

Prep Football

Burns, Irrigon meet with 3A at-large qualifier on the line

East Oregonian

Nine weeks have come and went, and the final regular season football games will be played on Friday. Here's a look at the Class 1A, 2A and 3A match ups:

BURNS (4-4, 2-2) AT IRRIGON (4-3, 2-2), 7 P.M. — Irrigon was poised for a run at one of the two automatic berths in the Eastern Oregon League (EOL), but after two back-to-back losses the Knights will need to defend their turf if they want a chance at the at-large bid.

Irrigon was able to bounce back from last week with a 40-6 win over Umatilla on the road, and will host the Burns Hilanders on Friday.

Burns has stayed afloat in the EOL, trading big wins with close losses since the start of league play. The Hilanders efforts moved them to No. 14 in the OSAA rankings — just two places behind Irrigon. A win for Burns, and some mishaps with other high ranking teams, could put the Hilanders in contention for the final playoff spot.

NYSSA (6-0, 4-0) AT UMATILLA (4-4, 1-3), 7 P.M. — The Nyssa Bulldogs remain undefeated after their largest victory of the season last week, a 53-6 win at Riverside, and will travel to face Umatilla, which has struggled as of late.

The Vikings have not won a league game since their 44-16 victory over Riverside on Oct. 6. They were shut out by Vale (46-0) and struggled to get anything going when Irrigon

played them a visit last week, losing 40-6.

The Bulldogs postseason fate has already been sealed, now they are working toward their first undefeated regular season since 2013.

RIVERSIDE (2-5, 0-4) AT VALE (5-3, 3-1), 7 P.M. — Vale enter the contest with three consecutive wins, two of which were by more than 40 points, while Riverside has lost five straight. It's unlikely the last-place Pirates will be able to pick up their first league win against a dominant Viking squad.

Vale earned the final automatic playoff berth in the EOL, and will hope to avenge last year's Round 1 loss.

WESTON-MCEWEN (1-5, 0-2) AT CULVER (0-8, 0-2), 7 P.M. — Nothing has been going the Culver Bulldogs way this season, losing every game by three touchdowns or more. They will close out their season hosting another struggling Columbia Basin Conference (CBC) team, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

Both teams will be playing for a league win Friday.

CORBETT (2-5) AT HEPPNER (4-3) — This non-league match up will be a nice change of pace for the Heppner Mustangs, as they are coming of a 44-15 victory over Stanfield where they clinched the Class 2A Columbia Basin Conference title.

The Corbett Cardinals will make the three hour trip east after two consecutive losses where they allowed 35 points in each defeat.

MONROE (6-1) AT STANFIELD (2-4) — Stanfield can rest easy knowing its season will continue as the Tigers clinched the second of two playoff spots in the CBC, but will have no easy task when they host Monroe.

The Dragons are first in their league, Mountain View Conference, and are ranked No. 3 in Class 2A. They have won their past five games by holding teams to just two TDs or less.

ARLINGTON (5-3) AT PILOT ROCK (2-5) — The Arlington Honkers were dominate in the beginning of their season, going on a five-game winning streak where they scored 60 or more points in all but one game, where they still managed to blowout their opponents 57-0. But recently, they have had a tough go, and dropped games to Dufur (58-14) and Sherman (46-8) the past two weeks.

When the Pilot Rock Rockets host the Honkers on Friday, they will also be reeling from two tough losses.

HARPER CHARTER (3-3, 2-2) AT ECHO (6-2, 4-1) — In this league playoff game, the Echo Cougars enter with confidence after three consecutive wins. Meanwhile, the Harper Charter Hornets inched up to sixth place in league standings after a 74-3 win over Huntington.

The Cougars are hoping for a win to return to the state championship playoffs for the second consecutive season — a feat they haven't been able to accomplish since the 2010-11 seasons.

Pro Football

Texans' Watson faces big test Sunday at red-hot Seahawks

By TIM BOOTH Associated Press

SEATTLE — Deshaun Watson was brilliant against New England. He handled Tennessee and Cleveland, and only threw five touchdowns against Kansas City.

Watson has done all the Houston Texans could ask of him through the first five starts of his career.

For his next act, Watson will be asked to solve the best scoring defense in the NFL, featuring some of the best defensive backs of this generation in one of the loudest, most hostile road venues in the league.

"You play music and try to create noise, but you really can't prep yourself for it. You just have to wait until you get there Sunday and experience it," Watson said. "You can blast the music all you want, but that's not going to help you on Sunday. It's going to be way louder."

