

Seahawks knock 49ers from unbeaten ranks with 27-24 OT win

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SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Jason Myers kicked a 42-yard field goal after Chase McLaughlin missed a kick earlier in overtime, and the Seattle Seahawks handed the San Francisco 49ers their first loss of the season with a 27-24 victory on Monday night.

Myers gave Seattle (8-2) its second straight overtime win after Russell Wilson got the Seahawks into position with an 18-yard scramble on third-and-3. After being iced by a timeout, Myers delivered one week after missing two field goals and an extra point, putting Seattle right in the thick of the NFC West race with San Francisco (8-1).

The Seahawks blew a chance to

win the game on the opening possession of overtime when Wilson was intercepted at the 4 by Dre Greenlaw. It was Wilson's second interception of the season and just the second red-zone interception in overtime in the last 25 years, according to STATS, with Jacoby Brissett having the other in 2017 against San Francisco.

Greenlaw returned it 47 yards to the Seattle 49 and the Niners moved

the ball 20 yards before McLaughlin missed badly to the left on a 47-yard attempt. McLaughlin had made his first three field goals after being signed earlier in the week when Robbie Gould went down with a quadriceps injury.

The teams then traded punts, the Seahawks took over at their 36 with 1:25 remaining and drove for the winning score.

After the defenses dominated much of the game with each team scoring a defensive touchdown and generating three takeaways apiece, the quarterbacks traded late drives for field goals that set the stage for overtime.

Wilson drove the Seahawks 47 yards before Chris Carson was

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2A STATE FOOTBALL

Bandon no match for Heppner

Mustangs gets 3 TDs from Blake Wolters in 49-0 victory over the Tigers

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HEPPIER — Think Heppner is not as good as its record? Think again.

Blake Wolters ran for three touchdowns, and Jayden Wilson threw for two, as the No. 3-ranked Mustangs trampled the Bandon Tigers 49-0 on Saturday afternoon in the first round of the 2A state playoffs at Les Payne Field.

"I'm extremely proud of them," Heppner coach Greg Grant said of his team. "I was a little worried about them (Bandon). They have an athletic quarterback, but our kids are tough, resilient and they played smart."

The Mustangs (10-0) will host Warrenton (7-2) at noon Saturday in the quarterfinals.

Bandon, which finished its season 5-5, managed 159 yards of offense, but turned the ball over seven times and could not find the end zone.

"They are a good, solid football team," Tigers coach Aaron Freitag said of Heppner. "Losing like this is never easy. They played a solid game."

Heppner punted on its first possession, but scored on its next seven.

After a poor punt by Bandon, the Mustangs took over at the Bandon 36-yard line. A 25-yard run by Wilson put the ball on the 3, where Wolters took it into the end zone on the next play for a 6-0 lead.

Two plays into the Tigers' next drive, Jason Rea intercepted Bandon quarterback Braydon Freitag to give the Mustangs the ball at the 27-yard line. Four plays later, Mason



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Heppner quarterback Jayden Wilson evades a tackle by Bandon's Reef Berry and runs into the end zone for a touchdown during Saturday's 2A state playoff game.

Lehman ran the ball in from 16 yards out, and the rout was on.

Wilson then threw touchdown passes to Jackson Lehman (23 yards) and Kason Cimmiytti (41) to extend the Mustangs' lead to 26-0 less than 2 minutes into the second quarter.

"My coaches and teammates depend on me," said Wilson, who threw for 64 yards, ran for 74 and had an interception. "I couldn't do it without my line giving me time, and the receivers getting open. We wanted to play hard no matter the score and get that win."

Wilson took off for a 41-yard touchdown run on Heppner's

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Heppner's Mason Lehman (24) gets a touchdown during Saturday's 2A state playoff game against Bandon.

PREP ROUNDUP

TigerScots fall to Union in consolation match

East Oregonian

UNION — The Weston-McEwen TigerScots' volleyball season came to an end Saturday after falling to Union in four sets in a 2A state tournament consolation match.

The Bobcats took the first two sets 25-15 and 25-16 before the TigerScots rebounded with a 25-21 third-set win. But the Bobcats rallied back to take the match with a 25-21 fourth-set victory.

