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Offensive lineman Chris Emter will play his last college football game on Saturday.

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THE CONSTANT

Chris Emter is a stabilizing force on Carroll's offensive line

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If there's one thing consistent about the Carroll College Saints this season – through the early slump to their current peak – it's been the offensive line.

If there's one thing that's been consistent about that offensive line over recent years, it's been Chris Emter.

Emter's seen the Saints have their highest peak in recent memory, starting 10 games as a freshman during Carroll's run to the NAIA quarterfinals. He's been consistent for the Saints every year since then, playing right guard his freshman and sophomore year and moving to right tackle last season and

earning a first team all-conference nod and remaining steady there this season.

At 6-foot-4 and 300 pounds, Emter is one of Livingston's biggest exports. A two-time All-American in outdoor track putting the shot, he's also multi-talented.

His play is equally big.

As the Saints moved redshirt freshman quarterback Reece Hiibel into the starting lineup, Emter is a big reason Hiibel has grown. The Saints aren't calling on Hiibel to throw a lot, but when he does, it's up to Emter and the offensive line to groove a passing pocket.

Though, if the penultimate game is any forecaster, the offensive line prefers to run block.

A week ago, Carroll carved up Western for 280 yards in the rushing game, plowing lanes for running back Major Ali and crew to run free. For Emter, it's a love for run-blocking that allows him to have the biggest impact.

"I feel I can control the run game more," Emter said. "When I'm setting back in the pass game, I like to think I can control what's going to happen with my punch and set, but I can't tell what a d-end is going to do when he's speed rushing. He has a plethora of moves. In the run game, as soon as I get my hands on him I know I can win."

Part of the reason Emter can be successful in both football and track

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Emter

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is translating both sports' technique, mostly footwork, into the other. "Footwork and being fast in footwork drills and ladders, cones," Emter says. Technique coupled with great strength has helped Emter reach his current level of play and the Saints string wins together.

Carroll started the season off slowly, but the offensive line showed early signs of being a formidable unit. With returning starters and experienced lineman in tow, the offensive line expected to be the heart of the offense this season.

"We realized we needed to be the rock of the team," Emter said. "Everyone feeds off the energy of the offensive line."

The offensive unit preached toughness week in and week out last season – as center Joel Kramer explained to the Independent Record last year. This season, Emter said, it's all been about incorporating the "DOLA mentality," or dominant offensive line-men mentality, a throwback to his freshman year when now-coach Alex Kastens led the charge.

"Everybody has it ingrained, the DOLA mentality," Emter said.

Emter will play his last college football game on Saturday. It's fitting since, make no mistakes about it, Emter came to Carroll to play football.

Offensive line coach Jim Hogan played a pivotal role in luring Emter to Carroll College.

Each summer, Hogan runs a station at the Rocky Mountain big man camp, a summer showcase for some of the area's linemen to strut their stuff to colleges. Emter remembers attending the camp and being most interested in the drills Hogan ran.



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"I didn't only come for football. I'm going to work my butt off and get good grades," Chris Emter said.

His drills went beyond feats of strength and simple demonstrations. Emter remembers doing things like "get on your knees and popping up and sprinting 15 yards."

"That left a lasting impression," he said.

The big man weighed options to attend Montana State or University of Montana, and many other small schools. Hogan's drills and Mike Van Diest's pursuit sealed the deal for him to come to Carroll. Van Diest traveled to Livingston to meet with Emter a few times. One of the final trips Van Diest went to Park High and made Emter a "good offer." Then, the wily coach went to visit Emter's father at his work, at the wastewater treatment plant.

"I thought that was really awesome that coach Van Diest

talked to my dad," Emter said. "I felt like I was wanted and I hadn't felt that way with other schools."

Now, under four years of coaching from Hogan, Emter appreciates each day and each drill.

"He really preaches fundamentals, which is nice," Emter said.

Hogan empowers the offensive line, trusting the unit to make reads, communicate and execute. The group have excelled together and been a large part of the team's turnaround this season. Emter and the group take pride in their squad. After all, Emter will remind you, offensive line is the only position group that has five men on the field simultaneously.

"The offensive line has mingled so well," Emter said. "The comradery is so strong"

Even as he's blunt about football bringing him to Carroll, Emter will assure you if you ask that his other focus is in the classroom.

"My grades are incredibly important to me," he said. "I didn't only come for football. I'm going to work my butt off and get good grades."

The business finance major carries a solid GPA and interned at Opportunity Bank over the past summer, working under Tyler Emmert, the Saints' receivers coach and legendary quarterback. Emter has been drawn to the business world, as his mother works in banking. His internship gave him a foot in the door.

"I've always been drawn to the business world," he said. "The internship opened my eyes on what that world has to offer."



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At 6-foot-4 and 300 pounds, Chris Emter is one of Livingston's biggest exports.

Emter has something of a blueprint for his post-college plans. Ideally, he'd land a banking job near Livingston, Bozeman perhaps. If he established himself there, he may be able to get into an MBA program at Montana State and further his career.

There is, of course, another post-college dream, a path a former Saint is currently on.

It's the NFL, and it's not out of the question for Emter.

As he's wrestled with the idea of training and preparing for workouts and hopefully catching the attention of NFL scouts, Emter says he's going all-in after track season. While some offensive linemen are eager to drop the tremendous amount of weight they carry to play football, Emter is content keeping it on – and then some.

"I really want to give myself a chance to participate in football after college," Emter said. "March is the pro day. I'll put on another five pounds."

Former Saints offensive linemen Josh James has been off and on NFL rosters. Emter

texts James "quite a bit." James went to the University of Montana's Pro Day after his senior season and parlayed it into NFL interest. Emter says his situation is not exactly like James', but that the first step to making it to the pros is UM's Pro Day.

"Ideally, if you have the money and time, you hire a personal trainer who's trained people for combines," Emter said. "For me, I'm in school and on a full-time track load. The time is limited."

Emter said he's talked to Sean Blomquist, the former Saints linebacker and current Flathead assistant coach who made a run at the pros. Blomquist reached out for training advice from another Saints great, tight end Casey Fitzsimmons, who played with the Detroit Lions for six seasons. Emter will work every part of Carroll College's network of athletes to give himself a shot.

"I know that I really do want this," he said.

With his consistency, he just might.



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CARROLL COLLEGE VS. EASTERN OREGON



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Carroll's Conner Poulson dives into the corner of the end zone for a touchdown during a game against Eastern Oregon at Nelson Stadium in this file photo from 2016.

Entering important game, Saints look like a different team

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It's their biggest game of the year. It's not the playoffs. It's not a date against No. 5 Southern Oregon. It's not even a heated rivalry game against Montana Tech.

No, this regular season finale gives the Saints a chance to improve on two years of finishing 4-6.

When Carroll College travels to La Grande, Oregon, this weekend to take on Eastern Oregon (3-6), it will be a chance for the Saints to close the season on a four-game winning streak and compile a 5-5 record.

With the way the Saints have played in the second half of the season, a road win is a definite possibility. Carroll (4-5)

is coming off its most impressive win of the season, racking up 280 yards on Montana Western en route to a 24-15 win. Carroll's rushing attack enters the last weekend ranked No. 3 in the conference in rushing yards per game with 208 yards a contest.

Carroll's defense has also resurrected from the dead earlier this season. A few weeks into the season, Carroll was giving up 500 yards and 40 points per game. Now, the Saints give up the fewest yards per game at 343 per game and have the second best scoring defense, allowing 21 points a contest, one point shy of Southern Oregon's conference-leading D.

"It's the same kids with the same attitude," Mike Van Diest said after the Western win. "They just had to pick

themselves off the turf at halftime at Southern Oregon. We had not a great second half against Tech. We didn't have a good game against Rocky. First half against Southern Oregon ... everything else has been good. You take away eight quarters of season ... unfortunately that's where we're at. We still get to coach and these guys still love playing. It's a great thing."

It certainly looks like the Saints are a different team. While the Saints have handled the top rushers in the conference, Major Ali is continued to build an impressive resume. After his 175 yard outburst against the Bulldogs, Ali is ranked at No. 4 in the conference with 802 yards.

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Carroll takes on Eastern Oregon at Nelson Stadium in this file photo from 2016.

Preview

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His rushing has taken the burden off redshirt freshman quarterback Reece Hiibel, who entered the starting lineup after senior Tanner Gustavsen went down. Hiibel is averaging 107 yards passing per game.

The Saints offense has done a lot of unique things to keep defenses guessing, including lining up tight end Eric

Dawson and wide receiver Troy Arntson in the back field for wildcat carries.

Eastern Oregon brings the No. 4 offense in the Frontier. The Mountaineers rush for about 192 yards per game and throw for another 223, bringing a balance to their offense. The weak point for the Mountaineers has been their defense, which gives up 30 points per game, the sixth mark in the Frontier, and yields 433 yards, also sixth.

Eastern quarterback Kai Quinn is the fourth overall

offensive player in the conference, accounting for 272 yards per game. Quinn rushes for 60 yards and throws for 212 yards per contest. He's thrown for 1,912 yards, 13 touchdowns and nine interceptions this year and rushed for 537 yards and five more scores.

Quinn is the leading rusher for EOU, but the Mountaineers also give John Lesser and Victor Dias a lot of carries. Dias has 90 carries for 530 yards and four scores and Lesser has 93 carries for 397

yards and two scores.

EOU hasn't been able to stay out of its own way this season. The Mountaineers average 97 penalty yards per game, which is third most in the NAIA.

The last time Carroll and EOU met, the Mountaineers were on their way to a playoff run and a 10-3 season. This year, EOU's firepower has simmered and defense has taken a big step back. EOU made a run into the semifinals, falling to national title runner-up Baker 45-41.

