

# MOUNTAINEERS: Series tied over last four meetings

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However, SOU yielded a season-high 352 rushing yards in its loss to Montana Tech.

Trosin directs the squad with 164.1 passing yards per contest and has tossed nine touchdowns this year. Meanwhile, junior Melvin Mason is fifth in the league in rushing yards (64.8) per

game.

Defensively, Julius Rucker has racked up a team-high 68 tackles, while Joseph Lealofi has 52 tackles and five sacks.

In their last game out, the Mountaineers (4-6, 4-5 Frontier) utilized a stifling defensive effort and an efficient offensive performance to take down College of Idaho, 21-10, on Nov. 7.

Junior quarterback Zach Bartlow went 15-for-27 for 179 passing yards, including three touchdowns.

C of I raced to an early 10-0 lead in the first quarter, but a pair of sophomore wide receivers in Joshua Richards and Brenden Kelly caught touchdowns to put EOU on top. The Yotes got inside EOU's 30-yard line on six different occasions but were

held to only one field goal on those tries.

The last time the Mountaineers and Raiders met, SOU used a 27-yard field goal with just four seconds left to take down then-ranked No. 13 EOU, 38-35, on Sept. 12 in Ashland. The Mountaineers led by as many as 21 points in the third quarter, but the Raiders scored 24 unanswered to

steal the win.

Bartlow completed 17 passes for 218 yards, including a pair of touchdowns with no interceptions, while senior wide receiver Jace Billingsley caught seven passes for 107 yards. He also had 131 yards on the ground.

In the final minute of the game, SOU drove the ball 74 yards down the gridiron

to set up the 27-yarder, and Marcus Montana split the uprights to win it for the Raiders.

Saturday's game will be the 70th meeting for the programs. SOU leads the all-time series, 50-16-3, but the Mountaineers have taken two games in the last four meetings, which have been decided by an average of three points.

# ALL-LEAGUE: Hermiston's Rosales shares POY in boys' soccer

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sophomore, joined Hunsaker on the second team with junior running back Brown, senior defensive lineman DJ Gossett, sophomore line backer Joey Gutierrez, and defensive backs Andrew Horn, a junior, and sophomore Tyler Rohrman.

For Pendleton, junior wide receiver Nick Lani, senior offensive/defensive lineman Jacob Banks, senior center Michael Swanson, senior line backer Marcus Taylor, senior defensive back Kai Quinn, and senior kicker/punter Sebastian Corona were Pendleton's first team selections.

straight appearance in the 5A boys soccer title match, the Hood River Valley Eagles were joined atop the all league selections by the Hermiston Bulldogs, which won its first playoff game in head coach Rich Harshberger's seven-year tenure.

Eagles junior midfielder Noe Magana and Bulldogs senior forward Edwin Rosales were Co-Players of the Year, with Magana leading the Eagles to the top seed and a league championship, and Rosales leading the team in scoring and leading the Bulldogs to the quarter-finals.

**Girls Soccer**  
The Hood River Valley Eagles also took the majority of girls soccer selections. Following its league title-winning season, the Eagles' Kevin Haspela was named Coach of the Year and Vanessa Silva was named Goalie of the Year. The Eagles also garnered five first team selections and eight overall.

Sophomore Lesley Risueno, junior Audrey Lincoln and sophomore Quinn Latham were Hermiston's first team selections. Junior Mikayla Akers was Pendleton's lone representative.

The Dalles in the season's final match.

Hermiston junior Kynzee Padilla was the only player not from Hood River or The Dalles on the first team. Senior Clarissa Nitz was named to the second team with Pendleton's Haley Greb, Shelby Greb and Lauren Roberts.

- 2015 ALL-LEAGUE COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE**
- Offensive Player of the Year** — Dallas Buckley, sr., Hood River Valley  
**Defensive Player of the Year** — Tre Neal, sr., Hermiston  
**Coach of the Year** — David Faateete, Hermiston
- OFFENSE**  
**First Team**  
QB — Dallas Buckley, sr., Hood River Valley  
RB — Michael Jones, soph., Hood River Valley  
WR — Tucker Salinas, sr., Hermiston  
WR — Nick Lani, jr., Pendleton  
WR — Devin Wilson, sr., Hood River Valley  
WR — Parker Irusta, sr., Hood River Valley  
TE — Montana Kurahara, sr., Hood River Valley

- Honorable Mention**  
QB — Dominic Seufalemua, jr., The Dalles  
RB — Damian Morris, sr., The Dalles  
RB — Jamal Vann, jr., Pendleton  
WR — Devon Roe, sr., Pendleton  
WR — Brady Christensen, soph., Hermiston  
DL — Cesar Barajas, sr., Hood River Valley
- Valley**  
OL — Beau Blake, soph., Hermiston  
OL — Blake Davis, soph., The Dalles  
C — Wyatt Mansfield, jr., Hood River Valley

Quinn was also the second team quarterback, and he was joined by teammates Taylor (offensive line), junior linebacker Grant Kennedy, junior defensive lineman Jamal Vann, and defensive back Trevor Sweet.

