
SACKS BY-Yards	35-241	20-137									
MISC YARDS	82	-10									
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	83	39									
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	15-15	9-17									
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-2									
RED-ZONE SCORES	(63-74) 85%	(30-41) 73%									
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(48-74) 65%	(24-41) 59%									
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(72-76) 95%	(35-36) 97%									
ATTENDANCE	63795	76247									
Games/Avg Per Game	8/7974	6/12708									
Neutral Site Games		0/0									

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total	FUMBLE RET.	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Eastern Washington	155	157	159	152	623	Cole Karstetter	1	38	38.0	1	38
Opponents	61	93	80	68	302	Jim Townsend	1	62	62.0	1	62
						Mitchell Johnson	1	11	11.0	0	11
						Kedrick Johnson	0	0	0.0	1	0
						Dylan Ingram	1	6	6.0	0	6
						Zach Eagle	1	0	0.0	0	0
						Nick Foerstel	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
						Total.....	42	825	19.6	0	55
						Opponents.....	57	1063	18.6	1	100

FUMBLE RET.	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Cole Karstetter	1	38	38.0	1	38
Jim Townsend	1	62	62.0	1	62
Mitchell Johnson	1	11	11.0	0	11
Kedrick Johnson	0	0	0.0	1	0
Jay-Tee Tiuli	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total.....	3	111	37.0	4	62
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

SCORING	PATS								Points
	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	
Roldan Alcobendas	0	15-15	68-69	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	113
Sam McPherson	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-2	0	0	78
Nsimba Webster	12	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	74
Antoine Custer Jr.	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
Eric Barriere	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	3-3	0	0	42
Jayce Gilder	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	3	0-0	0	0	42
Tamarick Pierce	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42
Andrew Boston	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Dennis Merritt	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Johnny Edwards IV	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
Henderson Belk	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Gage Gubrud	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Terence Grady	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Dre' Sonte Dorton	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
Jay-Tee Tiuli	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Trenton Harris	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Ketner Kupp	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Nzuzi Webster	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Zach Eagle	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Dylan Ingram	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Kedrick Johnson	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Jim Townsend	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Cole Karstetter	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Andre Slyter	0	0-0	4-7	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	4
Gunner Talkington	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-2	0	0	0
Total.....	83	15-15	72-76	0-0	4	4-7	0	0	623
Opponents.....	39	9-17	35-36	0-0	1	1-3	1	1	302

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Eric Barriere	13	376	603	2252	2855	219.6
Gage Gubrud	5	191	169	1416	1585	317.0
Sam McPherson	14	189	1352	78	1430	102.1
Antoine Custer Jr.	10	95	614	0	614	61.4
Tamarick Pierce	14	70	550	0	550	39.3
Dennis Merritt	14	43	348	0	348	24.9
Gunner Talkington	6	12	0	60	60	10.0
Isaiah Lewis	3	7	52	0	52	17.3
Jayson Williams	14	1	0	36	36	2.6
Anthony Smith	14	1	0	30	30	2.1
Andrew Boston	14	5	18	12	30	2.1
Nsimba Webster	14	2	24	0	24	1.7
Terence Grady	14	2	11	0	11	0.8
Dre' Sonte Dorton	14	1	6	0	6	0.4
Johnny Edwards IV	14	2	4	0	4	0.3
Team	8	13	-69	0	-69	-8.6
Total.....	14	1010	3682	3884	7566	540.4
Opponents.....	14	1082	2194	3205	5399	385.6

FIELD GOALS	M-A	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Roldan Alcobendas	15-15	100.0	1-1	7-7	4-4	3-3	0-0	47	0

FG SEQUENCE	Eastern Washington	OPPONENTS
Central Washington	(47)	35
Northern Arizona	(40)	35 (42), (32)
Washington State	(37)	(44)
Cal Poly	-	(23)
Montana State	(24), (25)	(31), 42
Southern Utah	(32), (19)	(42)
Weber State	(31), (27)	41
Idaho	(30)	-
Northern Colorado	(22), (23)	
UC Davis	(24)	(30), 50, (51)
Nicholls	(22), (45)	50, 37
UC Davis	-	
Maine	-	46, (31)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
Roldan Alcobendas	52	2336	44.9	78	5	16	21	12	0
Anthony Smith	2	63	31.5	42	0	0	0	0	0
Gage Gubrud	2	61	30.5	36	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	56	2460	43.9	78	5	16	21	12	0
Opponents.....	85	3461	40.7	61	8	23	26	19	0

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
Andre Slyter	108	6294	58.3	45	0			
Brandy Bangsund	2	130	65.0	0	0			
Roldan Alcobendas	1	55	55.0	0	0			
Total.....	111	6479	58.4	45	0	1063	38.7	26
Opponents.....	60	3500	58.3	13	1	825	39.2	25

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Sam McPherson	14	1352	178	0	0	0	1530	109.3
Nsimba Webster	14	24	1287	73	0	0	1384	98.9
Dennis Merritt	14	348	90	0	422	0	860	61.4
Antoine Custer Jr.	10	614	93	0	0	0	707	70.7
Eric Barriere	13	603	13	0	0	0	616	47.4
Tamarick Pierce	14	550	62	0	0	0	612	43.7
Andrew Boston	14	18	531	0	0	0	549	39.2
Dre' Sonte Dorton	14	6	49	0	334	0	389	27.8
Jayson Williams	14	0	308	0	0	0	308	22.0
Terence Grady	14	11	285	0	0	0	296	21.1
Henderson Belk	14	0	288	0	0	0	288	20.6
Zach Eagle	5	0	186	57	0	0	243	48.6
Total.....	14	3682	3884	235	825	291	8917	636.9
Opponents.....	14	2194	3205	216	1063	60	6738	481.3

MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE IN EWU HISTORY

1. 743 Idaho State 11/2/13

2. 740 Rocky Mountain 9/6/97

3. 728 Portland State 11/18/17

4. 697 Montana 10/4/86

5. 677 **Central Washington 9/1/18**

6. 669 UC Davis 11/10/18

7. 667 Montana State 9/19/15

8. 659 Northern Colorado 10/8/16

9. 658 Montana 10/18/97

10. 657 Cal Poly 9/22/18

11. 651 Sacramento State 9/30/17

12. 650 Fordham 9/16/17

13. 648 **Southern Utah 10/6/18**

14. 648 Northern Colorado 11/3/18

15. 644 Whitworth 11/18/67

16. 630 Western Oregon 9/14/02

17. 627 UC Davis 10/1/16

18. 626 McNeese State 11/24/07

19. 625 Oregon State 8/31/13

20. 624 **Portland State 11/16/18**

21. 624 Sam Houston State 8/23/14

22. 618 Idaho State 11/24/01

23. 617 Montana 9/23/17

24. 617 Idaho State 10/4/14

25. 612 Idaho State 9/25/04

26. 608 Southern Utah 11/14/09

27. 608 CS Northridge 10/27/01

28. 606 Washington State 9/3/16

29. 603 Montana 9/17/94

30. 597 Western Oregon 9/7/13

31. 596 Montana State 10/22/16

32. 596 Sacramento State 9/18/93

33. 594 Sacramento State 9/26/15

34. 592 Northern Arizona 11/8/97

35. 591 Montana State 11/9/13

36. 592 Davenport HS (53-0), 10/18/1902

37. 588 Cal State Northridge 9/25/99

38. 583 Montana Western 8/30/14

39. 583 Northern Arizona 10/8/05

40. 582 Montana State 9/20/14

41. 580 *Towson 12/21/13

42. 580 **Northern Colorado 11/3/18**

43. 578 Idaho State 11/19/11

44. 578 Northern Arizona 11/2/91

45. 574 Washington 9/6/14

46. 573 Cal Poly 11/6/04

47. 570 **Northern Arizona 9/8/18**

48. 569 Western Oregon 9/17/05

49. 568 *Maine 12/15/18

50. 568 Southern Utah, 10/11/14

51. 568 *Southern Illinois 11/27/04

52. 568 Southern Utah 9/21/02

53. 567 Montana-Western 8/31/07

54. 567 Northern Arizona (52-24), 9/31/2007

55. 567 Idaho State (52-55), 10/4/2003

56. 567 Spokane Col. (52-0), 10/22/1921

57. 567 Montana (52-19), 11/16/1985

58. 567 Sacramento State (51-34), 10/12/1996

59. 567 Carroll (51-0), 9/19/1981

60. 567 *Maine (50-19), 12/18/18

61. 567 Northern Arizona (50-35), 9/24/2016

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DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles			TFL/Yds	-Sacks-	Pass Def		QBH	Fumbles		Blkd	Kick	Saf
		Solo	Ast	Total			No-Yards	Int-Yds		BrUp	Rcv-Yds	FF		
40 Kether Kupp	14	57	47	104	5.5-11	0.5-4	1-95	3	5	1-0	1	.	.	.
58 Chris Ojoh	14	49	45	94	6.5-29	1.0-15	1-0	2	6	1-0	1	.	.	.
23 Dehonta Hayes	14	42	39	81	1.5-4	.	1-14	4	1	1-0	1	.	.	.
25 Calin Criner	14	35	34	69	1.5-2	.	2-35	6	.	1-0	1	.	.	.
1 Josh Lewis	14	36	21	57	4.0-22	2.0-20	5-40	12	1	.	1	.	.	.
59 Kurt Calhoun	8	25	27	52	5.0-25	1.5-12	.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.
4 Mitch Fettig	10	28	23	51	.	.	1-0	5	1	.	.	.	.	.
27 Kedrick Johnson	14	22	25	47	5.0-15	2.0-4	.	2	1	.	1	.	.	.
18 D'londo Tucker	14	32	14	46	3.0-4	.	4-49	7	.	1-0	2	.	.	.
49 Jim Townsend	14	21	23	44	5.0-27	4.0-25	.	1	5	1-62	2	.	.	.
57 Dylan Ledbetter	14	16	26	42	4.0-13	1.5-9	.	3	2	.	.	3	.	.
36 Andrew Katzenberger	14	26	16	42	2.5-17	2.0-17	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
99 Jay-Tee Tiuli	13	15	23	38	6.5-36	4.0-30	.	2	1	1-0	1	.	.	.
22 Tyseen Prunty	9	22	14	36	1.0-6	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92 Nick Foerstel	14	15	18	33	4.5-8	1.0-4	.	2	1	.	.	.	.	.
6 Nzuzzi Webster	14	22	10	32	1.0-1	.	1-45	9	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
33 Cole Karstetter	11	18	12	30	4.0-17	1.0-10	.	2	1	1-38	1	.	.	.
94 Mitchell Johnson	14	16	13	29	8.0-41	4.5-33	2-13	2	2	1-11	1	.	.	.
90 Keenan Williams	9	9	17	26	5.5-18	1.5-13	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	.
60 Caleb Davis	10	5	19	24	2.0-4	1.0-3	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
31 Brandon Montgomery	14	14	7	21	2.0-13	1.0-12	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 Anthony Smith	14	7	11	18	.	.	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
53 Joshua Jerome	4	3	12	15	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91 Jonah Jordan	14	4	11	15	0.5-2	0.5-2	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
72 Keith Moore	9	10	4	14	6.0-18	4.0-16	.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.	.
96 Darnell Hogan	14	6	7	13	.	.	.	.	1	.	1	.	.	.
26 Darreon Moore	13	7	4	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Debose'ae McClain	14	5	5	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45 Tamir Hill	6	5	3	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41 Trevor Davis Jr.	7	6	2	8	2.0-7	1.0-6	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
54 Cale Lindsay	7	4	4	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
44 Dennis Merritt	14	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38 Joe Lang	4	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30 Ira Branch	7	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 Talolo Limu-Jones	11	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14 Darrien Sampson	3	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 Tre Weed	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
89 Jayce Gilder	14	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 Andre Slyter	14	2	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 Sam McPherson	14	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39 Curtis Billen	14	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
74 Beau Byus	13	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48 Isaiah Lewis	3	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50 Emmanuel Osuoha	1	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37 Roldan Alcobendas	13	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85 Henderson Belk	14	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42 Keshawn King	3	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32 Brad Alexander	8	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total.....	14	594	558	1152	87-341	35-241	20-291	70	34	12-111	16	3	.	.
Opponents.....	14	561	450	1011	84.5-281	20-137	12-60	32	28	9-0	13	2	.	1