2017 Carroll College Saints

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown / High school
1	Connor Fohn	WR	6-1	200	Jr	Salem, Ore. / South Salem
2	Ryan Beaulieu	DB	5-11	185	Jr	Las Vegas, Nev. / Palo Verde
3	TJ Abraham	WR	5-8	178	Fr	Powell, Wyo. / Powell
3	Major Ali	RB	5-7	200	Soph	Gig Harbor, Wash. / Peninsula
4	Isazah King	CB	6-1	190	Soph	Hidden Valley, Calif. / Lower Lake
5	Joe Farris	WR	6-1	190	Soph	Meridian, Idaho / Mountain View
6	Chandler Arbizzani	DB	6-1	190	Sr	Billings / Skyview
6	Brayden Frohlich	QB	6-7	240	Fr	Missoula / Hellgate
7	Brian FauntLeRoy	DB	6-1	195	RS-Fr	Whitefish / Whitefish
8	Conner Poulson	RB	6-1	240	Jr	Boise, Idaho / Capital
9	Colin Sassano	DB	6-0	180	Fr	Helena / Capital
10	Kolby Killoy	QB	6-1	190	RS-Fr	Pasco, Wash. / Pasco
11	Tony Madsen	DB	6-2	202	Jr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
12	Tanner Gustavsen	QB	6-1	195	Sr	Boise, Idaho / Boise
12	Anthony Olmes	WR	5-11	175	Fr	Vallejo, Calif. / St. Patrick/St. Vincent
13	Cameron Hardt	DB	6-1	185	Fr	Cheney, Wash. / Cheney
13	Dylan Torgerson	P/K	6-2	200	Sr	Kalispell / Flathead
14	Troy Arntson	WR	5-8	170	Jr	Helena / Helena
15	Matt McHugh	QB	6-2	205	Jr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
16	Ryan Arntson	RB	5-7	180	Fr	Helena / Helena
17	Reese Hiibel	QB/DB	6-1	175	RS-Fr	Afton, Wyo. / Star Valley
18	McBride Galt	DB	6-2	205	Jr	Helena / Helena
19	Xavier Pace	DB	5-9	175	Fr	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
19	Paul Wilson	WR	5-11	175	Soph	Bonner / Hellgate
20	Griphen Le	RB	5-11	210	RS-Fr	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Coeur D'Alene
21	Parker Bernhardt	LB	6-1	202	Soph	Billings / West
22	Henry Hill	RB	5-9	190	Jr	Glenwood Springs, Colo. / Glenwood Springs
23	Drew Melton	DB	6-0	190	Soph	Lewiston, Idaho / Lewiston
24	Thomas Trefney	RB	6-0	215	RS-Fr	Kalispell / Glacier
25	Matt Kvech	DB	6-1	190	Soph	Renton, Wash. / Eastside Catholic
26	Wesley Harshbarger	RB	6-1	205	Fr	Twin Bridges / Twin Bridges
26	Ryan Walsh	RB	6-1	195	Sr	Wilsonville, Ore. / Wilsonville
27	Parker Stenersen	DB	5-11	160	Soph	Idaho Falls, Idaho / Skyline
28	Kyle Kazmierski	DL	6-0	190	Fr	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Lake City
28	Jack McIntyre	RB	5-8	182	RS-Fr	Buffalo, Wyo. / Buffalo
29	Cole Adams	DB	5-10	175	Jr	Glenwood Springs, Colo. / Glenwood Springs
30	Colbey Bruney	DB	6-1	180	Soph	Sheridan, Wyo. / Sheridan
30	Kyle Harrington	RB	6-0	215	RS-Fr	Butte / Butte Central
31	Chase Bowen	LB	6-2	225	Soph	Emmett, Idaho / New Plymouth
32	Beaugh Meyer	DT	6-2	275	Sr	Boise, Idaho / Capital
33	Tyler Matteucci	OLB	6-2	216	RS-Fr	East Helena / Helena
34	Tucker Johnson	DB	6-1	200	Sr	Billings / Junipero Serra
35	Erik Haun	LB	6-3	225	Fr	Boise, Idaho / Mountain View
36	Cole Greff	DE	6-4	260	Soph	Golden, Colo. / Golden
37	Derek David	RB	5-11	210	Soph	Idaho Falls, Idaho / Hillcrest
38	Stephen Lindsey	RB	5-9	195	RS-Fr	Columbia Falls / Columbia Falls
39	Craig Kein	LB	6-1	225	Soph	Burlington, Ill. / Burlington Central
40	Payton Sexe	LB	6-1	245	Soph	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
41	Zachary Hanser	DB	6-4	205	RS-Fr	Billings / Billings Central
42	Dylan Kresge	LB	6-1	225	Soph	Helena / Helena
43	Thomas Robitaille	LB	6-2	205	Fr	Casper, Wyo. / Natrona County
44	Reece Quade	LB	6-3	232	Jr	Billings / Skyview
45	Nate McGree	LB	6-2	205	Fr	Butte / Butte Central
46	Luke Gleasman	TE	6-4	250	RS-Fr	Chelan, Wash. / Chelan
47	Josh Kraft	K	5-11	170	Fr	Billings / Billings Central
48	Eric Dawson	TE	6-1	235	Jr	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
49	David Anderson	LB	6-0	220	Sr	Frenchtown / Frenchtown
49	Ken Roth	OLB	6-0	195	Fr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
50	Archie Petritz	LB	6-1	200	Fr	Butte / Butte Central
51	Dylan Piva	LB	6-2	215	Soph	Rathdrum, Idaho / Lakeland

52	Alex Reid	DL	6-1	255	RS-Fr	Spokane, Wash. / Mead
53	Billy Lewis	DL	5-11	230	Fr	Larkspur, Calif. / Redwood
54	Michael Monaco	DL	6-2	250	Soph	Anaconda / Anaconda
56	David Barnett	OT	6-3	280	Sr	Hermiston, Ore. / Hermiston
57	David Petersen	DL	6-1	245	RS-Fr	Helena / Capital
58	Brandon Ahlgren	OL	6-4	265	Fr	Canby, Ore. / West Linn
59	Dustin McLean	OL	6-3	250	Fr	Lewiston, Idaho / Lewiston
61	Joel Kramer	C	6-0	280	Sr	Missoula / Hellgate
64	J.D Lyle	OL	6-3	270	Soph	Middleton, Idaho / Middleton
65	Tim Pays	OL	6-4	295	Sr	Sandpoint, Idaho / Sandpoint
67	Todd Pays	OL	6-4	290	Sr	Sandpoint, Idaho / Sandpoint
68	Willy Clements	OL	6-3	295	Jr	Nederland, Colo. / Holy Family
70	Tanner Steele	OL	6-4	255	Fr	Lynden, Wash. / Lynden
71	John Boynton	OL	6-4	275	Jr	Richland, Wash. / Richland
74	Anthony Donofrio	OL	6-4	250	Fr	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Lake City
75	Tyson Frayley	OL	6-2	240	Fr	San Carlos, Calif. / Sequoia
76	Chris Emter	OL	6-4	302	Sr	Livingston / Park
77	Anthony Reisch	OL	6-2	280	Fr	Pasco, Wash. / Chiawana
79	Jacob Clark	OL	6-4	250	Fr	Bonney Lake, Wash. / Sumner
80	Sam Stratton	TE	6-6	240	Soph	Spokane, Wash. / Shadle Park
81	Shane Sipes	WR	6-2	190	RS-Fr	Newbury Park, Calif. / Newbury Park
82	Addison Vergara	WR	6-2	210	Jr	Greeley, Colo. / Greeley West
83	William Noce-Sheldon	WR	6-0	190	Soph	Carnas, Wash. / Seton Catholic
84	Walker Ray	OLB	6-4	245	Sr	Nampa, Idaho / Skyview
85	Connor McGree	TE	6-3	245	Jr	Butte / Butte Central
86	Kyle Pierce	WR	6-3	190	Fr	Nampa, Idaho / Skyview
87	Paul Hart	WR	6-3	190	Soph	Helena / Helena
88	Chase Fossum	WR	6-5	206	R-So.	Glasgow / Glasgow
89	Patrick Kosena	WR	6-3	190	Jr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
90	Alex Hoffman	TE	6-4	245	RS-Fr	Draper, Utah / Juan Diego
91	Alec Basterrechea	DE	6-2	250	Sr	Gooding, Idaho / Gooding
92	Alex Thomas	LB	6-1	230	Jr	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
93	Alex Hurlbut	DE	6-2	260	Soph	Ventura, Calif. / Ventura
94	Garrett Kocab	DL	6-3	265	Fr	Phelan, Calif. / Serrano
96	Jackson Griffin	OLB	6-3	200	RS-Fr	Powell, Wyo. / Powell
97	Hunter Mycke	LB	6-2	215	Fr	Conrad / Conrad
99	Seamus Tully	DL	6-2	280	RS-Fr	Bellows Falls, Vt. / New Hampton School
	Brigham Baker	K	6-0	180	Fr	Lakeside, Ore. / North Bend
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	Ryan James	DB	5-11	195	Fr	Yakima, Wash. / La Salle
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	Jordan Martin	WR	6-0	175	Fr	Yakima, Wash. / La Salle
	Jesus Parra-Gutierrez	RB	5-11	195	Fr	San Rafael, Calif. / San Rafael
	Austyn Sherwood	DB	5-11	185	Fr	Eureka / Lincoln County
	Eddie Starz	QB	5-11	185	Fr	Big Sky / Lone Peak
	Liam Vincent	DB	6-0	200	Soph	Riverton, Wyo. / Riverton
	Matt Wiltsey	WR	6-1	180	Soph	Sublimity, Ore. / Regis
	Dawson Zebarth	WR	5-11	180	Fr	Boise / Timberline

