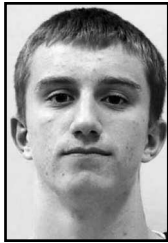


PREP FOOTBALL

Panthers to face Sandy in first round

Itemizer-Observer staff report
CORVALLIS — Central's football team ended the regular season with a 20-17 win over Corvallis on Friday. The Panthers, ranked No. 11, will play at No. 6 Sandy Friday at 7 p.m. Against the Spartans, quarterback Peter Mendazona threw for 235 yards and two touchdowns.



Mendazona
catches for 102 yards and a touchdown.

Running back AJ Morales ran for 126 yards and a touchdown, while Andrew Barry had seven catches for 102 yards and a touchdown.



Morales
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Louis Amador had 16 tackles on defense, while Marlon Tuipulotu had seven tackles and one sack as Central clinched fourth place in the Mid-

Willamette Conference. The Panthers now turn their attention to the first round of the state playoffs. Sandy finished 6-3 overall and 6-1 in Northwest Oregon Conference play. The winner will play the winner of Silverton versus Redmond in the second round of the state playoffs held Nov. 11-12.

Class 5A State Football

Who: No. 11 Central (5-4 overall, 4-2 Mid-Willamette Conference) at No. 6 Sandy (6-3 overall, 6-1 Northwest Oregon Conference).

What: Class 5A state football, first round.

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: Sandy High School.

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

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

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Dallas falters at Churchill

Itemizer-Observer staff report
EUGENE — Dallas' girls soccer team saw its season come to an end after a 4-2 loss to Churchill on Saturday in the first round of the state playoffs. Seniors Jenifer Webb and Stefani Tallon scored for the Dragons. "From an attitude and enthusiasm perspective, they were really keyed in and ready to go by the time we got there," coach Ron Brooks said. "We had a few weak moments every now and then, but in the second half, they really controlling possession of the ball and working as a team. In the first half, we still had individuals trying to make things happen instead of doing it as a team." Despite the loss, the Dragons found success under difficult circumstances — a testament to their strength, Brooks said.



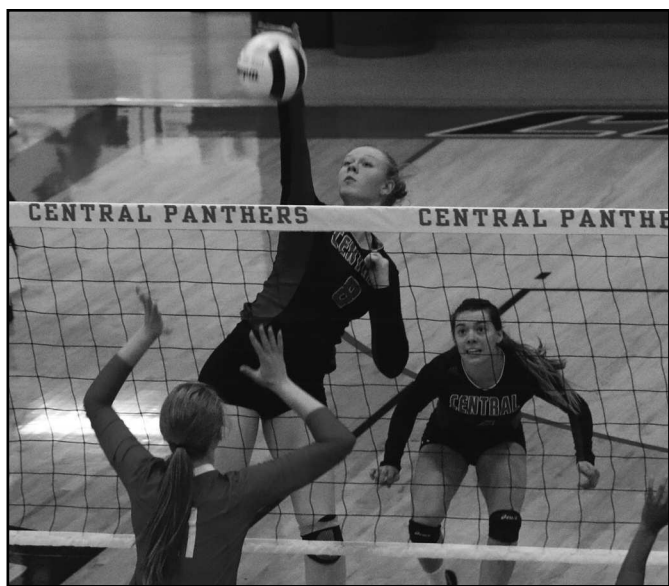
Webb
trying to work through, I think we made significant strides towards having a successful season," Brooks said. "... For me, personally, that was the goal: to get them back into the mindset of let's do this together." Brooks said he would be open to returning as coach, but that he wanted what was best for the program. The Dragons' season could have been lost. Instead, Dallas persevered. "That's the rewarding part, to see them grow throughout the season, not just as better athletes, but becoming better people."

