

## SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21**  
**Cross-country:** Central, Dallas at Mid-Willamette Conference Championships at Crystal Lake Sports Park, Corvallis, 2 p.m.  
**Girls soccer:** Dallas at Silverton, 6 p.m.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 22**  
**Boys soccer:** Central at Crescent Valley, 4 p.m.  
**Girls soccer:** Crescent Valley at Central, 4 p.m. Corvallis at Dallas, 4 p.m. Northwest Nazarene at Western Oregon, 2:30 p.m.  
**Volleyball:** Central at Woodburn, 6 p.m. Silverton at Dallas, 6 p.m. Seattle Pacific at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCT. 23**  
**Boys soccer:** Dallas at Corvallis, 4 p.m.  
**Football:** Corvallis at Central, 7 p.m. Dallas at Lebanon, 7 p.m. Alsea at Falls City, 7 p.m. Sherman at Perrydale, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCT. 24**  
**Cross-country:** Western Oregon at Great Northwest Athletic Conference Championship at Bellingham, Wash., 10 a.m.  
**Football:** Western Oregon at Simon Fraser, 1 p.m.  
**Girls soccer:** Montana State Billings at Western Oregon, noon.  
**Volleyball:** Casco League Tournament, TBA. Saint Martin's at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 27**  
**Boys soccer:** Central at Woodburn, 6 p.m. Dallas at South Albany, 6 p.m.  
**Girls soccer:** Woodburn at Central, 6 p.m. South Albany at Dallas, 4 p.m.  
**Volleyball:** Class 5A State play-in round, TBA.

Schedules Subject to Change

## QUICK HITS

### Wolves picked second in poll

PORTLAND — Western Oregon's men's basketball team was picked second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference preseason coaches' poll on Thursday.

Western Washington was selected first, receiving five of 11 first-place votes and 114 points overall.

The Wolves received four first-place votes and 106 total points.

WOU returns four starters from last year's team including first team all-conference selections Andy Avgi and Julian Nichols. Western Oregon won the GNAC regular season title.

WOU alumni Jim Shaw takes over as head coach.

### WOU women chosen 10th

PORTLAND — Western Oregon's women's basketball team was selected 10th in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference preseason coaches' poll on Friday.

The Wolves returns three starters from last year's squad: junior guard Jordan Mottershaw, freshman forward Sami Osborne and senior center Emily Howey. Western Oregon went 8-18 overall during the 2014-15 season.

## DALLAS FOOTBALL

# Dragons unleash the run against Raiders



Dallas running back Tanner Earhart (24) runs through a hole against Crescent Valley.

By Lukas Eggen  
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The Dallas football team went back to basics during its 20-0 win over Crescent Valley on Friday on Homecoming night.

With quarterback Harrison Broadus out with an injury, the Dragons went back to the ground and pound game, gaining 307 rushing yards, while passing just once.

The game plan was a big contrast to prior games, when Dallas attempted to play an up-tempo offense.

"One, we could tell Harrison (Broadus) was hurt," Dallas coach Tracy Jackson said. "He was trying to gut it out, but he was hurting. Then, we talked about it



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some and realized we scored six meaningful points in three games. It just wasn't working.

We could go, 'oh well and we're going to run it until we get it right,' or we can look at these seniors and go back to stuff they were familiar with. They won a lot of games playing like this."

Tanner Earhart rushed for 117 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Dragons.

The points were the most scored by Dallas since Sept. 18 against Woodburn.

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## DALLAS CROSS-COUNTRY

# Running wild

Freshman leading the Dragons

By Lukas Eggen  
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — As the boys cross-country race began at Dallas City Park on Oct. 14, Dallas freshman Trevor Cross sprinted into the lead.

Behind him a trio of teammates followed him up the first hill.

"We figured the trail is kind of small, so we wanted to get ahead so we didn't have to pass people slower than us," Trevor said. "As a team, I wanted to see us turn in more sub-18 (minute) times."

Five of the Dragons' seven varsity runners recorded times under 18:00. Trevor Cross placed sixth in 17:06.5 — a personal record and the latest accomplishment for a runner hoping to make his biggest impact when it matters most.

Trevor entered the fall unsure of what the season would bring. Trevor, along with his brother, T.J., knew they wanted to play soccer and run cross-country.

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### Run for state

**What:** Mid-Willamette Conference Championships.  
**When:** Wednesday (today), 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Crystal Lake Sports Park, Corvallis.  
**Of note:** Dallas and Central will compete in Corvallis. The top three teams qualify for the state cross-country meet as well as any individual runners in the top seven who are not from a qualifying team.



## CENTRAL VOLLEYBALL

# Central hopes to peak at right time

By Lukas Eggen  
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Moments after Central's 20-25, 25-23, 25-15, 25-20 loss to Silverton on Thursday, senior Kylie Nash was all smiles, joking with her teammates. Despite the loss, Nash and her teammates believe Central is ready to unleash its best play of the year during the postseason.

"In a positive sense, a lot of it came back to our side and our mistakes," Nash said. "We know we can take care of that. I didn't feel like they outplayed us. We could have taken that

### Photo finish

Central and Dallas' volleyball teams entered the week tied for fifth place in the Mid-Willamette Conference standings. The top two seeds earn a bye into the state playoffs. The third-through sixth-place squads will take part in the play-in round against a Midwestern League opponent.

(match)."

The Panthers entered the final week of the regular season with a 6-10 record overall and a 5-7 mark in Mid-Willamette Conference play

— tied for fifth place with Dallas. The top six teams in the league advance to the postseason. South Albany entered the week in seventh place with a 4-8 mark in MWC play.

"We definitely want to win out," Nash said. "We're hoping to get third or fourth and go as deep as we can."

To earn the third or fourth seed, the Panthers would have to run the table and get help.

Central entered Tuesday's match against Corvallis on a two-match losing streak and has dropped four of its last five matches.

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Central senior Kylie Nash goes up for a serve against Silverton on Thursday evening.

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