

# Tigers stun Knights in come-from-behind win

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### Stanfield erases 20-point deficit to beat Irrigon

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Friday's game between the Irrigon Knights and Stanfield Tigers looked on paper to be one of the best games of the season.

The game featured two undefeated teams sitting at the top of the CBC against each other, battling it out for possible playoff positioning.

When the game was fi-

nally played, it lived up to its billing and more as Stanfield erased a 20-point deficit to defeat the Irrigon Knights 49-41 in Irrigon.

"I thought we played a pretty good game," said Irrigon coach Steve Sheller. "I thought if we could have got one more touchdown ahead of them, it could have done it. The Stanfield Tigers just did not roll over and die tonight."

The game played out to be a tale of two halves, as Irrigon dominated the first half on both sides of the football.

The Knights (5-1, 1-1 CBC) offense was moving

up-and-down the field at will behind the backfield trio of Freddy Vera, Carlos Zacharias and Austin Rice.

On Irrigon's first possession Zacharias took the hand-off from quarterback Nathan Verley and bounced around the left edge before outrunning the Stanfield defense for a 46-yard touchdown run.

A successful two-point conversion gave the Knights an 8-0 lead with just under 10 minutes left in the first quarter.

Stanfield (6-0, 2-0 CBC) wasted no time to show off their offensive firepower as Thylor Monkus took the

hand-off from quarterback Dylan Grogan and scampered 65-yards to the house to cut Irrigon's lead to 8-7 early in the first quarter.

Then Irrigon began to run away, as Freddy Vera found the end zone twice in the quarter with a three-yard touchdown run and a 24-yard touchdown reception from Verley to give the Knights a 22-7 lead in the first quarter.

The Irrigon trio finished with 291 yards and two touchdowns on the ground in the first half.

The second quarter saw plenty of back-and-forth action, as the Tigers and

Knights traded scores twice to send the teams to halftime with a 35-21 score favoring Irrigon.

Stanfield coach Davey Salas knew that his team was better than what the scoreboard showed, and challenged his players to step up.

Monkus and Grogan were almost unstoppable on the ground in the game, combining for 37 rushes and 404 yards and five touchdowns overall.

The Tigers sealed the win on a 16-yard touchdown run by Grogan with just six seconds remaining in the game.

195-pound debut. Reenan doubled up on Fargo titles at 182 this summer for the second time in his career as Colbray was a runner-up in Freestyle and Greco at 195.

The interesting part of this bout will be if Reenan has gotten his weight up and will be able to handle the 13-pound jump. There's no question that he has the strength but the drastic weight change can take a toll on him. Outside of that, this match can be super entertaining because both guys have pretty great offense and aren't afraid to go big with throws since they both have pretty great Greco backgrounds."

Colbray didn't participate in this event last fall after sustaining a concussion in Hermiston's 31-27 football loss at Coeur d'Alene last season. Colbray declined a return to the gridiron this season, citing injury concerns that could jeopardize his collegiate wrestling career. Colbray is currently being recruited by Cornell University in upstate New York, Iowa State University and Oregon State University.

If you'd like to watch Colbray's match live, you can do so by creating an account and purchasing a month-long subscription for \$20 at [www.flowrestling.org](http://www.flowrestling.org).

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24-yard field goal on their first overtime drive, Sandy was taking shots at the end zone. A Sanders pass on second down almost found Gabe Poulin in the back of the end zone, but it was just a bit too far. Then, on third down, Sanders overthrew Robert Snyder and Ena picked it off close to his goal line, and almost managed to score to seal the win.

But he came just short, and Hermiston had to make another defensive stop late.

Cue Ena.

After a holding penalty on first down and losses of 13 and 2 yards on their next two plays, the Pioneers (0-6) found themselves in a 3rd and goal situation from

the 35, with a shot to the end zone almost guaranteed. Ena read the play perfectly, jumped it and ran it back to midfield.

That gave Hermiston a chance to win with just a field goal, but that wasn't necessary. Garcia plowed into the end zone on second down, and Hermiston's players rushed the field in celebration.