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2017 Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
1	Anfernee Cortez	DB	5-11	180	SO	Benton City, Wash.
2	Zac Jacobs	RB	5-8	170	FR	Vale, Ore.
4	Saige Wilkerson	QB	6-3	175	FR	Emmett, Idaho
5	Michal Arenas	DB	6-0	215	SR	Winnemucca, Nev.
6	Kai Quinn	QB	6-0	210	FR	Pendleton, Ore.
7	Justin Hughes	DB	5-10	185	JR	Logandale, Nev.
8	Brenden Kelly	WR	6-2	205	JR	Kennewick, Wash.
9	Calvin Connors	WR	5-9	185	SR	Winnemucca, Nev.
10	Riley Neville	DB	6-3	195	SR	Yerington, Nev.
11	Colin Deyarmin	LB	5-11	225	SR	Spokane Valley, Wash.
12	Jorden Payne	DB	5-8	165	SR	Camas, Wash.
13	Anthony Modera	DB	5-10	160	FR	Yerington, Nev.
14	Garrett Sandow	QB	6-0	190	JR	Red Bluff, Calif.
15	Skylar Williams	WR	6-1	190	JR	Fernley, Nev.
16	Chad McCoy	QB	5-11	195	JR	Pendleton, Ore.
17	Nathan Harden	K	6-0	185	JR	Graham, Wash.
18	Ben Knight	WR	6-0	190	SO	Colville, Wash.
19	Tanner Zenke	DB	5-11	180	FR	Eugene, Ore.
20	Alonso Mendoza	RB	5-9	175	SR	Kennewick, Wash.
21	Bryson Comstock	WR	5-9	170	FR	Gooding, Idaho
22	Stephen Talbot	RB	5-11	195	JR	Baker City, Ore.
23	John Lesser	RB	5-9	190	FR	Richland, Wash.
24	Quincy Backes	RB	6-0	215	FR	Yakima, Wash.
25	Eric Prom	DB	5-9	170	SO	Portland, Ore.
26	Derrick Fontenot	DB	5-10	200	SO	Boise, Idaho
27	Brycen Kelly	DB	6-1	205	FR	Kennewick, Wash.
28	Zackary Jacobs	DB	5-11	195	FR	La Grande, Ore.
29	Isaiah Richie	DB	5-9	160	SO	Pasco, Wash.
30	William Ephraim	DB	5-10	165	SO	Camas, Wash.
31	Haziel Ledezma	DB	6-0	180	SO	Jerome, Idaho
32	Kody Arellano	DB	5-11	200	FR	Glenns Ferry, Idaho
33	Kaler Moore	RB	5-9	190	FR	Tillamook, Ore.
34	Jayson McKay	RB	5-8	185	FR	Elgin, Ore.
35	Chris Kindle	LB	5-10	200	FR	Heppner, Ore.
36	Josh Finley	RB	5-11	200	FR	Gooding, Idaho
37	John-Henry Line	LB	5-11	200	FR	Hermiston, Ore.
38	A'Shonte Williams	DB	5-11	165	FR	Fairbanks, Alaska
39	Garrett Yunker	DB	5-11	180	FR	Jefferson, Ore.
40	Austin Castro	LB	5-11	220	SO	Nyssa, Ore.
41	Chase Van Wyck	LB	6-2	235	FR	Napavine, Calif.
42	Brandon McGilvray	LB	5-11	190	FR	Imbler, Ore.
43	Bryce Gabbard	LB	5-10	195	SO	Middleton, Idaho
44	Victor Dias	RB	5-9	210	SO	Middleton, Idaho
45	Eli Teuteu	LB	5-10	200	SO	Spanaway, Wash.
46	Garrett Coffey	RB	6-1	210	FR	Aumsville, Ore.
47	Garret DeVos	LB	6-0	195	FR	Vale, Ore.
50	Tanner Owen	WR	6-0	175	FR	Elgin, Ore.
51	Terrell Payne	LB	5-9	205	FR	Idaho Falls, Idaho
52	Taylor Vaandering	DB	5-10	245	SO	Beaverton, Ore.
53	Kade Walgamott	LB	5-10	200	SO	Parma, Idaho
54	Colten Mallette	OL	6-1	270	JR	Stockton, Calif.
55	Gunnar Blix	LB	5-11	225	FR	Lognview, Wash.
56	Jacob Shults	LB	6-1	215	SO	Clarkston, Wash.

57	Bailey Buckner	LB	6-0	195	FR	Balle Ground, Wash.
58	Luis Cardenas	DL	5-11	270	SO	Winnemucca, Nev.
59	Cade Knaphus	OL	6-0	285	FR	Draper, Utah
60	Kyle Hall	DT	6-1	295	JR	Kennewick, Wash.
61	Dillon Holliday	OL	6-2	270	FR	Boring, Ore.
63	Auston Downs	OL	6-3	300	FR	Moses Lake, Wash.
65	Colten Alefteras	OL	5-10	275	JR	Prosser, Wash.
66	Justin Hutton	OL	5-9	260	FR	Notus, Idaho
67	Harrison Broadus	WR	6-2	190	FR	Dallas, Ore.
68	Atiai Mataafa	OL	6-4	290	JR	Meridian, Idaho
69	PJ Schubert	OL	6-3	305	FR	Pendleton, Ore.
70	Joe Boyle	OL	6-4	290	JR	Graham, Wash.
71	Parker Smith	OL	5-11	265	FR	Meridian, Idaho
72	Andre Brembry	OL	6-0	280	SR	Los Angeles, Calif.
73	Devaughn Perry	OL	6-1	240	FR	Yakima, Wash.
74	Sebaztian Corona	K	5-8	185	FR	Pendleton, Ore.
75	Brayden Kearsley	OL	6-4	300	SR	Aloha, Ore.
76	Travis Jones	DL	5-11	240	SR	Stanwood, Wash.
77	Luke Thomas	OL	6-6	270	SO	Fruitland, Idaho
78	Jacob Banks	DL	6-2	250	FR	Pendleton, Ore.
79	Mick Wilson	OL	6-5	285	SO	Council, Idaho
80	TJ Hancock	WR	5-11	175	SO	Pendleton, Ore.
81	Hayden Broadus	TE	6-5	220	SO	Dallas, Ore.
82	Connor Falk	WR	6-2	230	FR	Emmett, Idaho
83	Peter Manville	DB	5-7	170	FR	Warden, Wash.
84	Adam Sisson	WR	5-7	185	SR	Meridian, Idaho
85	Alec Yangos	TE	6-4	245	JR	Stockton, Calif.
86	Joseph Lenker	WR	6-2	200	FR	Jerome, Idaho
87	Phoenix Millhollen	WR	6-3	205	SO	Elwood, Wash.
88	Isaiah Thomas	WR	5-7	155	FR	Moses Lake, Wash.
89	Nico Chavez	WR	6-0	185	JR	Heyburn, Wash.
90	Gabe Giacci	TE	6-3	235	JR	Bend, Ore.
91	Isaiah Cranford	DE	6-4	220	SO	La Grande, Ore.
93	Zach Lacey	DL	6-1	260	JR	Woodland, Wash.
94	Patrick Collins	DL	6-4	255	FR	Heppner, Ore.
95	Ethan Gallant	DL	6-2	210	FR	Boring, Ore.
96	Nick De Alba	DL	6-2	245	JR	Boise, Idaho
97	Tyler Utecht	DL	6-3	245	SO	Rathdrum, Idaho
98	Kye Yraguen	DL	5-9	305	FR	Vale, Ore.
99	Marc Anthony Oribio	DL	5-10	270	FR	Emmett, Idaho
	Zachary Cahill	K	6-0	175	FR	Boise, Idaho

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This week's Frontier Conference action

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Alongside the Saints' road trip to Eastern Oregon, here's what's taking place in the rest of the Frontier Conference this week.

Montana State-Northern (1-9, 0-9) at College of Idaho (5-5, 5-4)

Recent games: The Lights look for the only Frontier win of the season on the road in a difficult-to-play environment in Caldwell. MSU-N has struggled this season, seeing their coach resign with three weeks remaining. Aside from a close call in the first game of the season, the Lights' most recent 38-17 loss to Southern Oregon is their only relatively bright spot. The 38 points the Lights surrendered to the Raiders was its lowest total since Sept. 30 during a win against winless non-conference foe Mayville State. ... College of Idaho has come on late in the season, earning a 64-35 win over a banged up, and ranked, Montana Tech team last weekend in Caldwell. As the Orediggers played without their top two offensive players, the Coyotes took advantage and unleashed their highest scoring outing of the season. COI running back Nick Calzaretta racked up five rushing touchdowns and a career-high 162 yards in the win.

Last meeting: The programs' last met during the 2016 season. College of Idaho traveled to Montana State-Northern and came away with a 31-13 win.

Rocky Mountain College (5-5, 5-4) at Montana Western (4-6, 4-5)

Recent games: Rocky has alternated wins and losses for every weekend since Sept.



BRONTE WITTPENN, *Billings Gazette*

Sam Sparks and the Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears will take on Montana Western this week.



Tommy Martino, Missoulian

Quarterback Quinn McQueary and Montana Tech will take on Southern Oregon this week.

16 (save their bye weekend on Oct. 7). The Battlin' Bears strung together a pair of wins in their first two Frontier Conference in the opening weeks of league play, but have been flip-flopping ever since. Last weekend, Rocky fell to Eastern Oregon 21-17 in Billings. It came just a weekend after earning a 30-27 win over Montana Tech. Rocky has secured at least a .500 record in conference for the first time since 2013, when it went 7-3. ... Western enters the game having lost three of its last four. The Bulldogs went to Helena last weekend and couldn't slow down the Saints' rushing attack. It became the second consecutive loss for Western, having previously fallen to No. 5 Southern Oregon 44-19.

Last meeting: The teams' last meeting came back in 2016 in the regular season finale then. Western visited Rocky and found a 26-10 victory, capping off a 7-4 season. This year, Western will be trying to hit the .500 conference mark with a win, and Rocky will be looking to finish a season above .500.

No. 5 Southern Oregon (9-0) at No. 22 Montana Tech (6-3)

Recent games: Montana Tech has fallen apart late in

the season. The Orediggers had no room for error after suffering an upset on Oct. 7 against Montana Western, 42-35. After that loss, Montana Tech put two games together, but in the last two weeks the Orediggers have lost any shot of making the playoffs. MTT fell to Rocky Mountain in Butte, and then took a loss at College of Idaho. For the second consecutive year, injuries have derailed a promising Tech season. ... No. 5 Southern Oregon meanwhile looks poised to make a deep playoff run. The Raiders have swept through the Frontier, and in recent weeks have done so in commanding fashion. In their past three games, the Raiders have outscored their opponents 118-43. SOU offense and defense have been strong this season under first-year head coach Charlie Hall.

Last meeting: SOU, in a down 2016, fell 38-27 to Montana Tech. This year, the Raiders and Orediggers figured to be battling in the last week of the season to determine the top team from the Frontier. As injuries have taken their toll, the Raiders look to be the clear favorite in this game and for a perfect regular season record.