STARTERS - OFF.	Left Tackle	Left Guard	Center	Right Guard	Right Tackle	Quarterback	Tailback	Tight End/WR	Wide Receiver	Wide Receiver	FB/TE/WR
Central Wash.	Taylor	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Gubrud	McPherson	Belk (te)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
Northern Ariz.	Taylor	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Gubrud	McPherson	Eagle (wr)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
Washington St.	Taylor	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Gubrud	McPherson	Eagle (wr)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
Cal Poly	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Gubrud	McPherson	Belk (te)	Grady	Eagle	Boston (wr)
Montana St.	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Gubrud	Custer	Eagle (wr)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Edwards (wr)
Southern Utah	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Belk (te)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
Weber State	Meyer	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Belk (te)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
Idaho	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	McPherson	Belk (te)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
Northern Colo.	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	Custer	Williams (wr)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
UC Davis	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Meyer	Schlichting	Barriere	McPherson	Belk (te)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
Portland St.	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	McPherson	Belk (te)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
Nicholls	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	McPherson	Belk (te)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
UC Davis	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	McPherson	Belk (te)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
Maine	Byus	Hunter	Blackburn	Levao	Schlichting	Barriere	McPherson	Belk (te)	Grady	Nsimba Webster	Boston (wr)
STARTERS - DEF.	Cornerback	Cornerback	Safety	Safety	Rover	Middle LB	Strong LB	End	Tackle	Nose Tackle	End
Central Wash.	Lewis	Nzuzzi Webster	Fettig	Prunty	Karstetter	Calhoun	Kupp	Townsend	Tiuli	Williams	
Northern Ariz.	Lewis	Tucker	Fettig	Prunty	Karstetter	Calhoun	Kupp	Townsend	Tiuli	Williams	
Washington St.	Lewis	Tucker	Fettig	Prunty	Karstetter	Calhoun	Kupp	Townsend	Ledbetter	Tiuli	Foerstel
Cal Poly	Lewis	Tucker	Fettig	Prunty	Karstetter	Calhoun	Kupp	Townsend	Ledbetter	Tiuli	Foerstel
Montana St.	Lewis	Tucker	Fettig	Prunty	Karstetter	Katzenberger	Ojoh	Townsend	Ledbetter	Tiuli	Foerstel
Southern Utah	Lewis	Tucker	Fettig	Hayes	Karstetter	Calhoun	Kupp	Townsend	Ledbetter	Tiuli	Foerstel
Weber State	Lewis	Tucker	Fettig	Hayes	Karstetter	Calhoun	Kupp	Williams	Ledbetter	Tiuli	Foerstel
Idaho	Lewis	Tucker	Fettig	Hayes	Karstetter	Calhoun	Kupp	Williams	Jordan	Tiuli	Foerstel
Northern Colo.	Lewis	Tucker	Prunty	Hayes	Karstetter	Kupp	Ojoh	Williams	Jordan	Tiuli	Foerstel
UC Davis	Lewis	Tucker	Fettig	Hayes	Karstetter	Kupp	Ojoh	Williams	Jordan	Tiuli	Foerstel
Portland St.	Lewis	Tucker	Fettig	Prunty	Karstetter	Kupp	Ojoh	Williams	Ledbetter	Tiuli	Foerstel
Nicholls	Lewis	Tucker	Criner	Hayes	Karstetter	Kupp	Ojoh	Townsend	Ledbetter	Tiuli	Foerstel
UC Davis	Lewis	Tucker	Criner	Hayes	Karstetter	Kupp	Ojoh	Townsend	Ledbetter	Tiuli	Foerstel
UC Davis	Lewis	Tucker	Criner	Hayes	Karstetter	Kupp	Ojoh	Townsend	Jordan	Ledbetter	Foerstel

2018 CO-CAPTAINS

Center Spencer Blackburn
(Sr. - Bellingham, Wash.)

Quarterback Gage Gubrud
(Sr. - McMinnville, Ore.)

Running Back Sam McPherson
(Sr. - Bothell, Wash.)

Safety Mitch Fettig
(Sr. - Olympia, Wash.)

Linebacker Ketner Kupp
(Sr. - Yakima, Wash.)

Team Game-by-Game

Date	Opponent	---RUSHING---				---RECEIVING---				-----PASSING-----				---KICK RET---				---PUNT RET---				tot off
		No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Cmp-Att-Int	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	
Sep 1, 2018	CENTRAL WASH.	38	328	3	46	20	349	5	50	20-25-0	349	5	50	3	45	0	29	6	55	0	22	677
Sep 08, 2018	at Northern Arizona	38	248	0	94	18	322	4	62	18-33-0	322	4	62	5	94	0	28	4	51	0	0	570
Sep 15, 2018	at Washington State	35	148	0	21	14	231	3	44	14-36-3	231	3	44	6	146	0	40	0	0	0	0	379
Sep 22, 2018	CAL POLY	30	441	6	81	22	216	2	29	22-29-1	216	2	29	1	16	0	16	2	15	0	0	657
Sep 29, 2018	at Montana State	33	179	4	57	27	311	0	34	27-41-1	311	0	34	1	18	0	18	4	0	0	0	490
Oct 6, 2018	SOUTHERN UTAH	42	380	5	85	16	268	1	48	16-27-0	268	1	48	4	70	0	22	1	1	0	1	648
Oct 13, 2018	at Weber State	36	62	0	19	19	185	0	30	19-42-2	185	0	30	2	41	0	24	1	-3	0	0	247
Oct 27, 2018	IDAHO	38	171	2	48	31	375	3	64	31-44-0	375	3	64	2	25	0	18	2	4	0	4	546
Nov 03, 2018	at Northern Colorado	46	308	4	44	26	270	2	24	26-38-1	270	2	24	3	43	0	29	2	27	0	21	578
Nov 10, 2018	UC DAVIS	63	372	6	31	17	297	1	55	17-31-0	297	1	55	2	24	0	18	0	0	0	0	669
Nov 16, 2018	at Portland State	27	378	5	81	16	246	5	68	16-31-1	246	5	68	4	117	0	55	4	78	1	57	624
Dec 1, 2018	NICHOLLS	43	237	2	44	18	194	1	34	18-30-1	194	1	34	2	38	0	23	1	7	0	7	431
Dec 8, 2018	UC DAVIS	42	214	2	35	22	268	3	55	22-26-1	268	3	55	4	77	0	26	0	0	0	0	482
Dec 15, 2018	MAINE	36	216	0	26	21	352	7	58	21-30-1	352	7	58	3	71	0	38	0	0	0	0	568
Totals		547	3682	39	94	287	3884	37	68	287-463-12	3884	37	68	42	825	0	55	27	235	1	57	7566
Opponent		567	2194	20	69	310	3205	17	50	310-515-20	3205	17	50	57	1063	1	100	21	216	1	75	5399

Date	Opponent	-----TACKLES-----				-SACKS-				-FUMBLE-		Pass QBH	Brk	-Kicks--XPTS-				Saf	Pts
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	Kick Kick	XP	Run	Rcv						
Sep 1, 2018	CENTRAL WASH.	38	46	84	6.0-21	2.0-11	0	0-0	1-35	2	3	0	8-7	0	0	0	0	58	
Sep 08, 2018	at Northern Arizona	50	20	70	8.0-37	5.0-33	0	0-0	1-0	5	5	1	4-4	0	0	0	0	31	
Sep 15, 2018	at Washington State	53	12	65	6.0-20	2.0-12	0	0-0	0-0	0	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	24	
Sep 22, 2018	CAL POLY	39	96	135	7.0-34	2.0-18	3	2-100	0-0	3	3	0	10-10	0	0	0	0	70	
Sep 29, 2018	at Montana State	47	12	59	7.0-30	3.0-24	1	0-0	2-16	0	3	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	34	
Oct 6, 2018	SOUTHERN UTAH	54	44	98	6.0-19	1.0-9	0	1-0	1-9	2	9	0	7-7	0	0	0	0	55	
Oct 13, 2018	at Weber State	25	64	89	6.0-21	2.0-17	3	1-11	0-0	1	4	1	0-0	0	0	0	0	6	
Oct 27, 2018	IDAHO	32	53	85	5.0-16	2.0-9	1	1-0	0-0	6	5	0	5-5	0	0	0	0	38	
Nov 03, 2018	at Northern Colorado	40	13	53	8.0-58	6.0-56	1	0-0	3-58	3	5	0	6-6	0	0	0	0	48	
Nov 10, 2018	UC DAVIS	41	32	73	6.0-19	1.0-7	2	2-0	3-45	5	13	0	8-8	0	0	0	0	59	
Nov 16, 2018	at Portland State	60	12	72	6.0-10	1.0-4	1	1-0	3-5	2	3	0	7-4	0	0	0	0	74	
Dec 1, 2018	NICHOLLS	36	54	90	3.0-8	2.0-7	2	1-0	1-95	1	2	1	4-4	0	0	0	0	42	
Dec 8, 2018	UC DAVIS	36	58	94	8.0-31	3.0-19	1	1-0	3-4	2	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	0	34	
Dec 15, 2018	MAINE	43	42	85	5.0-17	3.0-15	1	2-0	2-24	2	8	0	6-6	0	1	0	0	50	
Totals		594	558	1152	87.0-341	35.0-241	16	12-111	20-291	34	70	3	76-72	0	4	0	0	623	
Opponent		561	450	1011	84.5-281	20.0-145	13	9-0	12-60	28	32	2	36-35	0	1	1	1	302	

Date	Opponent	-----PUNTING-----				-----FIELD GOALS-----				-----KICKOFFS-----				Saf	Pts			
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	FC	50+	I20	FG	Lg	Blkd	No	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	
Sep 1, 2018	CENTRAL WASH.	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	47	0	10	607	60.7	5	0	
Sep 08, 2018	at Northern Arizona	6	264	44.0	60	0	1	1	1	1-1	40	0	6	388	64.7	5	0	
Sep 15, 2018	at Washington State	4	169	42.2	54	0	0	2	1	1-1	37	0	5	314	62.8	2	0	
Sep 22, 2018	CAL POLY	2	51	25.5	26	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	11	575	52.3	6	0	
Sep 29, 2018	at Montana State	4	187	46.8	60	0	1	1	2	2-2	25	0	7	454	64.9	4	0	
Oct 6, 2018	SOUTHERN UTAH	4	176	44.0	50	0	0	3	1	2-2	32	0	9	496	55.1	2	0	
Oct 13, 2018	at Weber State	7	422	60.3	78	0	3	1	4	2-2	31	0	3	195	65.0	3	0	
Oct 27, 2018	IDAHO	5	206	41.2	49	0	0	1	0	1-1	30	0	7	440	62.9	3	0	
Nov 03, 2018	at Northern Colorado	2	86	43.0	45	0	0	0	0	2-2	23	0	9	515	57.2	4	0	
Nov 10, 2018	UC DAVIS	5	199	39.8	57	0	0	3	1	4-1	24	0	10	545	54.5	1	0	
Nov 16, 2018	at Portland State	2	63	31.5	42	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	12	662	55.2	3	0	
Dec 1, 2018	NICHOLLS	2	87	43.5	47	0	0	0	0	2-2	45	0	7	414	59.1	2	0	
Dec 8, 2018	UC DAVIS	7	300	42.9	51	0	0	2	1	0-0	0	0	6	331	55.2	1	0	
Dec 15, 2018	MAINE	6	250	41.7	55	0	0	2	1	3-0	0	0	9	543	60.3	4	0	
Totals		56	2460	43.9	78	0	5	16	12	21	15-15	47	0	111	6479	58.4	45	0
Opponent		85	3461	40.7	61	0	8	23	19	26	17-9	51	3	60	3500	58.3	13	1

