

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, NOV. 10
Volleyball: Montana State Billings at Western Oregon, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11
Football: OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, quarterfinals: No. 14 Redmond at No. 11 Central, 7 p.m. No. 8 Dallas at No. 1 Summit, 7 p.m.
Men's Basketball: Western Oregon vs. Point Loma (at Fresno Pacific), 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 12
Football: Western Oregon at Simon Fraser, 1 p.m.
Men's Basketball: Western Oregon at Fresno Pacific, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Basketball: San Francisco State at Western Oregon, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 13
Women's Basketball: Cal State East Bay at Western Oregon, 2 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Polk County runners place

EUGENE — Santiam Christian students August Thornton and Ainsley Beam competed at the 3A-2A-1A state cross-country championships on Saturday.

Thornton placed 24th in the boys race with a time of 17 minutes, 36 seconds.

Beam finished 40th in the girls race with a time of 22:11.

Pop Warner team wins title

DALLAS — Dallas' Pop Warner Juniors varsity team won the Mid-Valley Championship on Oct. 29 after defeating Corvallis 26-8.

Dallas played Vancouver in the regional quarterfinals on Sunday at Reser Stadium. Dallas won 39-26 to advance to the region semifinals.

A photo of the team can be found online at www.polkio.com.

Omlid, Classen earn all-league

POLK COUNTY — Central junior middle blocker Krista Omlid and Dallas sophomore setter Emma Classen earned second team all-Mid-Willamette Conference honors.

Central senior outside hitter Alex Dowdell, sophomore

middle blocker Annika Riddell, sophomore libero Elizabeth Chavez and senior defensive specialist Jori Kerr earned honorable mentions.

Dallas senior outside hitter Isabelle Topete, junior middle blocker Tristin Savage, and senior RS Megan Ronco also earned honorable mentions.

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Williams catches touchdown

SAN DIEGO — Former Western Oregon football player Tyrell Williams had six catches for 65 yards and a touchdown, helping the San Diego Chargers defeat the Tennessee Titans 43-35 on Sunday.

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Dominate and advance

Dragons run all over Eagle Point



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas players line up together to show unity before the Dragons' 50-14 victory over Eagle Point on Friday evening.

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — From the game's opening snaps, one thing was clear — Dallas' football team was on a mission.

And it would not be denied.

Running back Tanner Earhart opened the scoring with a 39-yard touchdown run — the first of four scores for the senior — and No. 8 Dallas built a 50-0 lead en route to a 50-14 victory over No. 9 Eagle Point on Friday in the first round of the OSAA 5A state playoffs.

"It was amazing," quarter-



Earhart

back Caedmon Blair said. "It was better than any league game you could win. It's a dream come true to win a

playoff game."

Earhart finished the game with 153 rushing yards. Running back Tristan Evans ran for 103 yards and a touchdown, while Blair recorded 58 yards and a touchdown. Blair also hit senior wide receiver Aaron White for an 80-yard touchdown pass.

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Class 5A State Football

Who: No. 8 Dallas (8-2 overall, 4-2 Mid-Willamette Conference) at No. 1 Summit (9-1 overall, 7-0 Special District 1).

What: Class 5A football, quarterfinals.

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: Summit High School.

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

What's at stake: The winner advances to the state semifinals against the winner of No. 5 Ashland vs. No. 4 Lebanon Nov. 18-19.



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Dallas running back Jacob Collins attempts to elude two Eagle Point tacklers during the Dragons' 50-14 victory over the Eagles on Friday night.

Panthers earn convincing victory

Central will host Redmond in the state quarterfinals on Friday evening



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Central quarterback Peter Mendazona threw for 219 yards and four touchdowns against Sandy.

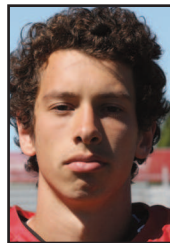
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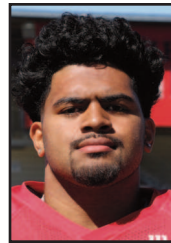
SANDY — Central's football team is coming home for one last home game after a convincing victory on Friday.

No. 11 Central defeated No. 6 Sandy 38-7 in the first round of the OSAA 5A state playoffs.

"We finally had some healthy kids come back," coach Shane Hedrick said. "That allowed other players to go back to their normal positions where you have a tendency to react quicker and play quicker. When you have an injury, it affects more than one person. You have lots of people moving positions."



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Class 5A State Football

Who: No. 14 Redmond (6-4 overall, 5-2 Special District 1) at No. 11 Central (6-4 overall, 4-2 Mid-Willamette Conference).

What: Class 5A football, quarterfinals.

When: Friday, 7 p.m.

Where: Central High School.

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

What's at stake: The winner advances to the state semifinals against the winner of No. 7 St. Helens vs. No. 2 Wilsonville Nov. 18-19.

Veterans

• All veterans are welcome to attend Central's game against Redmond free of charge.

• Veterans will be recognized at the 50-yard line prior to the game.

• Contact Central High School at 503-606-2228 for more information.

and Sam Crow recorded one sack each as Central shut out Sandy over the final three quarters.

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PREP CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross places 37th at state championships

Dallas sophomore has strong finish at OSAA State Cross-Country meet on Saturday

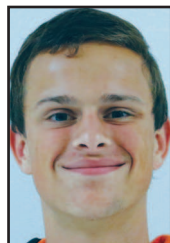
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EUGENE — Dallas sophomore Trevor Cross placed 37th in the boys race of the OSAA state cross-country championships on Saturday.

Cross finished the 5,000-meter race with a time of 17 minutes, 9 seconds at Lane Community College in Eugene.

"I had a good experience at state," Cross said. "I liked the com-



Cross

Cross also qualified for state in the 3,000-meter run during track and field season earlier this spring

and drew from that experience to help him prepare.

"It helped because I knew what to expect," Cross said.

Junior Andy Moore, of Crater, won the boys race in 15:21.

Cross accomplished a lot during the 2016 season — including a sec-

ond-place finish at the Mid-Willamette Conference district championships — but he hopes it's just another step toward something greater.

"I can take away from this season that because there are things that can go wrong that I cannot control, I need to give my best at every meet," Cross said. "I might not get another opportunity to set a personal record, so I have to use every opportunity I get."

