

CENTRAL BOYS SOCCER

Panthers fall in first round of playoffs



COREY BUCHANAN (WILSONVILLE SPOKESMAN)/for the Itemizer-Observer
Central's boys soccer team lost to Wilsonville 6-1 on Nov. 3 in the first round of the 5A state playoffs.

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

WILSONVILLE — Facing the top-ranked team in the state, Central's boys soccer team lost to Wilsonville 6-1 in the first round of the state playoffs on Nov. 3.

Despite the loss, the Panthers had a lot to be proud of during their performance.

"I feel that we handled ourselves well," Central coach Carlos Esquivel said. "We played hard throughout the match. We can't take anything away from a team like Wilsonville. They had the speed that is expected from a team that plays that well. We fought hard and gave what we could. I'm proud of our guys."

With Esquivel's first year as head coach and an inexperienced roster, the Panthers finished with a 5-9-2 record overall and 3-4 mark in Mid-Willamette Conference play.

This season saw several players make sacrifices, including Evan Hoover who made the switch from forward to defense.

"He had such enthusiasm to play a different position," Esquivel said. "He learned the position well. He's an aggressive player and he improved our defense a lot through his play."

With one year under his belt, Esquivel said he's ready to continue to build the soccer tradition at Central.

"We're a young team and we still have a lot to improve on to be a successful team," Esquivel said. "A lot of that goes on me. I've learned a lot this season. I believe that with time and hard work, we'll improve greatly. I hope we continue to get support, not just throughout the soccer season, but throughout the year. I believe we can build a very good soccer program in the short future."

WESTERN OREGON ROUNDUP

Ribich qualifies for national race

Itemizer-Observer staff report
MONMOUTH — Cold, rainy conditions did little to slow Western Oregon sophomore David Ribich at the NCAA Cross-country West Regional on Saturday.

Ribich finished the 10,000-meter race in 30 minutes, 11.95 seconds to take 11th overall in the men's race.

Ribich placed second among runners not on one of the top four teams and earned a spot in the NCAA Division II Cross-country Championships in Joplin, Mo., on Nov. 21.

The Wolves placed 12th in the team standings.

Nicole Maurmann led the women, placing 37th in 22:07 in the 6,000-meter course. The women finished 15th in the team standings.

FOOTBALL WINS SIXTH-STRAIGHT

Quarterback Phillip Fenumiai helped lead Western Oregon's football team to its sixth-straight victory on Saturday. Fenumiai threw for four touchdowns as the Wolves defeated South Dakota School of Mines 33-15. WOU (7-3 overall) finished Great Northwest Athletic Conference play with a 5-1 mark. The Wolves host Humboldt State in a nonleague contest Saturday at 1 p.m. Humboldt defeated Western Oregon 29-20 on Sept. 5.

VOLLEYBALL DROPS TWO

Western Oregon's volleyball team lost a pair of GNAC matches last week. The Wolves fell to Western Washington 25-10, 25-13, 24-26, 25-15 on Thursday and Simon Fraser 26-24, 23-25, 25-15, 25-22 on Saturday. The Wolves played at Concordia Tuesday after press time. WOU hosts Montana State Billings Saturday at 7 p.m. in the team's home finale.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Local football players earn honors

POLK COUNTY — Central's football squad saw 16 players earn all-Mid-Willamette Conference honors.

The Panthers had 10 players receive recognition on defense and special teams, led by junior lineman Marlon Tuipulotu, who earned Defensive Player of the Year honors. He was also named first team all-MWC.

Senior lineman Opeti Tuipulotu also earned first team recognition along with senior linebacker Luke McBeth and junior defensive back Peter Mason.

Senior lineman Madison Stepp and junior defensive back A.J. Morales were named to the second team, while junior linebacker Jackson Holstad, sophomore defensive backs Isaiah Abraham and Marcos Cedillo and senior kicker Reba Hoffman earned honorable mentions.

Marlon Tuipulotu (offensive line) and Mason (receiver) also earned first team honors on offense, along with senior running back Alvin Berroa. Stepp (tight end) also received second team recognition.

Sophomore quarterback Peter Mendazona, senior receiver Jarrett Landers and senior linemen Sam Cole, Xavier Morales and Gabe Arreguin earned honorable mentions.

Central coach Shane Hedrick was named Coach of the Year, while Mike Connor received Assistant Coach of the Year honors.

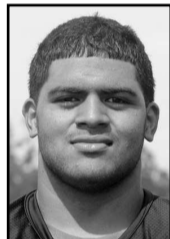
Dallas had 12 players earn all-league recognition.

Junior Tanner Earhart was named second team all-MWC on offense (running back) and earned honorable mention on defense (linebacker).

Seniors Everett Minahan and Mitchell Laizure were named to the second team defense at defensive back and linebacker, respectively, and earned honorable mentions on offense at receiver and tight end.

Sophomore defensive lineman Shun Talmadge was named second team all-MWC, while senior defensive lineman Joe Gillette received honorable mention.

