

# DESTINATION: Only loss came to Washington's La Center

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Salas said at the time.

## Week 3: Tigers 41, Grant Union 20

The Tigers overcame a slow start that saw them up 13-0 at halftime to post another 400-yard rushing effort behind great blocking from the offensive line.

Monkus had his second-straight 200-yard game, and finished with 223 yards on 14 runs, and found the end zone four times. "He's just a very patient runner who doesn't push and stays behind his blockers," Stanfield coach Davie Salas said after the game. "Then when the holes open up he sees the field so well and is aggressive and finds the cutbacks and then just gets out and runs."

## Week 4: Tigers 20, Regis 14

The Tigers came up big on fourth down to edge out the win and head into conference play at 4-0.

Facing 4th-and-goal late in the fourth quarter, Grogan was wrapped up short of the end zone, but flipped the ball to Monkus on a designed option and the Tigers converted the two-point conversion to regain the lead.

Regis responded by marching down the field to Stanfield's four, where it would face its own 4th-and-goal after three runs went for no gain. A fourth-straight run was stuffed at the line, and the Tigers were able to run out the clock for the win.

"Two of the top teams in the state battled it out," Salas said. "Those kids played their butts off tonight on both sides."

Stanfield was held to 288 yards on offense with Monkus limited to 74 yards on 16 carries. He scored twice and Renner added the other touchdown. Grogan was 6-of-10 for 133 yards with one interception, and Justin Shelby had a key 35-yard catch to set up the Tigers' final score.

## Week 5: Tigers 62, Culver 21

Stanfield opened the Columbia Basin Conference schedule with a home blowout that featured touchdowns from five different players.

The running game got back to its typical dominance with 401 yards, led by Monkus (eight carries, 149 yards, 3 TDs) and Renner (4-103, TD).

"We just stuck to what we do best and that's run the ball," Salas said following the win. "We were patient and we ran great between the



In this Oct. 21, 2016 photo, Stanfield's Hunter Barnes and Justin Shelby bring down Heppner's Coby Dougherty as Wyatt Steagall (64) gets in on the play in the Tigers' 14-0 win against the Mustangs in Heppner.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

tackles ... Culver tried to stack the box, but we just wore them down in the second half."

## Week 6: Tigers 74, Weston-McEwen 26

Stanfield pushed its record to 6-0 with the runaway win in Athena, tallying 428 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns.

Four of Monkus' 10 carries went for scores and he finished with 105 yards. Renner had just five touches but added two touchdowns and 106 yards, and Grogan totaled 326 yards (150 rushing) and four touchdowns (one rushing, three passing).

"Kind of some nasty field out there today, but they able to keep their feet and get into the end zone, slow and steady," Salas said at the time. "Everybody's running the ball hard, the line's blocking good and we're trying to keep everybody healthy because we're short on numbers, so we're getting everybody carries."

## Week 7: La Center 28, Tigers 6

Stanfield filled the hole left in its schedule by Irrigon's move to 3A with a tough road game in La Center, Washington, that would be their only loss of the regular season.

The Tigers scored their only points in the first quarter, and were limited to a season-low 232 total yards of offense.

"La Center is a very good football team, and they were able to stop our run game," Salas said. "It was just one of those days."

La Center is playing in the WIAA 1A state semifinals on Saturday.

## Week 8: Tigers 14, Heppner 0

Stanfield wrapped up its first league title on the gridiron since their state-title season of 1957 with the win in Heppner.

The Tigers scored on their second possession when Grogan hit Brody Woods on a 30-yard touchdown pass, and the defense made the lead stick from there.

"It's been a long time coming for the town of Stanfield and these kids," Salas said. "All the hard work is paying off and we're heading in the right direction this season."

Grogan completed 13-of-20 passes for 175 yards with Woods hauling in six catches for 97 yards.

Monkus topped the millennium mark for rushing in the game with 48 yards to put him up to 1,046 for the season.

## Week 9: Tigers 54, Pilot Rock 12

Stanfield closed out the regular season 5-0 at home with Grogan leading the way again on offense with 337 total yards (200 passing, 137 rushing) and two total touchdowns.

