

North Douglas volleyball secures perfect league record

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The North Douglas Warriors completed their pursuit of perfection last Saturday, achieving a 14-0 record in league play and sweeping their two opponents in the Skyline Conference tournament.

“We had a really good day

Saturday. That was some of the best volleyball we played all season,” said Warrior Head Coach Emily Reed. “We had talked all week about controlling our destiny and making our path easier and so the girls just came ready to play and they played really well.”

The Warriors dominated their conference the whole season only dropping two sets

to their opponents all year. Their supremacy continued when they faced rival Days Creek and crushed them 25-15, 25-15, 25-14 earning a 3-0 sweep. Then later overpowering Umpqua Valley Christian 25-13, 25-16, 25-15 for another 3-0 victory in the conference championship.

“The passing was fantastic. We worked all week on

our defense and covering our hitters,” said Reed. “It was really impressive you could tell we had worked on it because I think that was the best defense we had played in both games.”

North Douglas will be hosting a playoff game next week Oct. 30 with the opponent and time still to be determined as of *The Sentinels* press time.

Stat leaders	
Stat Leaders vs Days Creek:	Stat Leaders vs UVC:
Halli Vaughn 12 kills	Cyndi Dill 7 kills, 3 aces, digs
Brooke McHaffie 4 kills, 9 blocks	Samantha MacDowell 5 kills, 4 aces, 16 assists
Cyndi Dill 7 kills	Asia Ward 14 digs, 2 aces

DEFENSE from B1

of run game and I had to count on our quarterback Connor to carry a lot of the load for us. We use him a lot to run right, to run left, up the middle, and we just kind of went to the running game as much as we could. The passing was just going to be tough even though we did throw a touchdown pass to win it was hard for us to do for sure.”

A vintage performance by the Creswell defense

kept the game low scoring and the Bulldogs came out ready, only allowing Jefferson to move the ball two yards on their opening drive. The first possession for the Creswell offense was a similar scene and was forced to punt on a fourth and nine.

The Jefferson punt returner mishandled the ball, putting the ball on the ground, and Creswell was able to fall on it, getting the ball back at the Jefferson 35-yard-line. On the next play, Connor Hanson

would run for a gain of 15 yards followed by a penalty against the Jefferson defense moving the ball all the way down to the Jefferson 10-yard-line.

Jefferson was able to force a turnover and got the ball back deep in their own territory of the field. The Bulldog defense had two tackles for loss and forced a safety for the first score of the night (2-0 Creswell). On the next Creswell possession, the hand-off exchange was dropped and recovered by the Jefferson defense at the Creswell 40-yard-line.

But the ensuing play the snap would go over the head of the Jefferson quarterback and be recovered by the Creswell defense for one of their five fumble recoveries on the night.

“It was crazy, you know, it was one of those things

like they would get the ball then a play or two later we would get the ball back,” said Worsham. “The ball was hard to keep ahold of. Both sides had a hard time it was so slick.”

Creswell was able to move the ball down to the Jefferson 10-yard-line but Hanson’s pass would be intercepted by the Lions. On the next play, the Jefferson running back broke away from Bulldog defensive players for a 90-yard score for the Lions (7-2 Jefferson). As time was running low Hanson was able to break off a big run of his own for a 49-yard score to end the first quarter and give the Bulldogs back the lead (10-6 Creswell).

Creswell’s defense would give up one more long run to the Jefferson running back again in the middle of the second quarter as he

scampered for a 75-yard score that would be the last score of the first half (12-10 Jefferson).

In the second half, both teams’ defense rendered the opposing offense scoreless until the first play of the fourth quarter. On 4th and 11, Hanson foundnd fellow team captain Logan Gordon for the score and a go-ahead touchdown (18-12 Creswell).

“Our defense was doing such a great job in that second half and the way the field was they just weren’t going to be able to move the ball. It was just a matter of us scoring that one last touchdown to go ahead,” said Worsham

The defense continued to be solid and hold Jefferson the rest of the game, not allowing them to score and closing out a big 18-12 victory for Creswell.

“It was important to get this win versus Jefferson,” said Worsham. “The team knows a win against Monroe puts us right in the playoffs. So we’re all gearing up for a big week basically the playoffs start now so we got to get it done.”

With the playoffs still very much in reach for Creswell, the Bulldogs will end their regular season against Monroe on Friday, Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. with the winner advancing to the playoffs.

Stat leaders

Offense

Connor Hanson 8/14, 52 yards, 1 TD

Connor Hanson 32 carries, 152 yards, 1 TD

Jack Nguyen 9 carries, 15 yards

Logan Gordon 1 catch, 18 yards 1 TD

Defense

Juan Beltran 7 tackles, 1 FR

Connor Hanson 7 tackles, 4 TFL

Team 5 FR, 3 INT

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