

# Cascade defeats Scappoose 37-28 for Class 4A title

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HILLSBORO — Garrett Coffey ran for 155 yards and three touchdowns and Cascade of Turner won its first state football title in 35 years after the Cougars defeated Scappoose 37-28 in the OSAA Class 4A state championship game Saturday.

Cascade, the No. 9 seed, rallied from a 21-14 halftime deficit by scoring 20 consecutive points during the second half. The state title is the Cougars' second in school history.

Quarterback John Schirmer passed for 232 yards, and scored the go-ahead touchdown for Cascade (12-1) on a 1-yard run with 1:43 left in the third quarter.

Scappoose (10-2) got a

121-yard rushing performance from Braden Clark. Quarterback Robert Lohman passed for 118 yards and two touchdowns, both to Brennen McNabb.

The loss snapped an 11-game winning streak for Scappoose. The Indians lost their season opener and state title game, both to Cascade.

Cascade coach Steve Turner took over the Cougars' program after leading Mountain View of Bend to a Class 5A state championship in 2011. Turner, 61, began his high school coaching career at Cascade in 1976.

"Look at all those people over there," said Turner, pointing to a crowd surrounding his team. "I'm gonna say half of them are ex-players. Means a lot to

## SCOREBOARD

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY**  
Boys Basketball — Warrenton at Ilwaco, 7:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
Girls Basketball — Liberty at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Waldport at Warrenton, 3 p.m.; Clatskanie at Knappa, 6 p.m.; Ilwaco at North Beach, 5:45 p.m.  
Boys Basketball — Liberty at Seaside, 7:45 p.m.; Waldport at Warrenton, 4:45 p.m.; Clatskanie

at Knappa, 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
Basketball — Warrenton at Vernonia Tournament, TBA

**FOOTBALL**  
OSAA State Championships  
**Class 4A**  
Cascade 37, Scappoose 28  
**Class 3A**  
Vale 27, Santiam Christian 20  
**Class 2A**  
Heppner 48, Kennedy 0

our community. A lot of those guys who busted their tails in the 1980s, and now we can bring another one home to them. I'm happy. I couldn't be happier."

Turner has a no-nonsense approach, using an old-school offense that employs two running backs.

"Cascade has always been a very physical place, and coach Turner believes in a physical game," Coffey said.

Scappoose started quickly, scoring on its first two drives to take a 14-0 lead near the end of the first quarter. McNabb ended both drives, catching touchdown passes

of 2 and 31 yards.

Cascade got its offense going in the second quarter, as the Cougars pulled to within 14-7 on Coffey's 11-yard touchdown run. Midway through the quarter, Cascade tied the game at 14 when Coffey ran 4 yards for a touchdown.

Scappoose led 21-14 at halftime, scoring the go-ahead touchdown with 1:24 left in the second quarter on a 2-yard run by Clark.

Cascade's defense took over the game after halftime, holding Scappoose to minus-2 yards during the third quarter.

"We went into the locker room, and really didn't say much. We knew that something had to change," Coffey said. "We knew if we

just kept playing, hopefully things would turn around, and it did."

Coffey pulled Cascade to within 21-20 midway through the third quarter with his third rushing touchdown of the game, a 5-yard run. Five minutes later, Schirmer gave the Cougars the lead for good, when he dove into the end zone from a yard out for a 27-21 lead.

Hunter Thomas' 5-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter increased Cascade's lead to 34-21. Scappoose cut the deficit to 34-28 when Lohman ran 1 yard for a touchdown with 9:52 remaining. But the Cougars put the game away with a six-minute drive that ended on a 32-yard field goal by Lucas Bjorklund with 3:21 left.

# Seattle leans on its offense to beat Pittsburgh in 39-30 win

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SEATTLE — Russell Wilson was sick of the story line about the Seattle Seahawks inability to finish games in the fourth quarter.

And he was just sick, needing three IVs to make it through a game Sunday against Pittsburgh after waking up feeling awful.

He felt just fine by the end of the day, after one of the best performances of his career led the Seahawks to a needed 39-30 victory over the Steelers.

