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# TigerScots tear to title

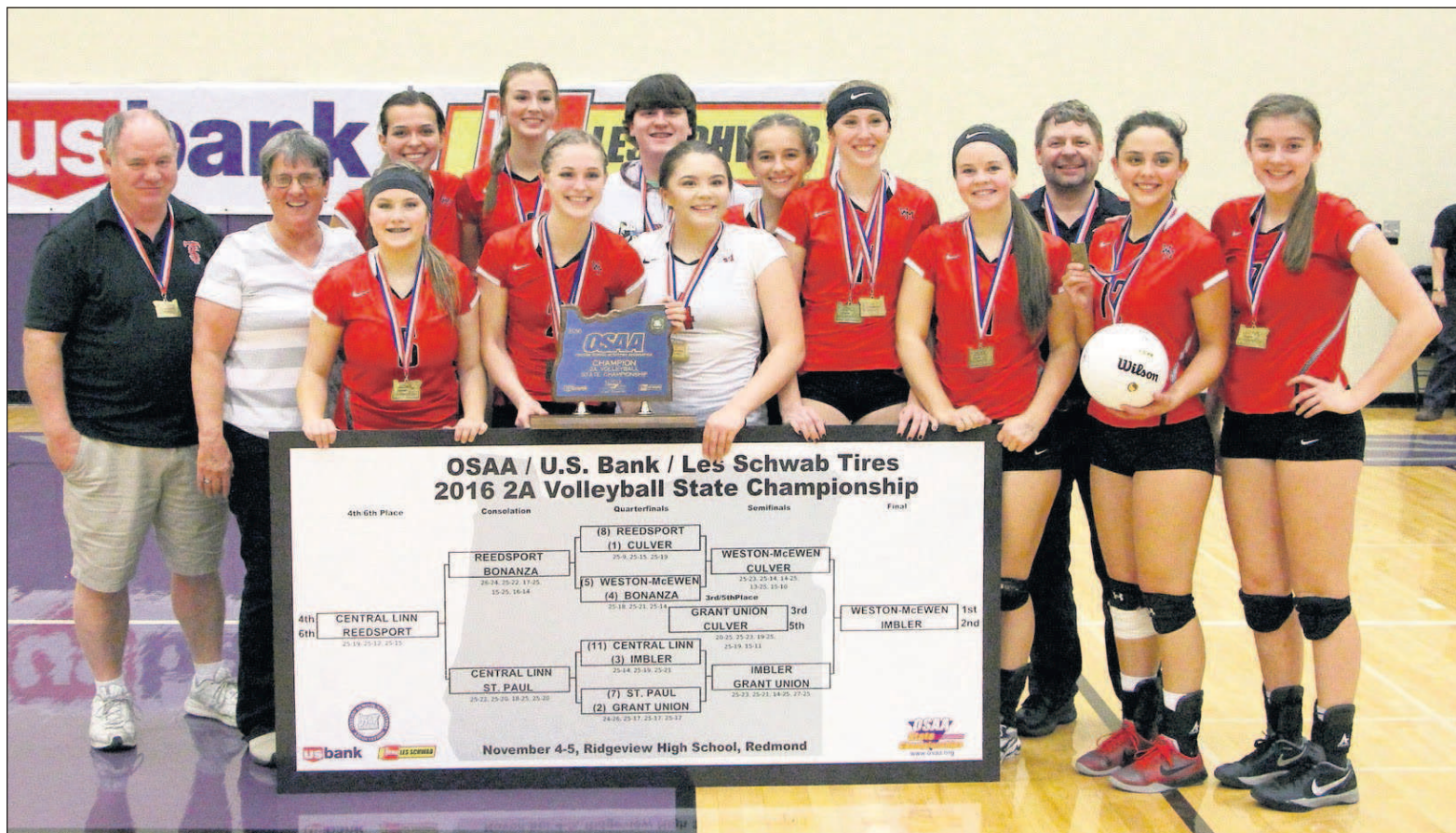


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The Weston-McEwen volleyball team poses with its state championship trophy and the 2A volleyball final bracket after beating Imbler in the final match on Saturday night at Ridgeview High School in Redmond. It was the third championship in program history.

## Weston-McEwen sweeps Imbler for third state championship

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REDMOND — For the third time in school history, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots are 2A volleyball state champions.

The No. 5 seed TigerScots knocked off the No. 3 seed Imbler Panthers in three sets 25-19, 25-16, and 25-22 on Saturday night at Ridgeview High School to capture their first state championship since 2010.

“It feels amazing,” Weston-McEwen senior Sarah Finifrock said. “I love my team so much and I’m so proud to be a TigerScot.”

“This one is really sweet,” Weston-McEwen

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— Shawn White,

Weston-McEwen volleyball coach after his team beat Imbler 25-19, 25-16, 25-22 to win the program’s third 2A state championship.

coach Shawn White added.

Sara von Borstel was named Player of the Match for Weston-McEwen after she tallied a team-high 12 kills in the match, while fellow senior Finifrock was close behind with nine kills and also added 10 digs. White said he was

very proud of the effort those two put forth in the match.

“They both played like champions,” he said. “We’ve relied on those two a lot throughout the year and they were there when we needed them tonight.”

Weston-McEwen (23-11) got off to a great start in the championship as it coupled some solid hits with some Imbler (28-5) errors to take seven of the first 10 points. The Panthers then responded with a run to cut the deficit to 9-7 but could never get any closer as the TigerScots held on for the first set victory.

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## NFL Seahawks hold off Buffalo

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press



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Seattle  
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SEATTLE — Jimmy Graham needed only one hand to catch two first-half touchdown passes from Russell Wilson, and the Seattle Seahawks held off a late rally for a 31-25 win over the Buffalo Bills on Monday night.