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FRONTIER CONFERENCE LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE PER GAME

			Games	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Yds/Gm
1	Trosin, Tanner	Southern Oregon	9	398	209	3164	3373	374.8
2	McQueary, Quinn	Montana Tech	8	351	130	2585	2715	339.4
3	Peterson, Darius-James	College of Idaho	10	418	1011	1820	2831	283.1
4	Quinn, Kai	Eastern Oregon	9	372	537	1912	2449	272.1
5	Gibson, Bennett	Montana Western	10	362	-69	2716	2647	264.7
6	Wilson, Tommy	Montana State-Northern	10	356	115	1391	1506	150.6
7	Fike, Jed	Montana Tech	9	174	1252	0	1252	139.1
8	Thomsen, Hunter	Montana Western	10	213	912	0	912	91.2
9	Ali, Major	Carroll	9	153	802	0	802	89.1
10	Melby, Mason	Rocky Mountain	10	109	699	0	699	69.9
11	Sparks, Sam	Rocky Mountain	9	104	584	0	584	64.9
12	Dias, Victor	Eastern Oregon	9	90	530	0	530	58.9
13	Vega, Rey	Southern Oregon	9	106	518	0	518	57.6
14	Blanchard, Trey	Montana State-Northern	10	109	561	0	561	56.1
15	Calzaretta, Nick	College of Idaho	9	84	456	0	456	50.7

RUSHING PER GAME

			Games	Rsh	Rsh Yds	Yds/Rsh	Rsh TD	Yds/Gm
1	Fike, Jed	Montana Tech	9	174	1252	7.2	15	139.1
2	Peterson, Darius-James	College of Idaho	10	188	1011	5.4	12	101.1
3	Thomsen, Hunter	Montana Western	10	213	912	4.3	4	91.2
4	Ali, Major	Carroll	9	153	802	5.2	7	89.1
5	Melby, Mason	Rocky Mountain	10	109	699	6.4	9	69.9
6	Sparks, Sam	Rocky Mountain	9	104	584	5.6	4	64.9
7	Quinn, Kai	Eastern Oregon	9	102	537	5.3	5	59.7
8	Dias, Victor	Eastern Oregon	9	90	530	5.9	4	58.9
9	Vega, Rey	Southern Oregon	9	106	518	4.9	7	57.6
10	Blanchard, Trey	Montana State-Northern	10	109	561	5.1	2	56.1
11	Calzaretta, Nick	College of Idaho	9	84	456	5.4	9	50.7
12	Lesser, John	Eastern Oregon	8	97	397	4.1	2	49.6
13	Walsh, Ryan	Carroll	9	80	360	4.5	1	40
14	Arntson, Ryan	Carroll	9	51	341	6.7	1	37.9
15	Feisthamel, Braden	Montana Tech	7	45	219	4.9	3	31.3

PASSING PER GAME

			Games	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Yds/Gm
1	Trosin, Tanner	Southern Oregon	9	341	218	4	0.639	3164	20	351.6
2	McQueary, Quinn	Montana Tech	8	302	198	10	0.656	2585	23	323.1
3	Gibson, Bennett	Montana Western	10	323	177	12	0.548	2716	18	271.6
4	Quinn, Kai	Eastern Oregon	9	270	145	9	0.537	1912	13	212.4
5	Peterson, Darius-James	College of Idaho	10	230	123	12	0.535	1820	8	182
6	Wilson, Tommy	Montana State-Northern	10	284	150	14	0.528	1391	8	139.1
7	Cook, Dylan	Montana State-Northern	8	18	10	1	0.556	160	2	20
8	Cox, Tyler	College of Idaho	10	23	14	2	0.609	195	1	19.5
9	Williams, Dion	Montana Tech	9	1	1	0	1	33	0	3.7
10	Larson, Matt	Rocky Mountain	10	1	1	0	1	14	0	1.4

RECEIVING PER GAME

			Games	Rec	Yds	Avg/Catch	Yds/Gm
1	Ader, Bronsen	Southern Oregon	7	43	818	19	116.9
2	Williams, Dion	Montana Tech	9	67	878	13.1	97.6
3	Suell, Jordan	Southern Oregon	8	30	666	22.2	83.3
4	Kelly, Brenden	Eastern Oregon	9	42	732	17.4	81.3
5	Walser, Melvin	Montana Western	10	37	701	18.9	70.1
6	Simkins, Nate	Montana Western	10	34	592	17.4	59.2
7	Kelly, Chris	Montana Tech	9	48	528	11	58.7
8	Sullivan, Sean	Montana Tech	9	49	518	10.6	57.6
9	Boudreaux, Matt	Southern Oregon	9	27	511	18.9	56.8
10	Sherwood, George	Montana Western	10	33	566	17.2	56.6
11	Connors, Calvin	Eastern Oregon	9	39	508	13	56.4
12	Robinson, Shayne	College of Idaho	10	30	518	17.3	51.8
13	Sipes, Shane	Carroll	9	27	457	16.9	50.8
14	Lachance, Chris	Montana Tech	9	22	446	20.3	49.6
15	Crafton, Keegan	College of Idaho	10	27	447	16.6	44.7

INTERCEPTIONS

			Games	Yds	TD	Int/Gm	Ints
1	Fagan, Keenan	Rocky Mountain	10	69	1	0.7	7
2	Jefferson, Kendall	Rocky Mountain	10	13	1	0.4	4
	Williams, Terrance	Rocky Mountain	10	56	0	0.4	4
4	Janis, Zach	Montana Western	10	27	0	0.3	3
	Galt, McBride	Carroll	9	19	0	0.3	3
	Clark, Tristan	Montana Western	10	58	0	0.3	3
	Lawrence, Keegan	Southern Oregon	9	36	0	0.3	3
	Dunmore, Oshay	Southern Oregon	8	16	0	0.4	3

TACKLES PER GAME

			Games	UA	A	Total	Avg/Gm
1	Fowler, Garett	Montana State-Northern	10	50	55	105	10.5
2	Moore, Nate	College of Idaho	10	42	49	91	9.1
3	Fernandez, Steven	Montana State-Northern	10	44	41	85	8.5
4	Cooper, Tyson	Southern Oregon	9	54	22	76	8.4
	Arenas, Michal	Eastern Oregon	9	30	46	76	8.4
6	OLUBI, Segun	College of Idaho	10	46	35	81	8.1
7	Lawrence, Keegan	Southern Oregon	9	46	25	71	7.9
8	Ferris, Jason	Montana Western	10	45	32	77	7.7
9	Anderson, David	Carroll	9	45	23	68	7.6
	Gage, Devvon	Southern Oregon	9	34	34	68	7.6

SACKS

			Games	Solo	Ast	Yds	Scks/Gm	Total
1	Rogers, Sean	Southern Oregon	9	8	3	52	1.1	9.5
2	Wines, Connor	Montana Tech	9	8	2	40	1	9
3	Rice, Ryder	Rocky Mountain	10	8	1	57	0.9	8.5
4	Carter, Isiah	Southern Oregon	9	7	0	33	0.8	7
5	Holmes, Tre	Southern Oregon	9	5	3	23	0.7	6.5
6	Henderson, Trevor	College of Idaho	10	6	0	37	0.6	6
7	Hansen, Chance	Montana Tech	9	4	3	17.5	0.6	5.5
8	Petersen, David	Carroll	8	4	1	30	0.6	4.5
9	Porter, James	Southern Oregon	9	3	1	17	0.4	3.5
	Tamba, Leo	College of Idaho	10	3	1	21	0.4	3.5

FIELD GOALS

			Games	FGA	Pct	Avg	FG
1	Amies, Griff	Rocky Mountain	10	17	0.765	1.3	13
2	Kharchenko, Mark	Montana Western	10	12	0.667	0.8	8
	Harden, Nathan	Eastern Oregon	9	9	0.889	0.9	8
4	Montano, Marcus	Southern Oregon	9	9	0.778	0.8	7
5	Langley, Tommy	Montana State-Northern	10	12	0.5	0.6	6
	Torgerson, Dylan	Carroll	9	7	0.857	0.7	6

PUNTING

			Games	Punts	Yds	Avg
1	Harden, Nathan	Eastern Oregon	9	51	2178	42.7
2	Sherwood, George	Montana Western	10	48	1883	39.2
3	Holt, Derrick	Montana Tech	9	35	1365	39
4	Torgerson, Dylan	Carroll	9	41	1584	38.6
	Larson, Matt	Rocky Mountain	10	42	1620	38.6
6	Tapia, Sam	Montana State-Northern	10	65	2247	34.6

PUNT RETURNS

			Games	Ret	Avg	Yds
1	Lynde, Levi	Montana Tech	7	11	13.9	153
2	Beaulieu, Ryan	Carroll	9	16	9	144
3	Pattwell, Keenan	College of Idaho	8	15	7.3	109
4	Connors, Calvin	Eastern Oregon	9	12	6	72
5	Christian, Devyn	Montana Western	10	15	3.5	52
	Lyons, Nik	College of Idaho	10	3	17.3	52
7	Hunthausen, Will	Montana Tech	6	7	5.4	38
8	Gray, Max	Rocky Mountain	10	8	3.9	31
9	Cooper, AJ	Southern Oregon	9	5	5.8	29
10	Eberhardt, Tyler	Rocky Mountain	8	2	14	28
11	Giampaoli, Dominic	Southern Oregon	9	1	23	23
12	Nero, Jordan	College of Idaho	10	1	19	19
13	Price, Josh	College of Idaho	10	1	14	14
14	Clark, Tristan	Montana Western	10	1	11	11
15	Greff, Cole	Carroll	8	1	7	7

KICK OFF RETURNS

			Games	Ret	TDs	Avg	Yds
1	Pattwell, Keenan	College of Idaho	8	27	0	22.7	613
2	Sipes, Shane	Carroll	9	18	1	26.6	479
3	Jordanoglou, Fotios	Montana State-Northern	10	23	0	19.6	450
4	Sparks, Sam	Rocky Mountain	9	18	1	24.2	435
5	Richie, Isaiah	Eastern Oregon	9	20	0	19.4	387
6	Connors, Calvin	Eastern Oregon	9	17	0	20.2	344
7	Hermanson, Jamison	Montana Western	7	16	0	19.6	314
8	Copeland, Kellen	College of Idaho	10	16	0	19.6	313
9	Steele, Alec	Montana Tech	8	13	0	20.2	262
10	Christian, Devyn	Montana Western	10	12	0	19.9	239



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Offensive lineman Chris Emter will play his last college football game on Saturday.

