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Bucks headed to semifinals

Pendleton rallies to beat Scappoose for deepest playoff run since 1977



Pendleton's Aiden Patterson runs downfield during Friday's state playoff game against the Scappoose Indians.

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

On a night when the Pendleton Bucks lost their quarterback in the first quarter, they returned to what got them to this point of the season — their run game.

Aiden Patterson ran for two touchdowns and caught another to lead the Bucks to a 21-14 victory over Scappoose in the 5A state quarterfinals on a chilly Friday night at the Round-Up Grounds.

"I wasn't going to be denied. Not tonight," Patterson said. "The stakes were too high for that. This is the biggest game I have ever played in. It's great to be part of this team."

The Bucks advance to the semifinals for the first time since 1977. They will play Thurston in the semifinals next week. The game is tentatively set for Saturday at Hillsboro Stadium, according to head coach Erik Davis. Thurston defeated Churchill 49-48 to advance.

"This is unbelievable," Davis said. "These kids and coaches deserve it. We have looked at this team for a long time — that they were special — and they are proving me right."

The Bucks (10-1) wasted no time in establishing dominance. Scappoose fumbled on its second play of the game, and Patterson came up with the ball.

Trent Sorey hit Cam Sanford with a 35-yard pass down the right side, then Patterson had runs of 1 and 6 yards. On third-and-4, Patterson scampered 10 yards for his first of three scores.

Sorey suffered a knee injury with less than 1 minute to play in the first quarter and did not return to the game.

The Bucks offense was out of sorts the rest of the first half, while the Indians (8-3) sprang to life.

Quincy Cleveland scored on a 4-yard run midway through the second quarter, and took a 14-7 lead at the half as Connor McNabb tacked on a 16-yard touchdown run with 4:14 left in the second quarter.

Pendleton, which got away from its run game in

the second quarter, came out and pounded the ball in the second half.

The Bucks used nearly 4 minutes of the clock on their first drive of the third quarter, moving 59 yards in eight plays, ending with a 6-yard touchdown pass from Cooper Roberts to Patterson to tie the score.

"At halftime, the coaches said it's time to go to work," Patterson said. "We know what that means — run the ball."

Patterson and Shawn Yeager shared touches on the Bucks' first drive of the fourth quarter, which ended with Patterson going around the left end for a 19-yard touchdown and a 21-14 lead with 6 minutes left in the game.

"I knew at halftime, our tailbacks would have to win this game for us," Davis said of Patterson and Yeager. "We made some good half-time adjustments up front. The offensive and defensive lines have gotten us where we are."

The Bucks twice stopped Scappoose on fourth down in the final 6 minutes of the game — once at the Pendleton 40, and again at Pendleton 43 as time ran out for the Indians.

Roberts struggled when he first entered the game, but settled down in the second half and orchestrated two nice drives to put the Bucks out front.

"My heart sinks for Trent," Davis said. "He is a tremendous leader and a big part of this team. You throw a young kid like Cooper in and it takes time to adjust. He settled in and I'm proud of him."

Pendleton also lost defensive ends Beau Skinner (ankle) and Ruger Deming (shoulder) in the second half, but Davis said he expects them back next week.

Scappoose	0	14	0
Pendleton	7	14	7
Scoring		21	

10 P - Aiden Patterson 10 run (Alex Rendon kick)
20 S - Quincy Cleveland 4 run (Cade McDonald kick)
30 S - Connor McNabb 16 run (McDonald kick)
40 P - Patterson 6 pass from Cooper Roberts (Rendon kick)
40 P - Patterson 19 run (Rendon kick)



Pendleton quarterback Trent Sorey prepares to give the ball to Aiden Patterson during Friday's game against the Scappoose Indians.



Pendleton quarterback Trent Sorey stands on the sidelines after injuring his knee in the first quarter of Friday's game against the Scappoose Indians.

NEXT UP Semifinals

Pendleton vs. Thurston
Saturday, November 17
Hillsboro Stadium
(Tentatively)

PREP FOOTBALL



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Scappoose
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BMCC volleyball

Timberwolves off to the NWAC

By BRETT KANE
East Oregonian

Blue Mountain celebrated their conference-closing home match with a swift three-set victory over the Columbia Basin Hawks on Friday night.

The Timberwolves downed the Hawks 25-10, 25-14, and 25-7 to secure the No. 3 spot in the east region standings and a trip to the Northwest Athletic Conference tournament, where they last claimed the title in 2015. They'll face the south's No. 2-ranked Chemeketa in Tacoma on Nov. 15 to kick off the tournament.

"Our team was confident offensively tonight, and had fun," said head coach Jessica Humphreys. "We're looking to bring that into the NWACs."

Blue Mountain played patient and assured on Friday, while the Hawks' greatest vice was their lack of control. Columbia Basin hit five balls out of bounds in the first set alone. The Timberwolves pulled ahead with a 10-point lead twice.

Blue Mountain setter Grace Roko injured her knee on a dig in the first set and spent the remainder of the game getting treatment. She will be absent from next week's tournament.

The Hawks got the first two points in the second set before Timberwolves middle blocker Sydney Neuman strung together three kills and a block to regain dominance.

The 6-foot-1 sophomore was a threat in the attack zone, recording eight kills with just one error and hitting .438 for her final home match.

"That takes a lot of experience," Humphreys said of Neuman's performance. "She's very methodical and precise. It was nice to see her tee off on a couple of those sets tonight."

Columbia scored five points in set three before

the Timberwolves pounded away with 14 consecutive scores to take a 19-5 lead. The Hawks recorded two more points, but Neuman and outside hitters Erin Kelly and Mariah Multon put the finishing touches on the Blue Mountain win.

Brianna Cathers had nine kills and 20 digs, and setter Sophia Casarez had 23 assists for the match.

"It was a great way to end our season with the rest of our sophomores," Neuman said.

"We're mentally stronger and know how to read the court better than (Columbia). If we keep it up, the NWACs will be a breeze."



The Timberwolves' Erin Kelly (18) and Ella Renzelman-Catt (15), of Columbia Basin College, battle at the net Friday at BMCC.