

**1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 4**

Dufur beat league champion Perrydale in the state semifinals and went on to win the championship 36-32 over Crane. Sherman took the fewest hits to graduation of the league's playoff teams losing just three seniors. The top three teams will receive postseason berths again.

**Projected finish**

- 1 Dufur Rangers
- 2 Sherman Huskies
- 3 Ione Cardinals
- 4 Arlington/Condon Honkers
- 5 Perrydale Pirates
- 6 Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler Loggers
- 7 South Wasco Redsidies

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes.)

**2015 Final Standings**

	Conf.	Overall
Perrydale*	6-0	10-1
Sherman*	5-1	6-4
Dufur*	4-2	11-2
Arlington/Condon	3-3	4-3
Ione	2-4	3-5
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler	1-5	3-6
South Wasco	0-6	0-8

\*-Made playoffs

**3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE**

Irrigon and Burns will try to crash the party in the EOL this season as defending league and state champion Vale looks to replace 10 graduated All-State players and new coaches take the reigns at Umatilla and Riverside. The league again has two playoff berths up for grabs.

**Projected finish**

- 1 Nyssa Bulldogs
- 2 Umatilla Vikings
- 3 Vale Vikings
- 4 Burns Hilanders
- 5 Irrigon Knights
- 6 Riverside Pirates

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes.)

**2015 Final Standings**

	Conf.	Overall
Vale*	3-0	11-1
Nyssa*	1-2	4-5
Umatilla	1-2	5-4
Riverside	1-2	3-5

\*-Made playoffs

**Umatilla Vikings**

**Head coach:** Dan Durfey, 1st year  
**Assistant coaches:** Derrek Lete (off. coordinator), 1st year; Kris Welch, 1st year  
**Returning lettermen:** 10  
**Returning starters:** Alec Williams, OL/DL, sr.; Alvin Jaime Garcia, OL/DL, sr.; Elijah Pine, OL/DL, sr.; Hunter Cook, RB/WS, sr.; Justin Maret, WR/C, sr.; Diego So-to-Leon, WR/C, sr.; Sean Miller, TE/FS, sr.; Kaden Webb, QB/FS, jr.; Cody Samson, RB/SS, jr.; Trent Durfey, RB/LB, so.



**On offense:** The Vikings are looking to establish a balanced offense in Lete's first season calling the plays, and return several key starters from the EOL's No. 2 offense to aid that endeavor.  
**On defense:** The Vikings will run a 4-4 Swarm Defense which is quickly growing in popularity due to its simplicity and versatility. The goal is to allow players to defend more aggressively without too many adjustments based on offensive alignment.

**Durfey's keys to the season:** "Play fast on offense, and play fundamentally sound on defense."

**2016 Schedule**

Sept. 2	vs Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs Pilot Rock	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Enterprise	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs Portland Chr.	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs Burns*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Riverside*	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	vs Vale*	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Irrigon*	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Nyssa*	6 p.m.

\*-League game

**2015 Results**

Wk 1	at Union	W 7-7
Wk 2	at Pilot Rock	W 14-6
Wk 3	vs Irrigon	L 39-12
Wk 4	vs White Swan (WA)	W 48-12
Wk 5	vs TCP (WA)	W 28-27
Wk 6	at King's Way (WA)	L 48-28
Wk 7	at Nyssa*	L 46-28
Wk 8	at Riverside*	W 35-24
Wk 9	vs Vale*	L 56-6

**Ione Cardinals**

**Head coach:** Todd Knop, 1st year  
**Assistant coach:** Gregg Rietmann, 1st year  
**Returning lettermen:** 14

**Returning starters:** Cord Flynn, LB/RB, sr.; Henry Padberg, LB/RB, sr.; Dan Doherty, QB/DB, sr.; Karsen Dumler, OL/DL, sr.; Hector Aguilar, OL/DE, sr.; Donald McElligott, TE/LB, sr.; Sergio Marin, OL/DL, sr.; Austin Morter, RB/DB, jr.; Nestor Ramirez, TE/DB, so.; Aaron Smythe, RB/DB, so.



**Knop's keys to the season:**

"We have a good group of seniors this year and they all have significant game experience. We'll need to blend in some of the younger guys to fill the gaps. It will be critical for us to be disciplined and minimize errors to compete well in this league."

**2016 Schedule**

Sept. 3	at Triad	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Echo	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	vs Sherman*	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs Touchet (WA)	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs Arlington*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Perrydale*	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	vs Mitchell*	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Dufur*	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	at South Wasco*	7 p.m.

\*-League game

**2015 Results**

Week 1	at Triad	L 50-26
Week 2	vs Echo	W 44-12
Week 3	at Sherman*	L 60-28
Week 4	Bye	
Week 5	at Arlington*	L 22-16
Week 6	vs Perrydale*	L 62-20
Week 7	at Mitchell*	W 36-34
Week 8	vs Dufur*	L 50-14
Week 9	vs S. Wasco*	W 77-14

**Irrigon Knights**

**Head coach:** Steve Sheller, 2nd year  
**Assistant coaches:** Jody Saunders, 2nd year; Randy Henrichs, 4th year; Dan Verley, 4th year.