"Given where we started from and all of the issues that they were dealing with and

Itemizer-Observer staff report
MILWAUKIE — Central's volleyball team fell in the first round of the state playoffs to La Salle 25-16, 25-13, 25-18 on Saturday. Krista Omlid had 12 kills to lead the Panthers, while Sydney Nash added 12 assists. Jori Kerr recorded 13 digs. "La Salle is a great team and unfortunately, we didn't play our best match," coach Claudine Mendazona said. "We got called on a lot of sets which disrupted any rhythm we had going or tried to get going, and La Salle did a great job with their ball placement." The Panthers advanced to the first round by defeating North Eugene 22-25, 25-18, 25-12, 25-20 in the play-in round on Oct. 25. Omlid had 12 kills and four blocks to lead the Panthers. Alex Dowdell recorded 10 kills and 16 digs. Erin Cole had three aces and 13 as-

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Volleyball falls in first round



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
Central's Annika Riddell goes up for a kill against North Eugene on Oct. 25 in the state play-in round.

sists, and Nash had 17 assists and nine digs for Central. "Overall we played well against North Eugene," Mendazona said. "We had a slow start, but our game

plan was to put up a steady double block against their tough outside hitters and try to keep them out of system offensively." Central dealt with numerous injuries throughout its

2016 campaign, but Mendazona said the team came together to overcome adversity. "One thing we struggled with early was communication and giving positive feedback on the court," Mendazona said. "We had some great leadership by Jori Kerr and Alex Dowdell. They were always great examples of a team player, and when we struggled, you could count on them to keep encouraging the team and trying to keep the focus at hand." **BOYS XC TAKES FOURTH:** Central's boys cross-country team placed fourth at the Mid-Willamette Conference district championships in Lebanon on Oct. 26. The girls finished sixth. Matt Raines finished 11th in 17 minutes, 5.8 seconds to lead the boys, followed by Zach Meyer (15th, 17:24.1) and Jaydon Aydelotte (18th, 17:27.0). Baillie Hartford led the girls with a 14th-place finish in 20:45.6. Diana Nye took 18th in 21:27.1 and Beatriz Trujillo finished 22nd in 21:57.1.

Cross: Boys place seventh in team standings



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
Dallas sophomore Trevor Cross leads a pack of runners during the Mid-Willamette Conference district championship on Oct. 26 at Waterloo Park in Lebanon.

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"His first goal was to go to state," coach Monique Lankheet said of Cross. "His second goal was to run a smart race. He didn't want to get stuck in a situation where he went out too fast or blew his opportunity." From the start of the race, Cross was among the leaders. "I think he ran as well as he could run and was happy with his performance," Lankheet said. "I think he wishes the course was maybe 20 meters longer, and I think he might have caught (Vickstrom), but for a sophomore, this is a pretty big accomplishment." State had always been on Cross' list of goals. After a strong showing at the MWC district preview meet in September, that goal became much more realistic. "When I came in second at the district preview meet, that made making it to state a real goal," Cross said. "Everyone in our dis-

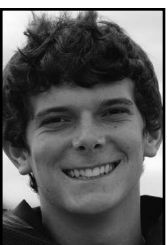
trict was there." That didn't mean the district championship was without its share of nerves — but once the race started, Cross was at peace. "I was pretty nervous," Cross said. "I trusted my training, I knew I was ready, and I knew what to expect." The boys finished seventh in the team standings. Kenny Sutton (21st, 17:39.8), Ryan Bibler (27th, 17:48.3), Gavin Grass (33rd, 18:01.3), Orion Knudson (44th, 18:23.4), Antonio Barrientos (52nd, 19:02.8) and Daniel Gagner (55th, 19:27.2) rounded out the team's varsity finishers. The girls squad finished sixth. Alyssa Garner led the girls finishing 28th in 22:15.8. She was followed by Anne Van de Ven (32nd, 22:49.6), Bekah Rocak (34th, 22:53.4), Kelsey Mcintosh (35th, 22:54.6), Jamie English (36th, 22:55.7) and Leah Miller (40th, 23:42.0). "I thought our kids really competed hard," Lankheet

said. "They came in prepared, and I'm happy with how well they ran. We still have a young team, and they're already talking about next year and how they want to be better." For Cross, his season isn't quite done. He'll compete at the state cross-country meet on Saturday at Lane Community College in Eugene. "I want him to experience that level of competition," Lankheet said. "He went to state in the 3,000-meter run in track, so I think he's smarter from that experience. I think he'll be more relaxed and more confident." Cross will be running on an unfamiliar course on Saturday and will be facing some of the fastest runners in the state — a challenge that the sophomore can't wait to tackle. "I don't know what to expect," Cross said. "If I can beat 16 minutes, that would be cool. I'll just do my best and run hard."

