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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

In this Nov. 7 file photo, Riverside's Quincy Castillo (10) charges through De La Salle defenders in the Pirates' 4-0 win against the Knights in Boardman. Castillo earned Special District 4 Player of the Year honors this week.

## BOARDMAN

# Castillo named district's top player

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The Riverside boys soccer team was arguably the most dominant team in the entire state in 2017, breezing through its schedule and the Class 3A/2A/1A state playoffs to capture the schools' second state championship.

The Pirates were the highest-scoring team across all classifications with 116 goals and allowed a mere 16. In district play, Riverside was

a perfect 6-0, winning those games by a combined score of 62-4.

The season officially came to a close this week with the all-district teams being released, with Riverside showing why they were far and away the best team in Special District 4 this season. The Pirates had nine total players voted into the two teams, with seven first team selections and one second team. And for the cherry on

top, senior Quincy Castillo was named district Player of the Year and head coach Francisco Velazquez as Coach of the Year.

Umatilla, who finished tied for second in the district, had six selections led by sophomores Jose Alaniz and Roberto Lugo on the first team. Irrigon had just three selections following an 0-14 season.

The full teams are listed below.

### Special District 4

Player of the Year — Quincy Castillo, Riverside  
Coach of the Year — Francisco Velazquez, Riverside

#### First Team

Kevin Madrigal, Riverside, sr.; Jose Peralta, Riverside, sr.; Kevin Sanchez, Nyssa, sr.; Luis Olvera, Riverside, sr.; Jose Alaniz, Umatilla, so.; Alejandro Alvaez, Irrigon, sr.; Cristoval Alvarez, Nyssa, jr.; Misaal Madrigal, Riverside, sr.; Ulises Lopez, Riverside, so.; Kevin Altamirano, Riverside, sr.; Roberto Lugo, Umatilla, so.

#### Second Team

Roberto Amezcua, Nyssa, jr.; Abram Castro, Nyssa, so.; Omar Tellez, Nyssa, jr.; Javier Castro, Nyssa, fr.; Luis Castro, Umatilla, jr.; Cesar De la Cruz, Umatilla, so.; Pedro Arroyo, Umatilla, jr.; Armondo Verdin, Umatilla, sr.; Marcos Rangle, Irrigon, so.; Luis Cardenas, Irrigon, jr.; Kevin Ruelas, Riverside, so.

## HERMISTON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

The Hermiston Bulldogs get ready to take the field before the start of their 42-15 win over Pendleton on Oct. 27 in Pendleton.

# Fast food, fresh shave and Phil Collins:

## How the Hermiston High football team gets ready for gameday

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ  
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — You have probably seen some of Hermiston's pre-game traditions at Kennison Field, where the Bulldogs (10-2) have gone undefeated, or on the road, where they suffered their only

two losses.

The players, donning the home purple and black uniforms, run out onto the field from underneath a enormous inflatable bulldog tunnel. Or, the team is led by one of their seniors, all dressed in the road all-white uniforms, onto the opponents gridiron with the wave of

a giant Hermiston Bulldogs flag.

These are the obvious rituals, unchanged and for all to see. But there are plenty of other superstitious practices that the players, and even coaches, do leading up to each game.

They may not be logical, or help the 11 boys on the field come

kickoff but when you're on a nine-game winning streak and playing for the program's second state title they are as important as ever.

So, senior Joey Gutierrez — who plays both sides of the ball as a wide receiver and defensive back — will enjoy his "ritual dinner" from

See GAMEDAY/4B

## Three keys to a Hermiston victory

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

After nearly a century of playing football, the Hermiston Bulldogs will compete in their final game as a member of the OSAA with a state championship up for grabs.

Hermiston takes on Churchill for the Class 5A championship at 6 p.m. Saturday in Hillsboro, as the Bulldogs (10-2) aim to end their self-proclaimed 'OSAA Farewell Tour' in the best way possible with the schools' second-ever state championship. However, it will not be easy against the undefeated Lancers (12-0), who are fresh

**Class 5A Championship**



**#4 Churchill Lancers (12-0)**



**#3 Hermiston Bulldogs (10-2)**

• Saturday, 6 p.m.  
• at Hillsboro Stadium

off a win over the No. 1 seed Mountain View last week.

Here are three keys to a Hermiston win:  
**RUN EARLY AND OFTEN**  
After a slow start, Hermiston's offense  
See KEYS/4B



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Hermiston's Tyler Rohrman looks upfield after intercepting a pass during the Bulldogs' Class 5A semifinal win over Wilsonville on Nov. 18.

## Sports shorts

### Atkinson helps Blue Jackets beat Ottawa for 6th straight win

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Cam Atkinson scored twice to lift Columbus over the Ottawa Senators 5-2 on Friday night, extending the Blue Jackets' league-high winning streak to six games.

Sergei Bobrovsky turned back 24 shots for his 14th win in 19 starts. Columbus improved to 15-7-1 and leads the Metropolitan Division with 31 points.

Ottawa's Craig Anderson stopped 27 shots as the Senators (8-7-6) lost their fifth straight.

Leading 3-2 in the third period, Columbus' Nick Foligno added insurance when he rifled his fourth goal over Anderson off an assist from Sonny Milano. Tyler Motte added an empty-netter with 50 seconds to go, with assists from Oliver Bjorkstrand and Lukas Sedlak.



Atkinson

"When I go to bed tonight, I'll be hoping for that, because I would love to do this. I truly believe I'm exactly the right person to do this. The football parts, I've been doing it so long, we know how to fix, and we also are doing a good job recruiting."

— Mike Riley

Former Oregon State coach following his Nebraska team's 56-14 loss to Iowa on Friday. The loss ended Nebraska's season at 4-8, the worst finish since 1961. The Cornhuskers are 19-19 in three seasons under Riley.

### Miami's perfect season over as Pitt pulls off 24-14 upset win

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Miami's perfect season is over. The Hurricanes can only hope their shot at a spot in the College Football Playoff isn't gone too.

Freshman quarterback Kenny Pickett ran for two touchdowns and threw for another as Pittsburgh stunned the second-ranked Hurricanes 24-14 on Friday.

Pickett completed 18 of 29 passes for 193 yards and the one score while adding 60 yards rushing in his first career start as Pitt (5-7, 3-5 ACC) finished a disappointing season with a stunner that could dent the Hurricanes' national title hopes.

Miami's Malik Rosier completed 15 of 34 for 187 yards and two scores but was ineffective for most of the day, even briefly getting replaced in the fourth quarter. The Hurricanes (10-1, 7-1 ACC) were held to a season-low 229 yards.



### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1980 — "No mas, no mas." Roberto Duran quits with 16 seconds to go in the eighth round at New Orleans, allowing Sugar Ray Leonard to regain the WBC welterweight title.

2007 — San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson becomes the 23rd player in NFL history to rush for 10,000 yards, reaching the milestone on a 36-yard run in the Chargers' 32-14 win over Baltimore.

2015 — The Boston Celtics rally to beat Philadelphia 84-80, handing the 76ers their 16th straight loss to open the season and recording 26th in a row overall.

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