SPORTS

Prep Roundup Honkers downed in first round

Arlington hurt by turnovers in loss to Days Creek

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DAYS CREEK — Arlington's first playoff game in 32 years started well enough, but quickly spiraled out of control after a big kick return by Days Creek and rash of fumbles by the Honkers.

The Wolves held a four-touchdown lead at halftime and went on to win 56-12 on Saturday in the first round of the OSAA 1A football playoffs.

No. 13 Arlington (6-3) finished with five turnovers, and was no match for a No. 4 Days Creek (8-2) team hungry for a playoff win after two-straight first round exits.

The Wolves scored on their first drive, then held Arlington to three-and-out and added another touchdown to lead 14-0.

Arlington responded, though, and after some tough running by senior Calvin Davis, quarterback Anthony Valdez found Tyler Longacre for a 16-yard touchdown to cut the lead to 14-6 with less than a minute in the first quarter.

Kameron Stever sucked away their momentum on the ensuing kickoff, returning it 82 yards for a touchdown.

The Honkers then beat themselves with four fumbles in the second quarter that led to two Days Creek touchdowns and a 34-6 halftime deficit.

The Wolves went for the kill to start the second half, and recovered an onside kick before driving for another touchdown. Stever added another touchdown return, this time of 79 yards, in the fourth quarter.

Arlington scored its

10-yard run by Davis that made it 48-12 in the fourth quarter.

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 3rd Quarter

 DC — K. Stever 11 pass from Fuller (run failed), 40-6

 DC — C. Fuller 45 run (conversion good), 48-6

4th Quarter AHS — C. Davis 10 run (pass failed), 48-12 DC — K. Stever 79 kickoff return (J. Hols-claw pass from G. Wentland), 56-12

NORTH DOUGLAS 50, ECHO 28 — At Sutherlin, the Echo Cougars couldn't dig out of an early hole and were eliminated from the 1A postseason by the North Douglas Warriors on Friday. An interception return for

a touchdown by Tazz Dill, then two recovered onside kicks that led to touchdowns by Dominic Aguilar put No. 3 North Douglas (10-1) up 20-0 before No. 14 Echo (5-4) had picked up a first down.

Warriors tackle Walker Woolley was effective in disrupting the Cougars' rushing attack, which finished with just 87 yards, but quarterback Devan Craig was able to get the Cougars moving through the air and finished 9-of-14 for 206 vards with four touchdowns and two interceptions.

Klay Jensen had four catches for 112 yards and three touchdowns, and Damian Curiel had four catches for 89 yards and one touchdown.

Echo also created four turnovers on defense, but couldn't cut the lead any closer than when a 38-yard touchdown pass from Craig to Jensen on the last play of the first half made it 36-14.

North Douglas finished second touchdown on a with 415 yards of total

offense with 398 of those rushing.

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 Craig (Curiel pass from Craig), 50-28

VOLLEYBALL

CRANE 3, ARLINGTON 0 — At Redmond, the Honkers' run at the 1A volleyball state championships at Ridgeview High School ended in the consolation semifinals on Saturday morning with losses to No. 7 Crane of 25-15, 25-12, 25-18.

No. 3 Arlington (20-3) was making its first appearance at the tournament's final site since 1987, and had lost iust once coming in.

Their second loss of the season was a heart-breaker when No. 11 Adrian bumped them into the consolation bracket in five sets 25-14, 20-25, 27-25, 21-25, 15-8 on Friday.

Crane went on to claim fourth place with a three-set win over Hosanna Christian 25-21, 25-14, 25-15. Adrian was third with a five-set win over Crosshill Christian 21-25, 17-25, 25-23, 27-25, 15-11. Country Christian beat North Douglas for the championship in four 25-17, 20-25, 25-20, 25-21.

CROSS COUNTRY

3A/2A/1A BOYS — At Eugene, Weston-McEwen senior Hayden Scott ran his second-fastest race of the season to earn his secondstraight podium finish at the 3A/2A/1A boys cross country state championships on Saturday at Lane Community College.

