

PIRATES: Use aggressive second half to win, goals from three players



Riverside's Jose Peralta booms a kick during the 3A/2A/1A state championship game on Saturday at Liberty High School in Hillsboro. Riverside defeated Catlin Gabel 4-1.

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back-to-back possessions to push its lead to 3-0.

The first came off the foot of sophomore Ulyces Lopez after he beat three Catlin Gabel defenders. Lopez ended up a few feet away from the goal line before he turned and fired to the inside post.

“The keep was expecting it to go far post,” Lopez said, “and I trusted my gut and went near post, and it went in.”

Peralta would send another one in on the ensuing attack after he beat the keeper and was charging

toward an open goal.

No lead is comfortable against a tough team like Catlin Gabel but after a penalty in the box put senior Misael Madrigal one-on-one with the Eagles’ goalie, the Pirates were just waiting for the clock to wind down.

“I was out (on the sidelines) and I saw 10 minutes left on the clock and we were up 4-0,” Lopez said, “and I started yelling, ‘we won, we won we won this.’”

The shut out was avoided when senior Ben Karp finally put Catlin Gabel

on the board in the final minutes of play, but it didn’t do much for the defending champions.

Riverside will be bringing its second title back to Boardman, and the first under head coach Francisco Velazquez.

“It’s my dream,” he said. “I had the state championship when I was the assistant coach and now I have my state championship as the head coach.”

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Rebels scored again — this time, off a 31-yard touchdown pass to senior Anthony Pulido. This put South Albany within a touchdown of Hermiston, 21-14.

The Bulldogs responded with a 83-yard score from Hinkle on the very first play of the drive, as the senior took the handoff and sprinted untouched to the end zone.

“They just scored on back-to-back possessions, so I was just trying to make a huge play for us to get the momentum back,” Hinkle said. “I saw the hole and I wasn’t going to let anyone catch me. So, I just ran as hard as I could.”

The senior, who plays both sides of the ball, had a night to remember. He finished with 210 yards on just 15 carries and notched two scores.

By the fourth quarter the Bulldogs led 34-14, but even with their large lead South Albany was close to catching up. A series of penalties on Hermiston’s defense put the Rebels on the 9-yard line. One of those penalties was a defensive pass interference on Razon, who one play later made up for it as he wrestled away a pass for an interception on the end zone.

“Coach said I had to make up for it, and I knew I had to make a play here,” Razon said. “I saw the quarterback looking at (my receiver) so I was like, ‘I need to make a play on the ball,’ and I went in for the ball, I caught it. (The receiver) tried to pull



Hermiston's Joey Gutierrez takes a handoff from quarterback Andrew James during Friday's playoff game against South Albany at Kennison Field.

it out and it just happened.”

Razon’s interception set up Hermiston’s final scoring drive, an 80-yard effort from Joey Gutierrez to reach the game-winning total of 40 points.

The Bulldogs would give up one more score in the final seconds of the game, but by that point their fate was sealed.

A lot just happened for the Bulldogs on Friday night, due in part to the efforts of a hard week of practice and the coaches.

“Fundamentals are what got us here and it’s what we’re going to continue to work on,” Faaeteete said. “Credit to our coaches and how they prepare for games, and then our players listening and buying into what we’re teaching. It’s just a great effort from the

whole group.”

Now, the whole group will move on to the semifinals next week. Hermiston will travel to Liberty High School in Hillsboro to take on No. 2 Wilsonville. Kickoff is at 5:30 p.m.

SA	0	7	7	8	—	22
HHS	14	7	14	6	—	40
PASSING	— (SA) J. Costello 24-34, 331 yds, 2TD; 2INT; A. Pulido 0-1. (HHS) A. James 14-22, 213 yds, 4 TD.					
RUSHING	— (SA) G. Teem 11-94, TD; J. Costello 15-26; R. Wilson 5-13. (HHS) J. Hinkle 15-210, 2TD; P. Earl 8-48; A. James 7-45; K. Mikami 2-18; D. Neal 2-4; J. Gutierrez 1-(-4).					
RECEIVING	— (SA) A. Pulido 9-118, TD; E. Nafziger 6-90, TD; C. Hemzacek 3-39; J. Dunn 3-60; S. Cullison 2-10; C. Romviel 1-3. (HHS) D. Neal 5-70, TD; J. Gutierrez 4-88, 2TD; J. Ramirez 2-39; K. Mikami 2-9, TD; T. Rohman 1-7.					
TOTAL YARDS	SA 464, HHS 534.					
TURNOVERS	— SA 6 (4 fumbles, 2 INT), HHS 0. PENALTIES — SA 4-35, HHS 12-105.					