Date	Opponent	-----TACKLES-----				-SACKS-				-FUMBLE-		Pass QBH	Brk	-Kicks--XPTS-				Saf	Pts
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	Kick Kick	XP	Run	Rcv						
Sep 1, 2018	CENTRAL WASH.	40	36	76	4.0-10	0.0-0	1	3-0											

Team Game-by-Game (continued)

OPPONENT	Opponent	PUNTING						FIELD GOALS				KICKOFFS						
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	I20	FG	Lg	Blkd	No	Yds	Avg	TB	OB
Sep 1, 2018	CENTRAL WASH.	9	370	41.1	57	0	1	1	2	1	1-0	0	0	3	116	38.7	0	0
Sep 08, 2018	at Northern Arizona	6	273	45.5	53	0	1	0	3	3	3-2	42	1	6	378	63.0	1	0
Sep 15, 2018	at Washington State	3	142	47.3	54	0	0	2	1	1	1-1	44	0	10	620	62.0	4	0
Sep 22, 2018	CAL POLY	6	232	38.7	60	0	0	2	1	3	1-1	23	0	4	237	59.2	3	0
Sep 29, 2018	at Montana State	4	142	35.5	38	0	0	0	0	0	2-1	31	0	4	257	64.2	3	0
Oct 6, 2018	SOUTHERN UTAH	7	230	32.9	43	0	0	4	0	2	1-1	42	0	4	232	58.0	0	0
Oct 13, 2018	at Weber State	8	320	40.0	50	0	2	0	1	0	1-0	0	1	3	183	61.0	1	0
Oct 27, 2018	IDAHO	8	375	46.9	53	0	0	3	4	4	0-0	0	0	2	123	61.5	0	0
Nov 03, 2018	at Northern Colorado	6	216	36.0	60	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	3	167	55.7	0	0
Nov 10, 2018	UC DAVIS	5	234	46.8	52	0	0	3	2	2	3-2	51	0	5	237	47.4	1	0
Nov 16, 2018	at Portland State	6	217	36.2	58	0	1	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	4	246	61.5	0	0
Dec 1, 2018	NICHOLLS	4	206	51.5	61	0	1	0	2	2	2-0	0	1	3	180	60.0	0	1
Dec 8, 2018	UC DAVIS	7	268	38.3	51	0	0	4	1	6	0-0	0	0	5	292	58.4	0	0
Dec 15, 2018	MAINE	6	236	39.3	47	0	2	3	0	2	2-1	31	0	4	232	58.0	0	0
Opponent totals		85	3461	40.7	61	0	8	23	19	26	17-9	51	3	60	3500	58.3	13	1
Eastern Washington		56	2460	43.9	78	0	5	16	12	21	15-15	47	0	111	6479	58.4	45	0

Individual Game-by-Game

PASSING

#3 Eric Barriere	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Central Washington	2	1	0	50.0	12	0	12	0	0	100.4
Cal Poly	2	1	0	50.0	1	1	1	0	0	219.2
Southern Utah	21	13	0	61.9	233	1	48	0	0	170.8
Weber State	42	19	2	45.2	185	0	30	4	23	72.7
Idaho	42	29	0	69.0	326	3	64	4	17	157.8
Northern Colorado	36	24	1	66.7	245	2	24	2	20	136.6
UC Davis	30	16	0	53.3	285	1	55	1	2	144.1
Portland State	27	15	1	55.6	216	5	68	0	0	176.5
Nicholls	29	17	1	58.6	162	1	34	0	0	110.0
UC Davis	25	21	1	84.0	235	3	55	5	40	194.6
Maine	30	21	1	70.0	352	7	58	0	0	238.9
TOTALS	286	177	7	61.9	2252	24	68	16	102	150.8

#15 G. Talkington	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Southern Utah	6	3	0	50.0	35	0	27	0	0	99.0
Northern Colorado	2	2	0	100.0	25	0	17	0	0	205.0
TOTALS	11	5	0	45.5	60	0	27	0	0	91.3

#8 Gage Gubrud	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Central Washington	23	19	0	82.6	337	5	50	0	0	277.4
Northern Arizona	33	18	0	54.5	322	4	62	1	8	176.5
Washington State	36	14	3	38.9	231	3	44	2	23	103.6
Cal Poly	27	21	1	77.8	215	1	29	1	4	149.5
Montana State	41	27	1	65.9	311	0	34	0	0	124.7
TOTALS	160	99	5	61.9	1416	13	62	4	35	156.8

#20 Sam McPherson	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Idaho	1	1	0	100.0	13	0	13	0	0	209.2
Nicholls	1	1	0	100.0	32	0	32	0	0	368.8
UC Davis	1	1	0	100.0	33	0	33	0	0	377.2

#2 Jayson Williams	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Idaho	1	1	0	100.0	36	0	36	0	0	402.4

#9 Andrew Boston	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
UC Davis	1	1	0	100.0	12	0	12	0	0	200.8

#29 Anthony Smith	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sack	Yds	Effic
Portland State	1	1	0	100.0	30	0	30	0	0	352.0

RUSHING	No-Yds/TDCWU	NAU	WAZZU	CP	MSU	SUU	WSU	UI	NC	UCD	PSU	NICH	UCD	MAINE
Sam McPherson RB	186-1352/12	15-185/1	22-161/0	17-72/0	8-84/2	9-74/2	4-85/1	3-22/0	14-36/0	11-61/1	21-95/2	6-133/0	20-137/2	24-143/1
Antoine Custer RB	95-614/8	DNP	DNP	DNP	8-133/2	9-27/0	14-77/2	12-22/0	5-44/0	16-122/0	15-100/2	7-35/2	3-9/0	6-45/0
Eric Barriere QB	90-6037/	2-12/0	DNP	2-13/0	1-19/0	-	5-98/2	14-18/0	12-70/1	11-64/2	8-60/0	6-99/1	9-54/0	13-43/1
Tamarick Pierce RB	70-550/7	7-48/1	4-0/0	6-67/0	5-52/0	3-48/1	7-54/0	4-8/0	4-15/1	6-36/1	8-75/2	4-89/1	6-17/0	6-41/0
Dennis Merritt RB	43-348/3	10-75/1	2-1/0	1-1/0	2-92/1	1-9/0	4-10/0	-	1-3/0	2-25/0	7-31/0	3-27/1	3-29/0	4-27/0
Gage Gubrud QB	31-169/2	4-8/0	6-80/0	9-3/0	4-50/1	8-34/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Isaiah Lewis RB	7-52/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-5/0	DNP	6-47/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Nsimba Webster WR	2-24/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-12/0	-	-	1-12/0	-	-	-
Andrew Boston WR	4-18/0	-	2-14/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-4/0	-	-	-
Terence Grady WR	2-11/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-8/0	-	-	-	-	1-3/0
Dre Dorton WR	1-6/0	-	-	-	1-6/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnny Edwards WR	2-4/0	-	-	-	-	-	1-9/0	-	-	-	-	1-5/0	-	-
G. Talkington QB	1-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-0/0	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	DNP

RECEIVING	No-Yds/TDCWU	NAU	WAZZU	CP	MSU	SUU	WSU	UI	NC	UCD	PSU	NICH	UCD	MAINE
Nsimba Webster WR	80-1287/11	10-212/2	7-176/2	2-46/0	2-15/0	4-56/0	6-114/1	7-61/0	7-62/0	3-103/0	5-96/1	3-26/0	8-52/1	9-188/4
Andrew Boston WR	43-531/4	1-10/0	2-51/0	4-47/1	2-13/1	4-44/0	2-50/0	5-47/0	3-49/0	3-40/0	1-21/0	3-66/0	1-1/1	-
Jayson Williams WR	24-308/0	-	1-13/0	2-16/0	4-64/0	1-12/0	-	2-25/0	-	5-51/0	1-5/0	3-39/0	2-13/0	3-70/0
Henderson Belk TE	15-288/3	1-3/1	1-27/0	-	1-13/0	-	1-28/0	1-3/0	3-78/1	-	2-63/			

Individual Game-by-Game (continued)

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TOTAL TACKLES	UA-A	TOT	CWU	NAU	WAZZU	CP	MSU	SUU	WSU	UI	NC	UCD	PSU	NICH	UCD	MAINE
Ketner Kupp LB	57-47	104	3-4	4-2	6-1	2-6	6-1	3-5	2-4	1-3	3-0	5-5	3-0	6-6	8-8	5-2
Chris Ojoh LB	49-45	94	1-5	3-1	3-1	2-6	1-0	2-2	4-5	1-3	7-0	8-2	7-2	2-9	5-5	3-4
Dehonta Hayes DB	42-39	81	-	2-0	4-0	3-2	5-1	7-4	1-11	3-2	2-3	3-0	5-1	2-2	0-5	5-8
Calin Criner DB	35-34	69	3-1	0-2	3-1	1-1	3-0	5-2	3-8	3-1	3-0	1-1	2-0	2-5	3-9	3-3
Josh Lewis DB	36-21	57	0-1	5-2	3-2	-	1-0	1-2	2-4	3-0	2-1	2-2	3-1	5-1	5-4	4-1
Kurt Calhoun LB	25-27	52	5-2	5-1	3-1	2-9	4-2	1-3	4-7	1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Mitch Fettig DB	28-23	51	6-1	5-2	2-1	1-7	5-1	6-3	1-1	0-2	DNP	2-5	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kedrick Johnson DB	22-25	47	0-3	1-1	-	3-1	2-0	2-2	2-0	1-1	1-0	-	3-0	2-5	3-8	2-4
D'londo Tucker DB	32-14	46	3-1	3-0	4-0	0-1	3-1	4-0	1-3	2-1	0-1	1-1	2-0	4-0	2-3	3-2
Jim Townsend DL	21-23	44	0-1	3-0	3-0	0-7	3-0	-	1-2	1-2	1-2	3-0	1-0	1-5	2-1	2-3
A. Katzenberger LB	26-16	42	0-3	1-0	2-1	1-7	3-0	3-0	0-1	1-1	2-0	4-2	6-1	-	-	3-0
Dylan Ledbetter DL	16-26	42	1-2	7-0	2-0	2-8	2-0	-	0-4	0-5	2-0	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-1
Jay-Tee Tiuli DL	15-23	38	0-3	1-1	2-0	1-4	1-0	0-1	0-3	1-3	1-1	1-2	3-0	2-3	2-2	DNP
Tyson Prunty DB	22-14	36	4-2	2-2	3-0	4-5	2-0	DNP	DNP	3-1	1-2	1-1	2-1	DNP	DNP	DNP
Nick Foerstel DL	15-18	33	1-1	1-0	1-1	1-5	-	1-0	0-2	0-2	1-0	1-1	4-0	1-4	3-1	0-1
Nzuzi Webster DB	22-10	32	2-2	2-1	5-1	1-0	2-0	3-0	0-1	1-0	1-0	2-1	0-1	1-1	-	2-2
Cole Karstetter DB	18-12	30	1-1	1-0	1-0	5-3	2-2	2-1	0-3	1-1	2-1	-	3-0	DNP	DNP	DNP
M. Johnson DL	16-13	29	4-0	2-0	3-0	3-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-3	0-1	2-1	1-0	0-2	-	0-2
Keenan Williams DL	9-17	26	2-1	0-1	DNP	DNP	1-0	0-3	2-3	1-5	2-0	0-2	1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP
Caleb Davis DL	5-19	24	2-3	-	-	1-8	0-2	2-3	-	0-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-
B. Montgomery DB	14-7	21	0-1	-	3-1	1-0	-	4-2	0-1	2-0	2-0	-	-	1-1	-	1-1
Anthony Smith DB	7-11	18	-	-	-	0-2	-	0-1	-	1-2	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-4	1-2
Joshua Jerome DL	3-12	15	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-8	DNP	1-0	DNP	0-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1	-
Jonah Jordan DL	4-11	15	-	-	-	1-2	0-1	0-2	1-0	0-2	1-1	-	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1
Keith Moore DL	10-4	14	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	1-0	1-0	4-0	2-3	0-1	2-0	-
Darnell Hogan DL	6-7	13	0-3	1-1	-	0-1	1-0	-	-	1-0	-	0-1	2-0	-	-	1-1
Darreon Moore	7-4	11	-	DNP	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	1-0	2-0	1-0	0-1	0-2	2-1
D. McClain DL	5-5	10	0-2	0-1	-	1-0	-	2-0	-	0-1	-	0-1	1-0	-	-	-
Cale Lindsay LB	4-4	8	-	DNP	-	-	DNP	1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	2-1	DNP	DNP	1-1
Trevor Davis LB	6-2	8	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1	-	2-1	1-0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Tamir Hill DB	5-3	8	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP	1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	1-0	1-1	1-0
Dennis Merritt	1-5	6	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	-	0-1	-	0-1	-	-	0-1	-
Joe Lang DB	1-4	5	0-1	DNP	DNP	1-1	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP
Ira Branch DB	1-2	3	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	DNP	1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
T. Limu-Jones	2-1	3	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	1-1	-	-
Sam McPherson	1-1	2	-	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-
Darien Sampson DB	1-1	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-1	-	-
Jayce Gilder	1-1	2	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
Tre Weed DB	1-1	2	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
Andre Slyter	0-2	2	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	-
Henderson Belk	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-
Curtis Billen	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
R. Alcobendas	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	DNP	-	-	-
Emmanuel Osuoha LB	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0
Isaiah Lewis	0-1	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
Beau Byus	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-
Keshawn King	0-1	1	0-1	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

