

# Sports+Outdoors

## PREP FOOTBALL



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Ridgeview's Aidan Brenneman (15) runs down field during the first quarter against Pendleton in Redmond Friday night.

# 'WE ARE DEMORALIZED'

## Ravens' mistakes hurt in non-league football loss

BY BRIAN RATHBONE • CO Media Group

**A**fter a 42-0 loss in its final non-league game of the season, Ridgeview coach Patrick Pileggi searched for answers to get the Ravens back on track with only one win in their first four games.

"We continue to shoot ourselves in the foot over and over again, with self-inflicted wounds on mistakes that we can control," Pileggi said. "It happened to us in Week 1 in a game we could have won. Last week, we played a tough team and make mistake here and a mistake there that cost us the game. Same thing tonight. Then we let the game get away from us."

While the Ravens' (1-3) first two losses were decided by one possession — 40-33 loss to Springfield and a 15-7 loss to McMinnville — Friday night's game turned south quickly when the Buckaroos (3-1) jumped out to an early 14-0 lead in the first quarter. From there on, Ridgeview could not stop the tailspin against its former conference opponent.

"We really got demoralized," said senior linebacker Peyton Zampko. "On the defensive side of the ball no one wanted to play, and that did not help our offense at all. When we are demoralized, it just ruins our whole flow."

Pendleton and Ridgeview were in the same conference the previous two seasons, with the Buckaroos winning each time. While Pendleton dropped to 4A this season, it showed why it is considered one of the best teams in its new classification.

Payton Lambert ran for 103 yards and scored the game's first two touchdowns. Quarterback Jackson Davis completed 12 of his 15 passes for 115 yards.

The Buckaroos also got a defensive touchdown when Lucas Bensching picked off Aidan Brenneman's pass and returned it 41 yards for the score in the first play of the second quarter. Chas Corbett, Brock Mackey and Jace Otteson also added rushing touchdowns in the win.

The Ravens offense never got off the ground, tallying only 67 total yards.

Pileggi pointed to the play of junior defensive back Kai Lewis and forcing a couple bright



**ABOVE:** Ridgeview's Jeremiah Schwartz (16) makes a catch near midfield during the first quarter against Pendleton in Redmond Friday night. Mistakes cost the Ravens, as Ridgeview could muster only 67 yards of offense. **RIGHT:** Ridgeview's Zorion Issangya (10) runs the ball during the second quarter against Pendleton in Redmond Friday night.

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spots on an otherwise tough night on the gridiron for the Ravens.

"This is really just a learning experience," Zampko said. "We did some good things, like punching the ball out a couple of times. But really, there weren't many positives. It was tough out there."

The Ravens' next game goes from a 4A title contender to a 5A title contender when they host Summit Friday in an Intermountain Con-



ference opener.

"We have to learn through our mistakes," Pileggi said. "The good news is we are going into league play and everyone is zero and zero in league. So it is a fresh start."

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### PREP SCOREBOARD

#### Football

##### Friday's results

Redmond 21, Glencoe 20

Bend 35, Canby 0

Pendleton 42, Ridgeview 0

Caldera 17, Crook County 14

Scappoose 53, Madras 6

Willamina 54, Culver 53

#### Boys soccer

##### Friday's results

Ridgeview 4, Caldera 0

## Local officials needed for upcoming basketball season

By SPOKESMAN STAFF

The Central Oregon Basketball Officials Association is sounding the alarm about declining numbers of local sports officials.

There has been a steady decline in the number of high school sports officials nationwide, including in Central Oregon. During COVID, the decline was unprecedented.

The number of officials that serve in the Central Oregon Basketball Officials Association is significantly below the number of officials from just five years ago, despite more schools being added to the area over that same stretch.

COBOA now serve 17 high schools and 17 middle schools throughout the area, so the need

for officials is urgent. If no more officials are added, both high school and middle school games will have to be canceled due to lack of officials.

The COBVOA will hold their first meeting on Monday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mountain View High School Library. The organization provides training to all members.

For more information on how to become an official, visit [osaa.org/new-officials/index](http://osaa.org/new-officials/index).

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