

T-WOLVES:

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In the first set, the T-Wolves built a 15-7 lead by taking six of seven points in a stretch, forcing a Knights timeout. Out of the stoppage, the Knights came out on the offensive and won five of the next six points to cut the deficit to 16-12 before Williams ended the Knights' run with a thundering kill straight through the middle of the defense. From there on the T-Wolves took eight of the final 12 to end the set.

And in the second set, the T-Wolves started fast and continued to sprint towards the finish line, building their largest lead of the night at 24-10 and were serving set point. But Wenatchee stole four-straight points as Blue Mountain got sloppy with some hits and cut the deficit to 10, before Williams again ended the run with a big kill to give the T-Wolves the set win.

Blue Mountain will next hit the road on Friday for a game at Treasure Valley.

WVCC (9-21, 4-7) 16 14 18 - 0
BMCC (17-14, 6-4) 25 25 25 - 3
Stats
KILLS — M. Perez 11, K. Williams 6, J. Mix 6, S. Schreiber 6, B. Lornica 6, K. Buckner 3, K. Uhlenkott 1.
BLOCKS — B. Lornica 4, K. Williams 3, S. Schreiber 3, K. Buckner 2.
ASSISTS — K. Chavez 19, K. Cantu 18.
DIGS — Anjolin Vreeland 13, K. Chavez 8, K. Cantu 8, M. Perez 6, J. Mix 3, K. Buckner 3, S. Schreiber 1, B. Lornica 1.

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ALCS: Miller named MVP

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the Florida Marlins in the 11th.

"We always said if we could do it with this group it would be so special because this is as close to a family feel as you can get in a professional setting. So for that part of it, it is beyond feeling good," Francona said.

The Dodgers led the Cubs 2-1 going into Game 4 of the NLCS on Wednesday night. Cleveland didn't play either club this season.

Miller, acquired from the New York Yankees in a midseason trade, was selected the ALCS MVP as the Indians took their sixth pennant.

"I feel like I've said the word 'special' a million times in the last 20 or 30 minutes. But it's the truth. It's a blast to be a part of," Miller said.

With all of 11 major league innings under his belt — and only one start, on Sept. 30 — Merritt took the mound and

looked just like a seasoned vet. The lefty retired the first 10 batters and allowed a mere two hits before being pulled after 4 1/3 innings.

"I know they were counting on me," Merritt said. "Before the game, they came and told me they had my back, everybody had my back, good or bad. So that takes some pressure off, and I just went out there and pitched and trusted my team."

Merritt got taps on his heart and hat from teammates when he left the mound. Then it was up to Cleveland's tireless relievers to hold a three-run lead against the wild-card Blue Jays.

Miller again did most of the heavy lifting, going 2 2/3 innings before Cody Allen worked the ninth for a save. Winning pitcher Bryan Shaw tossed an inning before Miller came in.

Carlos Santana and Coco Crisp homered for the Indians.

Toronto lost in the ALCS for the second straight year.

UMATILLA Saldana nets six

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The Umatilla boys soccer team assaulted the net after halftime with seven goals to pull away from City Christian for an 8-1 Special District 4 win on Tuesday.

The teams went into the break knotted at 1-1, but Diego Saldana scored five times in the second half's first 19 minutes, then added a sixth goal in the 79th to cap things off for Umatilla (6-4-2, 2-2-1 SD4).

Saldana also had an assist on a goal by Douglas Gomez in the 2nd minute, but City Christian (0-10, 0-4) tied things up in the 10th after it scored on a rebound in front of the net.

Umatilla coach Pedro Ortiz said field conditions were less than ideal, and the Vikings hurt themselves with several mistakes in the first half, but were able clean things up and deliver better passes in the second half.

Saldana broke the tie off a pass from Armando Espinoza in the 44th minute, then revisited the net in the 46th, 53rd, 55th and 59th before another Viking got in the mix when Jose Alaniz scored on a rebound in the 72nd.

Gomez added two assists and Alaniz and Isidro Fonseca each had one.

Umatilla will host Irrigon for its regular-season finale on Tuesday at 4 p.m. Depending on the outcome of Irrigon's games on Thursday and Friday, the game could be for a spot in the 3A/2A/1A postseason.

PREP FOOTBALL: Umatilla looks to get headed back in right direction at Irrigon

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83 tackles, two interceptions and two forced fumbles. Five other Mustangs have at least 30 tackles, and they'll need everybody swarming to the ball to contain Stanfield's dominant rushing attack.

Behind one of the state's best offensive lines, the Tigers (6-1, 2-0) are averaging 348 rushing yards a game, with nearly half of those coming from senior Thyler Monkus. Stanfield's only loss is also to a 1A Washington team, and La Center proved last week that the Tigers aren't unstoppable by limiting them to 131 yards on the ground.

Both Monkus and Heppner senior Logan Grieb could hit the century mark for rushing yards on their first carries in this game. Monkus enters with 998 while Grieb would need to break a long one as he enters with 953.

