

Football: Dragons remain unbeaten

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Not being the biggest line has become part of their identity and something that they feed off of, and they want to send a message to whomever they play: Underestimate their strength at your own peril.

"I love being undersized," Janssen said. "When (opponents) look at me and kind of laugh, it gives me that extra kick. I can use it as extra motivation. They might be bigger than me, but I know my heart is bigger."

But it's not just the linemen who are getting in on the fun. The tight ends, including TJ Dimick, have also lined up as extra blockers.

The key to success has been attention to detail — knowing their role and becoming technically sound.

"It's all technique," Unger said. "We have some kids who are around 160 but are still pushing around guys."

That technique revolves around staying low and knowing exactly what to do in any given moment. The result has been one of the state's most potent rushing attacks.

"You've got to know what

you have to do and do it hard," Gaither-Lyell said. "You have to go out there and win that play every time."

Their paths to becoming a lineman are varied, but they all share one thing in common. The desire to beat back their opponents.

"The toughest part is knowing it's all on you," Gaither-Lyell said. "If you don't do your job, nothing happens."

The offensive line will have to overcome a new obstacle. Hensley injured his hand during the Silverton game. And although he played through it, he will now miss six weeks as he recovers.

Senior Boe Bray will step in.

And, like his fellow linemen, coach Jackson believes he has something special to show.

"They'll fight and they'll battle," Jackson said. "They're outsized most of the time, but they compete. They fight in the trench and they do stuff that kids with big hearts who want to accomplish things do."

The Dragons' win on Friday didn't come easy. Dallas

trailed 7-0 at halftime, but when it mattered most, the Dragons dug deep — something that Jackson said he hopes is becoming a defining characteristic.

"There were some things we didn't do very well in the first half," Jackson said. "It was evident that we could get more out of the players than we were getting."

The win over Silverton was a big one for the Dragons. The Silver Foxes had beaten Dallas by a combined score of 80-7 over the past three seasons.

"This team has been a stumbling block for us for a long time," Jackson said. "There's no telling what the future is going to bring, but for right now, we needed this to happen. You get into a struggle against certain teams and you stop believing. I think our guys needed this."

Running back Tanner Earhart scored a pair of touchdowns while quarterback Caedmon Blair also scored a rushing touchdown. Dallas improved to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in Mid-Willamette Conference play. The Dragons host Glencoe Friday at 7 p.m.



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Dallas' offensive linemen and tight ends have paved the way for a potent rushing attack. The Dragons improved to 3-0 after defeating Silverton 20-13 on Friday.

DALLAS ROUNDUP

Volleyball downs Silverton

Itemizer-ObsERVER staff report

DALLAS — Dallas' volleyball squad picked up its first league win in dramatic fashion on Thursday. The Dragons defeated Silverton 25-17, 23-25, 25-22, 12-25, 17-15 in a back-and-forth affair.

"This was a big one for us," coach Shana Lavier said. "I think we needed this win."

Dallas opened the week with a 25-15, 25-16, 25-12 loss to Corvallis on Sept. 13.

The Dragons also hosted the Dallas volleyball tournament on Saturday. Results weren't available as of press time.

Dallas played Central Tuesday after press time. The Dragons host Wood-

burn Thursday at 6 p.m. before competing at the Oregon City Tournament Saturday at 8 a.m.

Dallas returns home to host South Albany Tuesday at 6 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER BLANKED BY SOUTHRIDGE: Dallas' boys soccer team lost to Southridge 6-0 on Thursday. The Dragons fell to 1-3 overall after the loss. Dallas played Parkrose Tuesday after press time. The Dragons close out their nonleague season by hosting Sandy Thursday at 4 p.m. before playing at Milwaukie on Tuesday.

CROSS-COUNTRY TAKES PART IN THREE COURSE CHALLENGE: Dallas' boys and girls cross-country teams competed in the Three Course Challenge Saturday at Seaside. Sophomore Trevor Cross

was the Dragons' top finisher in the 5,000-meter hard course race after taking 92nd in 22 minutes, 52 seconds. Ryan Bibler finished 38th on the 4,500-meter easy course in 17:08, and Gavin Grass was Dallas' top finisher in the 5,000-meter moderate course taking 150th in 23:33.

Alyssa Garner was the Dragons' top finisher (110th) in the girls hard course with a time of 29:10. Jamie English was the team's top finisher in the easy course race taking 62nd in 22:51.

Dallas will compete at the Mid-Willamette Conference District Preview meet Wednesday (today) at 3 p.m. at Willamette Mission State Park in Gervais and the Nike Portland XC meet at Portland Meadows Racetrack on Saturday.



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Holli Paskewich, the graduate program coordinator with George Fox's college of education, helps a student with a science project on Sept. 14.

Professors spend 'serve day' at Oakdale

George Fox closes campus to help schools

By Jolene Guzman

The Itemizer-ObsERVER

DALLAS — Nathan Floyd, Jonah Stork, Zelene Reed, and Chelsi Durham-Rivera need to make their apple tower taller.

The third-graders in Jennifer Casalegno's class at Oakdale Heights Elementary School have pencils, pipe cleaners, index cards, a ruler, scissors, glue, rubber bands, and string to get the job done. A rolled file folder makes up the bulk of the tower — which will eventually hold an apple at the top — but the group brainstormed ideas for making it even taller.