Woods topped his game from the

week prior with six catches for 147 yards and a score, and Blankenship rumbled for 116 yards on seven rushes. Monkus sat out the game with minor bumps and bruises due to a coach's decision.

"It's been fun," Salas said of the season to that point. "I told the kids at the beginning of the year I wanted to ride this season as long as we can and we got a good start."

## State 1st Round: Tigers 49, Central Linn 14

Hosting its first playoff game since 1957, the Tigers shook off their pre-game collywobbles to pound out 668 yards (481 rushing) on the visiting Cobras.

Grogan had a busy night going for 223 yards on 16 carries and completing 9-of-14 passes for 187 yards. He had two scores each rushing and passing. Monkus added 166 yards and two TDs on 16 runs, and Woods had five catches for 99 yards and one TD.

"We knew when we were watching film (of Central Linn) and saw the (big guys) we just thought 'Well, we'll have to do the best we can' and those guys did it," Grogan said of his offensive line. "The holes were huge for us to run through and it was nice."

## State Quarterfinals: Tigers 13,

## Santiam 0

With a heavy fog hanging over Horyna Athletic Complex, the Tigers moved to 7-0 at home in what would be their final game in Stanfield this season.

Defensive stops and takeaways played a huge role in the win as the Wolverines looked to control the clock with a plodding rushing attack, and were able to limit Stanfield to two possessions in the first half.

The second one went for a score, though, as Grogan stretched it in from two yards out on fourth down with two seconds left in the first half.

The defense then held on for its second shutout while holding Santiam to 190 total yards. Monkus finished with 103 yards on 14 carries, and Stanfield managed 300 total for the game.

## State Semifinals: Tigers 32, Kennedy 13

Stanfield benefited from another great game in the trenches to earn its long-awaited return to the state finals.

The offensive and defensive lines dominated, and the Tigers totaled 373 yards (254 rushing, 119 passing) while holding Kennedy to 236 (143 rushing, 93 passing).

"Defense won the game," Salas said after the game, which was played at Liberty High in Hillsboro. "I mean 13 points to an explosive team that was dominating everybody, putting teams down. I knew we had our work cut out for us but I knew that if we followed our game plan we'd be fine and it went our way."

Salas said Monkus' play at linebacker was key to stopping the Trojans' rushing, and the senior Tiger rushed for two touchdowns and 138 yards on 17 carries on offense, and added seven catches for 46 yards.

## Regis Rams (10-2) game-by-game

Week 1: Rams 14, Blanchet Cath. 13

Week 2: Dayton 16, Rams 13

Week 3: Rams 48, Knappa 0

Week 4: Stanfield 20, Rams 14

Week 5: Rams 15, Kennedy 7

Week 6: Rams 36, Oakland 0

Week 7: Rams 41, Central Linn 0

Week 8: Rams 35, Santiam 0

Week 9: Rams 27, St. Paul 7

State Rnd 1: Rams 42, Monroe 20

State QFs: Rams 50, St. Paul 0

State SFs: Rams 27, Heppner 6

# TIGERS TITLE: Stanfield took just four plays to score first touchdown of game

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The following game recap by Jim Eardley ran in the Monday, Dec. 2, 1957 *East Oregonian* under the headline "Stanfield Wins State B Football Crown":

HERMISTON — Coach Gary Burton's Stanfield Tigers, who hadn't lost a football encounter in their last 25 outings, scored almost one point a minute here Saturday afternoon to blast the Powers Cruisers 46-0 and win the state class B championship that they shared last year.

In racking up their third 46-point showing this season, the Tigers were paced by a pair of swift, powerful backs and a sticky-fingered end.

Fullback John Gordon, quarterback John Houk, and end Norm Evans stole the show, although a hard-charging and stout defensive line made their chores easier.

Gordon, a 175-pound senior who moves like a tram-

poline artist; Houk, who was equally adept at packing the ball, blocking and on defense; and Evans, who makes the game look easy, accounted for all Stanfield's scoring.