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carries.

Three times Heppner put together solid offensive drives to get inside St. Paul territory, but all three times the Mustangs stalled out after getting the ball to the Buckaroos 35.

“It goes back to the little things,” Dougherty said of the offense. “We’d get a drive going or a big play and then take a wrong step or slip up and that’s all it takes to knock us down.”

Coming out of the half-time break trailing 13-0, Heppner’s offense resorted to trying to play catch-up with the passing game which was not its strong suit. Freshman quarterback Jayden Wilson threw the ball 19 times, completing just five passes, for 40 yards with two interceptions.

“We just wanted to fight as hard as we could,” Heppner senior lineman Wyatt Steagall said. “(Coach Greg) Grant said whoever was going to lose



Heppner quarterback Jayden Wilson fires a pass during Saturday's 2A quarterfinal game against St. Paul at Newberg High School.

would be the first team to weaken, and we couldn’t be first person to weaken.

I don’t think we weakened, we fought as hard as we could and we left it all on



Heppner's Wyatt Steagall leaps toward St. Paul QB Holden Smith to deflect a pass during Saturday's 2A quarterfinal game at Newberg High School.

that field, it’s just the way it went.”

St. Paul’s left-handed quarterback Holden Smith completed 9 of 14 passes for 109 yards with one touchdown, and running back Saul Martinez ran the ball 25 times for 141 yards and one touchdown. Justin Herberger added 99 rushing yards and 32 receiving yards with one touchdown as well.

The Buckaroos will now play No. 5 Santiam in the 2A semifinals next week.

But for Heppner, the season comes to an end, a season that head coach Greg Grant said in the postgame huddle that he is lucky to be a part of. There was some doubt surrounding the Mustangs team this season, and its ability to extend the program’s streak of 20 consecutive playoff appear-

ances. The Mustangs graduated numerous all-state players over the previous two seasons, leaving large voids on the field that were being filled by a lot of young and inexperienced players.

Things didn’t start off promising, as Heppner dropped its first three games of the season. However, not long after the Mustangs began to come together as a team and play like Heppner teams are supposed to, wrapped up another league title to get into the playoffs.

“We’re proud as heck about it,” Steagall said.

Added Dougherty, “I’m really proud of this group. We came into the year young, had a lot of kids playing positions they had never played before that had just stood on the sideline and cheered. But everyone stepped up tremendously.”

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SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Saturday
No. 3 Hermiston vs. No. 2 Wilsonville (5A semifinals, at Hillsboro Stadium), 5:30 p.m.

COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday
NAIA Championships, Vancouver, Wash., TBD

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Saturday
NAIA Nation Championship, Opening Round, TBA

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wednesday
EQU vs. Whitman, 5:30 p.m.

Friday
BMCC at Yakima Tip-Off Tournament, TBA

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday
EOU at New Hope Christian, 7 p.m.

Saturday
BMCC at Lower Columbia, 2 p.m.

Sunday
EOU at New Hope Christian, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Friday
EOU vs. Southern Oregon, 6 p.m.

Sunday
EOU at Spokane Open, TBD

COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Friday
EOU vs. Southern Oregon, 7 p.m.

Sunday
EOU at Spokane Open, 10 a.m.