"We came out and were just too timid early in the match," Weston-McEwen coach Shawn White said. "We got more aggressive in the third set, but it just wasn't quite enough to get to that fifth set. I'm pleased with the fact that they hung in there and kept fighting all the way to the end."

Ellie Scheibner finished the match with 16 assists, 12 digs, and five blocks. Charli King had 11 assists, six digs, and an ace, and Trinity Hearn posted seven kills, five blocks, and three aces. Carrie Hazen recorded eight digs and three aces, Emma Olson had 11 digs and two aces, and Jesse Manning had 17 digs, 12 kills, and one ace.

"We had four of our top five hitters graduate off last year's team," White said. "Almost the entire offensive front was totally first-year varsity players. They finished in the top eight in the state. I'm super excited for the year they had. They battled hard all year."

Girls soccer

CATLIN GABEL 5, RIVERSIDE 0 — The 3A/2A/1A's top-seeded Catlin Gabel got the best of Riverside in Saturday's state quarterfinals match, shutting out the visiting Pirates and knocking them out of the playoff running.

"They played tough," Riverside coach Carlos Velasco said, "we just made some mistakes in some corner kicks and direct kicks."

Just like last year, the Pirates' season ended with a quarterfinals road shutout.

"Overall, I believe we had a really good season," Velasco said. "We finished with only two losses and two ties. We're really proud of the girls."

Boys soccer

OREGON EPISCOPAL 3, RIVERSIDE 2 — For the second season in a row, Riverside's season was cut short by Oregon Episcopal.

On Saturday, the Pirates lost in overtime to the host Aardvarks in a 3A/2A/1A state quarterfinals battle.

"It was a fair match," Riverside coach Jose Duenas said. "We definitely showed we weren't a No. 7 seed. The team showed their heart and passion for soccer out there. They gave it their all, no doubt about it."

Riverside senior Ulyses Lopez scored one goal in regular play and another in overtime, but the Aardvarks remained in control.

"It was a rough season in the

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STATE CROSS-COUNTRY

Heppner/Ione boys fourth at state championships

Mustangs freshman Trevor Nichols leads the pack with 10th-place finish

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EUGENE — A year ago, Trevor Nichols sat and watched as his older brother, Hunter, collected a bronze medal for his third-place finish in the 2A/1A cross-county state championships.

A freshman at Heppner this year, Nichols brought home a medal of his own Saturday, finishing 10th with a personal-best time of 16 minutes, 40.40 seconds in the OSAA 2A/1A State Cross-Coun-

try Championships at Lane Community College.

Nichols led the way for the Mustangs, which placed its next three runners in the top 50 and also collected a team trophy after finishing fourth with a total of 138 points.

"That's more than I could have hoped for," Mustangs coach Russ Nichols said. "It just shows in the future we're going to be better."

Trevor Nichols struggled at the start Saturday but found a pack with a familiar friend in Union/Cove freshman Taylor Fox to run with through the first half. Nichols is used to running with Fox, who ended up edging the Heppner freshman for ninth place by two seconds.

After settling into 13th place with under a mile to go, Nichols

dug deep into the training he had with his brother over the summer and found his final burst down the stretch of the course, just like his brother advised him.

"My brother told me 'push it, you won't regret it,'" Nichols said.

Coach Russ Nichols, who is also Trevor's father, said the rest of the team has also pushed Trevor to improve throughout the season, and overall, Saturday's performance was a sign of the team's upward trajectory.

Heppner/Ione doesn't graduate any seniors from its team in 2019 and Angel Velasco, a junior who finished 57th in a personal-best 19:03.00 on Saturday, was the team's lone upperclassmen this season.

"We're young and so I was hop-

ing that we could get a trophy, and that's about where I anticipated we would be if we ran great, and we did," coach Nichols said.

Coach Nichols said the team outdid his expectations on Saturday, as both sophomore Joseph Sherman at 17:30.20 in 26th place and freshman David Cribbs at 18:02.10 in 41st also ran personal bests.

In the same race, Stanfield/Echo junior Sisay Hurty finished 13th with a time of 16:53.10.

Madelyn Nichols, another member of the cross-country family, finished 18th in 20:33.10 as the Mustangs' lone runner in the 3A/2A/1A girls race on Saturday.

Later on Saturday at LCC, McLoughlin senior Mekenna Simpson ran 21:04.00 to finish 42nd in the girls 4A race.