Stanfield halfback Tom Stamate might have run the score even higher had not he become one of three players ejected during the hotly-contested, although lopsided, contest.

Stanfield wasted little time getting enough points on the scoreboard to assure the win. After end Walt Wolfe stole the ball on Powers' 33, the Tigers took only four plays to post six points. Only 5:56 was gone in the game when Gordon slanted off left tackle on an 8-yard TD run.

Powers refused to punt from its own 46 on fourth down, and when a pass fell incomplete, Stanfield took over. Five plays later Gordon drifted to his right, gave Houk time to casually sidle far to the left, then connected with a pass. Houk eluded a

tackler and went all the way on the 32-yard play that came 10:21 into the first canto.

## Eighth Scoreless Effort

The Tigers, who held their opponents scoreless for the eighth time this season, mixed an aerial attack with their ground game to punch paydirt three times in the second quarter and make coach Darwin Michaels' lads wish they'd never made the long jaunt to Umatilla county.

Five minutes into the frame Gordon bulled over the right side from three yards out. The play capped a 71-yard march that took just seven plays. Stamate was ejected for a fracas during the extra point try.

One minute and 57 seconds later Stanfield put its 25th point on the scoreboard. Evans' interception of Jim Adamek's pass from the Stanfield 45 and a runback to Powers' 2 set it up. Houk skirted right end for the TD and Gordon booted Stanfield's first extra point.

## Six TD's First Half

Stanfield's sixth touchdown came 10 seconds before the half. The Tigers went 74 yards in six plays. The clincher was Houk's 14-yard pass to Evans, who took the lob overhead with one hand at the goal line.

A similar play, this one from the Powers 5, scored for Stanfield 7:20 into the third period. The TD took nine plays and started from the Powers 49 when Gordon made one of seven interceptions of Powers passes.

Another interception started Stanfield on the way to its last TD. Houk made this grab when the ball bounced out of the receiver's hands at the Powers 32. Eight plays later — on the first skirmish of the fourth quarter — Houk flipped a one-yard pass to Evans.

## Punk Smith Contained

Powers' only serious threat was in the fourth quarter. The game ended with Powers on the Tigers 6. The Cruisers' highly-touted halfback Francis

(Punk) Smith carried the ball 13 times but amassed only 20 yards. Halfback Ronald Woodring was Powers' outstanding back, gained 46 yards running in seven carries and catching a 20-yard pass.

Despite rain that pelted the field most of the second half, Gordon picked up 73 yards in 14 carries. Houk bagged 61 in 18 attempts and either Gordon, Houk or Evans was on the passing or receiving end of all Stanfield's pass completions.

An estimated 2500 fans saw the Tigers post their 418th point of the season while retaining to 19 the points scored against them while winning 11 and losing none. When the game ended Stanfield fans swarmed onto the field to congratulate coach and players alike, with Burton getting a ride off the gridiron on the shoulders of admirers.

A hastily organized dinner took place Saturday night at Stanfield restaurant owner

George Potts treated the team to a meal soon after arrival home from Hermiston.

Burton, a graduate of Eastern Oregon college and assistant to Stanfield coach Franz Haun last year, established the remarkable feat of gaining a state championship in his first year as head gridiron mentor. He went to Stanfield immediately after graduating from EOC.

Burton said Sunday: "I was very pleased with the team's showing. I honestly felt it was going to be our day after the first time we scored."

"Our defense was rigged to stop Smith's (Francis 'Punk') crisscrosses. We plugged the tackle holes with our line backers. Most of the yardage they (Powers) made was outside tackle. The team did an especially good job in stopping the Powers spread formation. Our line backers did a good job. They were thinking."

Powers	0	0	0	0
Stanfield	12	20	7	46

# BLAZERS: Harkless layup caps 8-0 run in 4th

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and Jrue Holiday's jumper. Portland responded with an 8-0 run, capped by Maurice Harkless' reverse layup that made it 113-101, and New Orleans couldn't catch up.