Vann was also named as an honorable mention running back with teammates Devon Roe (wide receiver), Cade Anderson (offensive line). Hermiston's honorable mention selections were Brady Christensen (wide receiver), senior offensive lineman Ray Agosto and junior defensive lineman Corey Mason.

Seniors Rosales, Enrique Leal and John Mejia, and junior Freddy Rodriguez made up the Bulldog representatives on the first team. Flavio Betancourt, a senior, and Fernando Gomez were the Buckaroo representatives.

Sophomore Bernardo Araujo, junior Ismael Arenas, sophomore Mark Mejia, senior Andy Corcuera and sophomore Antonio Campos made up the Bulldogs on the second team, while Lincoln Johnson and Drew Lunny were Buckaroos named to the second team. Senior Grant Bannister, junior Jonathan Wolotira and freshman Aiden Henderson were Pendleton honorable mentions.

**Volleyball**  
Despite losing the CRC title in the last match of the year, The Dalles' Lori Cimmiyotti, a senior, was tabbed as the CRC volleyball Player of the Year for the Riverhawks. Hood River coach Scott Walker was named Coach of the Year after leading the Eagles to a big comeback to win the league title by winning in

- BOYS SOCCER**  
POY — Noe Magana, jr., Hood River Valley  
Edwin Rosales, sr., Hermiston
- First Team**  
F — Andres Baeza, sr., Hood River Valley  
F — Edwin Rosales, sr., Hermiston  
F — Fernando Gomez, jr., Pendleton  
F — Freddy Rodriguez, jr., Hermiston  
M — Noe Magana, jr., Hood River Valley  
M — Enrique Leal, sr., Hermiston  
M — John Mejia, sr., Hermiston  
M — Flavio Betancourt, sr., Pendleton  
M — Mario Sandoval, sr., Hood River Valley

- Valley**  
OL — Ray Agosto, sr., Hermiston  
OL — Cade Anderson, jr., Pendleton  
DL — Colton Walker, sr., The Dalles  
DL — Matt Strizich, sr., The Dalles  
DL — Corey Mason, jr., Hermiston  
DL — Justin Wilson, jr., Hood River Valley  
LB — Damian Morris, sr., The Dalles  
DB — Antonio Arguta, sr., The Dalles  
DB — Levi Glass, jr., Hood River Valley  
DB — Tyrone Stintzi, sr., Hood River Valley

- Valley**  
D — Andy Corcuera, sr., Hermiston  
D — Ismael Arenas, sr., Hermiston  
D — Lincoln Johnson, jr., Pendleton  
D — Drew Lunny, soph., Pendleton  
D — Angel Lopez, sr., The Dalles  
GK — Antonio Campos, soph., Hermiston
- Honorable Mention**  
GK — Grant Bannister, sr., Pendleton  
M — Jonathan Wolotira, jr., Pendleton  
D — Aiden Henderson, soph., Pendleton

## Boys Soccer

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# HEPPNER: Plethora of weapons gives Mustangs' offense clear edge

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Weston-McEwen in the play-off's first round, No. 7 Reed-sport (9-1) has the state's stingiest defense allowing just 88 points all season (8.8 per game).

"Defensively they have a lot of good athletes in their secondary. They're smart, they play good assignment football and they have a great scheme," Grant said during a practice this week. "I think they come in with a good game plan to take away what you're good at and they don't give up big plays. They just don't give up big plays."

Grant, who guided his team to a 20-0 win over Weston-McEwen in the regular-season finale, said the Braves remind him a little of the TigerScots when he puts in the game film.

"They're similar, although I feel like Weston was a little more aggressive, maybe," he said. "These guys are a little

more conservative but if you look at what they've done they haven't given up a lot of offense the last six or seven games. That shows how smart they are."

It shows two more things, Grant said.

"That shows that their offense doesn't give up the ball and give them a short field, and it also shows that they have excellent special teams. So that, I think is important," he said. "An overlooked thing in defense is does your offense take care of the ball and do you have good special teams? And I think check one and check two for them in that regard."

The Mustangs have been checking off all the same boxes this season, though, and No. 2 Heppner (10-0) is coming off a 55-14 win over Monroe in the first round. Heppner is allowing just 10.6 points a game, second best in 2A.

Reedsport caused five

**Quarterfinals**



**#7 Reedsport Braves (9-1)**



**#2 Heppner Mustangs (10-0)**

• Saturday, 1 p.m.  
• at Morrow Co. Fairgrounds

athletic," said senior C.J. Kindle. "They have some very fast players, some big linemen too that just will come and make some plays for sure. We're just going to have to try to make more."