Prep Standings

PREP SOCCER

Through Nov. 11

6A CHAMPIONS

Girls: No. 1 Jesuit 4, No. 2 Sunset 0

Boys: No. 2 Westview 2, No. 1 Jesuit 0

5A CHAMPIONS

Girls: No. 2 Summit 3, No. 1 North Eugene 2

Boys: No. 9 Woodburn 2, No. 2 Corvallis 1, OT

4A CHAMPIONS

Girls: No. 10 Valley Catholic 1, No. 9 Hidden Valley 0

Boys: No. 9 Newport 2, No. 2 Stayton 1

3A/2A/1A CHAMP

Girls: No. 1 Oregon Episcopal 5, No. 2 Catlin Gabel 1

Boys: No. 1 Riverside 4, No. 3 Catlin Gabel 1

Football

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England 7	2	0	0	.778	257	195

Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	184	196
Miami	4	5	0	.444	137	225
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	201	222

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	6	3	0	.667	205	213
Jacksonville	6	3	0	.667	226	134
Houston	3	6	0	.333	236	241
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300	179	280

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	7	2	0	.778	187	148
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444	190	171
Cincinnati	3	6	0	.333	149	182
Cleveland	0	9	0	.000	143	240

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	3	0	.667	253	208
Oakland	4	5	0	.444	196	214
Denver	3	6	0	.333	166	239
L.A. Chargers	3	6	0	.333	167	172

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	8	1	0	.889	263	179
Dallas	5	4	0	.556	233	205
Washington	4	5	0	.444	207	232
N.Y. Giants	1	8	0	.111	150	238

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	7	2	0	.778	268	165
Carolina	7	3	0	.700	214	180
Atlanta	5	4	0	.556	197	179
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333	173	208

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	7	2	0	.778	217	165
Detroit	5	4	0	.556	244	210
Green Bay	5	4	0	.556	204	207
Chicago	3	6	0	.333	150	194

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	7	2	0	.778	296	162
Seattle	6	3	0	.667	211	165
Arizona	4	5	0	.444	155	223
San Francisco	1	9	0	.100	174	260

Week 10 Results

New Orleans 47, Buffalo 10

Green Bay 23, Chicago 16

Tampa Bay 15, N.Y. Jets 10

Detroit 38, Cleveland 24

Pittsburgh 20, Indianapolis 17

Minnesota 38, Washington 30

Tennessee 24, Cincinnati 20

Jacksonville 20, L.A. Chargers 17, OT

L.A. Rams 33, Houston 7

Atlanta 27, Dallas 7

San Francisco 31, N.Y. Giants 21

New England 41, Denver 16

Carolina 45, Miami 21

Open: Kansas City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Oakland

Week 11 Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 16

Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 5:25 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19

Baltimore at Green Bay, 10 a.m.

Arizona at Houston, 10 a.m.

Tampa Bay at Miami, 10 a.m.

Washington at New Orleans, 10 a.m.

Jacksonville at Cleveland, 10 a.m.

Detroit at Chicago, 10 a.m.

L.A. Rams at Minnesota, 10 a.m.

Kansas City at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.

Buffalo at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m.

New England vs Oakland at Mexico City, MX, 1:25 p.m.

Cincinnati at Denver, 1:25 p.m.

Philadelphia at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Open: Indianapolis, San Francisco, Carolina, N.Y. Jets

Monday, Nov. 20

Atlanta at Seattle, 5:30 p.m.

NCAA

AP Top 25

Week 11 Results

Stanford 30, No. 9 Washington 22

No. 10 Auburn 40, No. 1 Georgia 17

No. 2 Alabama 31, No. 16 Mississippi State 24

No. 7 Miami 41, No. 3 Norte Dame 8

No. 4 Clemson 31, Florida State 14

No. 5 Oklahoma 38, No. 6 TCU 20

No. 8 Wisconsin 38, No. 20 Iowa 14

No. 11 USC 28, Colorado 24

No. 13 Ohio State 48, No. 12 Michigan State 3

No. 14 Penn State 35, Rutgers 6

No. 15 Oklahoma State 49, No. 21 Iowa State 42

Georgia Tech 28, No. 17 Virginia Tech 22

No. 18 UCF 49, Connecticut 24

No. 19 Washington State 33, Utah 25

No. 23 NC State 17, Boston College 14

No. 24 LSU 33, Arkansas 10

No. 25 Northwestern 23, Purdue 13

Week 12 Poll

1. Alabama

2. Miami

3. Oklahoma

4. Clemson

5. Wisconsin

6. Auburn

7. Georgia

8. Ohio State

9. Notre Dame

10. Oklahoma State

11. TCU

12. Southern California

13. Penn State

14. UCF

15. Washington State

16. Washington

17. Mississippi State

18. Memphis

19. Michigan

20. Stanford

21. LSU