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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Nick Mullens throws a pass against the Oakland Raiders during the first half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., on Thursday.

Mullens has sterling debut in 49ers 34-3 win over Raiders

By JOSH DUBOW
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SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Nick Mullens threw for 262 yards and three touchdowns for the most productive NFL debut since the merger, leading the San Francisco 49ers to a 34-3 victory over the Oakland Raiders in a lopsided Battle of the Bay on Thursday night.

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George Kittle made an impressive one-handed catch on a 71-yard play that set up his touchdown from Mullens and Pierre Garcon caught his first TD pass in two seasons with the 49ers (2-7), who snapped a six-game losing streak and won for just the second time in two years without Jimmy Garoppolo at quarterback.

Mullens got the nod after C.J. Beathard injured his right wrist last week and made the most of his opportunity against a defense for the Raiders (1-7) that is one of the worst in the league.

The former undrafted free agent out of Southern Mississippi got rid of the ball quickly and took advantage of several breakdowns in coverage for big plays, including the 24-yard TD pass to a wide-open Garcon on the opening drive.

Mullens finished 16 for 22 and had a 151.9 passer rating, the highest for a quarterback with at least 15 attempts in an NFL debut since the 1970 merger. He threw TD passes to Garcon and Kendrick Bourne on the opening two drives and coasted from there to the most lopsided win in this series since San Francisco won the first meeting 38-7 in 1970.

Raheem Mostert added a 52-yard touchdown run and the Niners outgained the Raiders 405 to 248 for the game.

In what was perhaps the worst prime-time matchup in NFL history, only the Raiders played down to expectations. They provided little resistance on defense against an undrafted quarterback making his NFL debut, did nothing offensively after driving for a field goal on the opening drive and put together the most listless performance yet in coach Jon Gruden's second stint as coach.

Oakland has now lost four games in a row, getting outscored by 85 points during the skid, and are just playing out the string in a season that began with optimism because of Gruden's return.

Carr finished 16 for 22 for 171 yards and was sacked five times before being replaced by AJ McCarron in the fourth quarter. McCarron was sacked once.

Verified

Mullens performed so well that he even got his Twitter account verified during the game.

Under pressure

Carr was sacked four times in the first half for the first time in his career as the Raiders struggled to provide much protection against a 49ers defense that has not generated much pressure all year. Dekoda Watson had 1 1/2 sacks in his first game of the season after getting activated from IR earlier in the day.

Ring ceremony

Former Niners receiver Terrell Owens was presented his Hall of Fame ring at a halftime ceremony. Owens was voted into the Hall of Fame earlier this year but skipped the induction ceremony in Canton, Ohio, to hold his own celebration at his college in Chattanooga, Tenn. Owens said he was upset at the voters who made him wait three years for the honor, saying he believed they brought in off-field issues into their deliberations instead of focusing solely on what Owens did as a player.

"This is awesome," Owens said before the game. "This is an opportunity to give something to the fans. Ever since I left in 2003 and went on and did some great things, but this is where it started my first eight years of my career."

Injuries

Raiders left tackle Kolton Miller left with a knee injury. ... Mostert left after injuring his forearm in the third quarter.

Up next

Raiders: Host Los Angeles Chargers on Nov. 11.
49ers: Host New York Giants on Nov. 12.



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San Francisco 49ers defensive end DeForest Buckner, right, sacks Oakland Raiders quarterback Derek Carr during the first half of an NFL football game in Santa Clara, Calif., on Thursday.

Prep soccer

Pirates press forward in playoffs

By BRETT KANE
East Oregonian

Riverside will take the fight for the state girls soccer title on the road this weekend.

The Pirates battled visiting Western Christian Pioneers on Wednesday. The gritty Pioneers held the Pirates scoreless on Wednesday until Jasmin Lopez scored in overtime to win the game and advance in the playoffs.

On Saturday, they'll be tested even further in the 3A/2A/1A quarterfinals. Riverside will go head-to-head against St. Mary's of Medford. The Crusaders finished the regular season with a 12-1 overall record, and were undefeated in all eight of their league games. They're ranked No. 2 in the OSAA's 3A/2A/1A Special District 5.

Meanwhile, the Pirates (9-2-3, 5-0-1) are ranked No. 8. They've recorded shutouts in their last five games, including Wednesday's 1-0 match against Western Christian. But according to head coach Carlos Velasco, the Crusaders shape up as the hardest challenge this season.

"It's going to be one of the toughest games of the season," Velasco said. "(St. Mary's) is a fast and physical team."

Defenders Cinthya Diaz and Faith Rosen will miss the game due to injuries suffered during Wednesday's home game.

"The girls are as ready as they can be," said Velasco.



Staff photos by Brett Kane

Riverside's Neftali Pacheco, left center, and Western Christian's Kaylee Rosenbalm fight for possession during the playoffs on Oct. 31 in Boardman.