2018 WEEKLY TEAM AWARDS

Players of the Week				Scout Team Players of the Week			
Offense	Defense	Special Teams	Offense	Defense	Special Teams	Offense	Defense
Central Wash.	Gage Gubrud/Tristan Taylor	Mitch Fettig	Marques Hampton Jr.	Marques Hampton Jr.	Rudolph Mataia Jr.	Dean Sise	
Northern Ariz.	Nsimba Webster/Sam McPherson	D'londo Tucker/Dylan Ledbetter	Roldan Alcobendas	Freddie Roberson	Keshawn King	Justin Patterson	
Washington St.	Tamarick Pierce	Josh Lewis	Roldan Alcobendas	Simon Burkett	Dean Sise	Isaiah Lewis	
Cal Poly	Offensive Line	Dylan Ledbetter/Jim Townsend	Chris Ojoh	Risone Ama/Brad Godwin	Emmanuel Osuoha	Keshawn King	
Montana St.	Gage Gubrud	Jay-Tee Tiuli	Kedrick Johnson	Isaiah Lewis	Justin Patterson	Trevor Bowens	
Southern Utah	Eric Barriere	Kurt Calhoun/Dehonta Hayes	Dennis Merritt	Kellen Gregory	Rudolph Mataia Jr.	Anthony Stell	
Weber State	None	Keenan Williams	Andre Slyter	Michael Taras	Tamir Hill	Justin Patterson	
Idaho	Eric Barriere	Jay-Tee Tiuli	Andrew Katzenberger	Risone Ama	Cody Clements	Dean Sise	
Northern Colo.	Antoine Custer Jr.	Josh Lewis/D'londo Tucker	Calin Criner	Michael Taras	Justin Patterson	Emmanuel Osuoha	
UC Davis	Custer/McPherson/Pierce	Nzuzi Webster	Andrew Katzenberger	Freddie Roberson	Brad Alexander	Micah Mason	
Portland St.	Nsimba Webster/Sam McPherson	Dylan Ledbetter	Anthony Smith	Kellen Gregory	Zion Fa'aopega	Keshawn King	
Nicholls	Sam McPherson	Jim Townsend/Calin Criner	Kedrick Johnson	Micah Smith	Aiden Nellor	Kellen Gregory	
UC Davis	Henderson Belk	Josh Lewis/Jim Townsend	Darreon Moore	Michael Taras	Darien Sampson	Aiden Nellor	

EAGLES VS. RANKED OPPONENTS (STATS TOP 25 POLL)

59-69 Overall / 19-42 versus Top 10 – 9-34 versus Top 5 – 2-7 Versus No. 1
 Since 2010 . . . 30-15 overall / 10-7 versus Top 10 – 4-6 Top 5 – 0-1 Versus No. 1
 2018 - #1 North Dakota State (Frisco, Texas)
 2018 - W - #4 EWU 50, #12 Maine 19 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2018 - W - #4 EWU 34, #7 UC Davis 29 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2018 - W - #4 EWU 42, #15 Nicholls 21 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2018 - W - #5 EWU 59, #4 UC Davis 20 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2018 - L - #13 Weber State 14, #4 EWU 6 (Ogden, Utah)
 2018 - W - #6 EWU 31, #18 Northern Arizona 26 (Flagstaff, Ariz.)
 4-1 vs. Top 25; 2-0 vs. Top 10; 1-0 vs. Top 5 in 2016

2017 - L - #19 Weber State 28, #11 EWU 20 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2017 - L - #2 North Dakota State 40, #7 EWU 13 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - L - #13 Youngstown State 40, #3 EWU 38 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - W - #3 EWU 38, #12 Richmond 0 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - W - #3 EWU 31, #14 Central Arkansas 14 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - W - #3 EWU 42, #14 Cal Poly 42 (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)
 2016 - W - #3 EWU 35, #16 Montana 16 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - W - #4 EWU 50, #25 Northern Arizona 35 (Flagstaff, Ariz.)
 2016 - W - #8 EWU 34, #10 Northern Iowa 30 (Cheney, Wash.)
 2016 - L - #1 North Dakota State 50, #8 EWU 44 - 1 OT (Fargo, N.D.)
 6-2 vs. Top 25; 0-1 vs. Top 10; 0-1 vs. Top 5 in 2016

BIG PLAYS (plays of 40+ Yards)

Nsimba Webster Long Plays of 40+ Yards (11)

71 yard rec. (TD from Gage Gubrud) – UC Davis – 10/7/17 . . . #50 in EWU history
68 yard rec. (TD from Eric Barriere) – Portland State – 11/16/18
65 yard kickoff return – UC Davis – 10/1/16
62 yard reception (TD from Gage Gubrud) – Northern Arizona – 9/8/18
58 yard rec. (TD from Eric Barriere) – Maine – 12/15/18
57 yard punt return (TD) – Portland State – 11/16/18
55 yard kickoff return – Northern Arizona – 9/24/16
50 yard reception (TD from Gage Gubrud) – Central Washington – 10/1/18
47 yard kickoff return – Cal Poly – 10/10/15
46 yard reception (TD from Gage Gubrud) – Northern Arizona – 9/8/18
42 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – Washington State – 9/15/18

Sam McPherson Long Plays of 40+ Yards (9)

94 yard rush – Northern Arizona – 9/8/18 . . . #3 in EWU history
74 yard rush – Portland State – 11/16/18
64 yard rush – Southern Utah – 10/6/18
57 yard rush (TD) – Montana State – 9/29/18
55 yard rush – North Dakota – 11/11/17
50 yard reception (TD from Gage Gubrud) – Montana – 9/23/17
47 yard rush (TD) – Cal Poly – 9/22/18
44 yard rush – Nicholls – 12/1/18
41 yard rush – Central Washington – 10/1/18
40 yard reception (TD from Gage Gubrud) – UC Davis – 10/7/17

Antoine Custer Jr. Long Plays of 40+ Yards (7)

93 yard kickoff return (TD) – Northern Iowa – 9/17/16 . . . #17 longest in EWU history
83 yard rush (TD) – Idaho State – 11/12/16 . . . #9 longest in EWU history
55 yard kickoff return – UC Davis – 10/1/16
62 yard rush (TD) – Cal Poly – 9/22/18
43 yard rush (TD) – Cal Poly – 9/22/18
44 yard rush – Northern Colorado – 11/3/18
43 yard reception (TD from Gage Gubrud) – Fordham – 9/16/17

Dre' Sonte Dorton Long Plays of 40+ Yards (5)

96 yard kickoff ret. (TD) – Southern Utah – 10/21/17 . . . #13 longest in EWU history
51 yard kickoff return – Montana – 9/23/17
51 yard kickoff return – Fordham – 9/16/17
49 yard kickoff return – Sacramento State – 9/30/17
40 yard kickoff return – Washington State – 9/15/18

Terence Grady Long Plays of 40+ Yards (3)

64 yard reception (TD from Eric Barriere) – Idaho – 10/27/18
50 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – North Dakota State – 9/9/17
41 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – Central Washington – 9/1/18

Dennis Merritt Long Plays of 40+ Yards (4)

81 yard rush (TD) – Cal Poly – 9/22/18 . . . # longest in EWU history
70 yard rush – Fordham – 9/16/17
46 yard rush – Central Washington – 10/1/18
44 yard reception (TD from Gage Gubrud) – Washington State – 9/15/18

Andrew Boston Long Plays of 40+ Yards (2)

55 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – UC Davis – 12/8/18
46 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – Northern Arizona – 9/8/18
48 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – Southern Utah – 10/6/18

Henderson Belk Long Plays of 40+ Yards (2)

55 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – UC Davis – 11/10/18
55 yard reception (from Eric Barriere) – Idaho – 10/27/18

Tamarick Pierce Long Plays of 40+ Yards (2)

81 yard rush (TD) – Portland State – 11/16/18
40 yard rush – Idaho State – 11/12/16

Johnny Edwards IV Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

45 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – Portland State – 11/18/17

Zach Eagle Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

53 yard reception (from Jordan West) – Northern Iowa – 9/12/15

59 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – Sacramento State – 9/30/17

Talolo Limo Jones Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

46 yard reception (from Gage Gubrud) – UC Davis – 10/7/17
Isaiah Lewis Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)
44 yard rush – Southern Utah – 10/6/18

Jim Townsend Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

55 yard fumble recovery (TD) – Cal Poly – 9/22/18

Nzuzi Webster Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

45 yard int. return (TD) – UC Davis – 11/10/18

Ketner Kupp Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

95 yard int. return (TD) – Nicholls – 12/1/18 . . . 2nd longest in EWU History

Kedrick Johnson Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

55 blocked field goal return (TD) – Nicholls – 12/1/18

Eric Barriere Career Long Plays of 40+ Yards (10)

85 yards (TD rush) – Southern Utah – 10/6/18...equals 9th longest in EWU history
and is a school record for a quarterback
68 yards (TD pass to Nsimba Webster) – Portland State – 11/16/18
66 yard rush (TD) – Portland State – 11/16/18
64 yards (TD pass to Terence Grady) – Idaho – 10/27/18
58 yards (TD pass to Nsimba Webster) – Maine – 12/15/18
55 yards (pass to Andrew Boston) – UC Davis – 12/8/18
55 yards (pass to Henderson Belk) – UC Davis – 11/10/18
55 yards (pass to Henderson Belk) – Idaho – 10/27/18
48 yards (pass to Andrew Boston) – Southern Utah – 10/6/18
48 yards (TD rush) – Idaho – 10/27/18