Seattle won its 11th straight Monday night game behind a huge game from its tight end.

Still less than a year removed from a major knee injury, Graham used his right arm to catch a 17-yard touchdown from Wilson on the first play of the

See SEAHAWKS/2B

## BOARDMAN

# Pirates strike fast, advance to semifinals

Riverside defense extends shutout streak against Gervais

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

Riverside jumped out to another early lead in Saturday’s boys soccer state quarterfinals against Gervais, and the defense posted its eighth-straight shutout to lift the Pirates to a 2-0 victory.

The Pirates took the lead for good in the second minute when Luis Olvera tracked down a long pass from Alejandro Llamas inside the penalty box and beat Gervais goalkeeper Ivan Borja with the first shot of the game.

“It was a great pass, right behind the defender and I was able to just tap it in,” Olvera said.

It was the second straight playoff game in which the Pirates took the early lead after scoring in the fourth minute of their 5-0 first-round win over Western Menonite.

“That’s definitely a morale booster to get that first goal,” said Riverside junior Miscal Madrigal.

The Cougars pushed back and found themselves in front of Riverside’s goal several times during the game, but couldn’t get off any clean shots as Riverside senior goal keeper Adolfo Bedolla needed just two saves to notch his 11th shutout of the season.

See PIRATES/2B

## HEPPNER

# Mustangs show maturation in first round victory

Heppner runs over Gold Beach to open title defense

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

The Heppner Mustangs knew the road to defend their 2A state championship would not be an easy one in 2016.

The Mustangs returned all of four starters on offense and three on defense, and earning a playoff spot is never a given — even for a program as storied as Heppner. But through some ups and downs of the season Heppner showed gradual maturity and still earned a 6-2 record and a No. 4 seed in the state playoffs.

On a cool Saturday afternoon at Les Payne Field, the Mustangs took a big step toward their title defense with a 55-20 victory over the Gold Beach Panthers in a first round playoff game.

“After losing all those guys last year we didn’t really know what we were going to be this year but I think we really found our identity this game,” Heppner senior Logan Grieb said. “(The young guys) stepped up big, being in their first playoff game.



Heppner running back Coby Dougherty (24) looks for an opening during Saturday’s state playoff football game in Heppner against Gold Beach.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

I’m sure most of them were nervous but you couldn’t really tell after that first snap.”

“I think if you saw us play in St. Paul (Week 1) and saw us play today you’d have seen two distinctly different teams,” Heppner coach Greg Grant added. “I had hoped to have that maturation take place and I think that it says a lot about the kids, they’ve

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Gold Beach  
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Heppner  
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really worked hard and it’s paying off.”

Heppner (7-2) dominated every facet of the game on Saturday, and it all started with its trench play. On offense, Heppner ran a mere 14 plays from scrimmage in the first half with seven of those resulting in rushing touchdowns as the offensive line paved gaping holes.

“I thought this was their best game of the year,” Grant said of the offensive line. “They’re really coming together and communicating and understand what they’re doing ... they’re telling me what to run and not me telling them and that’s what you want to have this time of year, it shows they really understand.”

Grieb, who has been Heppner’s big-play guy all season, was a

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## Sports shorts

### No. 4 Huskies lose DE for season

SEATTLE (AP) — No. 4 Washington will be without its best edge pass rusher for the rest of the season, no matter how long the season lasts.

Washington defensive end Joe Mathis will miss the rest of the season after it was determined surgery was the best way to repair a foot injury suffered a few weeks ago, coach Chris Petersen said Monday.

Mathis had been rehabbing the foot in the hopes that a non-surgical treatment could get him back on the field toward the end of the regular season or potentially the postseason.

Mathis’ injury is a huge blow to a defense that has been having a standout season. Mathis led Washington with five sacks and was particularly disruptive in two of the Huskies’ more impressive victories, against Stanford and Oregon. Mathis had two sacks against the Cardinal and had three tackles for loss against the Ducks.



Mathis

“No one would have expected what I have done the last few months. I don’t really know if it’s sunk in or not.”

— Andy Murray

British professional tennis player after beating American John Isner 6-3, 6-7 (4), 6-4 to win the Paris Open and overtake Novak Djokovic as the No. 1 ranked men’s player in the world. It is the first time Murray, 29, has held the top ranking.

### Finalists announced for MVP

NEW YORK (AP) — Fresh off leading the Chicago Cubs to their first World Series title in more than a century, slugger Kris Bryant could soon be hoisting more hardware.

Bryant is among the top three vote-getters for the NL MVP award aseason after he was the NL Rookie of the Year. Bryant hit 39 home runs with 102 RBIs while batting .292. The third baseman also scored a league-high 121 runs.

Washington second baseman Daniel Murphy, who batted .347 for the NL East champions, and Dodgers rookie shortstop Corey Seager also are up for NL MVP.

AL batting champion Jose Altuve of Houston, 2014 winner Mike Trout of the Angels and Boston outfielder Mookie Betts are the AL finalists. The MVPs will be announced Nov. 17 on MLB Network.



## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1952 — Maurice Richard of the Montreal Canadiens becomes the NHL’s leading career goal scorer with his 325th in a 6-4 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks.

1986 — Tulsa’s Steve Gage is the first quarterback to rush and pass for 200 yards in a game. Gage rushes for 212 and passes for 209 in a 34-27 triumph over New Mexico.

2003 — John Gagliardi becomes college football’s career victory leader when St. John’s rallies to beat Bethel 29-26. Gagliardi, in his 55th season and his 51st at the Minnesota school, gets his 409th victory, passing Eddie Robinson, who retired in 1997 after winning 408 games at Grambling.

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