Can they use the pipe cleaners, the rubber bands, the index cards?

"What about the ruler? What can you do with the ruler?" asked Holli Paskewich, a graduate program coordinator for the College of Education at George Fox University in Newberg.

Paskewich offered that suggestion and watched as the four students brainstormed how they could improve upon their creation.

"I have faith in you," she

said before letting the group work on its own. "I know you can do this."

Paskewich was one of five professors and staff members of the George Fox education graduate program spending "Serve Day" at Oakdale. They assisted with teacher prep, testing students on word knowledge, helping them with writing, painting and science projects, and even moving books out of storage.

George Fox closes its campus one day a year and its faculty, staff and undergraduate students donate an entire day to serving in the community. Serve Day began in 1999 as a way for students and employees to give back. On Sept. 14, more than 2,000 George Fox students and staff members worked on construction, painting, weeding, cleaning and visiting with seniors.

Or in the case of Oakdale's contingent, working with students. Ginny Birky, a professor at the school of education, said the group specifically requested visiting Oakdale.

Principal Maria Drennen is a student in George Fox's doctor of education pro-

gram and gladly accepted their invitation.

"We wrote to Maria and said, 'Would you have some jobs for us? Is there any way we could serve you?'" Birky recalled.

A high school teacher before becoming a professor, Birky said working with younger students is something she missed.

"I love it. I love interacting with the students," she said. "It's just fun to be back in schools."

Paskewich said the experience bought back memories for her, too.

"I've also missed being in the classroom," she said. "Not as a teacher, but as a mom. I volunteered for many years."

Teacher Heidi Schrock said the extra help was greatly needed. She said a lot of families in Dallas have both parents working so it's hard for parents to find time to volunteer to help with prep work and other tasks that need to be done for class projects.

"That's why it's nice for us to serve, because we know (teachers) will have to do it or give it to a parent," Birky said.

SCHOOL NOTES

Meet teachers, tour school at open house

INDEPENDENCE — Central High School will host an open house Wednesday (today) at 6:30 p.m. at the school. Parents can pick up their student's schedule and a map of the building at 6. A demonstration and instructions on how to access PowerSchool to view your child's grades, attendance, assignments, and sign up to receive email notifications of these items as well as daily announcements will be given at the event. After this demonstration, parents will follow their child's schedule in six-minute periods where teachers will introduce themselves, share the course syllabus and expectations, and answer questions.

Whitworth student's art selected for calendar

DALLAS — Whitworth Elementary School fifth-grader Braden Bollman is one of the winners of Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom's annual calendar art contest.

Braden picked bees and beehives in a field of clover as the subject of the drawing he submitted. "Bees are very important to Oregon agriculture because they pollinate flowers," he said, adding that he likes honey.

Bollman's artwork will be featured in the organization's school year calendar, distributed to 10,000 schools and businesses statewide.

Thirteen winners were chosen out of 1,574 submissions statewide. The contest is open to students in Oregon's public, private, charter schools and home-school students.

Bollman and the other winners were recognized at a ceremony at the Oregon State Fair.

FOOTBALL

Pirates blank Mitchell in league opener

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PERRYDALE — Perrydale's football team defeated Mitchell 60-0 on Friday night in the Pirates' Special District 4 opener.

Haylen Janesofsky had 14 carries for 158 yards and

three touchdowns while Cooper Butler had 13 rushes for 84 yards and one touchdown.

JJ Avila added three carries for 56 yards and a touchdown.

"We improved our block-

ing a great deal," coach Duane Riddell said. "We executed the defense and just did a lot of things well."

The Pirates improved to 2-1 overall and 1-0 in Special District 4 play.

Perrydale plays at Dufur Friday at 7 p.m.

Dufur enters the game 3-0 and has scored 50 or more points in each of its last two games.

"We need to keep improving, stepping into the

correct places, getting to the line correctly and make less mistakes than before," Riddell said. "That's life. You make mistakes and keep trying to correct them."

The Pirates are eager to see just how they stack up

against one of the league's best.

"The kids are looking forward to Friday," Riddell said. "It will be a real test for us and a good marker to see where we are at right now."

FALLS CITY ROUNDUP

Volleyball drops two

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FALLS CITY — Falls City's volleyball team lost a pair of Casco League matches last week. The Mountaineers fell to Perrydale 25-13, 25-13, 25-20 on

Sept. 13 and Willamette Valley Christian 25-20, 25-8, 25-11 on Thursday.

Falls City played Crosshill Christian Tuesday after press time.

The Mountaineers host

C.S. Lewis Thursday at 5:30 p.m. before playing at Jewell on Tuesday.

FOOTBALL DEFEATS MAPLETON: Falls City's football team earned its first win of the season after defeating

Mapleton 58-14 on Friday. The Mountaineers led 28-8 at the half. Stats were not available as of press time.

Falls City (1-2 overall, 1-0 Special District 3) plays at Siletz Valley Friday at 7 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball league begins Tuesday

DALLAS — A fall volleyball league will begin Tuesday at the Whitworth Elementary School gym, 1151 SE Miller Ave., Dallas, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

The league will run through mid-December and will offer both competitive and recreational play. The league is open to all ages.

There is a one-time cost of \$14. For more information, or to sign up: Doug Juergensen, DJuergensen@hotmail.cm.