



WALLOWA FOOTBALL



Photos by Paul Wahl/Wallowa County Chieftain

Cougar Austin Brockamp leads a parade of defenders and teammates down the field in Saturday's semi-finals of the state playoffs in Hermiston.

ST. PAUL ENDS WALLOWA'S SEASON

Cougars season finished at 9-3

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Same team. Same results. Wallowa High School varsity football team's season came to an end Saturday in Hermiston with a 16-46 loss to powerhouse St. Paul.

It was the second time this season the two teams had met, St. Paul finished on top in both.

The semifinal round of the 1A football championship was played in near-perfect weather with a large contingency of fans in the stands.

St. Paul scored in the first quarter, Wallowa added a touchdown on a six-yard pass from quarterback Gus Ramsden to Wyatt Prince.

ALL LEAGUE PLAYERS NAMED

Wallowa Cougars were well-represented in the 2018 Old Oregon League all-league team. Runningback Austin Brockamp was named to first team offensive and quarterback Gus Ramsden, Zeb Ramsden and Michael Diggins were named to second team. Five Cougars made first team defensive — Brockamp, Gus Ramsden, Zeb Ramsden, Joe Robb and Wyatt Prince. Zane Hermens made the second team defense. Corsin Risi was named to second team and Ricardo Palma received honorable mention.

The next five changes on the leader board were on the Buckaroo side. Wallowa came back with one final touchdown late in the game, this time an eight-yard pass from Ramsden to Prince.

St. Paul amassed 551 total yards in the game to Wallowa's 225. The telling tale was in passing yards — St. Paul had 242 to Wallowa's 78.

As he has done much of the season, senior Austin Brockamp led the rushing effort with 77 yards. Ramsden added 63 and Zeb Ramsden 17.

Gus Ramsden anchored the defensive effort, as well, with eight tackles and seven assists. Brockamp had five tackles and eight assists, Zeb Hermens five tackles and Zeb Ramsden, Jesse Duncan and Joe Robb each had four.

St. Paul will face Dufur for the 1A championship Nov. 24 at Hillsboro, Ore.

Wallowa finishes the season with a 9-3 record overall, undefeated in 1A Old Oregon League play.

BELOW, LEFT TO RIGHT Cougar Zane Hermens makes a gallant attempt to stop St. Paul quarterback TJ Crawford's pass. ♦ A crowd of Cougar defenders gather to stop St. Paul's TJ Crawford. ♦ St. Paul senior Jaidyn Jackson struggles out of the clutches of Wallowa's Gus Ramsden during first-half action in Saturday's matchup in state championship semi-finals in Hermiston.



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