The biggest test thus far in Watson's rookie season arrives on Sunday when the Texans (3-3) travel to Seattle to face the surging Seahawks.

After a shaky start, Seattle (4-2) has won three straight — two of those on the road — and now gets four of the next six games



In this Sept. 24, 2017, file photo, Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) throws a pass against the New England Patriots.

at home with the only road trips being to Arizona and San Francisco.

And for as much respect as the Seahawks have for what Watson is accomplishing as a rookie, they're ready to introduce him to one of the league's premier defenses.

"He's poised. It's like (Carson) Wentz was last year when we played him. He doesn't always make the greatest decisions because he's a rookie. He's going to make mistakes. People make mistakes," Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman said. "But he's poised. He doesn't get rattled easily. The moment is not too big for him."

Watson is on pace for one of the best rookie seasons ever by a quarterback, especially considering he didn't start the opener. Watson's 15 TD passes are the most by a rookie in his team's first six games of a season.

Twelve of those have come in the past three games

where he's posted a 118.3 passer rating and tossed just two interceptions. He's the first rookie in league history with three straight games of three or more TD passes.

It's special what Watson has accomplished. Doing it against a caliber of opponent such as Seattle would be a significant next step.

"It doesn't take long to see how versatile he is, the dynamic player that he is," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "... There's nothing he can't do. He's doing it all and he's making marvelous throws and these tight window throws, all across the board from the top down. He can do it all so they've got to be just thrilled they have him."

Seattle has a pretty good quarterback of its own, one with many of the same attributes as Watson. It's no wonder that Russell Wilson is regularly included in the clips Houston coach Bill O'Brien shows his quarterbacks each week.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday
Hermiston at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Burns at Irrigon, 7 p.m.
Nyssa at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Riverside at Vale, 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Culver, 7 p.m.
Corbett at Heppner, 7 p.m.
Arlington at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.
Monroe at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Harper Charter at Echo, 6 p.m.

Saturday
No. 9 Heppner at No. 8 Reedsport (2A first round), Noon
No. 12 Pendleton at No. 5 Sandy (5A first round), 4:30 p.m.
Echo vs. TBD (1A second round), TBD
Helix vs. TBD (1A second round), TBD

PREP BOYS SOCCER
Nyssa at Umatilla, 3:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Riverside, 4 p.m.

Saturday
Catin Gabel at Riverside, 3 p.m.
Milwaukie at Hermiston, 7 p.m. (5A Play-in)

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Friday
Nyssa at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Riverside at Vale, 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Culver, 7 p.m.
Corbett at Heppner, 7 p.m.
Arlington at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.
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PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Friday
Irrigon at Riverside, 4 p.m.
Nyssa at Umatilla, 5 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Friday
Heppner, Helix, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen, Umatilla at Districts (Pendleton Community Park, 3 p.m.)

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Friday
BMCC at Treasure Valley, 6 p.m.
EOU at Corban, 7 p.m.

Saturday
EOU at Northwest Christian, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday
Northwest Christian at EOU, 11:30 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Friday
Northwest Christian at EOU, 2 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday
College of Idaho at EOU, 1 p.m.

Baseball

MLB POSTSEASON

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All Games Televised by Fox

L.A. Dodgers 1, Houston 1
Tuesday: L.A. Dodgers 3, Houston 1
Wednesday: Houston 7, L.A. Dodgers 6, 11 innings
Friday: L.A. Dodgers (Darvish 10-12) at Houston, 5:09 p.m.
Saturday: L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 5:09 p.m.
Oct. 29: L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 5:16 p.m.
Oct. 31: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 5:09 p.m.
Nov. 1: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 5:10 p.m.

Basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	3	2.600	—
Brooklyn	3	2.600	—
Toronto	2	2.500	½
Philadelphia	1	4.200	2
New York	0	3.000	2

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	3	1.750	—
Washington	3	1.750	—
Charlotte	2	2.500	1
Miami	2	2.500	1
Atlanta	1	4.200	2½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	3	2.600	—
Detroit	3	2.600	—

Milwaukee 3 2.600 —
Indiana 2 3.400 1
Chicago 1 3.250 1½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	4	01.000	—
Memphis	4	1.800	½
Houston	4	1.800	½
New Orleans	2	3.400	2½
Dallas	1	5.167	4

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	3	3.600	—
Oklahoma City	2	2.500	1
Minnesota	2	3.400	1½
Utah	2	3.400	1½
Denver	1	3.250	2

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	4	01.000	—
Golden State	3	2.600	1
L.A. Lakers	2	2.500	1½
Phoenix	2	3.400	2
Sacramento	1	4.200	3

