

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30
Boys soccer: Central at Thurston, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31
Boys soccer: Sprague at Central, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Falls City at Dufur, 7 p.m. Mapleton at Perrydale, 6 p.m. Western Oregon at Idaho State, 5:30 p.m.

Girls soccer: Central at North Salem, 7 p.m.

Volleyball: Central at North Marion, 4:30 p.m. Perrydale vs. Triad (at North Clackamas Christian), 4:45 p.m. Perrydale at North Clackamas Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Women's soccer: Biola at Western Oregon, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1
Cross-country: Western Oregon at Linfield Harrier Classic, 10 a.m.

Football: Central at Bend, 7 p.m. Dallas at Parkrose, 7 p.m.

Volleyball: Western Oregon vs. Cal State, Dominguez Hills (at Concordia), noon. Western Oregon vs. Lubbock Christian (at Concordia), 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2
Cross-country: Central, Dallas at Ultimook Invite, 2 p.m.

Volleyball: Dallas at McKay Tournament, 8 a.m. Western Oregon vs. Western Oregon vs. Westminster (at Concordia), 9:30 a.m.

Women's soccer: San Francisco State at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5
Boys soccer: St. Helens at Dallas, 4 p.m.

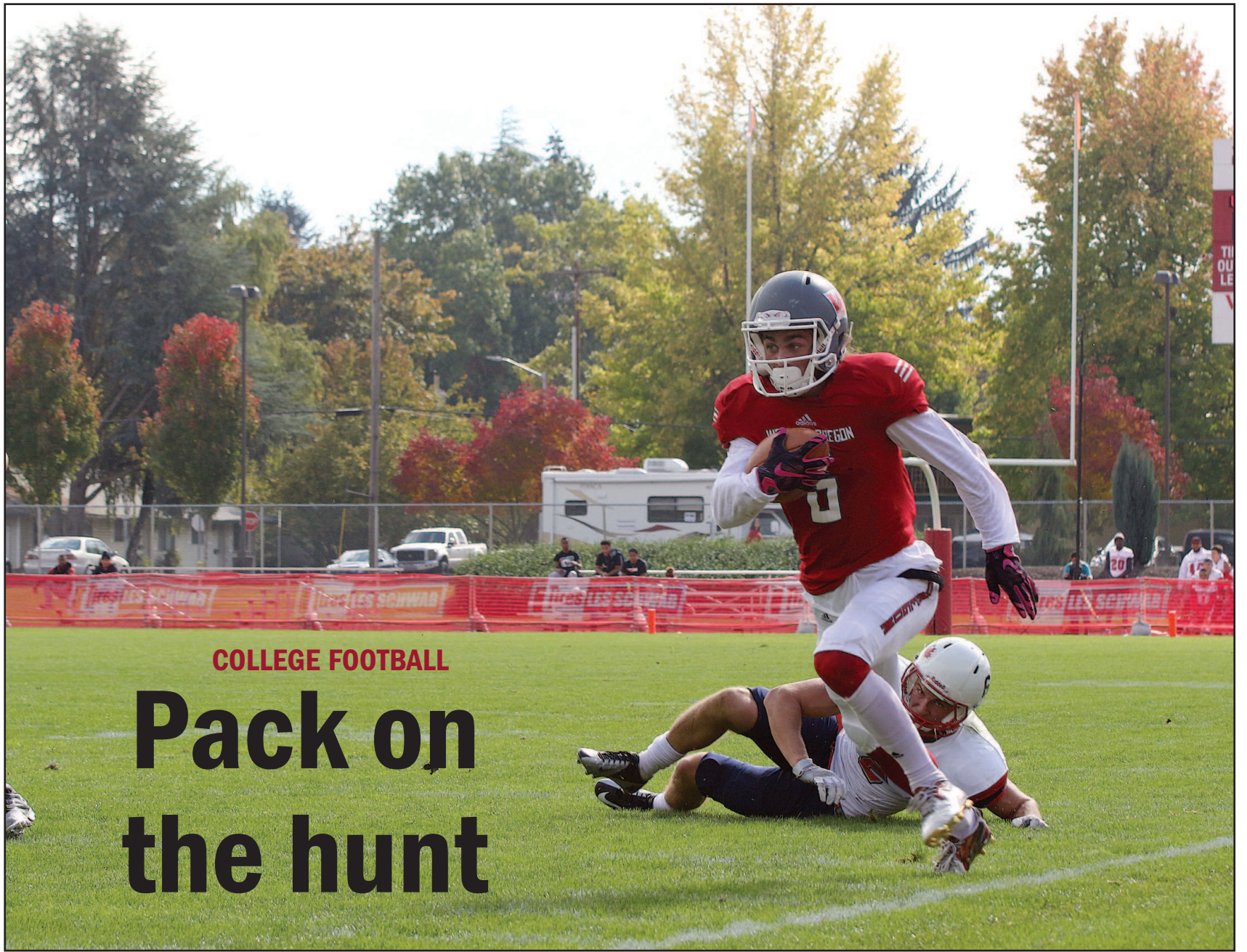
Girls soccer: Dallas at St. Helens, 4:30 p.m.