The Pelicans have rebounded after an eight-game losing streak to start the season and were coming off a 117-96 victory at home over the Timberwolves. But the win was costly because New Orleans lost Dante Cunningham in the first half because of a non-displaced right proximal fibula fracture. He will miss four to six weeks.

Cunningham, who started in 10 games this season, was averaging 5.6 points and 3.9 rebounds before the injury.

The four-game winning streak coincided with the return of Holiday, who missed the start of the season to care for his wife, Lauren Holiday, following the birth of their child and surgery to remove a tumor on the right side of his wife's brain. Lauren Holiday was a standout on the U.S. women's national soccer



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Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, right, shoots in front of New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis during the second half of an NBA basketball game on Friday in Portland.

team for eight years until her retirement last year.

Holiday finished with 16 points.

Portland, coming off a 137-125 loss in Cleveland, led by as many as eight points in the first quarter but New Orleans pulled in front by the second, taking a 38-32 lead on Holiday's 3-pointer. Portland reclaimed a 47-43 lead on consecutive baskets from Jake Layman and McCollum. McCollum led all scorers in the first half with 19

points and the Blazers led 66-57.

The Blazers went on an 8-0 run to open the third quarter, capped by McCollum's 3-pointer that made it 74-57. Meyers Leonard's dunk and Lillard's long 3-pointer extended Portland's lead to 94-78.

## TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: It was coach Terry Stotts' birthday. ... Mason Plumlee finished with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

# APPLE CUP: Huskies go for 386 yards in first half

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Browning tossed all three touchdown passes in the first 15 minutes, hitting Dante Pettis on plays of 18 and 61 yards and John Ross on a 6-yarder. Browning had 243 yards passing by halftime, the Huskies had 386 total yards at the break and even Washington State's third-quarter rally didn't make Washington sweat.

Washington tied a school record with the 28-point first quarter and the four straight over the Cougars (8-4, 7-2, No. 23 CFP) is the longest streak since the Huskies won six straight between 1998-2003.

"It's what we expected. We expected to be off to a fast start," Washington defensive lineman Elijah Qualls said. "That's what we worked on all week. We knew we could do it."

Browning completed 21 of 29 passes, becoming the third quarterback in Pac-12 history with at least 40 TD passes in a season. Ross had eight catches for 80 yards and his 16th TD catch of the season.

Washington State quarterback Luke Falk was 33 of 50 passing for 269 yards and a 9-yard TD pass to Gabe Marks in the third quarter, but was intercepted three times. More damaging, the Cougars were unable to score on three drives inside the Washington 10.

"I thought we were too quick to press. I thought we made more out of it than it was," Washington State coach Mike Leach said.

Eight years after this matchup was mocked because of how bad the two teams were, the Apple Cup was back on a stage of national relevance as the North title game and regarded by many fans as the most important matchup of the 109 meetings. It became a purple party for the Huskies that made the trip over the Cascade Mountains to the Palouse.

Lavon Coleman added 82 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns. His 15-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter capped a 98-yard drive and sent many clad in crimson back to the tailgating lots.

Washington rolled up 386 yards in the first half, 252

coming in the first quarter and capitalized on three mistakes by Washington State.

Jamal Morrow fumbled on Washington State's opening possession and eight plays later, Pettis caught an 18-yard touchdown and Washington had a 14-0 lead. Later in the half, Gerard Wicks was stopped at the 1 on fourth-and-goal on a great play by Benning Potoa'e. And on the final drive of the first half, Falk was intercepted by Beavers in the end zone.

Down 35-17, Washington State had a chance to pull within 11 late in the third quarter, but Wicks was again stuffed on fourth-and-goal.

"On offense, we weren't trying to do enough," Marks said. "We were soft."

## POLL IMPLICATIONS

Washington picked up another win over a ranked opponent that should impress voters and give the 1-loss Huskies a chance to leap Wisconsin and possibly the Ohio State-Michigan loser in both the AP Top 25 and the CFP rankings. Washington State is likely to fall out of the Top 25 after being ranked the past four weeks.