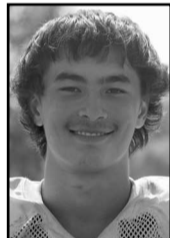
Senior linebackers Branden Dawson and Justin Spencer, sophomore linebacker Treve Earhart, senior running back Alex Hofferber and junior offensive linemen Joshua Willden, Tim Hensley and Cody Janssen all earned honorable mentions.



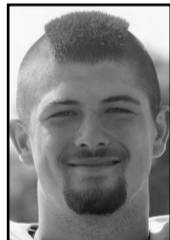
M. Tuipulotu



Berroa



Ta. Earhart



Laizure

Itemizer-Observer Athlete of the Week



David Ribich
Western Oregon

Ribich, a sophomore cross-country runner, accomplished something on Saturday that Western Oregon hasn't seen since 2011. Ribich placed 11th at the NCAA Division II Cross-country West Region race, finishing the 10,000-meter course in 30 minutes, 11.95 seconds. Ribich qualified for the NCAA Division II Cross-country Championship Race on Nov. 21 in Missouri.



Phillip Fenumiai
Western Oregon

Fenumiai, a redshirt sophomore, didn't let the rain dampen his performance during WOU's football team's 33-15 victory over South Dakota School of Mines on Saturday. Fenumiai may have only completed 10 passes, but nearly half of them (four) went for touchdowns as the Wolves won their sixth-straight game and improved to 7-3 overall and 5-1 in Great Northwest Athletic Conference play.

To submit nominations for the Itemizer-Observer Athlete of the Week, contact Sports Editor Lukas Eggen at 503-623-2373 or leggen@polkio.com by 9 a.m. on Monday.

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State: Pirates rally for fourth place

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The loss knocked them into the consolation bracket on Saturday, but players didn't let that get them down.

"We realized we were here because we deserved it," Calonder said. "We worked hard and we knew we could

enjoy the tournament."

The Pirates ended their season winning four of their final five matches.

"We became closer as a family," Calonder said. "All of our skills started clicking together. We were playing as a team toward the end of the

season and everyone helped one another with their skill set."

The Pirates will lose six seniors to graduation this year, but Dickey hopes the progress the team made this season will serve as a blueprint for future success.

"I hope they see that it takes time to build a team," Dickey said. "You can't just walk in on the first practice and expect to play the way they did at state. We didn't start out the way we ended. I hope the young players coming in remember that."

FOOTBALL

CLASS 5A MID-WILLAMETTE

Table with columns: Team, League, All. Rows: Central (5-2, 7-3), South Albany (5-2, 6-4), Silverton (4-3, 5-5), Lebanon (4-3, 6-4), Crescent Valley (4-3, 5-4), Corvallis (3-4, 3-6), Dallas (3-4, 3-6), Woodburn (0-7, 0-9)

Friday, Nov. 6 Result
Central 46, Hillsboro 28

CENTRAL 46, HILLSBORO 28

Table with columns: Hillsboro (7, 0, 21, 0-28), Central (15, 19, 6, 6-46)

First Quarter
H—Roundtree 1 run (kick)

C—Berroa run (Hoffman kick)

C—Holstad 12 pass from Mendazona (2-point good)

Second Quarter
C—Mason 8 run (kick failed)

C—Berroa 64 run (kick failed)

C—Berroa 25 pass (Hoffman kick)

Third Quarter
C—Landers 8 pass from Mendazona (kick failed)

H—4 pass (kick)

H—53 pass (kick)

H—9 pass (kick)

Fourth Quarter
C—Mendazona 1 run (kick failed)

Friday, Nov. 13 Game
State playoffs, second round
Central at Crater

SPECIAL DISTRICT 4

Table with columns: Team, League, All. Rows: Perrydale (6-0, 9-0), Sherman (5-1, 6-4), Dufur (4-2, 8-2), Arlington/Condon (3-3, 4-3), Ione (2-4, 3-5), Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler (1-5, 3-6), South Wasco County (0-6, 0-8)

Saturday, Nov. 7 Result
Perrydale 32, Pine Eagle 6

PERRYDALE 32, PINE EAGLE 6

Table with columns: Pine Eagle (0, 0, 0, 6-6), Perrydale (8, 8, 16, 0-32)

First Quarter
P—Janesofsky 18 run (Bailey run)

P—Domes 1 run (Bailey run)

Third Quarter
P—Marsters 1 run (Bailey run)

P—Bailey 17 run (Bailey run)

Fourth Quarter
PE—Rice 20 run (pass failed)

Saturday, Nov. 14 Game
State playoffs, second round
Perrydale at Wallowa

COLLEGE GNAC

Table with columns: Team, League, All. Rows: Humboldt State (6-0, 8-1), Western Oregon (5-1, 7-3), Azusa Pacific (2-3, 5-4), Dixie State (2-3, 3-6), Central Washington (2-3, 4-5), South Dakota Mines (2-4, 5-5), Simon Fraser (0-5, 0-8)