The Braves are averaging two fewer touchdowns a game this season than the Mustangs, and will utilize the occasional trick play to make up for a comparative lack of offensive weapons.

"They seem pretty tricky, fast, so we've got to make sure we stay home on stuff and make sure we're watching the line to read the play," said Heppner senior defensive back Ryan Smith.

Five-foot-8, 145-pound running back Joe Hixenbaugh is the focal point of the Braves offense with running back Joey Herr (5-11, 176) and wide receiver Mike Mitchell (6-3, 177) providing some balance and big-play ability of their own.

But the Braves' weapons pale in comparison to Heppner's offensive balance.

Weston Putman became the team's fifth leading rusher in a game this season with his 88 yards against Monroe last week. Four players have more than 350 yards on the ground this season and the team is averaging 7.9 yards a carry, 256.5 a game.

"I just think we base ourselves on being very versatile," Putman said "Really everyone can do everything, so we have some really good depth with a lot of athletes."

"It just depends what the defense is showing us. We just take what we can get," said senior quarterback Kaden Clark. "(Reedsport's) defense is really good so we're going to have to come out strong on offense."

Kindle leads Heppner with 738 rushing yards (8.7 ypc) and 14 touchdowns. He's also

the team's leading receiver with 546 yards on 27 catches with another six touchdowns.

Senior Tommy Bredfield is second on the team with 574 rushing yards (8.4 ypc) and eight touchdowns, but was used primarily as a defebser last week.

Junior wide receiver Logan Grieb has been a touchdown machine in the passing game and took his only reception last week in for a score. He has 10 touchdowns on 11 catches this season, and another five touchdowns on rushes.

Clark has passed for 1,025 yards (113.9 ypg) with 17 touchdowns and only one interception for a QB rating of 135.2.

"We have so many weapons on offense," Clark said. "Hopefully we can just take it week by week and make it as far as we can."

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# STANFIELD: Communication key for offensive front

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edge that allows the Tigers' blockers to enjoy their anonymous toil while players like Grogan and junior running back Thyler Monkus grab headlines with their gaudy statistics.

"I'm not one to be into being in the paper or having my name called out. I'm just here to play the game," said junior guard Trevor Shockman.

"It's kind of the spot that if you're playing there you're playing for the team," said junior left tackle Hunter Barnes. "There's no glory but, I mean, you're the heart and soul of it. They go as we go."

The Tigers run the ball nearly seven times more than they pass it and their four leading rushers have combined for 422 carries while Grogan has dropped back to pass just 62 times.

"We've got to be in condition," said junior tackle Noe Sanchez, "running before practice and pushing a sled every day — to be able to keep up for four quarters."

With so few passes

called, tight end Enoel Angel also spends most of his time blocking on the line.

"I'd rather honestly block than go out for passes," he said. "I like the contact more."

Four of Stanfield's blockers were recognized with all-league nods this season — Barnes, Shockman, Sanchez and junior guard Jose Garcia — and the team has run for 3,178 yards in 10 games.

"They create great holes for us to run through. They're pretty big, they're easy for me to see," said Monkus, whose 1,353 yards and 8.8 per-carry are both team highs. "Just hit the hole hard and get about seven yards a play. Pretty much every time I'm getting past

the first level (untouched) so they're doing their job really good."

"We're all out for the same thing," said senior tackle Jared Warren. "We know we've got a great team this year and so we're going out there and playing our butts off for each other, trying to do something Stanfield hasn't done in a long time."

Grogan said he's often had a personal escort while running for 7.9 yards a pop this season.

"We have guards that can get out there just as fast as any running back so that helps a lot," he said. "There's always a lead blocker in front of me and I can just put my hand on them. They don't just run out there and do nothing, they go and hit someone, so that's always nice."

The Tigers' offense is also mentally demanding of its linemen, especially the guards which are pulling on most plays and also call out the pre-snap blocking reads.

"I just try to help out my center and my tackle, if there's a guy lined up over

me then I'll take him and tell them to take a linebacker," said Garcia.

"With the pulling guards, if they leave and we don't fill their spots it can blow up a play completely," said senior center Cody Livingston. "We have to communicate on the line a lot when we walk up."

The Tigers have been working on smoothing out that communication this week in practice after a couple of hiccups last Friday against Vernonia, but already felt by midweek that those issues wouldn't crop up again against No. 1 Central Linn (9-1).

"I think the biggest challenge is who's tougher," Garcia said. "It just comes down to who's tougher and who wants it more. I love football and would do anything to keep going this season."

Livingston kept it a little simpler.


"We know that the game goes as we go."

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## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



WESTON PUTMAN

Senior - Heppner Football



Putman rushed for a team-high 88 yards and scored twice in the first quarter to help the Mustangs pull away early in a 55-14 win over Monroe in the first round of the state playoffs. Putman scored on runs of 35 and nine yards, and finished the game with 106 total offensive yards and seven tackles and an interception on defense.

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