Scott complete the 5K in 16:32 to place sixth, and the runner he beat for the district title, Union sophomore Tim Stevens, won the state title over Jefferson junior Hassan Ibrahim in a photo finish in 16:10.

Scott was third at the state finals as a junior.

Heppner sophomore Hunter Nichols finished 15th in his first state meet in a time of 17:19 that was his third fastest race of the season.

Bandon won the team title with 82 points.

5A BOYS — At Eugene, Hermiston junior Isaac Sanchez continued his climb up the 5A ranks with a 32nd-place finish at the 5A boys cross country state championships at Lane Community College.

It was his third-straight season competing in the state finals, and a 17-place improvement over his finish as a sophomore.

Sanchez crossed the finish line in 17:02 after a hard sprint in which he just edged The Dalles' Ezekiel Stelzer.

Crater junior Andy Monroe won in 15:21, and Crater scored 32 points to beat Summit for the team title by nine.

5A GIRLS — At Eugene, Hermiston junior Melany Solorio ran in her second 5A girls cross country state championship on Saturday at Lane Community College, finishing 61st overall with a time of 21:19.

Summit swept the top three spots, and senior Olivia Brooks won the title in 17:45 with her nearest teammate 43 seconds behind her. Summit scored 23 points and was the only team with less than 100.



Seattle Seahawks tight end Jimmy Graham (88) makes a one-handed catch for a touchdown with coverage from Buffalo Bills strong safety Robert Blanton, right, in the first half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 7, 2016, in Seattle.

SEAHAWKS:

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quarter and later used the same arm to cradle an 18-yard TD pass in the final moments of the first half.

But the Seahawks had to hold on in the final seconds as Buffalo quarterback Tyrod Taylor led the Bills inside the Seattle 10 in the final seconds. Taylor was sacked by Cliff Avril on third-and-goal from the 8 and on fourth-and-goal Taylor's pass into the end zone fell incomplete.

Buffalo would not have needed a touchdown if not for mistakes by the officiating crew at the end of the first half that cost the Bills a chance at a shorter field goal. Dan Carpenter eventually missed a 54-yard attempt on the final play of the half, only after Seattle's Sherman got Richard away with an unnecessary roughness penalty that wasn't called and a delay of game caused in part by the officiating crew standing over the ball.

NFL head of officiating Dean Blandino tweeted during the game that Walt Coleman's crew did not make the correct call.

Graham caught all eight of his targets for 103 yards. It was his third 100-yard

receiving game of the season. Wilson was 20 of 26 passing for 282 yards.

Wilson and Christine Michael both added 3-yard touchdowns runs, but Seattle's run game was again absent. The Seahawks attempted just 12 running plays and wide receiver Tyler Lockett was Seattle's leading rusher taking a fly sweep 13 yards.

Buffalo lost its third straight to drop below .500, but it wasn't due to its quarterback.

Taylor was outstanding, nearly matching Wilson's performance, except for one miscommunication with a wide receiver that led to Sherman's end zone interception in the third quarter. Taylor threw for 289 yards. He kept plays alive with his legs and made smart reads and smart throws.

Robert Woods was his favorite target with 10 catches for a career-high 162 yards.

Buffalo got a dream start, with Jerry Hughes blocking a punt after Seattle went three-and-out to open the game and Taylor running untouched for a 3-yard TD on the next play for a quick 7-0 lead. It was Buffalo's first blocked punt since 2014.

MUSTANGS: Varisty defense limits Gold Beach to 72 total yards

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big beneficiary of the line's play as he carried the ball just five times but ended up with 192 rushing yards and four touchdowns. His only non-touchdown carry was a four-yard gain in the second

getting into the end zone on a one-yard Dougherty plunge for an 8-0 lead with three minutes expired.

Dougherty also had a strong game for Heppner, carrying the ball 13 times for 117 yards and three touchdowns.



fumble. The cash-in play was a 19-yard touchdown pass that cut the score to 49-6. The Panthers scored twice more on touchdown passes in the second half, a 60-yarder and a nine-yarder.