Saturday, Oct. 7 Result
Western Oregon 33, SD Mines 15

WOU 33, SDM 15

Table with columns: WOU (12, 0, 8, 0, 7-15), SDM (0, 0, 0, 0, 0-0)

First Quarter
W—Thomas 26 pass from Fenumiai (Correa kick blocked)

W—McSwain 16 pass from Fenumiai (Correa kick failed)

Second Quarter
S—Nixon 6 run (Luna pass)

Third Quarter
W—McSwain 20 pass from Fenumiai (Correa kick)

W—Revis 15 pass from Fenumiai (Correa kick)

Fourth Quarter
W—Braxton 4 run (Correa kick)

S—Brooker 1 pass from Sullivan (Gerardon kick)

Saturday, Nov. 14 Game
Humboldt State at Western Oregon

BOYS SOCCER

CLASS 5A MID-WILLAMETTE

SCOREBOARD Surrounded



Central receiver Peter Mason looks for a way around two Hillsboro defenders during the Panthers' 46-28 win over the Spartans on Friday night.

Team League All

Table with columns: Team, League, All. Rows: Woodburn (6-0, 9-2), Crescent Valley (4-2, 6-5), Silverton (4-3, 7-5), South Albany (4-3, 6-7), Corvallis (3-2, 7-2), Central (3-4, 5-8), Lebanon (2-5, 3-11), Dallas (0-7, 1-11)

Tuesday, Nov. 3 Result
State playoffs, first round
Wilsonville 6, Central 1

GIRLS SOCCER

CLASS 5A MID-WILLAMETTE

Table with columns: Team, League, All. Rows: Corvallis (7-0, 11-2), Silverton (6-1, 10-2), Crescent Valley (5-2, 9-5), Concordia (8-2, 11-4), Seattle Pacific (7-3, 13-4), Montana State Billings (6-5, 8-7), Simon Fraser (5-6, 7-6), Central Washington (5-6, 7-9), Western Oregon (4-7, 8-8), Northwest Nazarene (2-9, 5-11), Saint Martin's (1-11, 2-14)

Wednesday, Nov. 4 Result
State playoffs, first round
Wilsonville 6, Dallas 0

COLLEGE GNAC

Table with columns: Team, League, All. Rows: Western Washington (11-0, 18-1), Concordia (8-2, 11-4), Seattle Pacific (7-3, 13-4), Montana State Billings (6-5, 8-7), Simon Fraser (5-6, 7-6), Central Washington (5-6, 7-9), Western Oregon (4-7, 8-8), Northwest Nazarene (2-9, 5-11), Saint Martin's (1-11, 2-14)

Thursday, Nov. 5 Results
GNAC semifinals
Seattle Pacific 1, Concordia 0

Western Washington 4, Montana State Billings 0

Saturday, Nov. 7 Result
GNAC championship
Western Washington 3, Seattle Pacific 1

VOLLEYBALL

CLASS 1A CASCO LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, League, All. Rows: Country Christian (14-0, 26-3), Perrydale (12-2, 21-8), Crosshill Christian (10-4, 17-8), Willamette Valley Christian (8-6, 12-11), Falls City (6-8, 6-10), Jewell (4-10, 5-13), Livingstone Adventist (2-12, 5-15), C.S. Lewis (0-14, 1-18)

Friday, Nov. 6 Result
Quarterfinals
Country Christian def. Perrydale 25-23,

Team League All

Table with columns: Team, League, All. Rows: Alaska Anchorage (14-2, 22-2), Western Washington (14-2, 20-4), Central Washington (13-3, 17-6), Northwest Nazarene (12-4, 16-9), Simon Fraser (8-8, 12-12), Concordia (7-9, 15-9), Seattle Pacific (5-11, 7-17), Montana State Billings (5-11, 6-19), Alaska Fairbanks (5-11, 5-18), Western Oregon (4-12, 7-18), Saint Martin's (1-15, 2-21)

Thursday, Nov. 5 Result
Western Washington def. Western Oregon 25-10, 25-13, 24-26, 25-15

Saturday, Nov. 7 Result
Simon Fraser def. Western Oregon 26-24, 23-25, 25-15, 25-22

Tuesday, Nov. 10 Match
Western Oregon at Concordia

Saturday, Nov. 11 Match
MSU Billings at Western Oregon

CROSS COUNTRY

COLLEGE GNAC MEN

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Friday, Nov. 13 Game
Western Oregon vs. Point Loma at Olympia, Wash.

Saturday, Nov. 14 Game
Western Oregon vs. Fresno Pacific at Olympia, Wash.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CROSS COUNTRY

COLLEGE GNAC MEN

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Friday, Nov. 13 Game
Western Oregon vs. California State, East Bay at Hayward, Calif.

Saturday, Nov. 14 Game
Western Oregon vs. California State, Monterey Bay at Hayward, Calif.

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