

BULLDOGS: Hermiston plays at No. 2 Woodburn in quarterfinals

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through his fingers. Ashland’s Ian Rinefort then stepped up and headed in the ball for a 1-0 Grizzly lead.

“It was a mistake, right? And they happen and we got to get over it,” Hermiston coach Rich Harshberger said of Ashland’s goal. “We did hang our heads there a little bit, but (we) showed the mental fortitude to see it through.”

The Bulldogs looked like a different team in the second half, consistently pushing the ball deep into Ashland’s zone and putting a lot of pressure on the Grizzly defense. That pressure finally broke into Hermiston’s favor in the 52nd minute, when Madrigal settled a pass just outside the penalty box and fired a shot that flew to the right of the goalkeeper and into the net to tie the game at 1-1.

“We kept our heads, never gave up after the first half,” Madrigal said. “We were strug-

gling to score a goal but during the second we kept going at it and we finally got the one in and raised our spirits.”

“We knew just like last time we had to get that goal and then we could just take a breath,” Harshberger added. “Once we established ourselves a little bit and then we got that goal, then it’s a whole different ball game ... they’re chasing it a little bit, maybe not marking as much and giving us a little more space to play and we took advantage of it.”

Keeping the pressure on, Hermiston broke through again 10 minutes later when Isaac Munoz held off his defender on a breakaway and booted it wide of the Ashland goalie and into the far corner to put the Bulldogs up 2-1. That started a run of three goals in five minutes for Hermiston as Esgar Avila and Freddy Rodriguez both tallied scores for the Bulldogs to quickly put Hermiston up 4-1.

Then in the 77th minute Hermiston added on again as Miguel Hoyos out-jumped the Ashland defense on a perfectly-executed corner kick and headed the ball past the Grizzly goalie for the fifth and final goal.

Harshberger said he believes the five-goal outburst came not from schematic changes at halftime, but from a simple locker room talk.

“(The) big halftime talk was ‘Hey let’s use the formation to it’s whole capability instead of just trying to ram it up the middle or just look for two guys to make everything happen,’” Harshberger said. “Let’s involve all 11 and let’s work the ball around and use the formation the way we know we can.”

Besides playing on the home turf Wednesday, Hermiston also had a big crowd supporting them as a large contingent of Hermiston students and Bulldog fans filled up the bleachers.

Harshberger said that they scheduled the game at 3:30 p.m. in hopes of attracting a big student crowd and he was happy to see it worked.

“It was awesome. The question of when do we play (this game) and I said not until school’s out,” he said. “The administration stepped up, they got kids out early and (the kids) stepped up, they showed up and it was awesome to have that community support behind us.”

Hermiston will now travel to play No. 2 seed Woodburn on Saturday. It will be the second straight year the two schools meet in the quarterfinals, with Hermiston looking for redemption following Woodburn’s 2-1 win at Kennison Stadium in 2015.

AHS	1	0	-	1
HHS	0	5	-	5
Goals				
7' — AHS Ian Rinefort (1-0)				
52' — HHS Gio Madrigal (1-1)				
63' — HHS Isaac Munoz (2-1)				
65' — HHS Esgar Avila (3-1)				
67' — HHS Freddy Rodriguez (4-1)				
77' — HHS Miguel Hoyas (5-1)				



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Isaac Munoz-Ortega shoots the ball for a goal in front of Ashland's Kip Parowski in the Bulldogs' 5-1 Grizzlies on Wednesday in Hermiston.

PIRATES: Riverside hosts No. 5 Gervais on Saturday

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couldn't keep stonewalling their best shooters for much longer, and junior Miseal Madrigal had him beat in the 42nd minute but hit the far post with his shot from six yards. He quickly made up for it, though, and after stealing the ball from a Pioneer defender, lofted a shot in from 20 yards out for the 2-0 lead.

Riverside added its third goal in the 51st minute on a penalty kick. Freshman Ulises Lopez stole the ball and took off for the net only to be tripped up from behind at the edge the penalty box. Senior Bryan Altamirano stepped in to take the shot and hit an open net when Webster dove the wrong direction.

"I was already going up to kick it, and I always see where (the goalie) looks," said Altamirano of his first career playoff goal. "And so I was just like, 'I'm just going to kick it over here.'"