Thursday's Games
Boston 98, Milwaukee 89
Chicago 91, Atlanta 86
Memphis 96, Dallas 91
L.A. Clippers 104, Portland 103
New Orleans 114, Sacramento 106

Friday's Games
Atlanta at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
San Antonio at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Brooklyn at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

Football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England 5	2	0	0.714	195	166
Buffalo	4	2	0.667	119	101
Miami	4	3	0.571	92	152
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0.429	137	161

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	4	3	0.571	183	110
Tennessee	4	3	0.571	158	173
Houston	3	3	0.500	177	147
Indianapolis	2	5	0.286	119	222

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	2	0.714	147	116
Baltimore	4	4	0.500	170	148
Cincinnati	2	4	0.333	98	112
Cleveland	0	7	0.000	103	169

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	2	0.714	207	161
Denver	3	3	0.500	108	118
L.A. Chargers	3	4	0.429	137	131
Oakland	3	4	0.429	155	156

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	1	0.857	199	146
Dallas	3	3	0.500	165	142
Washington	3	3	0.500	141	147
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0.143	112	156

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	4	2	0.667	171	133
Carolina	4	3	0.571	131	139
Atlanta	3	3	0.500	128	132
Tampa Bay	2	4	0.333	145	151

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	5	2	0.714	146	119
Green Bay	4	3	0.571	164	161
Detroit	3	3	0.500	161	149
Chicago	3	4	0.429	122	151

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	5	2	0.714	212	138
Seattle	4	2	0.667	134	94
Arizona	3	4	0.429	119	191
San Francisco	0	7	0.000	123	186

Thursday's Games
Baltimore 40, Miami 0

Sunday's Games
Minnesota vs Cleveland at London, UK, 6:30 a.m.
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
Oakland at Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.
Chicago at New Orleans, 10 a.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m.
L.A. Chargers at New England, 10 a.m.
Houston at Seattle, 1:05 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 1:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Detroit, 5:30 p.m.
Open: L.A. Rams, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Tennessee, Green Bay Monday, Oct. 30
Denver at Stanfield, 6:30 p.m.

Top 25 Schedule

Thursday
No. 20 Stanford 15, Oregon State 14

Friday
No. 24 Memphis vs. Tulane, 5 p.m.

Saturday
No. 2 Penn State at No. 6 Ohio State, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
No. 3 Georgia vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
No. 4 TCU at No. 25 Iowa State, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
No. 5 Wisconsin at Illinois, 9 a.m. (ESPN)
No. 7 Clemson vs. Georgia Tech, 5 p.m. (ESPN2)
No. 8 Miami at North Carolina, 9 a.m. (ESPN2)
No. 9 Notre Dame vs. No. 14 NC State, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
No. 10 Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech, 5 p.m. (ABC)
No. 11 Oklahoma State at No. 22 West Virginia, 9 a.m. (ABC)
No. 12 Washington vs. UCLA, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
No. 13 Virginia Tech vs. Duke, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
No. 15 Washington State at Arizona, 6:30 p.m. (PAC12)
No. 16 Michigan State at Northwestern, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
No. 17 South Florida vs. Houston, 12:45 p.m. (ESPN)
No. 18 UCF vs. Austin Peay, 2 p.m. (ESPN3)
No. 21 USC at Arizona State, 7:45 p.m. (ESPN)

MLS Playoffs

Knockout Round

Eastern Conference
Wednesday: New York 4, Chicago 0
Thursday: Columbus 0, Atlanta 0, Columbus wins shootout 3-1

Western Conference
Wednesday: San Jose at Vancouver, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday: Sporting K.C. at Houston, 6:30 p.m.

Soccer

Conference Semifinals

First Leg

Eastern Conference
Oct. 30: New York at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Oct. 31: Columbus at NYC FC, 5 p.m.

Western Conference
Oct. 29: Seattle at Vancouver, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 30: Houston at Portland, 6:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

Thursday's Games
Boston 2, San Jose 1
N.Y. Rangers 5, Arizona 2
Carolina 6, Toronto 3
Pittsburgh 2, Winnipeg 1, OT
Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 2
Florida 8, Anaheim 3
Los Angeles 4, Montreal 0
Ottawa 5, Philadelphia 4
Minnesota 6, N.Y. Islanders 4
Edmonton 5, Dallas 4
Vancouver 6, Washington 2

Friday's Games
Colorado at Vegas, 3 p.m.
Ottawa at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Columbus, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
Dallas at Calgary, 6 p.m.

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