Volleyball: Silverton at Central, 6 p.m. Dallas at Lebanon, 6 p.m. Falls City at Crosshill Christian, 6 p.m. Livingstone Adventist at Perrydale, 6 p.m.

Women's soccer: Northwest Christian at Western Oregon, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6
Volleyball: Livingstone Adventist at Falls City, 6 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change



COLLEGE FOOTBALL Pack on the hunt

Western Oregon senior wide receiver Paul Revis had 70 catches for 1,057 yards and eight touchdowns during the 2016 season.

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By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University's football team is coming off an uneven 2016 season.

But with a solid core of returning players, the Wolves may be ready to challenge the Great Northwest Athletic Conference's top teams — if questions at key positions are answered quickly.

On offense, WOU returns eight starters.

The Wolves will look to get wide receiver/kick returner Paul Revis the ball as much as possible.

Revis, a first team all-Great Northwest Athletic Conference selection, led the team in receiving with 70 catches for 1,057 yards and eight touchdowns. He also returned a punt for a touchdown.

“Paul came in as a redshirt and wasn't our best player,” WOU coach Arne Ferguson said. “He worked hard and he's the best player on our



Revis



Johnson

throwing for 1,092 yards and nine touchdowns.

Both are in the running to start this fall.

As of press time, Ferguson said he had not named who would enter the season as the starter.

“Both quarterbacks are doing a really good job,” Ferguson said. “We're excited about the things both of them are capable of doing.”

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Senior linebacker Bo Highburger led the Wolves in tackles in 2016, recording 111. Highburger was named first team all-Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

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QUICK HITS

WOU Hall of Fame nominations open

MONMOUTH — The Western Oregon University athletic department is now accepting nominations for the 2017 Hall of Fame class.

Nominations may be made online at www.wouwolves.com. Printable forms are also available online.

Nominations are due by Sept. 8.

Any student-athlete that has been nominated for the Hall of Fame since it was first adopted in 2004 does not need to resubmit an application, as those are carried over year-to-year. Any student-athlete that played in 2012 or prior is eligible to be nominated.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for Aug. 21:

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 Gross: 1 (tie), Bob McLeery, Jim Schroeder and Bill Karjala, 17; 4 (tie), Wayne Weathers and Ted Bennett, 16; 6, Kevin O'Brien, 15.

Net: 1, Al Fahlman, 35; 2, Jason Fahlman, 32; 3, David White, 30; 4, Ken Ross, 28; 5 (tie), Greg Fisher, Bob Hughes, Dave Day and Rich Dominick, 25; 9 (tie), Derrill Weaver and Bill Bishop, 24.

WOU basketball to hold skills camp

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon's women's basketball program will host a skills camp Sept. 16 in the New P.E. Building.

The camp is open to all high school players and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information: www.wouwolves.com.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Panthers aim to break through

By Lukas Eggen

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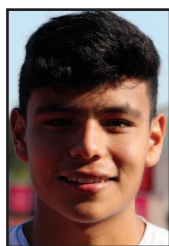
INDEPENDENCE — Seniors Aaron Padilla and Evan Hoover have seen Central's boys soccer team come close to emerging as league and state contenders.