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THE CONSTANT

Chris Emter is a stabilizing force on Carroll's offensive line

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If there's one thing consistent about the Carroll College Saints this season – through the early slump to their current peak – it's been the offensive line.

If there's one thing that's been consistent about that offensive line over recent years, it's been Chris Emter.

Emter's seen the Saints have their highest peak in recent memory, starting 10 games as a freshman during Carroll's run to the NAIA quarterfinals. He's been consistent for the Saints every year since then, playing right guard his freshman and sophomore year and moving to right tackle last season and

earning a first team all-conference nod and remaining steady there this season.

At 6-foot-4 and 300 pounds, Emter is one of Livingston's biggest exports. A two-time All-American in outdoor track putting the shot, he's also multi-talented.

His play is equally big.

As the Saints moved redshirt freshman quarterback Reece Hiibel into the starting lineup, Emter is a big reason Hiibel has grown. The Saints aren't calling on Hiibel to throw a lot, but when he does, it's up to Emter and the offensive line to groove a passing pocket.

Though, if the penultimate game is any forecaster, the offensive line prefers to run block.

A week ago, Carroll carved up Western for 280 yards in the rushing game, plowing lanes for running back Major Ali and crew to run free. For Emter, it's a love for run-blocking that allows him to have the biggest impact.

"I feel I can control the run game more," Emter said. "When I'm setting back in the pass game, I like to think I can control what's going to happen with my punch and set, but I can't tell what a d-end is going to do when he's speed rushing. He has a plethora of moves. In the run game, as soon as I get my hands on him I know I can win."

Part of the reason Emter can be successful in both football and track

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is translating both sports' technique, mostly footwork, into the other. "Footwork and being fast in footwork drills and ladders, cones," Emter says. Technique coupled with great strength has helped Emter reach his current level of play and the Saints string wins together.

Carroll started the season off slowly, but the offensive line showed early signs of being a formidable unit. With returning starters and experienced lineman in tow, the offensive line expected to be the heart of the offense this season.

"We realized we needed to be the rock of the team," Emter said. "Everyone feeds off the energy of the offensive line."

The offensive unit preached toughness week in and week out last season – as center Joel Kramer explained to the Independent Record last year. This season, Emter said, it's all been about incorporating the "DOLA mentality," or dominant offensive line-men mentality, a throwback to his freshman year when now-coach Alex Kastens led the charge.

"Everybody has it ingrained, the DOLA mentality," Emter said.

Emter will play his last college football game on Saturday. It's fitting since, make no mistakes about it, Emter came to Carroll to play football.

Offensive line coach Jim Hogan played a pivotal role in luring Emter to Carroll College.

Each summer, Hogan runs a station at the Rocky Mountain big man camp, a summer showcase for some of the area's linemen to strut their stuff to colleges. Emter remembers attending the camp and being most interested in the drills Hogan ran.



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"I didn't only come for football. I'm going to work my butt off and get good grades," Chris Emter said.

His drills went beyond feats of strength and simple demonstrations. Emter remembers doing things like "get on your knees and popping up and sprinting 15 yards."

"That left a lasting impression," he said.

The big man weighed options to attend Montana State or University of Montana, and many other small schools. Hogan's drills and Mike Van Diest's pursuit sealed the deal for him to come to Carroll. Van Diest traveled to Livingston to meet with Emter a few times. One of the final trips Van Diest went to Park High and made Emter a "good offer." Then, the wily coach went to visit Emter's father at his work, at the wastewater treatment plant.

"I thought that was really awesome that coach Van Diest

talked to my dad," Emter said. "I felt like I was wanted and I hadn't felt that way with other schools."

Now, under four years of coaching from Hogan, Emter appreciates each day and each drill.

"He really preaches fundamentals, which is nice," Emter said.

Hogan empowers the offensive line, trusting the unit to make reads, communicate and execute. The group have excelled together and been a large part of the team's turnaround this season. Emter and the group take pride in their squad. After all, Emter will remind you, offensive line is the only position group that has five men on the field simultaneously.

"The offensive line has mingled so well," Emter said. "The comradery is so strong"

Even as he's blunt about football bringing him to Carroll, Emter will assure you if you ask that his other focus is in the classroom.

"My grades are incredibly important to me," he said. "I didn't only come for football. I'm going to work my butt off and get good grades."

The business finance major carries a solid GPA and interned at Opportunity Bank over the past summer, working under Tyler Emmert, the Saints' receivers coach and legendary quarterback. Emter has been drawn to the business world, as his mother works in banking. His internship gave him a foot in the door.

"I've always been drawn to the business world," he said. "The internship opened my eyes on what that world has to offer."



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At 6-foot-4 and 300 pounds, Chris Emter is one of Livingston's biggest exports.

Emter has something of a blueprint for his post-college plans. Ideally, he'd land a banking job near Livingston, Bozeman perhaps. If he established himself there, he may be able to get into an MBA program at Montana State and further his career.

There is, of course, another post-college dream, a path a former Saint is currently on.

It's the NFL, and it's not out of the question for Emter.

As he's wrestled with the idea of training and preparing for workouts and hopefully catching the attention of NFL scouts, Emter says he's going all-in after track season. While some offensive linemen are eager to drop the tremendous amount of weight they carry to play football, Emter is content keeping it on – and then some.

"I really want to give myself a chance to participate in football after college," Emter said. "March is the pro day. I'll put on another five pounds."

Former Saints offensive linemen Josh James has been off and on NFL rosters. Emter

texts James "quite a bit." James went to the University of Montana's Pro Day after his senior season and parlayed it into NFL interest. Emter says his situation is not exactly like James', but that the first step to making it to the pros is UM's Pro Day.

"Ideally, if you have the money and time, you hire a personal trainer who's trained people for combines," Emter said. "For me, I'm in school and on a full-time track load. The time is limited."

Emter said he's talked to Sean Blomquist, the former Saints linebacker and current Flathead assistant coach who made a run at the pros. Blomquist reached out for training advice from another Saints great, tight end Casey Fitzsimmons, who played with the Detroit Lions for six seasons. Emter will work every part of Carroll College's network of athletes to give himself a shot.

"I know that I really do want this," he said.

With his consistency, he just might.



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Carroll's Conner Poulson dives into the corner of the end zone for a touchdown during a game against Eastern Oregon at Nelson Stadium in this file photo from 2016.

Entering important game, Saints look like a different team

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It's their biggest game of the year. It's not the playoffs. It's not a date against No. 5 Southern Oregon. It's not even a heated rivalry game against Montana Tech.

No, this regular season finale gives the Saints a chance to improve on two years of finishing 4-6.

When Carroll College travels to La Grande, Oregon, this weekend to take on Eastern Oregon (3-6), it will be a chance for the Saints to close the season on a four-game winning streak and compile a 5-5 record.

With the way the Saints have played in the second half of the season, a road win is a definite possibility. Carroll (4-5)

is coming off its most impressive win of the season, racking up 280 yards on Montana Western en route to a 24-15 win. Carroll's rushing attack enters the last weekend ranked No. 3 in the conference in rushing yards per game with 208 yards a contest.

Carroll's defense has also resurrected from the dead earlier this season. A few weeks into the season, Carroll was giving up 500 yards and 40 points per game. Now, the Saints give up the fewest yards per game at 343 per game and have the second best scoring defense, allowing 21 points a contest, one point shy of Southern Oregon's conference-leading D.

"It's the same kids with the same attitude," Mike Van Diest said after the Western win. "They just had to pick

themselves off the turf at halftime at Southern Oregon. We had not a great second half against Tech. We didn't have a good game against Rocky. First half against Southern Oregon ... everything else has been good. You take away eight quarters of season ... unfortunately that's where we're at. We still get to coach and these guys still love playing. It's a great thing."

It certainly looks like the Saints are a different team. While the Saints have handled the top rushers in the conference, Major Ali is continued to build an impressive resume. After his 175 yard outburst against the Bulldogs, Ali is ranked at No. 4 in the conference with 802 yards.

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Carroll takes on Eastern Oregon at Nelson Stadium in this file photo from 2016.

Preview

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His rushing has taken the burden off redshirt freshman quarterback Reece Hiibel, who entered the starting lineup after senior Tanner Gustavsen went down. Hiibel is averaging 107 yards passing per game.

The Saints offense has done a lot of unique things to keep defenses guessing, including lining up tight end Eric

Dawson and wide receiver Troy Arntson in the back field for wildcat carries.

Eastern Oregon brings the No. 4 offense in the Frontier. The Mountaineers rush for about 192 yards per game and throw for another 223, bringing a balance to their offense. The weak point for the Mountaineers has been their defense, which gives up 30 points per game, the sixth mark in the Frontier, and yields 433 yards, also sixth.

Eastern quarterback Kai Quinn is the fourth overall

offensive player in the conference, accounting for 272 yards per game. Quinn rushes for 60 yards and throws for 212 yards per contest. He's thrown for 1,912 yards, 13 touchdowns and nine interceptions this year and rushed for 537 yards and five more scores.

Quinn is the leading rusher for EOU, but the Mountaineers also give John Lesser and Victor Dias a lot of carries. Dias has 90 carries for 530 yards and four scores and Lesser has 93 carries for 397

yards and two scores.

EOU hasn't been able to stay out of its own way this season. The Mountaineers average 97 penalty yards per game, which is third most in the NAIA.

The last time Carroll and EOU met, the Mountaineers were on their way to a playoff run and a 10-3 season. This year, EOU's firepower has simmered and defense has taken a big step back. EOU made a run into the semifinals, falling to national title runner-up Baker 45-41.