GAGE GUBRUD Long Plays of 40+ Yards (32 passing, 1 receiving)

84 yards (TD pass to Shaq Hill) – Portland State – 11/18/16
83 yards (TD pass to Kendrick Bourne) – Youngstown State – 12/17/16
75 yards (TD pass to Cooper Kupp) – Washington State 8/3/16
74 yards (TD pass to Nic Sblendorio) – Portland State – 11/18/17
71 yards (TD pass to Cooper Kupp) – UC Davis – 10/1/16
69 yards (TD pass to Cooper Kupp) – Montana – 10/29/16
68 yards (pass to Cooper Kupp) – Richmond 12/10/16
62 yards (TD pass to Nsimba Webster) – Northern Arizona – 9/8/18
60 yards (TD pass to Nic Sblendorio) – Portland State – 11/18/17
59 yards (pass to Jayson Williams) – Sacramento State – 9/30/17
54 yards (TD pass FROM Cooper Kupp) – Montana 10/29/16
52 yards (TD pass to Cooper Kupp) – UC Davis – 10/1/16
51 yards (pass to Stu Stiles) – Portland State – 11/18/17
50 yard (TD pass to Nsimba Webster) – Central Washington – 10/1/18
50 yards (TD pass to Sam McPherson) – Montana – 9/23/17
50 yards (pass to Terence Grady) – North Dakota State – 9/9/17
50 yards (pass to Cooper Kupp) – Youngstown State – 12/17/16
46 yards (TD pass to Nsimba Webster) – Northern Arizona – 9/8/18
46 yards (pass to Andre Boston) – Northern Arizona – 9/8/18
46 yards (pass to Talolo Limu Jones) – UC Davis – 10/7/17
46 yards (TD pass to Nic Sblendorio) – Portland State – 11/18/17
45 yards (TD pass to Johnny Edwards IV) – Portland State – 11/18/17
45 yards (TD pass to Cooper Kupp) – Cal Poly – 11/5/16
45 yards (TD pass to Shaq Hill) – Northern Colorado – 10/8/16
44 yards (TD pass to Dennis Merritt) – Washington State – 9/15/18
43 yards (TD pass from Sam McPherson) – Sacramento State – 9/30/17
43 yards (TD pass to Antoine Custer Jr.) – Fordham – 9/16/17
42 yards (pass to Nsimba Webster) – Washington State – 9/15/18
42 yards (TD pass to Shaq Hill) – Northern Colorado – 10/8/16
41 yards (pass to Terence Grady) – Central Washington – 9/1/18
40 yards (TD to Sam McPherson) – UC Davis – 10/7/17
40 yards (TD pass to Cooper Kupp) – Montana – 10/29/16
40 yards (pass to Cooper Kupp) – Montana State – 10/22/16
40 yards (pass to Kendrick Bourne) – Montana – 10/29/16
40 yards (pass to Kendrick Bourne) – Northern Arizona – 9/24/16

Jayson Williams Long Plays of 40+ Yards (1)

Career Statistics

Roldan Alcobendas										
SCORING	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Retn	PAT	2PAT	FG	Total	Avg/G
2014.....	4	0	0	0	0	22	0	1	25	6.2
2016.....	14	0	0	0	0	73	0	9	100	7.1
2017.....	11	0	0	0	0	46	0	10	76	6.9
2018.....	13	0	0	0	0	68	0	15	113	8.7
TOTAL.....	42	0	0	0	0	209	0	35	314	7.5

FIELD GOALS	G	Att	Made	Lg	Pct
2014.....	4	1	1	22	100.0
2016.....	14	15	9	48	60.0
2017.....	11	15	10	39	66.7
2018.....	13	15	15	47	100.0
TOTAL.....	42	46	35	48	76.1

PUNTING	G	No.	Yards	Lg	Avg
2014.....	4	0	0	0	0.0
2016.....	14	0	0	0	0.0
2017.....	11	1	41	41	41.0
2018.....	13	52	2336	78	44.9
TOTAL.....	42	53	2377	78	44.8

Has current streak of 67 consecutive to break his own season record of 63 (2016); Had EWU record 85-straight career extra points made broken at UC Davis on 10/7/17

Eric Barriere										
RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G			
2017.....	5	18	48	1	20	2.7	9.6			
2018.....	13	90	603	7	85	6.7	46.4			
TOTAL.....	18	108	651	8	85	6.0	36.2			

PASSING	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/P	Avg/G	Effic
2017.....	5	26	15	1	138	1	18	57.7	5.3	27.6	107.3
2018.....	13	286	177	7	2252	24	68	61.9	7.9	173.2	150.8
TOTAL.....	18	312	192	8	2390	25	68	61.5	7.7	132.8	147.2

Also 1 catch for 13 yards; 3,041 yards of total offense (168.9 per game)

Henderson Belk										
RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G		
2015.....	9	2	15	0	12	0.2	7.5	1.7		
2016.....	14	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
2017.....	7	2	9	1	5	0.3	4.5	1.3		
2018.....	14	15	288	3	55	1.1	19.2	20.6		
TOTAL.....	44	19	312	4	55	0.4	16.4	7.1		

Kurt Calhoun										
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR	Bkld	
2015.....	8	8	10	18	2.5-10	1	1	1	0	
2016.....	8	14	16	30	2.0-2	1	0	0	0	
2017.....	10	33	40	73	4.0-17	3	2	1	0	
2018.....	8	25	27	52	5.0-25	7	1	0	0	
TOTAL.....	34	80	93	173	13.5-54	7	4	2	0	

Also 5.0 sacks

Antoine Custer Jr.										
RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G			
2016.....	13	98	416	5	83	4.2	32.0			
2017.....	11	157	776	10	36	4.9	70.5			
2018.....	10	85	614	8	62	6.5	61.4			
TOTAL.....	34	350	1806	23	83	5.2	53.1			

RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G		
2016.....	13	27	187	1	26	2.1	6.9	14.4		
2017.....	11	21	276	2	43	1.9	13.1	25.1		
2018.....	10	16	93	0	12	1.6	5.8	9.3		
TOTAL.....	34	64	556	3	43	1.9	8.7	16.4		

Also 21 kickoff returns for 499 yards (23.8) and 1 TD (long of 93); Total of 2,861 all-purpose (84.1 pg)

Mitch Fettig										
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR	Bkld	
2015.....	9	26	17	43	0.0-0	5	0	1	0	
2016.....	14	63	33	96	4.0-13	9	0	0	0	
2017.....	11	37	55	92	2.5-12	3	0	1	0	
2018.....	10	28	23	51	0.0-0	6	0	0	0	
TOTAL.....	44	154	128	282	6.5-25	23	0	2	0	

Also 6 interceptions for 2 yards (long of 5) and 1.0 sacks.

Terence Grady										
RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G		
2014.....	14	7	97	0	49	0.5	13.9	6.9		
2015.....	11	25	281	2	32	2.3	11.2	25.5		
2017.....	6	14	206	1	50	2.3	14.7	34.3		
2018.....	14	18	285	2	64	1.3	15.8	20.4		
TOTAL.....	45	64	869	5	64	1.4	13.6	19.3		

Cole Karstetter										
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR	Bkld	
2015.....	11	19	23	42	2.5-6	1	0	0	0	
2016.....	12	2	5	7	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	
2017.....	11	10	21	31	1.0-2	1	0	0	0	
2018.....	11	18	12	30	4.0-17	2	1	1	0	
TOTAL.....	35	49	61	110	8.5-27	4	1	1	0	

Also 1 sack and one fumble recovery for a 38-yard TD.

Career Game Bests

ERIC BARRIERE Top Passing Performances (2 with 300+)

375 yards, 29-of-42, 3 TD, 0 Int., 70 rushing – Idaho – 10/27/18
352 yards, 21-of-30, 7 TD, 1 Int., 53 rushing – Maine – 12/15/18
285 yards, 16-of-30, 1 TD, 0 Int., 60 rushing – UC Davis – 11/10/18
245 yards, 24-of-36, 2 TD, 1 Int., 64 rushing – Northern Colo. – 11/3/18
235 yards, 21-of-25, 3 TD, 0 Int., 43 rushing – UC Davis – 12/8/18
233 yards, 13-of-21, 1 TD, 0 Int., 98 rushing – So. Utah – 10/6/18
216 yards, 15-of-27, 5 TD, 1 Int., 99 rushing – Portland State – 11/16/18
185 yards, 19-of-42, 0 TD, 2 Int., 18 rushing – Weber State – 10/13/18
162 yards, 17-of-29, 1 TD, 1 Int., 54 rushing – Nicholls – 12/1/18
130 yards, 13-of-23, 1 TD, 0 Int., 55 rushing – North Dakota – 11/11/17

-- Highs of total offense of 405 (Maine), 396 (Idaho), 345 (UCD), 331 (SUU), 315 (PSU) & 309 (UNC).

NSIMBA WEBSTER Top Receiving Performances (8 with 100+)

13 catches (#6 in EWU history), 143 yards, 0 TD – Montana – 9/23/17
10 catches, 212 yards, (#10 in EWU history), 2 TD – Central Wash. – 9/1/18
9 catches, 188 yards, 4 TD – Maine – 12/15/18
8 catches, 70 yards, 1 TD – Sacramento State – 9/30/17
8 catches, 52 yards, 1 TD – UC Davis – 12/8/18
7 catches, 176 yards, 2 TD – Northern Arizona – 9/8/18
7 catches, 94 yards, 1 TD – Weber State – 11/4/17
7 catches, 80 yards, 0 TD – Northern Colorado – 11/3/18
7 catches, 61 yards, 0 TD – Weber State – 10/13/18
7 catches, 62 yards, 0 TD – Idaho – 10/27/18
6 catches, 114 yards, 1 TD – Southern Utah – 10/6/18
3 catches, 103 yards, 0 TD – UC Davis – 11/10/18
6 catches, 102 yards, 1 TD – UC Davis – 10/7/17

Ketner Kupp								
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR Blkd
2015.....	11	11	8	19	1.0-1	0	0	0
2016.....	14	24	43	67	3.0-12	0	0	0
2017.....	14	33	34	66	3.0-11	1	0	0
2018.....	14	57	47	104	5.5-11	4	0	0
TOTAL.....	47	124	132	256	12.5-35	6	0	0

Also 2 interceptions (long of 95 with a TD); 3 sacks

Dylan Ledbetter								
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR Blkd
2016.....	14	10	19	29	3.5-12	0	0	0
2017.....	11	15	30	45	6.0-37	2	0	0
2018.....	14	16	26	42	4.0-33	5	0	1
TOTAL.....	39	41	75	116	14.0-62	5	0	4

Also 8.5 sacks

Josh Lewis								
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR Blkd
2015.....	11	5	4	9	0.0-0	1	0	0
2016.....	14	15	13	28	1.0-3	7	0	1
2017.....	11	34	18	52	2.5-5	8	0	0
2018.....	14	36	21	57	4.0-22	17	1	0
TOTAL.....	50	90	56	146	7.5-30	33	1	0

Also 10 interceptions (47 yards, long of 21) and 2.0 sacks

Sam McPherson								
RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G	
2015.....	6	16	40	0	19	2.5	6.7	
2016.....	14	35	132	1	19	3.8	9.4	
2017.....	10	80	477	2	55	6.0	47.7	
2018.....	14	186	1352	12	94	7.3	96.6	
TOTAL.....	44	317	2001	15	94	6.3	45.5	

