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Texas A&M wide receiver Quartney Davis (1) celebrates after catching a touchdown pass during the seventh overtime of an NCAA college football game against LSU in College Station, Texas, on Nov. 24, 2018.

NCAA: Officials will be on the lookout for uniform violations

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questionable actions.

"Any time a player is injured, we want to honor that injury and make sure they get their full protection, but feigning injuries is an integrity issue and something we don't want in the game," Shaw said.

Still to be determined is what repercussions there would be if a player were found to have faked an

The committee plans to review injury data for the 2021 season before deciding whether to recommend changes to rules regarding blocking below the waist.

Members are looking at limiting blocking below the waist to inside the tackle box, which is the area spanning the length of the offensive line and extending from the line of scrimmage to the opponent's goal line.

The committee supported the team area being permanently extended to the 20-yard lines. The team area now stretches between the 25-yard lines, but the area was expanded to the 15-yard lines in 2020 to create more social-distancing space because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The committee also listed three points of emphasis for 2021.

Officials will crack down on any taunting directed toward an opponent, Shaw said, because taunting reflects poorly on the game and can lead to unnecessary confrontations.

Officials will be on the lookout for uniform violations and will send the player out of the game to correct the issue. This will include specifically the pants, jerseys and T-shirts.

Also, coaches who enter the field of play or leave the team area to debate officiating decisions will be committing an automatic unsportsmanlike conduct

Soccer: 'Where did all of these goals come from?'

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"I had never played Pendleton before, junior co-captain Jizelle Gonzalez said. "Our coaches told us about the rivalry.'

Of the team's 25 goals, Ray has a team-leading nine, including a hat trick on March 11 against The

"Nine goals is huge," Guizar said. "I don't know the last time Hermiston had a player with double-digit goals. She is ready to finish her senior season strong. She is enjoying soccer for one more year.'

Gonzalez has four goals, and the team's other junior co-captain, Sydney Seavert, has three — a hat trick in their first game against The Dalles — along with a teamhigh six assists.

"Where did all of these goals come from?" Gonzalez asked. "Last year, I had three goals, now I have four in four games. Our program is so tired of losing, so I think when we got the opportunity to play, we took advantage of it. We are

excited to be winning these pride into the team. games."

Seavert agreed.

"I'm just super happy to have a season," she said. "It's good to win games. Our goal this season is to finish with zero losses. Playing in the MCC toughens you up."

A fresh start

Guizar changed the Bulldogs' practices and game plan this season, and the change has been positive.

"This year, he changed the way he coaches," Gonzalez said. "Our drills at practice have changed. We are working on fundamentals, the pace at practice is at a game pace, and we have better chemistry on the team as well. It feels good to pay him back for all the work he has put in for us."

For Seavert, the changes have meant more opportunities and responsibility.

"I got moved to midfield and I have more opportunities for assists," Seavert said. "I get to help control the game and make sure the girls are in control."

Ray said the changes have infused a sense of

"It's really nice, winning has given us a confidence boost," she said. "It's great to have this team my senior year. We have a good chemistry. If we were in the MCC this year, we would be holding our own."

While the goals are flooding the net, Hermiston goalkeeper Caitlin Anderholm has been a little lonely on her end of the field.

"It gets to the point where the defenders are playing rock paper scissors, and Caitlin is catching moths," Gonzalez said with a laugh. "Freddy has no idea, he's always watching the action at the other end.

There are just four seniors on this year's team - Ray, Leah Englebrecht, Elizabeth Hernandez and Maralyne Pacheco — leaving the Bulldogs with a solid group of returning players next season.

"Jayden and I have played together since we were 4 years old," Seavert said. "Senior Night, I will be bawling my eves out."

Until then, they will enjoy the ride.

ON THE SLATE

SATURDAY, MARCH 13-SATURDAY, MARCH 20

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 Prep football Irrigon at Riverside (scrimmage), 5 p.m. **Prep volleyball** Walla Walla at Hermiston, 2 p.m.

Pilot Rock at Grant Union, noon Irrigon at McLoughlin, noon Crook County at Pendleton, 11 a.m.

La Grande at Pendleton, 3 p.m. Prep girls soccer Hood River Valley at Hermiston, noon Ontario at Pendleton, noon

McLoughlin at The Dalles/Dufur, noon Prep boys soccer The Dalles/Dufur at McLoughlin, noon Umatilla at Riverside, noon

Hermiston at Kennewick MCC meet,

McLoughlin at Pioneer Invite, 9 a.m. **MONDAY, MARCH 15** Prep volleyball

Irrigon at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Umatilla at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m. **Prep girls soccer** Riverside at Stanfield/Echo, 4 p.m. **TUESDAY, MARCH 16**

Prep volleyball Pendleton at Hood River, 6:30 p.m. Irrigon at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m. Stanfield at Heppner, 5 p.m. Pilot Rock at Riverside, 5 p.m. Condon at lone/Arlington, 5 p.m.

Prep girls soccer Hermiston at Pendleton, 6 p.m. McLoughlin at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m. Prep boys soccer Ontario at Pendleton, 4 p.m. McLoughlin at Umatilla, 7 p.m. Irrigon at Riverside, 4 p.m

Prep slowpitch softball

Hermiston at Chiawana (2), 3 p.m. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 McLoughlin at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Prep cross-country
The Dalles at Pendleton, Birch Creek,

2 p.m. THURSDAY, MARCH 18 Prep football

Grant Union at Heppner, 4 p.m. Umatilla at Stanfield, 7 p.m. Imbler at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m. Prep volleyball The Dalles at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 4 p.m. Nixyaawii at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m. Ione/Arlington at Sherman, 5 p.m Riverside at Umatilla, 5 p.m Umatilla, Ione at Mustang Invite, 3 p.m.

Pendleton at Redmond, 4:30 p.m Prep boys soccer Redmond at Pendleton, 4 p.m. Irrigon at McLoughlin, 5 p.m.

Prep slowpitch softball

Walla Walla at Hermiston (2), 3 p.m. FRIDAY, MARCH 19

Kennewick at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Irrigon at McLoughlin, 7 p.m. Riverside at Weston-McEwen, 3:30 p.m. South Wasco County at Echo, 7 p.m. Dufur at Ione/Arlington, 6 p.m.

Prep volleyball Grant Union at Heppner, noon Weston-McEwen JV at Griswold, 5 p.m Prep girls soccer

Riverside at Umatilla, 2 p.m. Trout Lake at Stanfield/Echo, 1 p.m. **Prep boys soccer** Riverside at Umatilla, 4 p.m. SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Prep football

Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 1 p.m. **Prep volleyball** Hermiston at Hood River, 2:45 p.m Pendleton at The Dalles, 11 a.m. Weston-McEwen at McLoughlin, 11 a.m. Stanfield at Grant Union, noon

Heppner at Irrigon, 1 p.m Echo at Condon, noor **Prep cross-country** Hermiston at Richland MCC meet, Prep girls soccer

McLoughlin at Pendleton JV, noon

Hermiston at Chiawana, noon

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