2017 Carroll College Saints

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown / High school
1	Connor Fohn	WR	6-1	200	Jr	Salem, Ore. / South Salem
2	Ryan Beaulieu	DB	5-11	185	Jr	Las Vegas, Nev. / Palo Verde
3	TJ Abraham	WR	5-8	178	Fr	Powell, Wyo. / Powell
3	Major Ali	RB	5-7	200	Soph	Gig Harbor, Wash. / Peninsula
4	Isazah King	CB	6-1	190	Soph	Hidden Valley, Calif. / Lower Lake
5	Joe Farris	WR	6-1	190	Soph	Meridian, Idaho / Mountain View
6	Chandler Arbizzani	DB	6-1	190	Sr	Billings / Skyview
6	Brayden Frohlich	QB	6-7	240	Fr	Missoula / Hellgate
7	Brian FauntLeRoy	DB	6-1	195	RS-Fr	Whitefish / Whitefish
8	Conner Poulson	RB	6-1	240	Jr	Boise, Idaho / Capital
9	Colin Sassano	DB	6-0	180	Fr	Helena / Capital
10	Kolby Killoy	QB	6-1	190	RS-Fr	Pasco, Wash. / Pasco
11	Tony Madsen	DB	6-2	202	Jr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
12	Tanner Gustavsen	QB	6-1	195	Sr	Boise, Idaho / Boise
12	Anthony Olmes	WR	5-11	175	Fr	Vallejo, Calif. / St. Patrick/St. Vincent
13	Cameron Hardt	DB	6-1	185	Fr	Cheney, Wash. / Cheney
13	Dylan Torgerson	P/K	6-2	200	Sr	Kalispell / Flathead
14	Troy Arntson	WR	5-8	170	Jr	Helena / Helena
15	Matt McHugh	QB	6-2	205	Jr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
16	Ryan Arntson	RB	5-7	180	Fr	Helena / Helena
17	Reese Hiibel	QB/DB	6-1	175	RS-Fr	Afton, Wyo. / Star Valley
18	McBride Galt	DB	6-2	205	Jr	Helena / Helena
19	Xavier Pace	DB	5-9	175	Fr	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
19	Paul Wilson	WR	5-11	175	Soph	Bonner / Hellgate
20	Griphen Le	RB	5-11	210	RS-Fr	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Coeur D'Alene
21	Parker Bernhardt	LB	6-1	202	Soph	Billings / West
22	Henry Hill	RB	5-9	190	Jr	Glenwood Springs, Colo. / Glenwood Springs
23	Drew Melton	DB	6-0	190	Soph	Lewiston, Idaho / Lewiston
24	Thomas Trefney	RB	6-0	215	RS-Fr	Kalispell / Glacier
25	Matt Kvech	DB	6-1	190	Soph	Renton, Wash. / Eastside Catholic
26	Wesley Harshbarger	RB	6-1	205	Fr	Twin Bridges / Twin Bridges
26	Ryan Walsh	RB	6-1	195	Sr	Wilsonville, Ore. / Wilsonville
27	Parker Stenersen	DB	5-11	160	Soph	Idaho Falls, Idaho / Skyline
28	Kyle Kazmierski	DL	6-0	190	Fr	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Lake City
28	Jack McIntyre	RB	5-8	182	RS-Fr	Buffalo, Wyo. / Buffalo
29	Cole Adams	DB	5-10	175	Jr	Glenwood Springs, Colo. / Glenwood Springs
30	Colbey Bruney	DB	6-1	180	Soph	Sheridan, Wyo. / Sheridan
30	Kyle Harrington	RB	6-0	215	RS-Fr	Butte / Butte Central
31	Chase Bowen	LB	6-2	225	Soph	Emmett, Idaho / New Plymouth
32	Beaugh Meyer	DT	6-2	275	Sr	Boise, Idaho / Capital
33	Tyler Matteucci	OLB	6-2	216	RS-Fr	East Helena / Helena
34	Tucker Johnson	DB	6-1	200	Sr	Billings / Junipero Serra
35	Erik Haun	LB	6-3	225	Fr	Boise, Idaho / Mountain View
36	Cole Greff	DE	6-4	260	Soph	Golden, Colo. / Golden
37	Derek David	RB	5-11	210	Soph	Idaho Falls, Idaho / Hillcrest
38	Stephen Lindsey	RB	5-9	195	RS-Fr	Columbia Falls / Columbia Falls
39	Craig Kein	LB	6-1	225	Soph	Burlington, Ill. / Burlington Central
40	Payton Sexe	LB	6-1	245	Soph	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
41	Zachary Hanser	DB	6-4	205	RS-Fr	Billings / Billings Central
42	Dylan Kresge	LB	6-1	225	Soph	Helena / Helena
43	Thomas Robitaille	LB	6-2	205	Fr	Casper, Wyo. / Natrona County
44	Reece Quade	LB	6-3	232	Jr	Billings / Skyview
45	Nate McGree	LB	6-2	205	Fr	Butte / Butte Central
46	Luke Gleasman	TE	6-4	250	RS-Fr	Chelan, Wash. / Chelan
47	Josh Kraft	K	5-11	170	Fr	Billings / Billings Central
48	Eric Dawson	TE	6-1	235	Jr	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
49	David Anderson	LB	6-0	220	Sr	Frenchtown / Frenchtown
49	Ken Roth	OLB	6-0	195	Fr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
50	Archie Petritz	LB	6-1	200	Fr	Butte / Butte Central
51	Dylan Piva	LB	6-2	215	Soph	Rathdrum, Idaho / Lakeland

52	Alex Reid	DL	6-1	255	RS-Fr	Spokane, Wash. / Mead
53	Billy Lewis	DL	5-11	230	Fr	Larkspur, Calif. / Redwood
54	Michael Monaco	DL	6-2	250	Soph	Anaconda / Anaconda
56	David Barnett	OT	6-3	280	Sr	Hermiston, Ore. / Hermiston
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58	Brandon Ahlgren	OL	6-4	265	Fr	Canby, Ore. / West Linn
59	Dustin McLean	OL	6-3	250	Fr	Lewiston, Idaho / Lewiston
61	Joel Kramer	C	6-0	280	Sr	Missoula / Hellgate
64	J.D Lyle	OL	6-3	270	Soph	Middleton, Idaho / Middleton
65	Tim Pays	OL	6-4	295	Sr	Sandpoint, Idaho / Sandpoint
67	Todd Pays	OL	6-4	290	Sr	Sandpoint, Idaho / Sandpoint
68	Willy Clements	OL	6-3	295	Jr	Nederland, Colo. / Holy Family
70	Tanner Steele	OL	6-4	255	Fr	Lynden, Wash. / Lynden
71	John Boynton	OL	6-4	275	Jr	Richland, Wash. / Richland
74	Anthony Donofrio	OL	6-4	250	Fr	Coeur D'Alene, Idaho / Lake City
75	Tyson Frayley	OL	6-2	240	Fr	San Carlos, Calif. / Sequoia
76	Chris Emter	OL	6-4	302	Sr	Livingston / Park
77	Anthony Reisch	OL	6-2	280	Fr	Pasco, Wash. / Chiawana
79	Jacob Clark	OL	6-4	250	Fr	Bonney Lake, Wash. / Sumner
80	Sam Stratton	TE	6-6	240	Soph	Spokane, Wash. / Shadle Park
81	Shane Sipes	WR	6-2	190	RS-Fr	Newbury Park, Calif. / Newbury Park
82	Addison Vergara	WR	6-2	210	Jr	Greeley, Colo. / Greeley West
83	William Noce-Sheldon	WR	6-0	190	Soph	Carnas, Wash. / Seton Catholic
84	Walker Ray	OLB	6-4	245	Sr	Nampa, Idaho / Skyview
85	Connor McGree	TE	6-3	245	Jr	Butte / Butte Central
86	Kyle Pierce	WR	6-3	190	Fr	Nampa, Idaho / Skyview
87	Paul Hart	WR	6-3	190	Soph	Helena / Helena
88	Chase Fossum	WR	6-5	206	R-So.	Glasgow / Glasgow
89	Patrick Kosena	WR	6-3	190	Jr	Missoula / Loyola Sacred Heart
90	Alex Hoffman	TE	6-4	245	RS-Fr	Draper, Utah / Juan Diego
91	Alec Basterrechea	DE	6-2	250	Sr	Gooding, Idaho / Gooding
92	Alex Thomas	LB	6-1	230	Jr	Great Falls / C.M. Russell
93	Alex Hurlbut	DE	6-2	260	Soph	Ventura, Calif. / Ventura
94	Garrett Kocab	DL	6-3	265	Fr	Phelan, Calif. / Serrano
96	Jackson Griffin	OLB	6-3	200	RS-Fr	Powell, Wyo. / Powell
97	Hunter Mycke	LB	6-2	215	Fr	Conrad / Conrad
99	Seamus Tully	DL	6-2	280	RS-Fr	Bellows Falls, Vt. / New Hampton School
	Brigham Baker	K	6-0	180	Fr	Lakeside, Ore. / North Bend
	Decker Bicoy	DB	5-9	160	Fr	Kaunakakai, Hawaii / Molokai
	Joseph Brangwin	DE	6-2	220	RS-Fr	Tum Tum, Wash. / Mary Walker
	Connor James	WR	5-10	175	Fr	Glendive / Dawson County
	Ryan James	DB	5-11	195	Fr	Yakima, Wash. / La Salle
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	Jordan Martin	WR	6-0	175	Fr	Yakima, Wash. / La Salle
	Jesus Parra-Gutierrez	RB	5-11	195	Fr	San Rafael, Calif. / San Rafael
	Austyn Sherwood	DB	5-11	185	Fr	Eureka / Lincoln County
	Eddie Starz	QB	5-11	185	Fr	Big Sky / Lone Peak
	Liam Vincent	DB	6-0	200	Soph	Riverton, Wyo. / Riverton
	Matt Wiltsey	WR	6-1	180	Soph	Sublimity, Ore. / Regis
	Dawson Zebarth	WR	5-11	180	Fr	Boise / Timberline