Elsewhere around the region, no playoff berths are in play this week, and Weston-McEwen is on a bye. Here's a look at the rest of Friday's games for local small schools:

RIVERSIDE (1-6, 0-3) at NYSSA (3-3, 2-1), 6 p.m.

— This is a must-win game for Nyssa, which still has a chance to earn one of the two available playoff spots in the Eastern Oregon League.

The Pirates have struggled to get their offense going in league play, and have scored just 19 points in three games. Nyssa is coming off a 41-26 win over Irrigon, which beat Riverside 26-6 in Week 5.

MAC-HI (2-4, 0-2) at BAKER (5-2, 1-1), 7 p.m.

— It's the end of the road for the Pioneers, who have no remaining scenarios that could get them into the playoffs.

Mistakes continued to hurt the Pioneers in last week's 68-20 loss to La Grande, but seniors Riley Chester and Miguel Garcia brought some excitement to the passing game as Chester found Garcia for 119 yards and a touchdown on eight catches. Chester finished 15-of-24 for 182 yards and also found junior Zach Chrisman for a score in his third start under center.

Baker is coming off a 21-14 overtime win over Ontario.



Umatilla quarterback Kaden Webb looks for a receiver during last Friday's game against Vale in Umatilla.

UMATILLA (5-2, 1-2) at IRRIGON (2-5, 1-2), 7 p.m.

— Neither team has been eliminated from the postseason yet, but both need to win out and get some help to extend their seasons.

Umatilla dropped two passes in the end zone and quarterback Kaden Webb threw three interceptions in last week's 41-7 loss to Vale, which needed a goal-line stand to force overtime and eventually beat Irrigon 34-28

in Week 6.

The Knights rushed for 340 yards their last time out, but couldn't keep pace with Nyssa in a 41-26 loss.

PILOT ROCK (0-6, 0-2) at CULVER (1-5, 0-2), 7 p.m.

— The Rockets have struggled to score in the first half this season, and need to pick up the pace in order to take advantage of the CBC's lowest rated defense.

The Bulldogs are allowing

38.5 points a game, but the defense scored the team's only points in last week's 22-2 loss to Heppner.

Pilot Rock gave up 52 points to the Mustangs in Week 5 and didn't score on the starting defense, but is coming off its most competitive game of the season after a 13-8 loss to Weston-McEwen.

COVE (1-6, 0-4) at ECHO (3-3, 2-2), 7 p.m.

— Win or lose, Echo will have to win a league playoff game next week to finally secure their spot in the 8-man football postseason.

The Cougars would face a favorable match-up, though, and should be able to build a little more momentum against the struggling Leopards.

Cove is allowing a league-high 53.4 points a game in its first season back in 1A football. Echo is coming off a 52-28 win over Joseph.

IONE (1-6, 1-3) at DUFUR (6-1, 3-1), 7 p.m.

— The Cardinals were able to clean up their fumbling issues last week and it resulted in the first win for

head coach Todd Knop.

They'll need another clean game to hang with the Rangers, which are locked in a three-team battle for two remaining playoff spots. Dufur is averaging 49.4 points a game while Ione is allowing 35.9.

ARLINGTON / CONDON (4-2, 3-2) vs. RIDDLE (1-6), 7 p.m.

— At Salem, the Honkers take a break from league play and will look to stop a two-game skid against the 2A independent Irish.

Arlington's defense has allowed 127 points the last two weeks, and although Riddle is coming off a 44-0 loss to Oakland, the Irish are capable on offense with an average of 32.2 points in their other six games.

Arlington is looking to get headed back in the right direction before next week's meeting with Perrydale that will likely determine the third and final playoff team from Special District 4.

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PIGSKIN PICKERS

Week 7

Overall: 42-18
 Last Week: 8-2
 Hermiston at Redmond
 Bend at Pendleton
 Stanfield at Heppner
 Umatilla at Irrigon
 BYU at Boise State
 Texas A&M at Alabama
 Oregon at California
 Seahawks at Cardinals
 Vikings at Eagles
 Buccaneers at 49ers



Ron Gibbs

42-18
 8-2
 Hermiston
 Bend
 Stanfield
 Irrigon
 Boise State
 Alabama
 Oregon
 Seahawks
 Vikings
 Buccaneers



Mario Ramirez

39-21
 9-1
 Hermiston
 Bend
 Heppner
 Umatilla
 Boise State
 Alabama
 California
 Seahawks
 Vikings
 Buccaneers



John Airoidi

38-22
 7-3
 Hermiston
 Bend
 Heppner
 Umatilla
 Boise State
 Alabama
 California
 Seahawks
 Vikings
 Buccaneers



Kevin Fisher

37-23
 7-3
 Hermiston
 Bend
 Stanfield
 Umatilla
 Boise State
 Alabama
 California
 Seahawks
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 Buccaneers



Eric Singer

37-23
 7-3
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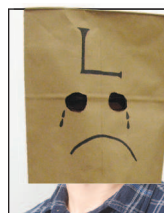
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Anna Aylett

33-27
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Matt Entrup

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