RECEIVING								
RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2015.....	6	2	29	0	29	0.3	15.5	4.8
2016.....	14	23	167	1	32	1.6	7.3	11.9
2017.....	10	19	252	4	50	1.9	13.3	25.2
2018.....	14	22	178	1	27	1.6	8.1	12.7
TOTAL.....	44	66	626	6	50	1.5	9.5	14.2

Also 6-of-6 passing for 155 yards, 3 TD, 482.0 efficiency rating; 2 punt returns for 23 yards (long of 19); 6 kickoff returns for 139 yards (long of 33); Total of 2,789 all-purpose (63.4 pg)

Jay-Tee Tiuli								
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR Blkd
2014.....	10	1	3	4	0.0-0	0	0	0
2015.....	11	7	30	37	7.5-29	1	1	0
2016.....	13	10	23	33	5.0-28	1	0	0
2017.....	2	2	1	3	0.0-0	0	0	0
2018.....	13	15	23	38	6.5-36	2	1	0
TOTAL.....	49	35	80	115	19.0-93	4	2	0

Also 12.5 sacks

D'londo Tucker								
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR Blkd
2013.....	6	4	5	0	0.0-0	1	0	0
2015.....	11	11	3	14	1.0-2	3	0	0
2016.....	14	13	11	24	1.0-1	7	0	1
2017.....	4	8	6	14	2.0-15	4	0	0
2018.....	14	32	14	46	3.0-4	11	2	1
TOTAL.....	49	68	35	103	7.0-22	26	2	0

Also 7 interceptions for 76 yards (long of 27) & 1 TD; 1 sack

Nsimba Webster								
RECEIVING	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2015.....	10	7	97	0	30	0.7	13.9	9.7
2016.....	8	6	64	2	35	0.8	10.7	8.0
2017.....	11	59	693	5	71	5.4	11.7	63.0
2018.....	14	80	1287	11	68	5.7	16.1	91.9
TOTAL.....	43	152	2141	18	71	3.5	14.1	49.8

Also 8 rushes for 34 yds (long 12); 48 KO ret. for 1,114 yds (lg 65), 23.2 avg, 0 TD; 4 punt returns for 73 yards (long 57/TD); Total of 3,302 all-purpose (78.2 pg)

Nzuzi Webster								
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR Blkd
2014.....	3	0	2	2	0.0-0	1	0	0
2015.....	11	24	19	43	1.5-6	8	0	0
2016.....	14	33	24	57	1.5-2	8	0	0
2017.....	10	27	4	31	3.5-6	7	1	0
2018.....	14	22	10	32	1.0-1	10	0	1
TOTAL.....	52	106	59	165	7.5-15	34	1	0

Also 3 interceptions including 45-yard return for TD; 3 KO returns for 49 yards (16.3), 0 TD, long of 21.

Keenan Williams								
TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL-Yds	PD	FF	FR Blkd
2015.....	11	18	25	43	4.5-17	0	2	0
2016.....	11	18	37	55	6.0-14	0	0	1
2017.....	9	9	17	26	5.5-18	0	1	0
TOTAL.....	42	55	87	142	17.0-51	1	3	1

Also 8.5 sacks

DEHONTA HAYES Top Tackling Performances (3 with 10+)

13 tackles - Maine - 12/15/18

12 tackles - Weber State - 10/13/18

11 tackles - Southern Utah - 10/6/18

KEENAN WILLIAMS Top Tackling Performances (2 with 10+)

12 tackles - UC Davis - 10/7/17

10 tackles - Sacramento State - 10/30/17

CALIN CRINER Top Tackling Performances (2 with 10+)

12 tackles - UC Davis - 12/8/18

11 tackles - Weber State - 10/13/18

JACK SENDELBACH Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)

13 tackles - North Dakota State - 9/9/17

11 tackles - North Dakota - 11/11/17

DYLAN LEDBETTER Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)

10 tackles - Cal Poly - 9/22/18

KEDRICK JOHNSON Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)

11 tackles - UC Davis - 12/8/18

JOSH LEWIS Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)

11 tackles - UC Davis - 10/7/17

NZUZI WEBSTER Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)

10 tackles - Northern Arizona - 11/7/15

CONNER BAUMANN Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)

11 tackles - Cal Poly - 10/10/15

TYSEN PRUNTY Top Tackling Performances (1 with 10+)

13 tackles - Southern Utah - 10/21/17

GAGE GUBRUD Top Passing Performances (19 with 300+ & school-record 10 with 400+)

549 yards (#1 in EWU history), 44-of-65, 4 TD, 1 Int. - Montana - 9/23/17

520 yards (#2 in EWU history), 37-of-51, 4 TD, 0 Int. - MSU - 10/22/16

486 yards (#4), 33-of-46, 6 TD, 0 Int. - UC Davis - 10/1/16

474 yards (#7), 34-of-40, 5 TD, 1 Int - Wash. St. - 9/23/16

452 yards (#13), 33-of-53, 6 TD, 2 Int - UC Davis - 10/7/17

450 yards (#15), 26-of-40, 4 TD, 3 Int - North Dakota State - 9/10/16

449 yards (#16), 44-of-47-of-64, 2 TD, 0 Int - Central Arkansas - 12/3/16

447 yards (#18), 35-of-50, 5 TD, 0 Int - Sacramento State - 9/30/17

445 yards (#19), 17-of-32, 4 TD, 0 Int - Portland State - 11/18/17

435 yards (#23), 33-of-39, 5 TD, 0 Int - Northern Colorado - 10/8/16

399 yards, 29-of-41, 3 TD, 2 Int - Fordham - 9/16/17

392 yards, 36-of-57, 2 TD, 0 Int - Northern Arizona - 9/24/16

357 yards, 27-of-37, 4 TD, 1 Int - Cal Poly 11/5/16

353 yards, 18-of-33, 3 TD, 2 Int - Youngstown State 12/17/16

337 yards, 19-of-23, 5 TD, 0 Int - Central Washington 9/1/18

327 yards, 21-of-37, 4 TD, 1 Int - Montana - 10/29/16

322 yards, 18-of-33, 4 TD, 0 Int - Northern Arizona - 9/8/18

311 yards, 27-of-41, 0 TD, 1 Int - Montana State - 9/29/18

304 yards, 24-of-41, 3 TD, 1 Int - Portland State - 11/18/16

Big Sky **Career Leaders**

Career Kicking Points

1.	413	Dan Carpenter, UM	2004-07
2.	392	Chris Snyder, UM	2000-03
3.	387	Brody McKnight, UM	2008-11
4.	385	Marty Zendejas, Nevada	1984-87
5.	359	Jason Cunningham, MSU	2008-11
6.	314	Roldan Alcobendas 2014, 2016-18	
7.	310	Scott Shields, WSU	1995-98

Total Offensive Yards

1.	13,308	Matt Nichols, EWU	2006-09
2.	12,336	DeNarius McGhee, MSU	2010-13
3.	12,287	Jamie Martin, WSU	1989-92
4.	12,258	Cameron Higgins, WSU	2007-10
5.	12,205	Travis Lulay, MSU	2002-05
6.	12,027	Doug Nussmeier, UI	1990-93
7.	11,670	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
8.	11,619	Garrett Safron, Sac. St.	2011-14
9.	11,513	Dave Dickenson, UM	1992-95
10.	11,400	Travis Brown, NAU	1996-99
11.	11,126	Ken Hobart, UI	1980-83
12.	11,026	Gage Gubrud 2015-18	
13.	10,942	Erik Meyer	2002-05

Passing Yards

1.	12,616	Matt Nichols, EWU	2006-09
2.	12,274	Cameron Higgins, WSU	2007-10
3.	12,207	Jamie Martin, WSU	1989-92
4.	11,400	Travis Brown, NAU	1996-99
5.	11,203	DeNarius McGhee, MSU	2010-13
6.	11,080	Dave Dickenson, UM	1992-95
7.	10,824	Doug Nussmeier, UI	1990-93
8.	10,746	Travis Lulay, MSU	2002-05
9.	10,726	Jason Murieta, NAU	2003-06
10.	10,697	John Friesz, UI	1986-89
NR	10,438	Greg Wyatt, NAU	1986-89
NR	10,261	Vernon Adams Jr., EWU	2012-14
NR	9984	Erik Meyer, EWU	2002-05
		Gage Gubrud	2015-18

Touchdown Passes

1.	110	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	98	Cameron Higgins, WSU	2007-10
3.	96	Matt Nichols	2006-09
4.	96	Dave Dickenson, UM	1992-95
5.	94	Jason Murieta, NAU	2003-06
6.	91	Doug Nussmeier, UI	1990-93
7.	89	Brian Ah Yat, UM	1995-98
8.	87	Gage Gubrud 2015-18	
	87	Jamie Martin, WSU	1989-92

EWU Career Leaders

Passing Attempts

1.	1608	Matt Nichols	2006-09
2.	1165	Gage Gubrud	2015-18

Pass Completions

1.	996	Matt Nichols	2006-09
2.	753	Gage Gubrud	2015-18

Passing Yards

1.	12,616	Matt Nichols	2006-09
2.	10,438	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
3.	10,261	Erik Meyer	2002-05
4.	9984	Gage Gubrud 2015-18	
5.	7505	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
6.	7492	Mark Tenneson	1989-92
7.	5588	Rick Worman	1984-85
8.	4973	Fred Salanoa	1999-01
9.	4964	Harry Leons	1994-97
10.	4915	Mark Laitala	1976-79

Passing Yards Per Game

1.	312.0	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
2.	288.7	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
3.	282.1	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
4.	268.4	Matt Nichols	2006-09
5.	254.0	Rick Worman	1984-85

Pass Completion Percentage (Min. 150 att.)

1.	65.7	Erik Meyer	2002-05
2.	64.8	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
3.	64.6	Gage Gubrud 2015-18	
4.	63.5	Jordan West	2013-16
5.	61.9	Matt Nichols	2005-09
6.	61.3	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
7.	60.1	Harry Leons	1996-97

Average Yards Per Pass Attempt (Min. 150 att.)

1.	9.7	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	9.4	Erik Meyer	2002-05
3.	9.3	Harry Leons	1996-97
4.	8.6	Gage Gubrud 2015-18	
5.	8.1	Jordan West	2013-16
6.	7.9	Griffin Garske	1996-98
7.	7.8	Matt Nichols	2005-09
8.	7.7	Anthony Vito	2010-13

Average Yards Per Completion (Min. 75 Comp.)