In the 53rd, junior Kevin Madrigal gathered a rebound in front of the net and delivered a low shot for a 4-0 lead, and Llamas capped the scoring in the 62nd minute



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Alejandro Llamas (10), of Riverside, takes a shot on goal as Daniel Gray (12), of Western Mennonite, tries to block during Wednesday's game in Boardman.

when he took a drop pass from Ivan Escobedo at the top of the box and laced a hard shot across the net into the upper corner for his 15th goal of the season.

Riverside finished with 28 shots, 19 on goal, and Webster ended the game with 14 saves.

With temperatures dropping quickly in the second half, several Pirates went down with cramps and a couple more left the game with what appeared to be minor injuries. Riverside

coach Francisco Velazquez said it could have been related to the three-day break he gave the team coming into the game, but it appeared everybody made it through healthy enough to play in their quarterfinal game against No. 5 Gervais (13-3).

The Cougars beat No. 12 Rogue River 8-4 on Wednesday to set up a game on Saturday in Boardman at a time that had yet to be determined at press.

The Pirates are 6-3 in their last nine quarterfinals appear-

ances, but have lost there the last two years.

"We've just got to play our hardest and do what we can do, get a win," Altamirano said.

"Keeping working hard like always," Llamas said. "We have a good team so just keep going."

WM/P	0	0	-	0
RHS	1	4	-	5
Goals				
4' — Alexis Cambero (unassisted)				
45' — Miseal Madrigal (unassisted)				
51' — Bryan Altamirano (penalty kick)				
53' — Kevin Madrigal (unassisted)				
62' — Alejandro Llamas (Ivan Escobedo)				
Saves — WM/P Sean Webster 14; RHS Adolfo Bedolla 3.				

Boys Soccer Vikings, Pioneers eliminated in first round

East Oregonian

PORTLAND — Looking to pull off the state bracket's first big upset, the No. 15 Umatilla boys soccer team was throwing everything it had at No. 2 Portland Adventist Academy in their 3A/2A/1A game on Wednesday.

The Cougars were able to outlast the Vikings, though, and added four goals in the second half to pull away for a 5-1 win.

Umatilla's only goal came on a penalty kick by Diego Saldana in the 70th minute.

"In the second half the fatigue in our players was obvious," said Umatilla coach Pedro Ortiz, "and we ended up making mistakes that cost us four goals."

Portland Adventist (11-4) led 1-0 at halftime after a free kick deflected off a Umatilla (7-5-2) defender and into the net in the 38th minute.

"It was a tough, even first half for both teams," Ortiz

said. "Both teams had a couple opportunities on goal."

The Cougars will play No. 10 Taft in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

Umatilla ended its season in the first round for the seventh year in a row.

MADRAS 3, MAC-HI 2 — At Madras, No. 4 Madras narrowly avoided an upset and held off No. 13 Mac-Hi in their 4A boys soccer first round playoff game on Wednesday.

Madras (12-2) took a 2-0 lead into the locker rooms at halftime, but Mac-Hi (8-7-1) made things interesting with a pair of goals after the break. No other details were reported.

Madras will host No. 5 La Grande on Saturday in the quarterfinals.

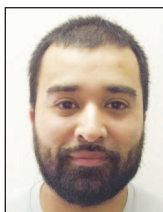
Mac-Hi finished its season in the playoffs for the 14th year in a row.

M-H	0	2	-	2
MHS	2	1	-	3

PIGSKIN PICKERS

Week 9

Overall:
Last Week:
Hermiston at St. Helens:
Gold Beach at Heppner:
Cent. Linn at Stanfield :
Echo at N. Douglas:
Nebraska at Ohio St.:
Alabama at LSU:
Oregon at USC:
Eagles at Giants:
Saints at 49ers:
Broncos at Raiders:

									
Ron Gibbs	Clint Shoemaker	John Airoidi	Mario Ramirez	Kevin Fisher	Eric Singer	Mike Appleton	Mark Royal	Anna Aylett	Matt Entrup
56-24	55-25	53-27	52-28	50-30	50-30	49-31	48-32	48-32	44-36
8-2	10-0	8-2	6-4	5-5	7-3	6-4	5-5	8-2	8-2
Hermiston	Hermiston	St. Helens	Hermiston	St. Helens	Hermiston	Hermiston	St. Helens	Hermiston	Hermiston
Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner
Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield
North Douglas	North Douglas	North Douglas	North Douglas	North Douglas	North Douglas	North Douglas	North Douglas	North Douglas	Echo
Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	LSU
USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints	49ers	Saints	Saints	49ers
Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Raiders	Raiders	Broncos	Raiders

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