

Offense: Dallas faces stiff test on Friday

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The accuracy was there from the start, Jackson said, but one change had to happen to be successful.

"Tim Tebow didn't make it in the NFL because he winds back too much and Harry does that too," Jackson said. "We've worked hard with (Harrison) on that. More and more, he's able to take the snap and get it out quick."

Broadus had his best game of the season, completing 14 of 16 passes for 245 yards and three touchdowns on Friday. He also scored on a pair of touchdown runs.

Dallas' retooled offense has created a new level of excitement.

"It's a lot of fun for me and a lot of fun for the receivers," Broadus said with a smile.

Some of those receivers are turning into some of the team's most dangerous offensive weapons.

The playmakers

Since the decision was made to install a new offense, coaches had a simple message for junior wide receiver Aaron White.

"The coaches told me since the beginning that I'm going to need to make some big plays throughout the season," White said.

He may be the most versatile of all the Dragons' receivers. He scored on a



Dallas running back Alex Hofferber rushed for 89 yards and two touchdowns against Woodburn on Friday night.

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31-yard pass and a 1-yard run, proving White can take the ball from anywhere on the field and break it open.

"I love it," White said. "I like running a lot, so it's really fun for me."

Receivers like Everett Minahan, who caught a pair of touchdown passes, and Mitchell Laizure give Dallas a multitude of offensive threats.

"I can only do so much," Broadus said. "They do the

rest. I just put the ball up there for them and let them go to work and do what they do."

Broadus credits early success on the ground that led to the Dragons' big day through the air.

"Establishing the run early helps the passing game get open because the defense will start creeping up," Broadus said.

Leading the charge was Hofferber, who rushed for 89 yards and a pair of touch-

downs.

"Alex is running the way we were hoping he'd run from the start," Jackson said.

Finding success against a winless team is one thing — replicating that against the league's best presents a whole new challenge.

New test

For all the success the Dragons had against Woodburn, Dallas also knows the Bulldogs have given up at least 52 points in each of their first three games.

"We knew we could be good," Broadus said. "Coming out and showing it is really good. Now, we have to build off of it."

Up next on Friday is a key league showdown with rival Central (2-1 overall, 1-0 MWC), which defeated South Albany 13-6 on Friday.

Dallas' win against Woodburn may not be the biggest one it will have in 2015, but for a team out to show its new look, it was an important first step, one that demonstrates just how good they can be.

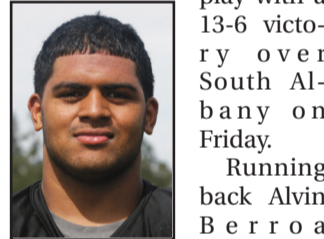
"We had some flashes the first two weeks," Jackson said. "The thing about it is when you change your identity, you have to reestablish that and find that level of play that's your ceiling. I don't think we're there yet, but this is who we thought we could be from day one."

PREP FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Panthers hold off South Albany

Berroa rushes for 209 yards to lead Central to the win

Itemizer-Observer staff report INDEPENDENCE — The Central Panthers opened Mid-Willamette Conference play with a 13-6 victory over South Albany on Friday.



Tuipulotu

Running back Alvin Berrera rushed for 209 yards and a touchdown, while quarterback Peter Mendazona also added a rushing touchdown.

Marlon Tuipulotu recorded three sacks and Madison Stepp added two on defense. Marcos Cedillo and A.J.

Morales each had an interception, while Reba Hoffman recovered a fumble. Hoffman also had seven tackles.

"The Panthers played one of the better defensive games in several years," Hedrick said. "Overall, we are seeing growth from week to week and that is what we expect from a young team."

Central (2-1 overall, 1-0 MWC) plays at Dallas Friday at 7 p.m.

PERRYDALE SCORES 68 DURING VICTORY: Perrydale's football team continued to pour it on offensively, cruising to a 68-27 win over Mitchell on Friday. "We jumped on them early going up 30-0 in the first eight minutes of the first quarter," Pirates coach Chris Gubrud

said. "Daniel Domes, Grant Barnes and Keenan Bailey combined for five touchdowns on the ground and three through the air. Colton Moore got extended playing time on defense and played well. Spencer Bibler continued is steady effort on both sides of the ball. Alex Hawes and Jacob Pope dominated the offensive line opening huge holes for our running backs." Perrydale (3-0 overall, 1-0 Special District 4) hosts Dufur Friday at 7 p.m. Dufur enters the game 3-0, winning by 30 points or more in each of its first three contests.

MOUNTAINEERS FALL TO 0-3: Falls City dropped a non-league contest to Yoncalla 48-19 on Friday. No details were provided. The Mountaineers (0-3 overall) play at North Douglas on Friday.