1.	15.4	Griffin Garske	1996-98
2.	15.4	Harry Leons	1996-97
3.	14.9	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
4.	14.2	Kyle Padron	2012
5.	14.2	Erik Meyer	2002-05
6.	13.8	Chris Samms	1997-01
7.	13.3	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
8.	12.8	Jordan West	2013-16

Touchdown Passes

1.	110	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	96	Matt Nichols	2006-09
3.	87	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
4.	84	Erik Meyer	2002-05
5.	70	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
6.	51	Mark Tenneson	1989-92
7.	50	Bill Driedrick	1965-67, 69

Passing Efficiency Rating (Min. 150 Attempts, Two Seasons)

1.	173.8	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	166.5	Erik Meyer	2002-05
3.	155.8	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
4.	153.6	Jordan West	2014-16
5.	141.8	Matt Nichols	2006-09
6.	141.2	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
7.	140.3	Harry Leons	1994-97
8.	136.7	Bill Driedrick	1965-67, 69
9.	136.3	Rob James	1983-86
10.	130.4	Rick Worman	1984-85

Total Offensive Yards

1.	13,308	Matt Nichols	2006-09
2.	11,670	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
3.	11,026	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
4.	10,942	Erik Meyer	2002-05
5.	7547	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
6.	7428	Mark Tenneson	1989-92

Total Offensive Yards Per Game

1.	344.6	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
2.	315.4	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
3.	290.3	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11
4.	283.1	Matt Nichols	2006-09
5.	249.2	Rick Worman	1984-85
6.	260.5	Erik Meyer	2002-05
7.	209.1	Jordan West	2013-15
8.	212.7	Fred Salanoa	1999-01
9.	211.9	Harry Leons	1994-97
10.	185.7	Mark Tenneson	1989-92

Total Offensive Yards Per Play (min. 150 plays)

1.	8.47	Vernon Adams Jr.	2012-14
2.	7.97	Erik Meyer	2002-05
3.	7.96	Harry Leons	1996-97
4.	7.74	Gage Gubrud	2015-18
5.	7.72	Taiwan Jones	2008-10
6.	7.27	Jordan West	2013-15
7.	7.00	R. Hennessey	2015
8.	6.96	Matt Nichols	2005-09
9.	6.73	Bo Levi Mitchell	2010-11

Career Kicking Points

1.	314	Roldan Alcobendas 2014, 2016-18	
2.	236	Mike Jarrett	2008-11
3.	231	Troy Griggs	1998-01
4.	196	Jason Cromer	1988-90
5.	186	Eric Stein	1984-87
6.	179	Josh Atwood	1996-98

Extra Points Made

1.	209	Roldan Alcobendas 2014, 2016-18	
2.	143	Mike Jarrett	2009-11
3.	120	Troy Griggs	1999-01
4.	100	Eric Stein	1984-87
5.	95	Felipe Macias	2007-08
6.	95	Josh Atwood	1996-98

Note: Alcobendas had a school-record 85 consecutive career extra points made broken versus UC Davis on 10/7/17 after setting the single season record in 2016 by making his last 63.

Extra Points Attempted

1.	215	Roldan Alcobendas 2014, 2016-18	

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RECORDS WATCH

Below are records which have been broken or about to be broken by the Eagles this season (does not include season records previously set by Gage Gubrud in the 2016 season):

Wins: 12 (previous record 13 in 2010)

Scoring: 623 (previous record 618 in 2014)

Touchdowns: 83 (current record is 84 in 2014)

Games Scoring 50 or More Points: 6 (ties record of six in 2014)

Games Allowing 20 or Fewer Points: 9 (ties record of 9 in 1997, 1981, 1964 & 1949)

Total Offense: 7,556 (current record 8,002 in 2013)

Rushing Yards: 3,682 (previous record 3,130 set in 1950)

Rushing Touchdowns: 39 (previous record 32 set in 2014)

Rushing Yards Per Carry: 6.73 (current record is 6.41 set in 2001)

Rushing Attempts: 547 (current record 572 in 1997)

Average Total Offense Per Game: 540.4 (current record is 533.5 set in 2013)

Passes Broken Up: 70 (previous record is 67 set in 2010)

Season Rushing Yards by a Quarterback: **Eric Barriere**, 603 (current record is 606 set by Gage Gubrud in 2016)

Season Field Goals: **Roldan Alcobendas**, 15 (current record is 17 set by Jimmy Pavel in 2017)

Career Field Goals: **Roldan Alcobendas**, 35 (current record is 39 set by Jason Cromer from 1988-90)

Season Punting Average: **Roldan Alcobendas**, 44.9 (current record 44.9 set by Jake Miller in 2014)

Career Punting Average: **Roldan Alcobendas**, 44.8 (current record 43.8 set by Jake Miller in 2011-14)

Season Kick Scoring: **Roldan Alcobendas**, 113 (previous record 103 by Josh Atwood in 1997)

Career Kick Scoring: **Roldan Alcobendas**, 314 (previous record 236 by Mike Jarrett in 2009-11)

Career Extra Points Made: **Roldan Alcobendas**, 209 (previous record 143 by Mike Jarrett in 2009-11)

Career Extra Points Attempted: **Roldan Alcobendas**, 215 (previous record 150 by Mike Jarrett in 2009-11)

* **Career Total Offense Per Game:** **Gage Gubrud**, 344.6 (previous record 315.4 by Vernon Adams Jr. from 2012-14)

Career Passing Per Game: **Gage Gubrud**, 312.0 (previous record 288.7 by Bo Levi Mitchell from 2010-11)

* **Single Game Average Per Rush:** 14.7 (previous Big Sky record was 11.1 set by Portland State vs. UC Davis in 2013)

^ **Single Game TD Passes:** **Eric Barriere**, 7 vs. Maine 12/15/18 (ties record of 7 by Vernon Adams Jr. vs. Washington on 9/3/16)

^ **Single Game TD Receptions:** **Nsimba Webster**, 4 vs. Maine 12/15/18 (ties record of 4 set by three other players)

* **Longest Punt:** **Roldan Alcobendas**, 78 vs. Weber State 10/13/18 (previous record 74 by Jake Miller vs. Washington State on 9/8/12)

* **Longest Run by a Quarterback:** **Eric Barriere**, 85 vs. Southern Utah 10/6/18 (previous record 80 by Jack Perrault vs. Western Washington in 1942).

#Also Big Sky Conference Record. ^Also FCS Playoffs Record.

EWU BY QUARTER 2018

	1st	2nd	Half	3rd	Through 3	4th	OT	Final
MAINE	0	0	0	19	19	0	--	19
EWU	21	7	28	15	43	7	--	50
UCD	0	14	14	7	21	8	--	29
EWU	7	7	14	0	14	20	--	34
NICHOLLS	7	7	14	0	14	7	--	21
EWU	3	7	10	10	20	22	--	42
EWU	14	13	27	27	54	20	--	74
PSU	0	14	14	7	21	2	--	23
UCD	10	7	17	3	20	0	--	20
EWU	7	14	21	14	35	24	--	59
EWU	13	7	20	14	34	14	--	48
UNC	0	0	0	13	13	0	--	13
UI	0	0	0	7	7	7	--	14
EWU	14	17	31	7	38	0	--	38
EWU	0	3	3	0	3	0	--	6
WSU	14	0	14	0	14	0	--	14
SUU	3	7	10	7	17	0	--	17
EWU	14	20	34	21	55	0	--	55
EWU	14	10	24	3	27	7	--	34
MSU	10	0	10	0	10	7	--	17
CP	3	7	10	7	17	0	--	17
EWU	14	21	35	14	49	21	--	70
EWU	0	10	10	14	24	0	--	24
Wash. St.	14	14	28	7	35	24	--	59
EWU	14	7	21	7	28	3	--	31
NAU	0	10	10	3	13	13	--	26
CWU	0	13	13	0	13	0	--	13
EWU	20	14	34	10	44	14	--	58

EWU Record After 1st Quarter . . . 10-0 when leading, 2-2 when trailing, 0-0 when tied

EWU Record at Halftime . . . 10-0 when leading, 1-2 when trailing, 1-0 when tied

EWU Record After 3rd Quarter . . . 11-0 when leading, 1-2 when trailing, 0-0 when tied

EWU Record in Overtime . . . 0-0

GAGE GUBRUD Records Broken

(except for career records, all set in 2016 = 3 FCS, 8 Big Sky, 21 EWU)

#Also Big Sky Record or currently on record pace. *Also EWU Record.

BSC – *Career Total Offense Per Game – 344.6 (2015-18) . . . previous school record 315.4

His average total offense per game broke the Big Sky record of 328.9 set by Dave Dickenson of Montana with 11,513 yards in 35 games from 1992-95 and ranks third in FCS history.

EWU – Career Passing Yards Per Game – 312.0 (2015-18) . . . previous school record 288.7

Gubrud also ranks 10th all-time in FCS and third in Big Sky history. The league record for passing per game is 327.8 set by Drew Miller of Montana with 5,900 yards in 18 games from 1999-2000. Gubrud finished with 11,026 yards of total offense (12th in Big Sky history/third all-time at EWU), 9,984 passing yards (fourth all-time at EWU) and 87 touchdown passes (eighth in Big Sky history/third all-time at EWU).

EWU – Career 400-Yard Passing Performances – 10 Total

EWU – Career 400-Yard Total Offense Performances – 13 Total

EWU – Career 500-Yard Total Offense Performances – 6 Total

FCS – #*Season Passing Yards – 5,160 (2016) . . . old FCS record 5,076, BSC/EWU 4,994

FCS – *Most Games of 300 Yards of Total Offense – 12 (2016) . . . ties Vernon Adams Jr. in 2013

FCS – *Most Games with 300+ Passing Yards in a Season - 11 . . . old

record 10

BSC – *Season Total Offense – 5,766 (2016) . . . 2nd in FCS history; old BSC/EWU 5,559

BSC – *Total Offense Per Game – 411.9 (2016) - 5th in FCS history

BSC – *Season Total Offensive Plays – 704 (2016) . . . old record 618

BSC – *Season Passing Completions – 386 (2016) . . . old record 319

BSC – *Season Passing Attempts – 570 (2016) . . . old record 505

EWU – *Season Passing Yards Per Game – 368.6 (2016) . . . 9th in FCS history

EWU – Season Rushing Yards by a QB – 606 (2016) . . . old record 605 by V. Adams '13

BSC – *Game Passing Completions – 47 (vs. Central Arkansas 12/3/16)

EWU – Fewest Interceptions Per Attempt – 0 in 54 attempts (vs.

Central Arkansas 12/3/16)

EWU – Game Yards Passing – 520 (vs. Montana State 10/22/16)

EWU – Game Yards Total Offense – 551 (vs. Washington State 9/3/16)

EWU - Game Most TD Resp. For – 7 total / 6 passing, 1 rushing (vs. UC Davis 10/1/16)

EWU - Game Most Points Resp. For – 42 total / 6 pass TD, 1 rush TD (vs. UC Davis 10/1/16)

GAGE GUBRUD CAREER STATISTICS

	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G
RUSHING							
2015.....	3	12	31	1	14	2.6	10.3
2016.....	14	134	606	5	30	4.5	43.3
2017.....	10	82	236	5	28	2.9	23.6
2018.....	5	31	169	2	29	5.5	33.8
TOTAL.....	32	259	1042	13	30	4.0	32.6
PASSING							
2015.....	3	13	7	1	66	0	19
2016.....	14	570	386	14	5160	48	84
2017.....	10	422	261	12	3342	26	74
2018.....	5	160	99	5	1416	13	62
TOTAL.....	32	1165	753	32	9984	87	84
TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G		
2015.....	3	31	66	97	32.3		
2016.....	14	606	5160	5766	411.9		
2017.....	10	236	3342	3578	357.8		
2018.....	5	169	1416	1585	317.0		
TOTAL.....	32	1042	9984	11026	344.6		

Also 3 rec. for 92 yards (long of 54), 1 TD; 12 punts for 34.5 avg. (long of 50)