PREP FOOTBALL

Pirates lose season finale

Itemizer-Observer staff report
ARLINGTON — Perrydale's football team saw its season come to a heartbreaking end on Friday as the Pirates lost to Arlington/Condon 36-28 in overtime. Perrydale (4-4 overall, 3-3 Special District 4) finished in fourth place in the league standings and one spot below Triad for Class 1A's at-large bid for the state playoffs. "I thought we played extremely hard," coach Duane Riddell said. "Obviously, I'm disappointed with the loss, but I'm very proud of their effort." The Pirates needed a victory to clinch the league's third and final automatic bid to the state playoffs. Riddell took over as coach from Chris Gubrud this summer. "To be honest it was a learning experience for me as well," Riddell said. "I think we kept improving, but perhaps we could have gotten better a little earlier, and I think some of those things are due to me. ... I think I learned how difficult it is to get some of the concepts across and do with eight guys instead of 11.



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with 728 rushing yards, 483 receiving yards and 20 total touchdowns. Senior Daniel Domes threw for 1,263 yards and 17 touchdowns, while also running for 301 yards and four scores. Senior Jacob Pope had 409 receiving yards and five touchdowns and junior Cooper Butler rushed for 816 yards and 12 touchdowns. "They are all excellent football players," Riddell said. "I'm proud to be around them. I really do think these are great kids and will be great adults." Perrydale will look markedly different next season, with seven seniors set to graduate this school year, but Riddell believes that the future for the Pirates' football program remains bright. "There are great kids coming up, and I'm sure they will perform admirably," Riddell said.

You learn, you get older, and you get wiser. I'm getting pretty old, you'd think I'd be really wise, but I'm still learning." Perrydale saw its share of successes on the field this season. Senior Haylen Janesofsky finished the season with 728 rushing yards, 483 receiving yards and 20 total touchdowns. Senior Daniel Domes threw for 1,263 yards and 17 touchdowns, while also running for 301 yards and four scores. Senior Jacob Pope had 409 receiving yards and five touchdowns and junior Cooper Butler rushed for 816 yards and 12 touchdowns. "They are all excellent football players," Riddell said. "I'm proud to be around them. I really do think these are great kids and will be great adults." Perrydale will look markedly different next season, with seven seniors set to graduate this school year, but Riddell believes that the future for the Pirates' football program remains bright. "There are great kids coming up, and I'm sure they will perform admirably," Riddell said.

Dallas: Dragons will host Eagle Point at Central

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"We knew that they are a really, really tough team, and they showed it tonight," he said. "One of the reasons I think we struggled is that we weren't focused throughout the game and made a lot of simple mistakes." The Dragons may have suffered another loss Friday. Starting quarterback Caedmon Blair was injured near the end of the game, remaining on the ground for several minutes before being taken off the field. He did not return. Jackson said Friday after the game he wasn't sure of the extent of Blair's injury. "He just got knocked," Jackson said. "I know he's with our trainer now, and we will just kind of figure out what they decide and will go from there."



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-Observer
Dallas coach Tracy Jackson talks with his players after the Dragons' 28-10 loss to Lebanon on Friday.

With Eagle Point waiting, Dallas is moving past Friday's loss. Senior running back Jacob Collins said he's proud of what the team has accomplished this year, except missing out on being

league champions. "We were driving toward a big goal and, yeah, we didn't reach that goal," Collins said. "But we are ready to bounce back and hopefully drive far into the playoffs."