

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2
Boys Soccer: OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, first round: No. 13 Central at No. 4 Hillsboro, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 3
Volleyball: Alaska Fairbanks at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4
Football: OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, first round: No. 11 Central at No. 6 Sandy, 7 p.m. No. 9 Eagle Point at No. 8 Dallas, 7 p.m. OSAA Class 1A state playoffs, first round: No. 12 Falls City at No. 5 Dufur, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5
Cross-country: Dallas at OSAA 5A state championships at Lane Community College, 1 p.m. Western Oregon at NCAA Division II West Region Championship at Billings, Mont., 9 a.m.

Football: Western Oregon at Azusa Pacific, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Alaska Anchorage at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8
Boys Soccer: OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, semifinals: Central vs. TBA, TBA.

Volleyball: Concordia at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Cross Creek to host Turkey shoot

DALLAS — Cross Creek Golf Course, 13935 Highway 22, Dallas, will host the 18th annual Turkey Shoot Golf Tournament on Nov. 12.

The two-person scramble will begin at 9 a.m. All players will win a turkey and compete for net, gross and hole prizes.

Deadline to register is Tuesday.

Cost is \$55 per player and one can of food. Entry includes green fees, snacks and tee prizes.

Applications are limited to the first 110 players to pay fees.

All food and a portion of the entry fee will go toward providing Thanksgiving dinners for families in Polk County through the Dallas Food Bank.

For more information: 503-623-6666.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for Oct. 24:

Low gross/low net
Gross: 1, Randy Wiley, 35, 2 (tie), Joe Johnson and Bill Karjala, 39.

Net: 1, Derrill Weaver, 35; 2 (tie), Dave Voves, Ed Johnson and John Hopkins, 36.

Thornton, Beam headed to state

SALEM — Polk County residents August Thornton and Ainsley Beam, of Santiam Christian, qualified for the 3A-2A-1A state cross-country meet on Thursday at the Special District 2 championships on Thursday.

Beam, a freshman, finished fourth in the girls race with a time of 21 minutes, 50.1 seconds.

Thornton, a senior, took fifth in the boys race in 17:49.8.

Thornton and Beam will compete at the state cross-country championships on Saturday at Lane Community College in Eugene.

STAT SHEET

34 The number of years since Falls City's football team last qualified for the state playoffs. The Mountaineers last made state in 1982, when the team lost to Prospect 50-14. No. 12 Falls City plays at No. 5 Dufur Friday at 7 p.m.

PREP CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross takes second at districts



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Trevor Cross, center, finished second at districts on Oct. 26.

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

LEBANON — One mile into his race on Oct. 26, Dallas sophomore Trevor Cross knew it was time.

"My plan was to go out with the lead pack for the first mile, then go out the second mile, and break away and the third mile, see what happens," Cross said.

Cross executed his plan

to perfection, finishing second at the Mid-Willamette Conference District Championship and earning a trip to the state cross-country meet on Saturday.

"It feels great," Cross said. "This is right where I want to be."

Cross finished with a time of 16 minutes, 28.5 seconds. Corvallis' Ian Vickstrom won the race in 16:26.9.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Dragons to host Eagles

By Jolene Guzman
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The Dragons football team fell short of grasping a league championship Friday night, losing to Lebanon 28-10.

Lebanon may have taken the league title, but the loss doesn't take too much shine off what is a good regular season for Dallas.

Now eighth-ranked Dallas may have a lot more football left as the team goes into playoff mode, starting with a match up against Eagle Point Friday.

"Our kids are pretty resilient, and one loss doesn't level you," coach Tracy Jackson said. "It's disappointing as hell, but last year, we were 3-6 and we are 7-2 right now. We have a lot that we have accomplished, and we believe we can win some games in the playoffs."

Dallas scored just 10 points Friday playing at home against a strong and fast Lebanon team that didn't allow the Dragons to get its usually potent run game going. The team's lone touchdown came on a pass to Tanner Earhart.

"I'll give Lebanon credit, they were a force tonight. Good for them," Jackson said. "Football is a game of leverage, and we got out-leveraged. We've averages well over 300 rushing yards a game, and we couldn't get jack going."

Senior safety and receiver Aaron White said a lack of concentration resulted in big plays for Lebanon.

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Earhart

FALLS CITY FOOTBALL

State at last



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Falls City senior quarterback Jeremy Labrado runs in for a touchdown against Yoncalla on Friday night.

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — It was a moment Falls City's football program had waited 34 years to experience.

At long last, the Mountaineers are headed back to the state playoffs.

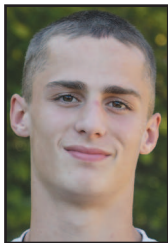
"I got teary eyed knowing that Falls City hadn't made it in so long," senior Jeremy Labrado said.

Falls City defeated Yoncalla 78-30 in a Special District 3 playoff game on Friday to earn a spot in the 1A state playoffs.

"We jumped out 32-8 and I thought, here we go," coach Laric Cook said.

"Then I think they must have decided to look around and wave at the parade before the parade got started and went flat for a little bit there, and we led 44-16 at the half. I think we came out there in the second half, and I think we took over."

Austin Burgess scored five touchdowns and recorded an interception. Noah Sickles added three touchdowns, Jeremy Labrado added two scores and Dylan Young scored one touchdown.



Burgess



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Falls City celebrates its 78-30 win over Yoncalla at Central High on Friday.

Class 1A State Football

Who: No. 12 Falls City (5-4 overall, 3-1 Special District 3) at No. 5 Dufur (8-1 overall, 5-1 Special District 4).

What: Class 1A state football, first round.

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: Dufur High School.

Admission: Adults, \$6; students, \$4.

What's at stake: The winner advances to the second round on Nov. 11-12.

While players took a moment to soak in their accomplishment, Cook knows the Mountaineers can't let up. Falls City, the 12th seed, plays at No. 5 Dufur Friday at 7 p.m.

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PREP SOCCER

Panthers rally to defeat Thurston in play-in

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Central's boys soccer team trailed Thurston 1-0 at the half of its state play-in match on Saturday.

Coach Joe Orozco had a simple question.

"I asked them are you ready to go home or do you want to keep playing," Orozco said.

The Panthers responded with a clear answer.

Lucas Muller tied the match, and Juan Ortiz

scored the game-winner as Central earned a 2-1 victory and advanced to the first round of the state playoffs.

The Panthers spent much of the first half pressing — to the point of rushing passes.

"I told them don't rush into anything or pressure anything," Orozco said. "Let's just play our game. Don't play their game. Settle down, find the open spaces and get open and make it happen."

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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Central senior Tony Rincon, right, and Thurston's Dominick Hefner chase down a ball on Saturday afternoon in a state play-in match. The Panthers won 2-1.

Class 5A State Soccer

Who: No. 13 Central (8-5-2 overall, 4-2-1 Mid-Willamette Conference) at No. 4 Hillsboro (10-2-2 overall, 6-1 Northwest Oregon Conference).

What: Class 5A state soccer, first round.

When: Wednesday (today), 7 p.m.

Where: Hare Field.

Admission: Adults, \$6; students, \$4.

What's at stake: The winner advances to the second round on Saturday.