

WESTERN OREGON ROUNDUP

WOU football downs Sacramento State

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Western Oregon's football team opened the 2016 season with a big statement. The Wolves defeated Division I Sacramento State 38-30 on Saturday.

Junior receiver Paul Revis gained 175 all-purpose yards with two touchdowns, while line-backers Bo Highburger and Tolu Naea combined for 26 tackles.

Revis gave WOU a 14-0 lead in the first after scoring on a 19-yard pass and a 74-yard punt return.

WOU led 21-16 at the half. Sacramento State pulled to within 24-22 with 14:03 left in the fourth, but a 36-yard touchdown pass from Nick Duckworth to Wesley Gray and a 30-yard run from Torreahno Sweet put the Wolves up 38-22 with five minutes to play.

Sacramento State scored once more, but WOU held on for the win.

Senior lineman Jeremy Moore had two sacks to help

lead the defense.

Western Oregon hosts Central Washington Saturday at 1 p.m.

SOCCER DEFEATS GEORGE FOX: Western Oregon's women's soccer team defeated George Fox 1-0 on Thursday in the Wolves' season-opener.

Taylor Higa broke a 0-0 tie with the game winner in the 51st minute. Goal-keeper Caitlyn Kastelic made seven saves. True freshman Kastelic's best save came in the 81st minute, stopping a shot from 15-yards out in a one-on-one scenario.

The Wolves hit the road to face the Academy of Art on Wednesday (today), Stanislaus State on Friday and Fresno Pacific on Sunday. The Wolves host Oregon Tech on Sept. 14 at 3 p.m.

RIBICH WINS INVITATIONAL: Western Oregon junior David Ribich won the John Frank Oregon State Cross-Country Invitational on Saturday. Ribich finished with a time of 18 minutes, 21.6 seconds, 11 seconds ahead of second place. WOU took second in the team standings behind Portland. All seven of the Wolves runners



Ribich

Ekanger (18th) and Hunter Mosman (19th).

The women took third in the team standings, led by a 10th-place finish by Nicole Maurmann in 17:59.0.

Western Oregon will host the Ash Creek Invitational Friday at 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL GOES 0-3 AT TOURNEY: Western Oregon's volleyball team dropped three matches at the Concordia Labor Day Tournament Thursday through Saturday in Portland. The Wolves lost to No. 15 Florida Southern in the opening match of the tournament 11-25, 18-25, 25-20, 25-21, 15-9. WOU was swept by Embry-Riddle 25-22, 25-23, 25-23 on Friday and fell in four sets to Metro State on Saturday 25-22, 14-25, 25-9, 25-21.

WOU will compete at the Division II West Region Volleyball Showcase in Turlock, Calif. Thursday through Saturday. WOU will face Concordia-Irvine on Thursday, Hawaii Pacific and Chico State on Friday and Stanislaus State on Saturday.

Stretching out



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Western Oregon senior Shelby Peterson tries to score against George Fox on Thursday afternoon. Peterson was unable to score, but Taylor Higa added a goal in the 51st minute to help the Wolves earn a 1-0 win in the team's season-opening match.

Fire: Central rides second half surge to tie

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After a frustrating first half, the Panthers came out fired up in the second, with crisp passes and an aggressiveness that Lepe hopes Central will build on.

"This gives us hope," Lepe said. "It lets us know that we can do this. We just have to work hard and play as a team. I think that was lacking last year. We had a lot of good individuals, but not a solid team. We're focused on that this year."

The Panthers, which played McNary Tuesday after press time, host North Marion on Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.

After earning the tie to open the season, Central now looks to get in the win

column and continuing to build momentum.

"We have to keep playing together, communicating and making good passes," senior Ana Becerra said. "We can't let our guard down."

Central went through the entire 2015 season without a win or a tie.

Now that the Panthers have tasted a bit of success, Lepe said Central is on the prowl for more.

"We want to start out with

how they played the last 20 minutes," Lepe said. "They need that fire of wanting to compete and win right off the bat. They shouldn't need a goal to know they can do this, because they have the skills."

DALLAS ROUNDUP

Volleyball goes 1-2 at McKay tourney

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McKAY — Dallas' volleyball squad went 1-2 at the McKay Tournament on Saturday.

The Dragons defeated McKay 25-18, 25-11 before falling to Hood River Valley twice, 25-20, 25-21 and 29-27, 21-25, 15-7.

"Saturday was a great day to get our feet wet for the upcoming league season," coach Shana Lavier said. "Megan Ronco had a great performance for us."

The Dragons opened Mid-Willamette Conference play against Lebanon Tuesday after press time. Dallas plays at Crescent Valley on



Ronco

Thursday and at Corvallis on Tuesday. "This is going to be a year where we have to constantly build on each match," Lavier said. "We had some really good things happen, but we also have some things we really need to work on to be a contender in this league."

SOCCER FALLS TO FRANKLIN: Dallas' girls soccer team fell to Franklin 1-0 on Thursday. Though the Dragons lost the tightly contested

match, coach Kirk Myrold saw several strong performances.