**Returning lettermen:** 27

**Returning starters:** Parker Miller, OL/DL, sr.; Carlos Zacarias, RB/DB, sr.; Austin Rice, QB/DB, sr.; Parker Gale, OL/DL, sr.

**On offense:** The Knights' offense is built around its rushing attack, which must replace several linemen and a 1,000-yard back. Irrigon attempted just 62 passes in 2015.

**On defense:** From a base 4-4 the Knights employ a swarm defense which looks to shut down opposing rushing attacks and force teams to put the ball in the air.

**Sheller's key to the season:** "Get better every day. Be willing to sacrifice for your teammates. Do what it takes to be disciplined."

**2016 Schedule**

Sept. 2	vs Amity	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Enterprise	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	vs TCP (WA)	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	at CDA JV (ID)	1 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs Riverside*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Vale*	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	vs Nyssa*	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	vs Umatilla*	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	at Burns*	7 p.m.

\*-League game

**2015 Results**

Week 1	vs Riverside	W 47-8
Week 2	vs Enterprise	W 53-0
Week 3	at Umatilla	W 39-12
Week 4	vs Union	W 48-12
Week 5	at Culver*	W 60-54
Week 6	vs Stanfield*	L 49-41
Week 7	at WMHS*	L 37-12
Week 8	at Heppner*	L 61-14
Week 9	vs Pilot Rock*	W 56-14
1st Round	at Kennedy	L 53-12

**Riverside Pirates**

**Head coach:** Benjamin Tucker, 1st year  
**Assistant coaches:** Albert Corpus, 1st year; Loren Dieter, 1st year; Thomas Newton, 1st year.

**Players to watch:** Ricardo Mendoza, RB, sr.; Mason Hegar, QB, jr.

**On offense:** Riverside will be depending on the progression of junior QB Mason Hegar as the Pirates will be running a spread offense where they'll look to air it out.

**On defense:** The Pirates will deploy a 5-3 defensive front as they look to control the line of scrimmage and not allow any easy yards.

**Tucker's key to the season:** "Bring the best prepared team each week that we can. Our leadership will be the key to our success."

**2016 Schedule**

Sept. 2	at TCP (WA)	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Imbler (at EOU)	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs Mac-Hi	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Irrigon*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	vs Umatilla*	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	vs Burns*	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Nyssa*	6 p.m.
Oct. 28	vs Vale*	7 p.m.

\*-League Game

**2015 Results**

Week 1	at Irrigon	L 47-8
Week 2	vs Union	L 16-6
Week 3	vs Gaston	W 48-19
Week 4	at Columbia (WA)	L 50-7
Week 5	vs Por. Chr.	W 34-14
Week 6	Bye	
Week 7	at Vale*	L 70-12
Week 8	vs Umatilla*	L 35-24
Week 9	at Nyssa*	W 20-14

**1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 1**

The district welcomes Cove and bids adieu to Monument/Dayville to remain at 11 teams. Like in SD4 last season, the third-place team beat the league champ in the state semifinals to earn a spot in the championship. It should be another tough season in SD1, and Echo will try to force its way into the playoff hunt after injuries helped derail its 2015 campaign. The league gets four berths in the state playoffs.

**Projected finish**

- 1 Pine Eagle Spartans
- 2 Adrian Antelopes
- 3 Powder Valley Badgers
- 4 Crane Mustangs
- 5 Echo Cougars
- 6 Cove Leopards
- 7 Joseph Eagles
- 8 Wallowa Cougars
- 9 Jordan Valley Mustangs
- 10 Prairie City/Burnt River Panthers
- 11 Harper/Huntington Hornets

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes.)

**2015 Final Standings**

	Conf.	Overall
Adrian*	5-0	10-1
Wallowa*	4-1	7-3
Crane*	4-1	11-2
Pine Eagle*	3-1	7-3
Jordan Valley	3-2	4-5
Powder Valley	2-2	4-5
Harper/Huntington	2-3	2-7
Joseph	1-3	3-5
Prairie City/Burnt River	1-4	1-7
Echo	0-4	3-6
Monument/Dayville	0-5	1-8

\*-Made playoffs

**Echo Cougars**

**Head coach:** Rick Thew, 6th year  
**Returners starters:** Klay Jensen, QB, sr.; Chris Medrano, RB, sr.; Damien Curiel, jr.; Ian Faulkner, jr.

**Key to season:** Find consistency on offense as the team average just 13.3 points in its six losses but averaged 73.6 points in its three victories. A healthy Klay Jensen at quarterback will help.



**2016 Schedule**

Sept. 3	vs Siletz Valley	10 a.m.
Sept. 9	vs. Ione	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Pomeroy (WA)	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs. Pine Eagle*	1 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs. Wallowa*	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Powder Valley*	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	vs Joseph*	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	vs Cove*	7 p.m.

\*-League game

**2015 Results**

Week 1	vs So. Wasco	W 58-14
Week 2	at Ione	L 44-12
Week 3	vs. Harper	W 84-6
Week 4	at Wallowa*	L 66-22
Week 5	vs. P. Valley*	L 20-12
Week 6	vs Joseph*	L 62-22
Week 7	at Elgin*	L 56-6
Week 8	at Pine Eagle	L 54-6
Week 9	vs. Monument	W 79-6

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