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#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown
1	Anfernee Cortez	DB	5-11	180	SO	Benton City, Wash.
2	Zac Jacobs	RB	5-8	170	FR	Vale, Ore.
4	Saige Wilkerson	QB	6-3	175	FR	Emmett, Idaho
5	Michal Arenas	DB	6-0	215	SR	Winnemucca, Nev.
6	Kai Quinn	QB	6-0	210	FR	Pendleton, Ore.
7	Justin Hughes	DB	5-10	185	JR	Logandale, Nev.
8	Brenden Kelly	WR	6-2	205	JR	Kennewick, Wash.
9	Calvin Connors	WR	5-9	185	SR	Winnemucca, Nev.
10	Riley Neville	DB	6-3	195	SR	Yerington, Nev.
11	Colin Deyarmin	LB	5-11	225	SR	Spokane Valley, Wash.
12	Jorden Payne	DB	5-8	165	SR	Camas, Wash.
13	Anthony Modera	DB	5-10	160	FR	Yerington, Nev.
14	Garrett Sandow	QB	6-0	190	JR	Red Bluff, Calif.
15	Skylar Williams	WR	6-1	190	JR	Fernley, Nev.
16	Chad McCoy	QB	5-11	195	JR	Pendleton, Ore.
17	Nathan Harden	K	6-0	185	JR	Graham, Wash.
18	Ben Knight	WR	6-0	190	SO	Colville, Wash.
19	Tanner Zenke	DB	5-11	180	FR	Eugene, Ore.
20	Alonso Mendoza	RB	5-9	175	SR	Kennewick, Wash.
21	Bryson Comstock	WR	5-9	170	FR	Gooding, Idaho
22	Stephen Talbot	RB	5-11	195	JR	Baker City, Ore.
23	John Lesser	RB	5-9	190	FR	Richland, Wash.
24	Quincy Backes	RB	6-0	215	FR	Yakima, Wash.
25	Eric Prom	DB	5-9	170	SO	Portland, Ore.
26	Derrick Fontenot	DB	5-10	200	SO	Boise, Idaho
27	Brycen Kelly	DB	6-1	205	FR	Kennewick, Wash.
28	Zackary Jacobs	DB	5-11	195	FR	La Grande, Ore.
29	Isaiah Richie	DB	5-9	160	SO	Pasco, Wash.
30	William Ephraim	DB	5-10	165	SO	Camas, Wash.
31	Haziel Ledezma	DB	6-0	180	SO	Jerome, Idaho
32	Kody Arellano	DB	5-11	200	FR	Glenns Ferry, Idaho
33	Kaler Moore	RB	5-9	190	FR	Tillamook, Ore.
34	Jayson McKay	RB	5-8	185	FR	Elgin, Ore.
35	Chris Kindle	LB	5-10	200	FR	Heppner, Ore.
36	Josh Finley	RB	5-11	200	FR	Gooding, Idaho
37	John-Henry Line	LB	5-11	200	FR	Hermiston, Ore.
38	A'Shonte Williams	DB	5-11	165	FR	Fairbanks, Alaska
39	Garrett Yunker	DB	5-11	180	FR	Jefferson, Ore.
40	Austin Castro	LB	5-11	220	SO	Nyssa, Ore.
41	Chase Van Wyck	LB	6-2	235	FR	Napavine, Calif.
42	Brandon McGilvray	LB	5-11	190	FR	Imbler, Ore.
43	Bryce Gabbard	LB	5-10	195	SO	Middleton, Idaho
44	Victor Dias	RB	5-9	210	SO	Middleton, Idaho
45	Eli Teuteu	LB	5-10	200	SO	Spanaway, Wash.
46	Garrett Coffey	RB	6-1	210	FR	Aumsville, Ore.
47	Garret DeVos	LB	6-0	195	FR	Vale, Ore.
50	Tanner Owen	WR	6-0	175	FR	Elgin, Ore.
51	Terrell Payne	LB	5-9	205	FR	Idaho Falls, Idaho
52	Taylor Vaandering	DB	5-10	245	SO	Beaverton, Ore.
53	Kade Walgamott	LB	5-10	200	SO	Parma, Idaho
54	Colten Mallette	OL	6-1	270	JR	Stockton, Calif.
55	Gunnar Blix	LB	5-11	225	FR	Lognview, Wash.
56	Jacob Shults	LB	6-1	215	SO	Clarkston, Wash.

57	Bailey Buckner	LB	6-0	195	FR	Balle Ground, Wash.
58	Luis Cardenas	DL	5-11	270	SO	Winnemucca, Nev.
59	Cade Knaphus	OL	6-0	285	FR	Draper, Utah
60	Kyle Hall	DT	6-1	295	JR	Kennewick, Wash.
61	Dillon Holliday	OL	6-2	270	FR	Boring, Ore.
63	Auston Downs	OL	6-3	300	FR	Moses Lake, Wash.
65	Colten Alefteras	OL	5-10	275	JR	Prosser, Wash.
66	Justin Hutton	OL	5-9	260	FR	Notus, Idaho
67	Harrison Broadus	WR	6-2	190	FR	Dallas, Ore.
68	Atiai Mataafa	OL	6-4	290	JR	Meridian, Idaho
69	PJ Schubert	OL	6-3	305	FR	Pendleton, Ore.
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71	Parker Smith	OL	5-11	265	FR	Meridian, Idaho
72	Andre Brembry	OL	6-0	280	SR	Los Angeles, Calif.
73	Devaughn Perry	OL	6-1	240	FR	Yakima, Wash.
74	Sebaztian Corona	K	5-8	185	FR	Pendleton, Ore.
75	Brayden Kearsley	OL	6-4	300	SR	Aloha, Ore.
76	Travis Jones	DL	5-11	240	SR	Stanwood, Wash.
77	Luke Thomas	OL	6-6	270	SO	Fruitland, Idaho
78	Jacob Banks	DL	6-2	250	FR	Pendleton, Ore.
79	Mick Wilson	OL	6-5	285	SO	Council, Idaho
80	TJ Hancock	WR	5-11	175	SO	Pendleton, Ore.
81	Hayden Broadus	TE	6-5	220	SO	Dallas, Ore.
82	Connor Falk	WR	6-2	230	FR	Emmett, Idaho
83	Peter Manville	DB	5-7	170	FR	Warden, Wash.
84	Adam Sisson	WR	5-7	185	SR	Meridian, Idaho
85	Alec Yangos	TE	6-4	245	JR	Stockton, Calif.
86	Joseph Lenker	WR	6-2	200	FR	Jerome, Idaho
87	Phoenix Millhollen	WR	6-3	205	SO	Elwood, Wash.
88	Isaiah Thomas	WR	5-7	155	FR	Moses Lake, Wash.
89	Nico Chavez	WR	6-0	185	JR	Heyburn, Wash.
90	Gabe Giacci	TE	6-3	235	JR	Bend, Ore.
91	Isaiah Cranford	DE	6-4	220	SO	La Grande, Ore.
93	Zach Lacey	DL	6-1	260	JR	Woodland, Wash.
94	Patrick Collins	DL	6-4	255	FR	Heppner, Ore.
95	Ethan Gallant	DL	6-2	210	FR	Boring, Ore.
96	Nick De Alba	DL	6-2	245	JR	Boise, Idaho
97	Tyler Utecht	DL	6-3	245	SO	Rathdrum, Idaho
98	Kye Yraguen	DL	5-9	305	FR	Vale, Ore.
99	Marc Anthony Oribio	DL	5-10	270	FR	Emmett, Idaho
	Zachary Cahill	K	6-0	175	FR	Boise, Idaho

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This week's Frontier Conference action

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Alongside the Saints' road trip to Eastern Oregon, here's what's taking place in the rest of the Frontier Conference this week.

Montana State-Northern (1-9, 0-9) at College of Idaho (5-5, 5-4)

Recent games: The Lights look for the only Frontier win of the season on the road in a difficult-to-play environment in Caldwell. MSU-N has struggled this season, seeing their coach resign with three weeks remaining. Aside from a close call in the first game of the season, the Lights' most recent 38-17 loss to Southern Oregon is their only relatively bright spot. The 38 points the Lights surrendered to the Raiders was its lowest total since Sept. 30 during a win against winless non-conference foe Mayville State. ... College of Idaho has come on late in the season, earning a 64-35 win over a banged up, and ranked, Montana Tech team last weekend in Caldwell. As the Orediggers played without their top two offensive players, the Coyotes took advantage and unleashed their highest scoring outing of the season. COI running back Nick Calzaretta racked up five rushing touchdowns and a career-high 162 yards in the win.

Last meeting: The programs' last met during the 2016 season. College of Idaho traveled to Montana State-Northern and came away with a 31-13 win.

Rocky Mountain College (5-5, 5-4) at Montana Western (4-6, 4-5)

Recent games: Rocky has alternated wins and losses for every weekend since Sept.



BRONTE WITTPENN, *Billings Gazette*

Sam Sparks and the Rocky Mountain College Battlin' Bears will take on Montana Western this week.



Tommy Martino, Missoulian

Quarterback Quinn McQueary and Montana Tech will take on Southern Oregon this week.

16 (save their bye weekend on Oct. 7). The Battlin' Bears strung together a pair of wins in their first two Frontier Conference in the opening weeks of league play, but have been flip-flopping ever since. Last weekend, Rocky fell to Eastern Oregon 21-17 in Billings. It came just a weekend after earning a 30-27 win over Montana Tech. Rocky has secured at least a .500 record in conference for the first time since 2013, when it went 7-3. ... Western enters the game having lost three of its last four. The Bulldogs went to Helena last weekend and couldn't slow down the Saints' rushing attack. It became the second consecutive loss for Western, having previously fallen to No. 5 Southern Oregon 44-19.

Last meeting: The teams' last meeting came back in 2016 in the regular season finale then. Western visited Rocky and found a 26-10 victory, capping off a 7-4 season. This year, Western will be trying to hit the .500 conference mark with a win, and Rocky will be looking to finish a season above .500.

No. 5 Southern Oregon (9-0) at No. 22 Montana Tech (6-3)

Recent games: Montana Tech has fallen apart late in

the season. The Orediggers had no room for error after suffering an upset on Oct. 7 against Montana Western, 42-35. After that loss, Montana Tech put two games together, but in the last two weeks the Orediggers have lost any shot of making the playoffs. MTT fell to Rocky Mountain in Butte, and then took a loss at College of Idaho. For the second consecutive year, injuries have derailed a promising Tech season. ... No. 5 Southern Oregon meanwhile looks poised to make a deep playoff run. The Raiders have swept through the Frontier, and in recent weeks have done so in commanding fashion. In their past three games, the Raiders have outscored their opponents 118-43. SOU offense and defense have been strong this season under first-year head coach Charlie Hall.

Last meeting: SOU, in a down 2016, fell 38-27 to Montana Tech. This year, the Raiders and Orediggers figured to be battling in the last week of the season to determine the top team from the Frontier. As injuries have taken their toll, the Raiders look to be the clear favorite in this game and for a perfect regular season record.

