

**SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**  
**Softball:** Western Oregon at San Francisco State (DH), 1 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**  
**Track and Field:** Western Oregon at Mt. Hood Multi Meet, Gresham, 9 a.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**  
**Baseball:** Dallas at Mountain View, 11 a.m.; Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene (DH), 2 p.m.; Dallas at Ridgeview, 4 p.m.

**Softball:** Tournament of Champions at Turlock, Calif.: Western Oregon vs. Sonoma State, 12:15 p.m.; Western Oregon vs. Academy of Art, 2:15 p.m.; Western Oregon vs. Chico State, 5:45 p.m.

**Track and Field:** Western Oregon at Mt. Hood Multi Meet, Gresham, 9 a.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**  
**Baseball:** Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene (DH), noon.

**Softball:** Tournament of Champions at Turlock, Calif.: Western Oregon vs. Hawaii-Hilo, 9 a.m.; Western Oregon vs. Cal State Monterey Bay, 1:30 p.m.

**Track and Field:** Western Oregon at Willamette Invitational, Salem, 10:30 a.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29**  
**Softball:** Western Oregon at Tournament of Champions at Turlock, Calif., TBA.

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**  
**Boys Golf:** Dallas, Central at Mid-Willamette Conference Tournament, Trysting Tree Golf Club, Corvallis, noon.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**  
**Baseball:** Dallas at Lebanon, 4:30 p.m.; Central at Woodburn, 4:30 p.m.; Perrydale at St. Paul, 4:30 p.m.

**Softball:** Woodburn at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.; Central at South Albany, 4:30 p.m.

**Boys Tennis:** Woodburn at Dallas, 4 p.m.; Central at South Albany, 4 p.m.

**Girls Tennis:** Dallas at Woodburn, 4 p.m.; South Albany at Central, 4 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**  
**Baseball:** Lebanon at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.; Woodburn at Central, 4:30 p.m.

**Softball:** Dallas at Central, 4:30 p.m.; Perrydale at Scio, 4:30 p.m.

**Track and Field:** Dallas at Lebanon, 3:30 p.m.; Central at Woodburn, 4 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

**QUICK HITS**



**Spring preview section is inside**

**POLK COUNTY** — Looking for previews of your favorite Polk County high school sports team? You'll find them inside the special 2015 Spring Sports Guide insert included with this week's *Itemizer-Observer*.

The 20-page full-color section includes season outlook overviews, schedules and more for all varsity baseball, softball, track and field, tennis and golf teams at Dallas, Central, Perrydale and Falls City high schools.

There are also features on Dallas High's baseball pitching staff and Central High track athlete Reba Hoffman.

2014-15 ITEMIZER-OBSERVER ALL-REGION BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

# Finding an edge

*Minahan plays fearless basketball*

**By Lukas Eggen**  
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — It's easy to think Dallas junior Everett Minahan has always been confident on the basketball court. As the Dragons' starting point guard, Minahan directed the team's offense and helped guide the squad to a trip to the first round of the OSAA Class 5A state playoffs. But it wasn't always that way. Minahan's evolution into a leader this season made him the *Itemizer-Observer's* 2014-15 boys basketball Player of the Year. "Everett's tenacity and drive set him apart," Dallas coach Trent Schwartz said. "I have never had a basketball player put in the extra work he did on his own volition before and after practice." Minahan's path on the court, however, hasn't always been easy.

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**By The Numbers**

<b>11.4</b> The number of points Minahan averaged during the 2014-15 season, a team-high for Dallas.	<b>1</b> The number of varsity games Minahan had played prior to his junior campaign.	<b>2.4</b> The number of steals per game Minahan averaged for the Dragons this season.
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**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

# Williams catching his dream

*WOU senior making waves as possible NFL draft pick in April*

**By Lukas Eggen**  
The Itemizer-Observer

**MONMOUTH** — Western Oregon senior Tyrell Williams has always been a Philadelphia Eagles fan. If he has his way, his allegiance may soon change.

Williams hopes to join Kevin Boss among the names of WOU football players to make the leap to the NFL.

"Growing up, it's always been a dream of mine to play in the NFL," Williams said. "I always hoped I'd have a chance to play."

Williams may see his dreams realized.

Williams excelled after participating in Oregon State's pro day on March 13. The 6-foot-3 receiver ran a 4.42 second 40-yard dash; 39 1/2 inch vertical; 4.22 second shuttle drill; and a 10 foot, 7 inch broad jump.

Williams' highlight was the three cone drill, which tests agility. Williams finished in 6.55 seconds, which would have given him the top time at the NFL draft combine earlier this year.

"Coming in, I wanted to get the numbers I knew I was capable of putting up," Williams said. "I wanted to make sure I was catching all

**By The Numbers**

**950**  
The total number of receiving yards Williams had during the 2014 season.

**17.0**  
The average yards per catch Williams recorded, good for second on the team, just behind Paul Revis (17.1).

**8**  
The number of receiving touchdowns Williams caught during his senior campaign.

the balls thrown to me and to come out with confidence. I wanted to come out and have fun and not worry about what comes after."

Since his pro day, Williams has seen his draft stock rise significantly. The New England Patriots hosted Williams for a visit and several draft analyses have identified Williams as a sleeper pick and a potential mid-to late-round draft



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer file  
**Western Oregon senior receiver Tyrell Williams is gaining interest from various NFL teams this spring.**

choice. Williams' agent said the Detroit Lions and San Diego Chargers have shown the most interest along with the Patriots.

"I've had quite a few calls from teams setting up workouts and stuff like that," Williams said. "My agent has been talking to teams as

**NFL Bound?**

- Western Oregon senior Tyrell Williams worked out at Oregon State's pro day on March 13.
- Williams has visited with the New England Patriots and received interest from the Detroit Lions and San Diego Chargers.
- The 2015 NFL Draft runs from April 30 to May 2.
- Williams hopes to become the second WOU player to be drafted. Kevin Boss (fifth round, 2007) was the first.

well. We'll keep going from here and see what happens."

Williams trained at Parabolic Performance in New Jersey in February to prepare for his pro day. Now, he's turning his attention toward impressing any team workouts he is invited to take part in.

"I'm preparing for whatever the scouts put me through," Williams said. "Hopefully, those workouts impress them to get more visits and interviews."

Williams' success has been the culmination of a strong career at WOU.

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