The Panthers have advanced to the state playoffs each of the last three years — and each time Central's season has ended in the first round.

“We've gotten stuck in the first round of state,” Hoover said. “We want to get past that.”

What was most frustrating for players was that it wasn't a matter of being outclassed. “The small details matter,” Hoover said. “We just need to fix the small mistakes and capitalize on our opportunities.”

Both players believe the Panthers are ready to compete for a league title and



Padilla

Boys soccer

- Central's boys soccer team opens the 2017 season Wednesday (today) at Thurston at 4:30 p.m.
- The Panthers finished the 2016 season with an 8-6-2 record overall and a 4-2-1 mark in Mid-Willamette Conference play, good for third place.
- Central advanced to the first round of the state playoffs before losing to Hillsboro 4-0.
- The Panthers have advanced to the first round of the state playoffs each of the last three seasons. Central has not advanced past the first round.

make a deep run at state.

“I think it's possible for us to get a league championship,” Padilla said.

At first glance, that appears to be a tall order. Antonio Rincon and Jose Herrera, two of the team's leading scorers from last year, both graduated.

In spite of that, this year's team boasts an experienced roster, many of whom have grown up and played soccer together for years.

“We have a lot of experience on the team,” Padilla said. “We should be solid everywhere. We don't have a star player, but we have good quality at every position.”

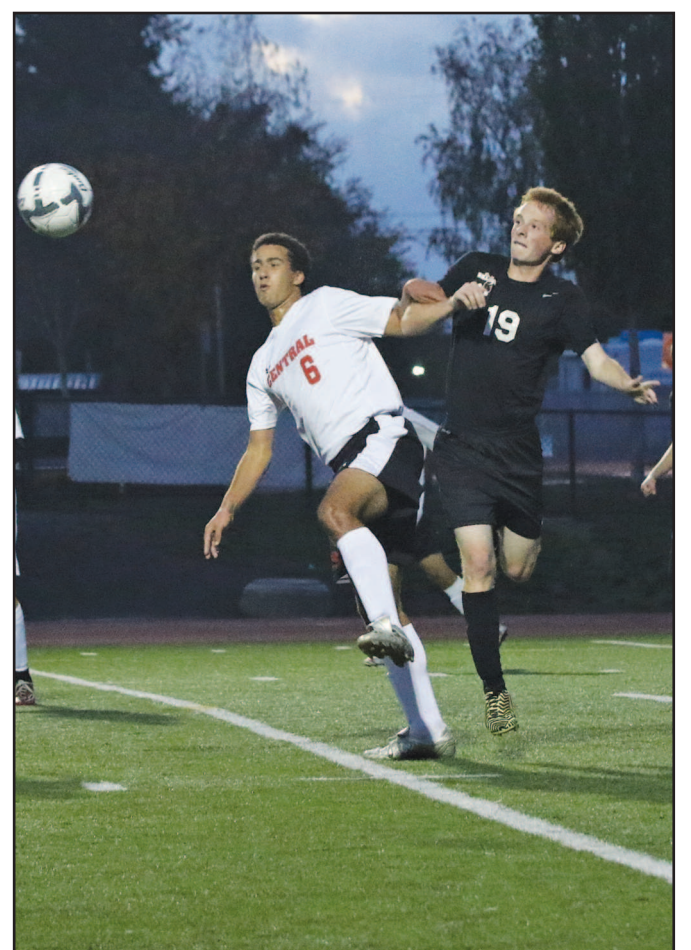
Padilla, who used to run cross-country, has chosen to

focus on soccer this fall, and the Panthers have been focused on going from a good team to a great one.

To help accomplish that, many of the players joined a men's soccer league during the summer, building chemistry and receiving some harsh lessons.

“We learned we need to be more physical — a lot more physical,” Padilla said. “We have to be smarter and quicker with the ball. We have to have three touches max and then pass the ball.”

The Panthers play at Thurston Wednesday (today) at 4:30 p.m. before hosting Sprague Thursday at 7:30 p.m.



Senior Evan Hoover, left, hopes to lead Central's boys soccer team past the first round of the state playoffs.

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