2018 EWU Numerical Football Roster

Does not include other players with no numbers and non-traveling true freshmen expected to redshirt.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Ex.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	#Josh Lewis	DB	6-0	190	Sr.	3L*	Lakewood, Wash. (Stellacoom HS '14)
2	Jayson Williams	WR	6-1	205	Jr.	2L*	Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln HS '15)
3	Eric Barriere	QB	6-0	200	So.	1L*	Inglewood, Calif. (La Habra HS '16)
4	#Mitch Fettig	DB	6-1	200	Sr.	3L*	Olympia, Wash. (Olympia HS '14)
5	#Nsimba Webster	WR	5-10	180	Sr.	3L*	Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14)
6	Nzuzi Webster	DB	5-10	180	Sr.	3L*	Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS '14)
8	#Gage Gubrud	QB	6-2	205	Sr.	3L*	McMinnville, Ore. (McMinnville HS '14)
9	Andrew Boston	WR	6-3	185	Fr.	HS*	Puyallup, Wash. (Emerald Ridge HS '17)
10	Talolo Limu-Jones	WR	6-5	220	So.	1L*	Vallejo, Calif. (Grace Davis HS '16)
11	Terence Grady	WR	6-5	205	Sr.	3L*	Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS '14)
13	Debole'ae McClain	DL	6-3	220	Fr.	HS*	Bremerton, Wash. (Peninsula HS '17)
15	Gunner Talkington	QB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS*	Battle Ground, Wash. (Battle Ground HS '17)
18	D'londo Tucker	DB	6-0	180	Sr.	3L*	Federal Way, Wash. (Federal Way HS '13)
20	Sam McPherson	RB	5-10	200	Sr.	3L	Bothell, Wash. (Bothell HS '15)
21	Dean Sise	DB	6-2	205	So.	TR	Kirkland, Wash. (Juanita HS '17 & Navy)
22	Tyson Prunty	DB	6-1	205	Jr.	2L*	Beaverton, Ore. (Tigard HS '15)
23	Dehonta Hayes	DB	5-11	195	Jr.	1L*	Tacoma, Wash. (Lincoln HS '15)
24	Tamarick Pierce	RB	5-10	215	Jr.	2L	Oakland, Calif. (Saint Mary's HS '16)
25	Calin Criner	DB	5-10	185	So.	1L*	Boise, Idaho (Rocky Mountain HS '16)
26	Darreon Moore	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	HS*	Pasco, Wash. (Kamiakin HS '17)
27	Kedrick Johnson	DB	6-3	210	So.	1L*	Vancouver, Wash. (Hockinson HS '16)
28	#Antoine Custer Jr.	RB	5-9	190	Jr.	2L	Berkeley, Calif. (De La Salle '16)
29	Anthony Smith	DB	5-11	190	Fr.	HS*	Everett, Wash. (Mariner HS '17)
30	Ira Branch	DB	6-1	180	Fr.	HS*	Tacoma, Wash. (Mount Tahoma HS '17)
31	Brandon Montgomery	DB	5-10	185	Sr.	2L*	Tacoma, Wash. (Wilson HS '14)
32	Bradley Alexander	DB	5-10	175	Jr.	SQ*	Las Vegas, Nevada (Canyon Springs '15 & Grambling State)
33	#Cole Karstetter	DB	5-11	205	Sr.	3L*	Spokane, Wash. (Ferris HS '14)
34	Anfernee Gurley	DB	5-10	180	So.	1L	Everett, Wash. (Archbishop Murphy HS '17)
35	Roy Ebong	WR	5-8	175	Sr.	SQ*	New York, N.Y. (Kingston HS '13)
36	Andrew Katzenberger	LB	6-1	220	Jr.	2L*	Lynnwood, Wash. (Lynnwood HS '15)
37	Roldan Alcobendas	K	6-0	170	Sr.	3L*	Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '13)
38	Joe Lang	DB	6-2	205	So.	SQ*	Royal, Wash. (Royal HS '16)
39	Curtis Billen	LS	6-2	215	Sr.	3L*	Everett, Wash. (Mariner HS '14)
40	#Ketner Kupp	LB	6-0	225	Sr.	3L	Yakima, Wash. (Davis HS '15)
41	Trevor Davis Jr.	LB	6-1	215	Jr.	1L*	Tumwater, Wash. (Tumwater HS '15)
43	Trevor Bowens	P	5-10	160	Fr.	HS*	Gardena, Calif. (Redondo Union HS '17)
44	Dennis Merritt	RB	5-10	180	Jr.	1L*	Leavenworth, Wash. (Cascade HS '15)
45	Tamir Hill	DB	5-11	180	So.	SQ*	Meridian, Idaho (Rocky Mountain HS '15 & Western Oregon)
46	Conner Baumann	DL	6-2	250	Sr.	3L*	Bellevue, Wash. (Newport HS '14)
47	Cody Clements	LS	6-2	230	Fr.	HS*	Richland, Wash. (Richland HS '17)
49	Jim Townsend	DL	6-4	265	Jr.	2L*	Okanogan, Wash. (Okanogan HS '15)
52	Jack Sendelbach	LB	6-3	225	Jr.	2L*	Seattle, Wash. (Blanchet HS '15)
54	Cale Lindsay	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	HS*	Tacoma, Wash. (Lakes HS '17)
55	Rudolph Mataia Jr.	DL	6-1	265	So.	1L*	Vancouver, Wash. (Evergreen HS '16)
56	Ryan Nilles	OL	6-6	325	Fr.	HS*	Omak, Wash. (Omak HS '17)
57	#Dylan Ledbetter	DL	6-3	270	Jr.	2L*	West Seattle, Wash. (O'Dea HS '15)
58	Chris Ojoh	LB	6-1	220	So.	1L	Sunland, Calif. (Bishop Alemany HS '17)
59	#Kurt Calhoun	LB	6-2	235	Sr.	3L*	Zillah, Wash. (Zillah HS '14)
60	Caleb Davis	DL	6-3	270	Fr.	HS*	Bonney Lake, Wash. (Bonney Lake HS '17)
61	Blake Ochsner	DL	6-0	225	So.	SQ*	Spokane, Wash. (Lewis & Clark HS '16)
62	Evan Clark	OL	6-7	235	Jr.	HS*	Sammamish, Wash. (Eastlake HS '15)
63	#Jack Hunter	OL	6-4	295	Sr.	2L*	Spokane, Wash. (Gonzaga Prep HS '14)
64	#Chris Schlichting	OL	6-5	295	Jr.	2L*	North Bend, Wash. (Mount Si HS '15)
65	#Tristen Taylor	OL	6-6	325	Jr.	2L*	Stockton, Calif. (Stagg HS '15)
66	Kaleb Levao	OL	6-4	310	Sr.	2L*	Aberdeen, Wash. (Aberdeen HS '14)
67	D.J. Dyer	OL	6-4	325	So.	1L*	Kennewick, Wash. (Kennewick HS '16)
69	Will Gram	OL	6-4	300	Jr.	1L*	Troy, Idaho (Troy HS '15)
70	Matt Meyer	OL	6-5	315	Sr.	2L/TR*	Lynden, Wash. (Lynden HS '13 & Washington State Univ.)
72	Keith Moore	DL	6-4	290	So.	1L*	Bremerton, Wash. (Olympic HS '16)
73	Matt Shook	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	HS*	Graham, Wash. (Graham-Kapowsin HS '17)
74	Beau Byus	OL	6-5	265	Sr.	2L*	Spokane, Wash. (Central Valley HS '14)
75	#Spencer Blackburn	OL	6-2	290	Sr.	2L*	Bellingham, Wash. (Meridian HS '14)
77	Wyatt Muser	OL	6-5	295	Fr.	HS*	Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin HS '17)
78	Conner Crist	OL	6-3	300	So.	1L*	Tigard, Ore. (Tigard HS '16)
79	Nicholas Blair	OL	6-7	310	So.	1L*	Everett, Wash. (Everett HS '16)
80	#Zach Eagle	WR	5-8	175	Sr.	2L*	Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '14)
82	Xavier James	WR	6-2	175	So.	SQ*	Goodyear, Ariz. (Verrado HS '16)
83	Marques Hampton Jr.	WR	6-1	190	Fr.	HS*	DuPont, Wash. (Stellacoom HS '17)
85	Henderson Belk	TE	6-4	245	Sr.	3L*	Mukilteo, Wash. (Kamiak HS '14)
86	Dylan Ingram	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	HS*	Camas, Wash. (Camas HS '17)
87	Dre' Sonte Dorton	WR	5-10	185	Jr.	1L*	Pasco, Wash. (Chiawana HS '15)
88	Johnny Edwards IV	WR	5-11	180	So.	1L	Pasadena, Calif. (Bishop Alemany HS '17)
89	#Jayce Gilder	TE	6-4	245	Jr.	2L*	Corvallis, Mont. (Corvallis HS '15)
90	#Keenan Williams	DL	6-3	265	Sr.	3L	Cheney, Wash. (Cheney HS '15)
91	#Jonah Jordan	DL	6-1	265	Sr.	3L*	Spokane, Wash. (Mead HS '14)
92	Nick Foerstel	DL	6-3	240	Sr.	3L*	Tumwater, Wash. (Tumwater HS '14)
93	Trenton Harris	TE	6-3	230	So.	SQ*	Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS '16)
94	Mitchell Johnson	DL	6-3	240	Fr.	HS*	West Linn, Ore. (West Linn HS '17)
96	Darnell Hogan	DL	6-4	230	Jr.	1L*	Seattle, Wash. (Cleveland HS '15)
98	Andre Slyter	K/P	6-2	195	So.	SQ*	Kent, Wash. (Kentwood HS '16)
99	Jay-Tee Tuili	DL	6-4	320	Sr.	3L*	Seattle, Wash. (Federal Way HS '14)
	Keshaun King	DB	5-9	175	Fr.	HS*	Marysville, Wash. (Marysville Pilchuck HS '17)

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True Freshmen (may redshirt)

#7 Tre Weed, DB
6-0, 190, Fr., HS, Sumner, Wash. (Sumner HS '18)
#12 Simon Burkett
QB, 6-3, 185, Fr., HS, Bellingham, Wash. (Meridian HS '18)
#14 Darrian Sampson
DB, 6-1, 175, Fr., HS, South Seattle, Wash. (Rainier Beach HS '18)
#16 Micah Smith
RB, 6-0, 190, Fr., HS, Spanaway, Wash. (Graham-Kapowsin HS '18)
#17 Champ Grayson
WR, 6-2, 185, Fr., HS, Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin HS '18)
#19 Anthony Stell Jr.
WR, 5-10, 170, Fr., HS, Seattle Wash. (Rainier Beach HS '18)
#42 Aiden Nellor
TE, 6-4, 220, Fr., HS, Vancouver, Wash. (Union HS '18)
#48 Isaiah Lewis
RB, 6-0, 200, Fr., HS, Monroe, Wash. (Monroe HS '18)
#50 Emmanuel Osuoha
LB, 6-1, 225, Fr., HS, Seattle, Wash. (Archbishop Murphy HS '18)
#51 Justin Patterson
LB, 6-2, 215, Fr., HS, Los Angeles, Calif. (Junipero Serra HS '18)
#53 Joshua Jerome
DL, 6-1, 285, Fr., HS, Monroe, Wash. (Monroe HS '18)
#68 Charlie Baumann
OL, 6-5, 280, Fr., HS, Bellevue, Wash. (Newport HS '18)
#76 Brad Godwin
OL, 6-6, 270, Fr., HS, Redlands, Calif. (Redlands HS '18)
#95 Corbin Hartsock
DL, 6-5, 235, Fr., HS, Olympia, Wash. (Olympia HS '18)
#97 Zion Fa'apeoga
DL, 6-4, 240, Fr., HS, Vancouver, Wash. (Union HS '18)
Freddie Roberson
WR, 6-3, 185, Fr., HS, Seattle, Wash. (Rainier Beach HS '18)
Risone Ama
OL, 6-4, 285, Fr., HS, Spokane, Wash. (Mt. Spokane HS '18)
Julian Houston
TE, 6-6, 225, Fr., HS, Burlington, Wash. (Burlington-Edison HS '18)
Michael Taras
QB, 6-2, 195, Fr., HS, Vancouver, Wash. (Heritage HS '18)
Dillon Crawford
LB, 6-2, 215, Fr., HS, Kennewick, Wash. (Kamiakin HS '18)
Seth Harrison
K/P, 5-10, 170, Fr., HS, Couer d'Alene, Idaho (Coeur d'Alene HS '18)