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AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

L.A Rams quarterback Jared Goff passes against the Minnesota Vikings in the first half of Thursday’s NFL football game.

GOFF TORCHES VIKINGS

Goff’s career night propels Rams past Vikings, 38-31

By GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Jared Goff turned a phenomenal first half into the biggest game of his career, and it was still just barely enough to beat Kirk Cousins.

Goff passed for career highs of 465 yards and five touch-

downs, winning a scintillating duel with his Minnesota counterpart and leading the unbeaten Los Angeles Rams to a 38-31 victory over the Vikings on Thursday night.

Goff hit Cooper Kupp with two of his four TD throws during a 251-yard first half in which the third-year quarterback flawlessly executed coach Sean McVay’s offense.

“It was just great command by him,” McVay said about Goff.

Todd Gurley then finished with 83 yards rushing and 73 yards receiving while the Rams (4-0) held off the Vikings (1-2-1) and Cousins, who passed for 422 yards and three touchdowns.

The Vikings got the ball back with 2:20 left, but Los Angeles rookie John Franklin-Myers stripped Cousins of the ball near midfield. The Rams recovered and ran out the clock on their first win in the franchise’s last six meetings with Minnesota.

McVay was Cousins’ offen-

sive coordinator in Washington before he became Goff’s head coach on the West Coast last season. McVay’s current and former prize pupils put on a show at the Coliseum, but Goff finished 26 of 33 with a perfect 158.3 quarterback rating.

Goff picked apart the Vikings’ secondary in the first half with one pinpoint throw after another. The former No. 1 pick has three consecutive 300-yard games

See RAMS/2B

Bucks fall to Ravens in 3 sets

By BRETT KANE
East Oregonian

The Lady Bucks had their work cut out for them when they faced Ridgeview at home on Thursday night.

They were coming off a three-set loss against Hood River, and Ridgeview is ranked No. 3 in the OSAA 5A division.

Pendleton put up a fight, but ultimately fell in three sets.

PREP VOLLEYBALL



Ridgeview
3



Pendleton
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“We had to go in and have them earn their win,” said Lady Bucks coach Amanda Lapp. “We had to be fierce and smart on the court, especially after Hood River.”

The Ravens’ offense was a force to be reckoned with and played the game close to the net. After Ridgeview libero Ally Henry put in the first score of the night, kills from middle blocker Nicole Bossmeyer, setter Kennedy Buckner, and opposite Megan Alldrege gave the team a steady lead. Ridgeview closed out the first set 25-17.

Ridgeview’s offense continued to pound the ball in the second set.

Outside hitter Rylee Tourtman dominated the court, putting up points for both her team and the Bucks. Her strong spikes kept the Ravens in the lead throughout, scoring 21 kills for the night. But her strength also allowed Pendleton to play

See BUCKS/2B

Suns spike Dawgs in Mid-Columbia match

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

The second half of the Mid-Columbia Conference volleyball schedule started Thursday night, putting the Hermiston Bulldogs back on the court with the hard-hitting Southridge Suns.

Despite one of Sophia Streeter’s best performances of the season, the Bulldogs (2-5) fell to the Suns 25-19, 25-13, 25-13 in Kennewick.

“Players like Sophia, when she is on she is unstoppable,” Hermiston coach Amy Dyck said. “Tonight was amazing for her, and she stayed aggressive.”

Southridge (5-2) got nine kills and 14 digs from Sophia Sumner, and six kills, nine assists and 12 digs from Kennedy Conrad as the Suns continue to be one of the top teams in the league.

“I have been with them since they were freshmen, and I haven’t seen them play like this for a long time,” Suns coach Emily Otto said. “They are having fun and playing with heart. They feed off each other’s energy.”

Hermiston was in the thick of things in the first set. The set was tie at 7-7 before Sumner reeled off a string of points for a 13-7 lead. The Bulldogs would pull within 20-17 late, but a kill by Ashlyn Dupuis sealed the win for Southridge.

The Suns were relentless the rest of the match. They led 7-1 early in the second set as Dupuis served up three aces in a run of five

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Southridge
3

Hermiston
0

points. Eleven unforced errors by Hermiston helped the Suns to leads of 12-3 and 19-7.