"Both teams battled hard," head coach David Faateete said. "I told the kids, 'This is gonna be a tough battle. Regardless of a team's win-loss record, they're gonna come in and fight because everyone's hungry for a W. The later in the season you get, the hungrier you are.'"

Both teams, though, seemed uninterested in winning in the first half.

Of 15 first half drives,

11 were three-and-outs and both teams combined for five holding penalties, all but ending drives.

Hermiston took a 7-0 lead with 1:39 left in the first quarter when quarterback Nathan Hunsaker, filling in for the injured Dayshawn Neal, hit Jerry Ramirez on a screen pass, and the junior tight end weaved his way through the Pioneers defense, making would-be tacklers miss and breaking a few before crossing the goal line for a 13-yard touchdown.

Hermiston would lead just about the rest of the game until a late Sandy drive made things exponentially more interesting. About halfway through the fourth quarter, Sandy embarked on a nine-play, 64-yard drive capped by 10-yard pass to Grayson Fenwick to tie

things up. Hermiston was whistled for a pass interference penalty the play before on 2nd down to set up the touchdown. Sandy only had the ball down at Hermiston's goal line because Sanders slipped away on a strange play.

With a third-and-one from Hermiston's 41, Sanders ran a silent, quick-snap quarterback sneak and was piled around, but somehow he slipped out and gained 25 yards, setting up the pass interference penalty and later the touchdown.

A long punt return from Mitch Brown got Hermiston down to the Sandy 26, but a fumble on a zone-read exchange gave Sandy the ball, who simply knelt to send the game to overtime. Then it was Ena's cue to snatch back the momentum

that lead to Hermiston's win.

"It honestly just means we got heart and we're ready to come out and finish," Ena said. "It was a good game and I'm glad we won."

Hermiston will play its first Columbia River Conference game Friday at The Dalles.

<b>Hermiston 13, Sandy 6</b>									
<b>SANDY (0-6)</b>	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
<b>HERMISTON (1-5)</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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**Statistics**  
RUSHING — SANDY (31-18): G. Fenwick 31-18; K. Sanders 7-17; R. Snyder 1-3; A. Herrera 1-3; A. Soenyun 1-0. HERMISTON (45-193, 1 TD): O. Garcia 18-75, 1 TD; N. Hunsaker 15-58; M. Brown 9-52; H. Simon 3-8.  
PASSING — SANDY (14-32-2, 123 yards, 1 TD): K. Sanders 14-32-2, 123 yards, 1 TD. HERMISTON (10-20-2, 149 yards, 1 TD): N. Hunsaker 10-20-2, 149 yards, 1 TD.

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Dylan Grogan accruing most of the yards. Heppner, with Logan Grieb, Kaden Clark and Tommy Bredfield, are an explosive bunch on offense that can run and pass with results. They even have

a good back-up quarterback option in Kevin Smith, who passed for 227 yards, four touchdowns and one interception on 8-of-12 passing against Tri-Cities Prep in relief of Clark a few weeks ago.

"They're explosive," Salas said of Heppner's offense. "They stick to their blocks really, really well. They play for

each other. They don't care who gets the credit."

Stanfield has proven it can slow down explosive offenses. It held a good Weston-McEwen offense to just 14 points two weeks ago, and held a high-powered Irrigon offense to just seven second-half points last week. Heppner, though,

has more weapons than either Weston-McEwen or Irrigon.

To Salas, Stanfield has to do two things: start fast and match Heppner's toughness, as well as be sound in all three phases — offense, defense special teams — because the Mustangs will do all three. Salas pointed to two games

this year — the 46-26 win over Imbler and last week's Irrigon win — as two games Stanfield spotted leads. Salas said Stanfield cannot spot Heppner a lead of any size.

"We're coming together at the right time," Salas said. "I knew it would be a tough stretch of games. We just beat Weston-McEwen. We just

beat Irrigon, two of the top dogs in the CBC. We're right there. We're really right there. That game just showed me once these kids start believing how good they are, they can hold a really explosive Irrigon team to seven points in the second half. ... It's just a matter of getting these kids to believe."

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