After a quick score for Heppner to start the second for the fifth straight year, half, Grant felt confident enough to pull his starters on both sides for the ball and played the junior varsity for all but the first two minutes of the second half. Grant says that he was happy to get the freshmen and sophomores a chance to experience some postseason football.

out there and have some fun and play on a Saturday afternoon in November and play football in front of the home crowd. Those are memories that last forever."

The win moves Heppner onto the state quarterfinals where it will host No. 5 Grant Union next weekend at Les Payne Field. The Mustangs and Prospectors met in Heppner during Week 2 that ended with a 36-20 win for Heppner.

quarter.

"The line was unbelievable," Grieb said. "In the playoffs every year our line seems to take another step and props to them.'

Heppner showed its dominance up front from the start, holding Gold Beach (6-4) to minus-one yard of offense on its opening drive and then blocked the ensuing punt to give the Mustang offense the ball at the Panther 17. After that, Heppner needed just three plays — all runs by Coby Dougherty — before

The Mustangs scored six more touchdowns in the first half, the final one being a 35-yard scamper by Beau Wolters on 4th-and-2, and the team averaged more than 39 yards on each of those six touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the ball, Heppner held Gold Beach to 182 total yards -110 of which came against the JV squad in the second half — and forced three turnovers. Grant believes that shutting down the Panthers' offense early in the game was

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Heppner football players descend on Gold Beach quar-terback Taylor Mather (10) during Saturday's state playoff game in Heppner.

a big key for Heppner. "I think they were discouraged after we stuffed them on the first two series defensively," Grant said. "I think if they (Gold Beach) could've moved the ball and chunked away it could've

been a lot different for them. We definitely prepared for their best and it showed, we were ready."

Gold Beach's first score happened just before time expired in the second quarter, capitalizing on a Heppner

"I was upset we gave up that touchdown before halftime because I wanted to start the second half with those younger guys and give them some looks," Grant said. "It's exciting that they get to go

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 Statistics
 PASSING
 68: T. Mather 9-16-1, 131
 yds, 3TD; Y. Rangel 2-4, 12 yds. HHS: K.

 Grant 1-4, 11 yds; K. Smith 1-1, 6 yds.
 RUSHING
 6B: A. Williams 13-38; G.

 Rangel 11-22; T. Mather 4-(-16); Y. Rangel 3-(-14); T. Walker 1-7. HHS: C. Dougherty 13-117, 3TD; L. Grieb 5-192, 4TD; M. Lehman 5-14; B. Wolters 2-41, TD: K. Smith 2-(-16); N. Martins 1-(-4).

N. Martins 1-(-4). **RECEIVING** — GB: Z. Denney 2-69, 2 TD; T. Bright 4-41; Y. Rangel 2-25, TD; 2-6. HHS: N. Martins 1-11; B. Wolters 1-6.

PIRATES: Play No.1 Catlin Gabel in semifinals

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"My defense, they're the best," Bedolla said. "I'm only here when they need me. There's only like a few games where they needed me and I'm OK with that if it gets us the win."

The Pirates (12-3-1) added their insurance goal in the 36th minute when Madrigal out-jumped his defender and headed a corner kick from Quincy Castillo into the backside corner of the net.

"From the previous corners I had always recognized that Quincy would always send it to the second post, so I said I'm going to go for the second post and luckily it turned up there," Madrigal said.

Gervais (13-4) came out pushing the tempo in the second half but still couldn't break through Riverside's back line. The Pirates waited them out, then took over in the final 20 minutes when the Cougars began wearing down.

"They have spirit, we could tell they had that fire in them, and (Coach Francisco Velazquez) told us, 'If we let them take advantage of us they're going to score and tie it up," Olvera said. "We're constantly running in practice, and our coach just stresses a lot about endurance in the game. The more we



Staff photo by Matt Entrup

Riverside's Luis Olvera (9) battles Gervais' Alex Isiordia for control of the ball during Saturday's 3A/2A/1A boys soccer state quarterfinals game in Boardman. Riverside won 2-0.

run we're going to outrun the other team. ... I guess all those hours in practice and all that sweat paid off in the end."

The Pirates had 30 shots to Gervais' five, and Riverside had chances to extend the lead in the 54th, 56th, 58th and 60th minutes but either shot just wide or off the framework each time.