Riverside midfielder Jose Napoles (21) stumbles while defending the ball from Umatilla's Luis Castro on Sept. 20 in Boardman.

"I feel like we can put up a fight, but it's going to be a challenge."

Riverside's varsity boys will also be testing their luck on Saturday.

A last-minute surge brought Riverside out of a tie and into the quarter-

nals when they edged out the visiting Taft Tigers 3-2 on Tuesday.

The Pirates are ranked No. 5 in the 3A/2A/1A Special District 6. On Saturday, they'll travel more than 500 miles to face the Special District 4's No. 4 team

Brookings-Harbor.

Similar to the Pirate girls' quarterfinals rival, Brookings-Harbor has also recorded only one loss in a 15-1 regular season. They're undefeated in the league after 12 games. The Pirates are close, but haven't fared quite as well this season, finishing the year at 11-3-1 overall and 7-1 in the league.

"We expect a tough game," said coach Francisco Velazquez. "We're going to have to play aggressive and play a little different — I want to run different formations. My team is ready."

If both Riverside teams come out on top after Saturday's matches, they'll move on to the semifinals on Tuesday, Nov. 6 — another step closer to claiming the state championship.

Prep 6-man football

Cougars end season on a winning note

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

When the OSAA created a 6-man football league, it did not include a state playoff for the 15 teams involved in the first-year program.

So, the teams took matters into their own hands.

Special District 4 (West) and Special District 5 (East) held crossover games last

Saturday in Madras, where Echo shut out Gilchrist 55-0.

"It was a pilot year, so they did not have playoffs," Echo coach Rick Thew said, "which we were bummed about."

The Cougars (7-1) finished third in the East behind Joseph and Harper.

Against Gilchrist, Echo quarterback Devan Craig

threw three touchdown passes, ran for another, and caught a touchdown pass. Mason Smith ran for three touchdowns, and Mychael Pointer had an interception, scored a touchdown and led the team in tackles.

"I couldn't be more proud of my team," Thew said. "We continually got better through the last game of the season."

This was Thew's last year coaching the Cougars.

"I have a daughter in the seventh grade who does middle school volleyball and basketball," he said. "And another who is in the first grade. It's time to step back and watch my girls play."

Don Walker will take the reins of the program next season.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

Friday, November 2

Football
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Adrian/Jordan Valley, noon
Kennedy at Heppner, 7 p.m.
Crescent Valley at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Central Valley at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
2A State Volleyball
Weston-McEwen vs. Portland Christian at Ridgeview High School, Redmond, 1:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 3

Boys Soccer
Riverside at Brookings-Harbor, 2 p.m.
Girls Soccer
Riverside at St. Mary's (Medford), 2 p.m.
State Cross-Country
Mac-Hi, Umatilla, Heppner boys at Lane Community College, Eugene
2A State Volleyball
Weston-McEwen vs. TBD at Ridgeview High School, Redmond

Football

| National Football League | | | | | | | | | |
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| AMERICAN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | |
| East | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | | | |
| New England | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 239 | 185 | | | |
| Miami | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 174 | 219 | | | |
| N.Y. Jets | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 192 | 200 | | | |
| Buffalo | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 87 | 200 | | | |
| South | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | | | |
| Houston | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 197 | 167 | | | |
| Tennessee | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 106 | 127 | | | |
| Jacksonville | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 134 | 170 | | | |
| Indianapolis | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 231 | 213 | | | |
| North | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | | | |
| Pittsburgh | 4 | 2 | 1 | .643 | 204 | 172 | | | |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 221 | 237 | | | |
| Baltimore | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 197 | 137 | | | |
| Cleveland | 2 | 5 | 1 | .313 | 169 | 210 | | | |
| West | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | | | |
| Kansas City | 7 | 1 | 0 | .875 | 230 | 205 | | | |
| L.A. Chargers | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 195 | 163 | | | |
| Denver | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 188 | 194 | | | |
| Oakland | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 141 | 252 | | | |
| NATIONAL CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | |
| East | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | | | |
| Washington | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 146 | 134 | | | |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 178 | 156 | | | |
| Dallas | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 140 | 123 | | | |
| N.Y. Giants | 1 | 7 | 0 | .125 | 150 | 205 | | | |
| South | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | | | |
| New Orleans | 6 | 1 | 0 | .857 | 234 | 183 | | | |
| Carolina | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 178 | 152 | | | |
| Atlanta | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 150 | 212 | | | |
| Tampa Bay | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 201 | 233 | | | |
| North | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | | | |
| Chicago | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 194 | 144 | | | |
| Minnesota | 4 | 3 | 1 | .563 | 197 | 195 | | | |
| Green Bay | 3 | 3 | 1 | .500 | 175 | 173 | | | |
| Detroit | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 171 | 186 | | | |
| West | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA | | | |
| L.A. Rams | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 264 | 155 | | | |
| Seattle | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 171 | 131 | | | |
| Arizona | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 110 | 199 | | | |
| San Francisco | 2 | 7 | 0 | .222 | 207 | 239 | | | |

Thursday's Games
San Francisco 34, Oakland 3
Sunday's Games
N.Y. Jets at Miami, 10 a.m.
Atlanta at Washington, 10 a.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 10 a.m.
Kansas City at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 10 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 10 a.m.
Chicago at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
L.A. Chargers at Seattle, 1:05 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Rams at New Orleans, 1:25 p.m.
Green Bay at New England, 5:20 p.m.