"I thought we did a great job tonight on offense," Wilson said. "We hung in there, kept battling. We played relentless football, and that's how we have to play."

Wilson threw a career-high five touchdown passes and the Seahawks pulled away late to spoil a record-setting day by Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger. Wilson threw three touchdowns to Doug Baldwin, two coming in the final 8:12, including an 80-yard catch-and-run TD with 2:01 left that gave the Seahawks a nine-point lead.

After relying so much on its defense in the past, Seattle's offense won this one.

"Whenever his back is against the wall is when he plays his best," Baldwin said of Wilson. "I wouldn't count him out for anything."

Seattle (6-5) finally got the better of a top quarterback after losing to Aaron Rodgers, Cam Newton, Carson Palmer and Andy Dalton earlier in the season. They didn't let a fourth-quarter lead slip away as they have in all five of their losses. And the Seahawks finally got on the top side of the .500 mark for the first time all season, putting them in position for a late charge at a playoff spot over the final five weeks.

They got there barely because of an amazing day by Roethlisberger, who threw for 456 yards, the most ever against the Seahawks. It was the third highest total of Roethlisberger's career but came along with two interceptions that both led to touchdowns for the Seahawks.

Roethlisberger was also on the sideline for the final 2 minutes getting examined for a possible concussion, leaving Landry Jones to try and pull off a late rally that never materialized.

"We felt like the opportunities were there today in the pass game and they were," Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin said. "Just not enough largely, collectively to win."

Here's what else to know about Seattle's first win over Pittsburgh since 2003:

**STILL STREAKING:** Lost in the performance by Wilson was another 100-yard day on the ground by the Seahawks, extending their streak to 22 straight games of rushing for at least 100 yards as a team.

Barely. Seattle finished with exactly 100 yards rushing, led by Thomas Rawls' 81 yards on 21 carries with one touchdown. Usual starter Marshawn Lynch underwent surgery earlier this week to repair a lower abdominal injury and



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Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson throws against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, in Seattle.



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Seattle Seahawks' Thomas Rawls, left, rushes past Pittsburgh Steelers' Vince Williams in the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, in Seattle.

is expected to be out until late in the season. Rawls averaged 5.1 yards per carry in the first half, but Pittsburgh's run defense was far better in the second half.

**FORGOTTEN ABOUT:** Tomlin insisted that Pittsburgh can still run, but the ground game was an afterthought. The Steelers attempted just 14 rushes, five of those coming from Roethlisberger. DeAngelo Williams had just eight carries, although he was significant in the pass game with seven catches for 88 yards.

The 14 rushes were the fewest by Pittsburgh since attempting just 11 runs in a 2006 loss to Baltimore.

**FAILED FAKE:** Pittsburgh's attempt at catching Seattle unprepared instead provided the Seahawks a spark.

On the first play of the second quarter, the Steelers lined up for field goal attempt from Chris Boswell. But after getting into formation, Landry Jones stood up, took the snap

and attempted a pass down the sideline for tackle-eligible Alejandro Villanueva. Seattle's Jeremy Lane wasn't fooled, intercepting the pass and returning it 54 yards to set up Wilson's first touchdown pass.

"Al's the second option on that whole deal. I just tried to put one up and that guy made a great play on the ball," Jones said.

**PLAYOFFS?** **PLAYOFFS??:** Seattle helped itself in its attempt to get back to the postseason moving into a tie — in terms of record — with Atlanta for the second wild card spot in the NFC. Pittsburgh's loss leaves it three games behind Cincinnati in the AFC North, but the Steelers are still in the middle of the wild card race. Pittsburgh has the same record as Kansas City, Houston, Indianapolis and the New York Jets in the wild card chase.

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Seattle Seahawks head coach Pete Carroll, center, cheers as Doug Baldwin, left, races past for a touchdown, followed by Pittsburgh Steelers' Antwon Blake late in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, in Seattle.



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Seattle Seahawks running back Thomas Rawls (34) scores a touchdown against the Pittsburgh Steelers in the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, in Seattle.