"We can't have those, any chances we get we need to make them," said Madrigal, who had one of the near misses on a rebound.

The No. 4 Pirates will advance to the state semifinals for the second time in four season, where they will play No. 1 Catlin Gabel on Tuesday in Portland at 5 p.m. The teams met earlier this season, which ended in a 0-0 tie on Sept. 10.

"Catlin Gabel's going to be a really tough team, and we've got to capitalize on everything our else they're going to score on us and it'll be the end of us," Olvera said. "It's going to be really difficult getting through their defense, but the slightest mistake, we'll take advantage of it."

GHS RHS Goals 0 0 2'— Luis Olvera (Alejandro Llamas) 36'— Miseal Madrigal (Quincy Castillo) Saves — GHS Ivan Borja 6; RHS Adolfo Bedolla 2. Yellow Cards — GHS Daniel Gray

TIGERSCOTS: Three make All-Tourney

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The second set is where things got interesting. This time it was Imbler that started fast as the Panthers jumped to a 7-3 lead and forced White to call a timeout to settle his team. Finifrock said that the message in the huddle was brief.

"Pretty much just refocus keep fighting and to do this for each other," she said. "We're here for a reason so let's play like it."

After the timeout, the TigerScots hit a groove. With Finifrock serving, the team scored eight straight points — three on kills by von Borstel — to run to a 11-8 lead. After that the TigerScots never relinquished that cushion and coasted to the 25-16 win.

And then in the third set, Imbler turned in its best performance of the night. The Panthers stayed right with the TigerScots through the first half of the set, playing to a 9-9 tie before Weston-McEwen gained some momentum and turned the tie into a 14-11 lead.

From that point on it was a back-and-forth match with the teams trading runs with Weston-McEwen inching closer and closer. The Tiger-Scots eventually held a 23-18

lead and were just two points away from the title when Imbler made a last-ditch effort and scored threestraight to cut it to 23-21 and force a TigerScot timeout.

But Imbler's comeback hopes crumbled to the ground just a few minutes later when von Borstel smashed a set from Bryce Thul past the Panther defense to the ground for the title-clinching point, sending off a roaring cheer from the TigerScot faithful that made the four-plus hour trip.

"It was just a moment of pure joy," Finifrock said.

The road to the state title was a tough one for the TigerScots, as they had to endure one of the toughest non-league schedules in the state and a competitive Columbia Basin Conference slate to even earn a spot into the playoffs.

To fight through struggles with errors and confidence and one of the most difficult schedules, it really makes it sweet," White said. "We had to make huge amounts of improvement and just had to keep fighting and the girls did.'

In the regular season, Weston-McEwen faced Imbler three times and lost all three by a combined set score of 8-2. The TigerScots also

played the No. 1 seed Culver team — who they beat in the semifinals on Friday — three times in the regular season and lost all three as well by a combined set score of 9-3. Finifrock said that beating those two teams to win the championship makes it even more rewarding.

"They are both such great teams and if you want to win you want to be able to beat the best teams," she said, "and we were able to do that.7

ALL-TOURNAMENT

In addition to bringing home state champion hardware, three TigerScot players also took home all-tournament honors.

Senior outside hitters Sara von Borstel and Sarah Finifrock were named to First Team all-tournament, while senior setter Ali Schroeder was named to Second Team.

"It's amazing and such a great feeling to share it with my teammates," Finifrock said of the honor.

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MB Statistics KILLS — W-M: S. von Borstel 12, A. Finifrock 9, A. Finifrock 3, A. Schroeder 2, T. Benedict 1, M. Muilenburg 1, H. Weaver 1. ASSISTS — W-M: A. Schroeder 13, B. Thul 10, C. Quaempts 2, M. Muilenburg 1. DIGS — W-M: C. Quaempts 11, S. Finifrock 10, A. Schroeder 7, B. Thul 5, T. Benedict 4, B. Hillmick 4, S. von Borstel 3, H. Weaver 2, A. Finifrock 1. ACES — W-M: B. Thul 2, B. Hillmick 2, S. Finifrock 2, C. Quaempts 1. Weaver 1.