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Pendleton quarterback Trent Sorey rushes the ball.

Admission prices announced for Pendleton's playoff game

Fans will have to dig deeper in their pockets for a ticket to Friday night's Pendleton vs. Crescent Valley state football playoff game.

Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and children 5 and older. The prices are set by the OSAA. No Pendleton season passes or Golden Age passes will be honored.

Game time is 7 p.m. The gates will open at 5 p.m., with a tailgater in the Let 'Er Buck Room at 5:30 p.m.

Open: Indianapolis, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Cincinnati
Monday's Games
Tennessee at Dallas, 5:15 p.m.

Basketball

| National Basketball Association | | | | | | | | | |
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| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | |
| Atlantic Division | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB | | | | | |
| Toronto | 7 | 1 | .875 | — | | | | | |
| Boston | 5 | 2 | .714 | 1½ | | | | | |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 4 | .500 | 3 | | | | | |
| Brooklyn | 3 | 5 | .375 | 4 | | | | | |
| New York | 2 | 6 | .250 | 5 | | | | | |
| Southeast Division | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB | | | | | |
| Charlotte | 4 | 4 | .500 | — | | | | | |
| Miami | 3 | 4 | .429 | ½ | | | | | |
| Orlando | 2 | 5 | .286 | 1½ | | | | | |
| Atlanta | 2 | 5 | .286 | 1½ | | | | | |
| Washington | 1 | 6 | .143 | 2½ | | | | | |
| Central Division | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB | | | | | |
| Milwaukee | 7 | 0 | 1.000 | — | | | | | |
| Indiana | 5 | 3 | .625 | 2½ | | | | | |
| Detroit | 4 | 3 | .571 | 3 | | | | | |
| Chicago | 2 | 6 | .250 | 5½ | | | | | |
| Cleveland | 1 | 6 | .143 | 6 | | | | | |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | |
| Southwest Division | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB | | | | | |
| San Antonio | 5 | 2 | .714 | — | | | | | |
| Memphis | 4 | 2 | .667 | ½ | | | | | |
| New Orleans | 4 | 3 | .571 | 1 | | | | | |
| Dallas | 2 | 6 | .250 | 3½ | | | | | |
| Houston | 1 | 5 | .167 | 3½ | | | | | |
| Northwest Division | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB | | | | | |
| Denver | 6 | 1 | .857 | — | | | | | |
| Portland | 5 | 2 | .714 | 1 | | | | | |
| Utah | 4 | 3 | .571 | 2 | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 4 | 4 | .500 | 2½ | | | | | |
| Oklahoma City | 2 | 4 | .333 | 3½ | | | | | |
| Pacific Division | | | | | | | | | |
| | W | L | Pct | GB | | | | | |
| Golden State | 8 | 1 | .889 | — | | | | | |
| Sacramento | 5 | 3 | .625 | 2½ | | | | | |
| L.A. Clippers | 4 | 3 | .571 | 3 | | | | | |
| L.A. Lakers | 3 | 5 | .375 | 4½ | | | | | |
| Phoenix | 1 | 6 | .143 | 6 | | | | | |

Sunday's Games
Sacramento at Milwaukee, 12:30 p.m.
New York at Washington, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 4 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 6 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.

Hockey

| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | |
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| Atlantic Division | | | | | | | | | |
| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA | | |
| Tampa Bay | 11 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 41 | 30 | | |
| Toronto | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 42 | 37 | | |
| Boston | 12 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 37 | 29 | | |
| Montreal | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 34 | 29 | | |
| Buffalo | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 31 | 35 | | |
| Ottawa | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 36 | 44 | | |
| Detroit | 12 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 30 | 46 | | |
| Florida | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 28 | 35 | | |
| Metropolitan Division | | | | | | | | | |
| | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA | | |
| Pittsburgh | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 43 | 32 | | |
| N.Y. Islanders | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 36 | 28 | | |
| Carolina | 12 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 36 | 34 | | |
| Washington | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 12 | 39 | 37 | | |
| Columbus | 6 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 39 | 43 | 47 | | |
| New Jersey | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 31 | 28 | | |
| Philadelphia | 12 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 10 | 35 | 48 | | |
| N.Y. Rangers</ | | | | | | | | | |