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FRONTIER CONFERENCE LEADERS

TOTAL OFFENSE PER GAME

			Games	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Yds/Gm
1	Trosin, Tanner	Southern Oregon	9	398	209	3164	3373	374.8
2	McQueary, Quinn	Montana Tech	8	351	130	2585	2715	339.4
3	Peterson, Darius-James	College of Idaho	10	418	1011	1820	2831	283.1
4	Quinn, Kai	Eastern Oregon	9	372	537	1912	2449	272.1
5	Gibson, Bennett	Montana Western	10	362	-69	2716	2647	264.7
6	Wilson, Tommy	Montana State-Northern	10	356	115	1391	1506	150.6
7	Fike, Jed	Montana Tech	9	174	1252	0	1252	139.1
8	Thomsen, Hunter	Montana Western	10	213	912	0	912	91.2
9	Ali, Major	Carroll	9	153	802	0	802	89.1
10	Melby, Mason	Rocky Mountain	10	109	699	0	699	69.9
11	Sparks, Sam	Rocky Mountain	9	104	584	0	584	64.9
12	Dias, Victor	Eastern Oregon	9	90	530	0	530	58.9
13	Vega, Rey	Southern Oregon	9	106	518	0	518	57.6
14	Blanchard, Trey	Montana State-Northern	10	109	561	0	561	56.1
15	Calzaretta, Nick	College of Idaho	9	84	456	0	456	50.7

RUSHING PER GAME

			Games	Rsh	Rsh Yds	Yds/Rsh	Rsh TD	Yds/Gm
1	Fike, Jed	Montana Tech	9	174	1252	7.2	15	139.1
2	Peterson, Darius-James	College of Idaho	10	188	1011	5.4	12	101.1
3	Thomsen, Hunter	Montana Western	10	213	912	4.3	4	91.2
4	Ali, Major	Carroll	9	153	802	5.2	7	89.1
5	Melby, Mason	Rocky Mountain	10	109	699	6.4	9	69.9
6	Sparks, Sam	Rocky Mountain	9	104	584	5.6	4	64.9
7	Quinn, Kai	Eastern Oregon	9	102	537	5.3	5	59.7
8	Dias, Victor	Eastern Oregon	9	90	530	5.9	4	58.9
9	Vega, Rey	Southern Oregon	9	106	518	4.9	7	57.6
10	Blanchard, Trey	Montana State-Northern	10	109	561	5.1	2	56.1
11	Calzaretta, Nick	College of Idaho	9	84	456	5.4	9	50.7
12	Lesser, John	Eastern Oregon	8	97	397	4.1	2	49.6
13	Walsh, Ryan	Carroll	9	80	360	4.5	1	40
14	Arntson, Ryan	Carroll	9	51	341	6.7	1	37.9
15	Feisthamel, Braden	Montana Tech	7	45	219	4.9	3	31.3

PASSING PER GAME

			Games	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Yds/Gm
1	Trosin, Tanner	Southern Oregon	9	341	218	4	0.639	3164	20	351.6
2	McQueary, Quinn	Montana Tech	8	302	198	10	0.656	2585	23	323.1
3	Gibson, Bennett	Montana Western	10	323	177	12	0.548	2716	18	271.6
4	Quinn, Kai	Eastern Oregon	9	270	145	9	0.537	1912	13	212.4
5	Peterson, Darius-James	College of Idaho	10	230	123	12	0.535	1820	8	182
6	Wilson, Tommy	Montana State-Northern	10	284	150	14	0.528	1391	8	139.1
7	Cook, Dylan	Montana State-Northern	8	18	10	1	0.556	160	2	20
8	Cox, Tyler	College of Idaho	10	23	14	2	0.609	195	1	19.5
9	Williams, Dion	Montana Tech	9	1	1	0	1	33	0	3.7
10	Larson, Matt	Rocky Mountain	10	1	1	0	1	14	0	1.4

RECEIVING PER GAME

			Games	Rec	Yds	Avg/Catch	Yds/Gm
1	Ader, Bronsen	Southern Oregon	7	43	818	19	116.9
2	Williams, Dion	Montana Tech	9	67	878	13.1	97.6
3	Suell, Jordan	Southern Oregon	8	30	666	22.2	83.3
4	Kelly, Brenden	Eastern Oregon	9	42	732	17.4	81.3
5	Walser, Melvin	Montana Western	10	37	701	18.9	70.1
6	Simkins, Nate	Montana Western	10	34	592	17.4	59.2
7	Kelly, Chris	Montana Tech	9	48	528	11	58.7
8	Sullivan, Sean	Montana Tech	9	49	518	10.6	57.6
9	Boudreaux, Matt	Southern Oregon	9	27	511	18.9	56.8
10	Sherwood, George	Montana Western	10	33	566	17.2	56.6
11	Connors, Calvin	Eastern Oregon	9	39	508	13	56.4
12	Robinson, Shayne	College of Idaho	10	30	518	17.3	51.8
13	Sipes, Shane	Carroll	9	27	457	16.9	50.8
14	Lachance, Chris	Montana Tech	9	22	446	20.3	49.6
15	Crafton, Keegan	College of Idaho	10	27	447	16.6	44.7

INTERCEPTIONS

			Games	Yds	TD	Int/Gm	Ints
1	Fagan, Keenan	Rocky Mountain	10	69	1	0.7	7
2	Jefferson, Kendall	Rocky Mountain	10	13	1	0.4	4
	Williams, Terrance	Rocky Mountain	10	56	0	0.4	4
4	Janis, Zach	Montana Western	10	27	0	0.3	3
	Galt, McBride	Carroll	9	19	0	0.3	3
	Clark, Tristan	Montana Western	10	58	0	0.3	3
	Lawrence, Keegan	Southern Oregon	9	36	0	0.3	3
	Dunmore, Oshay	Southern Oregon	8	16	0	0.4	3

TACKLES PER GAME

			Games	UA	A	Total	Avg/Gm
1	Fowler, Garett	Montana State-Northern	10	50	55	105	10.5
2	Moore, Nate	College of Idaho	10	42	49	91	9.1
3	Fernandez, Steven	Montana State-Northern	10	44	41	85	8.5
4	Cooper, Tyson	Southern Oregon	9	54	22	76	8.4
	Arenas, Michal	Eastern Oregon	9	30	46	76	8.4
6	OLUBI, Segun	College of Idaho	10	46	35	81	8.1
7	Lawrence, Keegan	Southern Oregon	9	46	25	71	7.9
8	Ferris, Jason	Montana Western	10	45	32	77	7.7
9	Anderson, David	Carroll	9	45	23	68	7.6
	Gage, Devvon	Southern Oregon	9	34	34	68	7.6

SACKS

			Games	Solo	Ast	Yds	Scks/Gm	Total
1	Rogers, Sean	Southern Oregon	9	8	3	52	1.1	9.5
2	Wines, Connor	Montana Tech	9	8	2	40	1	9
3	Rice, Ryder	Rocky Mountain	10	8	1	57	0.9	8.5
4	Carter, Isiah	Southern Oregon	9	7	0	33	0.8	7
5	Holmes, Tre	Southern Oregon	9	5	3	23	0.7	6.5
6	Henderson, Trevor	College of Idaho	10	6	0	37	0.6	6
7	Hansen, Chance	Montana Tech	9	4	3	17.5	0.6	5.5
8	Petersen, David	Carroll	8	4	1	30	0.6	4.5
9	Porter, James	Southern Oregon	9	3	1	17	0.4	3.5
	Tamba, Leo	College of Idaho	10	3	1	21	0.4	3.5

FIELD GOALS

			Games	FGA	Pct	Avg	FG
1	Amies, Griff	Rocky Mountain	10	17	0.765	1.3	13
2	Kharchenko, Mark	Montana Western	10	12	0.667	0.8	8
	Harden, Nathan	Eastern Oregon	9	9	0.889	0.9	8
4	Montano, Marcus	Southern Oregon	9	9	0.778	0.8	7
5	Langley, Tommy	Montana State-Northern	10	12	0.5	0.6	6
	Torgerson, Dylan	Carroll	9	7	0.857	0.7	6

PUNTING

			Games	Punts	Yds	Avg
1	Harden, Nathan	Eastern Oregon	9	51	2178	42.7
2	Sherwood, George	Montana Western	10	48	1883	39.2
3	Holt, Derrick	Montana Tech	9	35	1365	39
4	Torgerson, Dylan	Carroll	9	41	1584	38.6
	Larson, Matt	Rocky Mountain	10	42	1620	38.6
6	Tapia, Sam	Montana State-Northern	10	65	2247	34.6

PUNT RETURNS

			Games	Ret	Avg	Yds
1	Lynde, Levi	Montana Tech	7	11	13.9	153
2	Beaulieu, Ryan	Carroll	9	16	9	144
3	Pattwell, Keenan	College of Idaho	8	15	7.3	109
4	Connors, Calvin	Eastern Oregon	9	12	6	72
5	Christian, Devyn	Montana Western	10	15	3.5	52
	Lyons, Nik	College of Idaho	10	3	17.3	52
7	Hunthausen, Will	Montana Tech	6	7	5.4	38
8	Gray, Max	Rocky Mountain	10	8	3.9	31
9	Cooper, AJ	Southern Oregon	9	5	5.8	29
10	Eberhardt, Tyler	Rocky Mountain	8	2	14	28
11	Giampaoli, Dominic	Southern Oregon	9	1	23	23
12	Nero, Jordan	College of Idaho	10	1	19	19
13	Price, Josh	College of Idaho	10	1	14	14
14	Clark, Tristan	Montana Western	10	1	11	11
15	Greff, Cole	Carroll	8	1	7	7

KICK OFF RETURNS

			Games	Ret	TDs	Avg	Yds
1	Pattwell, Keenan	College of Idaho	8	27	0	22.7	613
2	Sipes, Shane	Carroll	9	18	1	26.6	479
3	Jordanoglou, Fotios	Montana State-Northern	10	23	0	19.6	450
4	Sparks, Sam	Rocky Mountain	9	18	1	24.2	435
5	Richie, Isaiah	Eastern Oregon	9	20	0	19.4	387
6	Connors, Calvin	Eastern Oregon	9	17	0	20.2	344
7	Hermanson, Jamison	Montana Western	7	16	0	19.6	314
8	Copeland, Kellen	College of Idaho	10	16	0	19.6	313
9	Steele, Alec	Montana Tech	8	13	0	20.2	262
10	Christian, Devyn	Montana Western	10	12	0	19.9	239



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