Pointing out a new friend



A young Wolves fan points toward Western Oregon mascot Wolfy during Wolves' Fan Fest on Thursday afternoon. Athletes from all WOU teams welcomed fans of all ages with a variety of games and activities.

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Padilla: Sophomore earned a varsity spot on both squads

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Once Padilla decided to participate in two sports there was one more critical hurdle to clear — the coaches.

Boys soccer coach Carlos Esquivel and cross-country coach Eli Cirino met to discuss how to best split his



Central sophomore Aaron Padilla plays varsity soccer and runs on the varsity cross-country team.

time to give him chances to succeed at both. Cirino also talked to his boys team about the situation. Everyone was excited for Padilla to give it a go.

"The first thing that Carlos and I talked about was whether we thought he was

capable of pulling this off without hurting his performance on the soccer field," Cirino said. "... I absolutely think Aaron is capable of pulling this off or we wouldn't even have tried."

During the school year, he focuses primarily on attending soccer for practices, but participates in cross-country meets as schedules allow.

That means in any given week, Padilla is playing in two soccer matches and running at a cross-country meet — a daunting task, but one he's getting used to.

"It's not as tiring as it sounds like (it should be)," Padilla said.

In fact, playing two sports helps him get into better physical shape for the other, Padilla said, and he's becoming one of the Panthers' top performers in each.

The sophomore finished second for the Panthers at the Silver Falls Oktoberfest Invitational on Sept. 16, finishing in 19 minutes, 32.7 seconds, 0.3 seconds behind the team's top finisher, Zachary Meyer.

More important than his results, Padilla said cross-country provides the same level of kinship he has grown used to playing soccer.

"You still feel like you're on a team," Padilla said. "The other runners help push you

while you're running."

On the soccer field, Padilla starts as a center midfielder, where he's responsible for helping shift the ball from the defenders to the forwards and start the Panthers on their offensive attack.

He's helping to form the core of Central's squad.

"Aaron is a young player who has a lot of potential," Esquivel said. "He needs work, like all the players do, but I can tell he's going to be an excellent player."

Padilla knows the soccer squad is a work in progress, but the Panthers are seeing the fruits of their labors pay off, earning a 3-1 victory over West Albany on Friday — the team's first of the season.

"We're a young team, but we have time to progress," Padilla said. "I know I can get better in passing the ball faster and communicating more. We always have areas to improve on."

While Padilla balances two sports, both Esquivel and Cirino are keeping a close eye on him so he doesn't burn himself out.

For now, Padilla is happy for the chance to compete in both his lifelong — and newfound — passions.

"I love playing both sports," Padilla said. "I feel privileged to be able to compete in both."

PREP SOCCER ROUNDUP

Dallas boys fall to McNary, St. Helens

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McNARY — Dallas' boys soccer squad lost a pair of nonleague matches, falling to McNary 8-1 on Sept. 15 and St. Helens 5-0 on Thursday.

Isaac Short scored the Dragons' lone goal against McNary. Dallas (1-3 overall) hosted Benson Tuesday after press time and will close out its nonleague season at Southridge on Thursday.

The Dragons open Mid-

Willamette Conference play by hosting Central on Oct. 5.

DALLAS GIRLS DROP TWO:

The Dallas girls soccer squad fell to Wilsonville 4-0 on Sept. 15 before losing to Liberty 3-1 on Thursday. Stefani Tallon scored the Dragons' lone goal against Liberty, which entered the second half tied at 1, but Dallas gave up two second half goals. The Dragons (1-4 overall) close out nonleague play by hosting Gresham Thursday at 4 p.m.

PREP CROSS-COUNTRY ROUNDUP

Central finishes in top five at Invitational

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SILVER FALLS — Central's boys and girls cross-country squads finished in the top five in the team standings at the Silver Falls Oktoberfest Invitational on Sept. 16. The girls placed third, while the boys took fifth.

Baillie Hartford led the girls with a ninth-place finish in the 5,000 meter race, finishing in 22 minutes, 35.7 seconds. Zachary Meyer led the boys taking 21st, finishing in 19:32.4 and 19:32.7,

respectively. Dallas and Central will compete at the Mid-Willamette Conference Preview meet Wednesday (today) at Crystal Lake Sports Park in Corvallis.

DALLAS COMPETES AT THREE COURSE CHALLENGE:

The Dallas boys and cross-country teams took part in the Three Course Challenge at Seaside. Trevor Cross led the boys in the 5,000-meter hard course, taking 76th overall in 22 minutes, 38 seconds. Elizabeth Sutton took 72nd on the hard course in 28:04 to lead the girls.