"Our defensive back four of Kloe Totten, Emmalee Jones, Katie Senger and Callista Kiner continually thwarted Franklin's attack," Myrold said. "The four worked well together, communicated and covered each other when needed."

The Dragons played St. Helens Tuesday after press time. Dallas hosts McNary Thursday at 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER LOSES OPENER: Dallas' boys soccer team dropped its season-opening match to Eagle Point 2-1 on Thursday. The Dragons played St. Helens Tuesday after press time. Dallas hosts Benson Thursday at 4 p.m.

FALLS CITY ROUNDUP

Volleyball defeats Portland Waldorf

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PORTLAND — Falls City's volleyball squad opened its season with a 21-25, 17-25, 25-20, 25-23, 15-12 victory over Portland Waldorf on Aug. 30. Stats were not available as of press time.

The Mountaineers played C.S. Lewis Tuesday after press time.

Falls City hosts Jewell Thursday at 5:30 p.m. before playing at Perrydale Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL FALLS TO PERRYDALE: Falls City's football team fell to Perrydale 20-8 on Friday.

The Mountaineers took an 8-6 lead into the fourth quarter after an interception return for a touchdown by Austin Burgess in the second quarter, but the Pirates were able to keep Falls City's offense from scoring.

The Mountaineers (0-1) host Dufur Friday at 7 p.m.

Dufur defeated Hosanna Christian 30-28 in its season-opener on Friday. The Mountaineers open league play against Mapleton on Sept. 16.

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

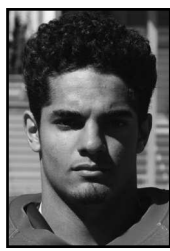
Panther football drops season-opener

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INDEPENDENCE — Central's football team dropped a thriller to Bend, falling 26-24 on Friday.

Running back Alvin Berroa scored on an 80-yard touchdown on the Panthers' first play from scrimmage, but Bend responded.

"Sometimes scoring like that can set you up for failure because it looks too easy,"



Berroa

well and it was a little bit of wow, what just hit us."

Bend took a 20-18 lead

into the half. Each team was held to a touchdown in the second half.

Berroa finished with 166 yards on the ground. Receiver Peter Mason had 11 catches for 177 yards and a touchdown, while Luis Amador had seven tackles on defense.

"I think from week one to week two there's a huge improvement," Hedrick said.

"It's tough to come in after a loss to a team you felt you should have beat. I think we learned we need to finish plays. You practice something over and over and over in a practice setting, you don't finish them as hard as you should have in a game."

BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY TAKES SEVENTH: Central's boys cross-country team placed seventh at the Nike Ulti-

mook Race on Saturday. Zachary Meyer placed 44th to lead the boys, finishing in 19 minutes, 48.3 seconds. Caedmon Whisenhunt took 47th (19:57.0).

The girls finished 11th in the team standings. Bailie Hartford finished 17th in 22:50.4. Beatriz Trujillo finished 58th in 24:58.7. Central will compete at the Ash Creek Invitational Saturday at noon.

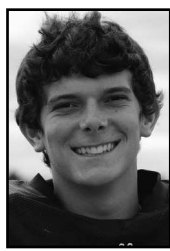
BOYS SOCCER DEFEATS

THURSTON: Central boys soccer team defeated Thurston 6-0 on Aug. 30 before tying Sprague 0-0 on Thursday. The Panthers scored all six goals against Thurston in the second half. Jose Herrera led Central with a hat trick. Juan Ortiz, Evan Hoover and Javier Puentes also scored one each. The Panthers hosted McNary Tuesday after press time. Central plays at North Marion Sept. 13 at 4 p.m.

Pirates: Lowell up next

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More importantly, it was the first step on Perrydale's quest to return to the state playoffs — and the start of a journey that they hope includes two more wins than last year.

"We know what we have to do in order to go deep into the playoffs," Janesofsky said. "We know the work ethic it'll take. It's going to take teamwork, but we can re-create last season and hopefully go further."



Domes

room during the off-season, Janesofsky said, and the Pirates boast several weapons. "The difference for our team in getting the win (against Falls City) was the fact that we were able to utilize more than one weapon," Janesofsky said. "We could misdirect their defense when they

keyed on any one player. There's not just one threat."

Daniel Domes threw for 267 yards and three touchdowns. Janesofsky, Jacob Pope and Michael Magill caught receiving touchdowns.

Cooper Butler rushed for 137 yards.

Perrydale plays at Lowell on Friday.

"We made a whole bunch of first game mistakes, but we were pleased with the end result," coach Duane Riddell said. "The guys played hard."

PERRYDALE VOLLEYBALL

Pirates lose three matches

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PERRYDALE — Perrydale's volleyball team lost a trio of matches last week. The Pirates fell to East Linn Christian 25-13, 25-13, 25-

21 and to Delphian 25-19, 20-25, 19-25, 25-16, 15-8 on Aug. 30 before losing to Willamette Valley Christian 25-20, 25-22, 25-17 on Thursday.

Perrydale (0-4 overall, 0-1 Cross League) plays at Crossover Christian on Thursday and at Lowell on Friday before hosting Falls City Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.



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