“We are still working on our mental toughness,” Dyck said. “When things get tough, we have a tough time trusting our skills. We would dig ourselves a hole, and trying to pull teenage girls out of that is not easy.”

In the third set, Conrad served the first eight points for Southridge, and the rout was on. The Bulldogs got within 22-11 in the set, but the effort was too late.

“We have been trying to play a little more relaxed,” Otto said. “We new they wanted it, so defensively we picked it up and got the last two sets.”

Streeter finished with six kills and four blocks, while Ireland McDonough added five kills and 10 digs, Halee Stubbs 16 digs and Kendall Dowdy nine assists.

Dupuis added eight kills for the suns, while Bobbie Newton had four kills, Shayla Hood 15 digs and Jordan Missett 10 assists.

The Bulldogs will host Chiawana on Tuesday.

ALUMNI ROUNDUP

Fabian Cardenas

Landon Clark-Gammell

Kai Quinn

Chris Kindle

Antonio Campos

Cardenas in top form at Idaho

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Fabian Cardenas, a state cross-country and track champion from Umatilla, led the University of Idaho men’s cross-country team to a fourth-place finish at the Cougar Classic on Sept. 14 in Colfax, Wash.

Cardenas placed 14th overall, turning in a time of 24 minutes, 49 seconds over the 8K course. Cardenas, a sophomore, was the top finisher from the Big Sky Conference.

Cardenas and his Vandal teammates will run at the Montana Invitational on Saturday in Missoula.

Kai Quinn (Pendleton), a redshirt sophomore, has thrown for 1,323 yards and five touchdowns this season for Eastern Oregon Univer-

sity. He also has run for 125 yards and three touchdowns for the Mountaineers, who are 2-2 in Frontier Conference play.

Quinn leads the Frontier Conference in passing and total offense with an average of 349 yards per game.

EOU, which is coming off a 54-51 triple overtime win over Montana Western, will play Oct. 6 at Montana Northern.

Antonio Campos (Hermiston), a freshman goalie at Walla Walla Community College, leads the NWAC in save percentage at .947, and is second in goals against average at .33. He has allowed one goal in 270 minutes of action.

He has a 1-0-1 record with one shutout.

The Warriors lead the East Region with a 4-1-0

record. They play at Columbia Basin College at 2:15 p.m. Saturday.

Landon Clark-Gammell (Hermiston) has 13 tackles and one quarterback sack in five games for College of Idaho. The 6-foot-2, 230-pound junior defensive end, had a season-high five tackles against Southern Oregon on Sept. 8.

Chris Kindle (Heppner) has 17 tackles, one quarterback sack and a fumble recovery for Eastern Oregon. The 5-foot-10, 235-pound redshirt sophomore had a season-high eight tackles against Montana Western on Sept. 22.

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Ronaldo gets 1-game Champions League ban

NYON, Switzerland (AP) — Cristiano Ronaldo will serve only a mandatory one-game ban for his first-ever red card in the Champions League.

The UEFA disciplinary panel’s decision not to add a further sanction clears Ronaldo to face former club Manchester United when Juventus visits Old Trafford on Oct. 23.

Ronaldo will miss only Juventus’ home game against Young Boys on Oct. 2.



Eric Reid back in NFL after protests

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Eric Reid’s return to the NFL created a buzz around the league on Thursday, six months after he filed a grievance alleging collusion by the NFL to prevent teams from signing him because of his participation in racial injustice protests during the national anthem alongside former San Francisco 49ers teammate Colin Kaepernick.

Some NFL players were excited about the 2013 Pro Bowl

safety signing a one-year deal with the Panthers, but were quick to point out they believe Kaepernick should be back in the league as well.

Kaepernick congratulated Reid on Twitter, saying Reid “should have been signed the 1st day of free agency. ... He was the 1ST person 2 kneel alongside me. Eric is a social justice warrior, continues to support his family and communities in need.”

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1920 — A Chicago grand jury indicts eight members of the Chicago White Sox on charges of fixing the 1919 World Series, known as the “Black Sox Scandal.” White Sox owner Charles Comiskey immediately suspends the eight players.

1969 — Minnesota’s Joe Kapp throws for 449 yards and seven touchdown passes to tie an NFL record and give the Minnesota Vikings a 52-14 victory over the Baltimore Colts.

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