

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19
Cross-country: Central at Lebanon, 4 p.m. South Albany, Corvallis, Crescent Valley at Dallas, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 20
Boys Soccer: Woodburn at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Girls Soccer: Corvallis at Central, 6:30 p.m. Dallas at Woodburn, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Central at Woodburn, 6 p.m. Dallas at South Albany, 6 p.m. Saint Martin's at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21
Football: Silverton at Central, 7 p.m. Dallas at Crescent Valley, 7 p.m. Falls City at Yoncalla, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Sherman, 7 p.m.
Boys Soccer: Central at Corvallis, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22
Cross-country: Western Oregon at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championship at Bellingham, Wash., 10 a.m.
Football: Humboldt State at Western Oregon, 12:30 p.m.
Volleyball: Falls City, Perrydale at Casco League Tournament, TBA. Seattle Pacific at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.
Women's Soccer: Simon Fraser at Western Oregon, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 25
Boys Soccer: Woodburn at Central, 6 p.m. South Albany at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Girls Soccer: Central at Woodburn, 6 p.m. Dallas at South Albany, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: 5A state play-in round: Central, Dallas vs. TBA, TBA.
Women's Soccer: Saint Martin's at Western Oregon, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26
Cross-country: Central, Dallas at Mid-Willamette Conference (at Willamette Mission State Park, Gervais), 2 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

DHS auction set for Saturday

DALLAS — The Dallas Booster Club Auction returns Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at the Col. James Nesmith Readiness Center, 730 Oak Villa Road., Dallas.

A silent auction kicks off the evening's festivities, followed by a live auction. Attendees are encouraged to bring food to share at their table.

Water, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided. Tickets cost \$25 by contacting Heidi Classen, heidi.classen@salemhealth.org.

The Booster Club hopes to raise \$40,000 for Dallas High School athletics.

Dragon wrestling camp returns

DALLAS — The Dragon kid wrestling camp returns Nov. 8.

The youth wrestling program is open to kids in grades kindergarten through sixth.

Practices will be held Nov. 8, 10, 15 and 17 at Dallas High School from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., culminating with a tournament on Nov. 19.

Cost is \$20 and includes a T-shirt and entry into the tournament. Registration will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 8.

For more information: Tony Olliff, Tony.Olliff@dspd2.org.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for Oct. 11:

Low gross/low net
Gross: 1, Wayne Weathers, 38; 2, Randy Wiley, 39; 3, Derrill Weaver, 42.

Net: 1, Denny Klassen, 34; 2 (tie), Larry Hatcher, Dennis Bergman and David Karr, 36; 5 (tie), Lynn Hurt and Doyle Cornman, 37.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Giving it all

Herrera plays with no regrets



By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — It was 2014 when Central's boys soccer team fell to Hood River Valley 2-0 in the first round of the state playoffs and Jose Herrera, a sophomore at the time, felt empty. It wasn't because they lost.

"I felt I could have done more that match," Herrera said.

Now in his senior season, he is determined not to let that feeling haunt him again.

"I tell (my team) whatever happens, happens, don't worry about it," Herrera said. "As long as we play 100 percent, it's OK."

Herrera, along with fellow senior Tony Rincon, help lead an impressive attack for the Panthers. The duo has helped Central

score 35 goals — second most in the Mid-Willamette Conference — even as Herrera has played a new position.

Prior to this season, Herrera had always played midfield. This fall, coach Joe Orozco had an idea.

"Coach wanted to put me up top (as a forward) because of my height," Herrera said.

The senior agreed to give it a go. Herrera scored once against Crescent Valley on Oct. 10 and has helped lead a dangerous attack.

"Jose is a dependable player and versatile," Orozco said. "No matter where he is playing, he will make plays happen. He is a great striker and has the speed."

While others, like Rincon, have scored more, those goals wouldn't be possible without Herrera.

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Central senior Jose Herrera has helped Central's boys soccer team score 35 goals — the second most in the Mid-Willamette Conference.

PREP FOOTBALL

Dragons earn 2-0 win over Corvallis

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — By the start of the second quarter on Thursday, Dallas junior Brycen Grillo was sure of one thing.

Dallas' football team was locked in a scoreless tie against Corvallis and needed a spark.

"I knew the offense wasn't working the way they usually do," Grillo said. "I knew the defense was going to have to something to win the game."

Wet and muddy conditions meant moving the ball on offense would be difficult at best.

The Spartans, after an intentional grounding penalty, was punting from its own end zone.

This could be Dallas' best shot, Grillo thought.



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Jacob Ronco (32) and Cody Janssen (55) attempt to block for Tanner Earhart against Corvallis on Thursday. Earhart rushed for 95 yards against the Spartans.

Grillo came through, blocking a punt out of the end zone. The safety was all

the Dragons needed for a 2-0 Homecoming win.

"I think they showed a

will to win," coach Tracy Jackson said. "It was a really tough situation that they

Football

- Dallas defeated Corvallis 2-0 on Thursday. The two teams combined for seven lost fumbles.
- The Dragons gained 176 yards of total offense. Tanner Earhart led Dallas with 95 yards on the ground.

worked out of."

The weather wreaked havoc on both teams.

In the end, two missed field goals by Corvallis meant Dallas earned a hard-fought victory.

"It's amazing we could persevere through not being able to get our offense going," Caedmon Blair said. "It's just amazing the fight that our guys have, the will to win and how much we love each other and this game."

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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Panthers prepare for postseason push

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Entering the final week of the regular season, Central's volleyball team knows it has punched its ticket to the play-in round on Tuesday.

Where that match will take place is still up for grabs.

The Panthers, which played Corvallis Tuesday after press time, close the regular season at Woodburn on Thursday.

Central (7-5 Mid-Willamette Conference) entered the week in a three-way tie for third place in the league standings with Silverton and Crescent Valley.

The third- and fourth-place teams from the

Volleyball

- Central defeated Dallas on Oct. 12 and Philomath on Thursday.
- Krista Omlid had 23 kills and two blocks against the Dragons, while Alex Dowdell added 13 kills and 15 digs. Sydney Nash had three aces and 30 assists. Elizabeth Chavez recorded nine digs.
- Against Philomath, Chavez had two aces and 22 digs. Dowdell added 11 kills and 10 digs.

league will host a league play-in match, scheduled to take place on or before Tuesday.

The fifth-place finisher will go on the road.

Either way, the Panthers hope recent victories give Central a boost headed into the postseason.

The Panthers, fresh off a 25-14, 25-19, 22-25, 25-19 win over Dallas on Oct. 12 and a 25-13, 16-25, 17-25, 25-19, 15-11 win over Philomath on Thursday, are hopeful the wins are signs of things coming together at the right time.

"(Dallas) was a tough

match for us," coach Claudine Mendazona said. "Dallas was very scrappy and played great defense. ... They were tough to beat, but I thought we played fairly well against them."

Central's season has been an up-and-down affair with big wins and frustrating losses.

The reason is simple, according to senior Alex Dowdell.

"We play better against tougher teams," Dowdell said. "When we play lower teams, we don't improve because we play down to their level."

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Dowdell



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Central's Krista Omlid goes up for a kill against Dallas on Oct. 12 as Erin Cole watches.