

## SCHEDULE

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21**  
**Cross-country:** Central, Dallas at Mid-Willamette Conference District Preview (at Willamette Mission State Park, Gervais), 3 p.m.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 22**  
**Boys Soccer:** La Salle at Central, 4 p.m. Sandy at Dallas, 4 p.m.  
**Girls Soccer:** Central at Roosevelt, 7 p.m. Dallas at Centennial, 7 p.m.

**Volleyball:** Central at Corvallis, 6 p.m. Woodburn at Dallas, 6 p.m. C.S. Lewis at Perrydale, 5:30 p.m. Western Oregon at Seattle Pacific, 7:30 p.m.  
**Women's Soccer:** Western Oregon at Montana State Billings, 1 p.m.

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 23**  
**Football:** South Albany at Central, 7 p.m. Glencoe at Dallas, 7 p.m. Falls City at Siletz Valley, 7 p.m. Perrydale at Dufur, 7 p.m.  
**Volleyball:** Perrydale vs. Heppner (at Dufur), TBA. Perrydale at Dufur, 5:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 24**  
**Cross-country:** Dallas at Nike Portland XC meet at Portland Meadows Race Track, all day.  
**Football:** Western Oregon at Humboldt State, 6 p.m.  
**Girls Soccer:** McKay at Dallas, 3 p.m.  
**Volleyball:** Dallas at Oregon City Tournament, 8 a.m. Western Oregon at Saint Martin's, 7 p.m.  
**Women's Soccer:** Northwest Nazarene at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 26**  
**Volleyball:** Perrydale at Willamette Valley Christian, 5:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 27**  
**Boys Soccer:** Central at Newberg, 7 p.m. Dallas at Milwaukie, 7 p.m.  
**Girls Soccer:** Milwaukie at Central, 6 p.m. Dallas at Oregon City, 7 p.m.  
**Volleyball:** Woodburn at Central, 6 p.m. South Albany at Dallas, 6 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

**QUICK HITS**

**Cross Creek men's club results**  
 DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for Sept. 13:  
 Two man best ball  
 Gross: 1 (tie), Jim Kain-Rocky Kygar and Joe Johnson-Bob Bennett, 36.  
 Net: 1 Denny Klassen-Brian Reed, 30; 2 (tie), Jim Schroeder-Vern Smith and Terry Reed-Larry Hatcher, 32.

**Golf tournament coming Oct. 1**  
 INDEPENDENCE — Oak Knoll Golf Course, 6335 Highway 22, Independence, will host the Oktoberfest Golf Tournament on Oct. 1.  
 The four-man scramble begins at 10 a.m.

**Ribich receives honor again**  
 MONMOUTH — Western Oregon junior cross-country runner David Ribich was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Male Athlete of the Week for the third time in a row on Monday.  
 Ribich took second at the Sundodger Invitational in Seattle on Saturday.  
 He finished the 8,000-meter race in 24 minutes, 49 seconds and was the fastest Division II runner at the race.  
 WOU does not compete this week. The Wolves will return to competition on Oct. 1 at the Charles Bowles Invitational in Salem.

**By Lukas Eggen**  
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Some athletes grow up idolizing the superstars of a sport. It was far more personal for Central senior Tony Rincon.

"A lot of people can say a player like Messi or others inspired me to play," Rincon said. "It's not like that for me. Seeing my dad play, that's my inspiration."

Rincon's father played in indoor soccer leagues.

"I saw him play one match and I thought, I'm going to like this," he said. "Every time I'm out there I think of him and think I better get out here and bring it."

He certainly has in 2016, and teammates have followed suit as Rincon's leadership has helped lift the Panthers up.

Midway through Central's boys soccer team's 6-2 victory over North Marion on Sept. 13, Rincon wasn't happy. The Panthers were ahead 1-0, but he wasn't pleased with the team's execution.

"They saw the fire in my eyes," Rincon said. "... On a scale of one to 10 (my competitiveness) is an 11. The first half, we didn't get off to a good start. We flipped a switch and said it's time to get going."

Central scored five second-half goals, and Rincon ended the match with a hat trick (three goals in a single match).

On Thursday, the senior recorded his second hat trick — the first time that's happened in school history, according to coach Joe Orozco — spurring the Panthers to a 9-0 victory over Cascade.

"I was trying to create more chances for my teammates because I felt I didn't need that many more goals right now," Rincon said with a smile. "But if they're still willing to feed me more chances, I'll take them."

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linemen. And for Dallas' football team, the offensive line is the key that makes their rushing attack go.

At first glance, one thing is clear. The Dragons' line isn't going to physically intimidate anyone.

**Victory**

- Dallas defeated Silverton 20-13 on Friday.
- Running back Tanner Earhart rushed for two touchdowns. Quarterback Caedmon Blair added one.

Tackles Ian Gaither-Lyell (245 pounds) and Josh Willden (275 pounds), center Carson Unger (265 pounds), and guards Cody Janssen

(175 pounds) and Tim Hensley (165 pounds) won't tower over many opponents.

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over Silverton on Friday, fresh off paving the way for running back Tanner Earhart to gain 429 yards on the ground the week prior against North Eugene.

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## GIRLS SOCCER

# STANDING TOGETHER



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas' girls soccer team thanks fans for their support after the Dragons' 1-0 loss to McNary on Thursday afternoon.

## Dragons come together to show unity, strength



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Dallas senior midfielder Alva Hopland looks to break away toward the goal against McNary on Thursday. The Dragons lost to McNary 1-0.

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DALLAS — Officially, Dallas' girls soccer team's match against McNary on Thursday will go down as a 1-0 loss.

For the players on the field, the match meant so much more.

Thursday was the team's first game since Kirk Myrold was arrested on Sept. 12 (see page 1A for story).

In the days that followed, the team dealt with the fallout both emotionally and athletically.

Ron Brooks, a youth soccer coach and former coach at Santiam Christian, stepped in as head coach, and the Dragons, for at least a couple hours, could focus on one thing: soccer.

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### Ron Brooks

- Dallas coach Ron Brooks has been involved in coaching youth soccer since the late 1980s.
- Brooks has coached teams at Dallas Kids Inc., Oregon Youth Soccer Association, and Santiam Christian High School.
- Brooks' first match as head coach was Thursday against McNary.

## BOYS SOCCER

# Two tricks are better than one

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Central senior forward Tony Rincon recorded a hat trick in each of the Panthers' matches last week, including a 9-0 win over Cascade on Thursday.

### Central soccer

- Central's boys soccer team improved to 3-0-1 after defeating North Marion 6-2 on Sept. 13 and Cascade 9-0 on Thursday.
- The Panthers have scored 21 goals so far this season. Central scored 25 total goals during the entire 2015 season.

week 3-0-1 overall, has scored at least six goals in each of the team's victories.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Pirates make progress

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PERRYDALE — Perrydale's volleyball team is on a mission to grow up on the court as quickly as possible.

Team captain McKenna Desnoyers is one of two seniors on the roster that features three freshmen and three sophomores.



**Desnoyers**

Desnoyers was thrust into an unfamiliar role — leader.

"I'm used to always having girls older than me on the team," Desnoyers said. "But I'm happy. Me and my teammate Jacki have taken leadership roles on the team. It's new for me, but I like it a lot."

The biggest challenge wasn't anything related to developing volleyball skills. It was learning how to encourage.

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## FOOTBALL

# Offensive line paving way for Dallas

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