

SCHEDULE

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

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7
Boys soccer: Central at Barlow, 7 p.m. Dallas at Benson, 6 p.m.
Girls soccer: Eagle Point at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: Central at South Albany, 6 p.m. Crescent Valley at Dallas, 6 p.m. Perrydale at Jewell, 6 p.m. Cal State San Marcos at Western Oregon, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8
Cross-country: Western Oregon at Ash Creek Invitational, 5 p.m.

Football: Mountain View at Central, 7 p.m. North Eugene at Dallas, 7 p.m. Falls City at Sherman, 7 p.m. Lowell at Perrydale, 7 p.m.

Volleyball: Chaminade at Western Oregon, 3 p.m.

Women's soccer: Western Oregon at Hawaii Pacific, TBA.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9
Cross-country: Central at Ash Creek Cross-country Festival, noon. Dallas at Saxon Invite, 10 a.m.

Football: Western Oregon at Central Washington, 1 p.m.

Volleyball: Perrydale at Damascus Christian, 1 p.m. Fresno Pacific at Western Oregon, 10:30 a.m. Cal State East Bay at Western Oregon, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10
Women's soccer: Western Oregon at Chaminade, TBA.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11
Volleyball: Falls City at Siletz Valley, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 12
Boys soccer: North Marion at Central, 6 p.m.
Girls soccer: Central at North Marion, 4 p.m. Redmond at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: Central at Crescent Valley, 6 p.m. Corvallis at Dallas, 6 p.m. Willamette Valley Christian at Perrydale, 6 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Nygaard, Fallon earn honors

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon baseball players Nyles Nygaard and Koty Fallon earned postseason accolades while competing in summer leagues.

Nygaard was selected second team all-West Coast League as a utility player. Nygaard had 12 doubles and 16 RBIs while playing with the Cowlitz Black Bears.

Fallon earned second team Great West League honors after hitting .260 with the Portland Pickles.

In addition, WOU players Jacob Fricke, Alex Roth and Cam Walker received all-WCL honorable mentions.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for Aug. 29:

Two man best ball
 Gross: 1, Bob Bennett-Ted Bennett, 35; 2, Paul Disney-Bill Karjala, 36; 3, Jim Schroeder-Bob Sprinkle, 37.

Net: 1, Ken Ross-David White, 28; 2 (tie), Chuck Woodbeck-Pat Farrell, Wayne Baughman-Steve Albin and Vern Smith-John Mangini, 29; 5, Rocky Kygar-Bill Bishop, 29.

STAT SHEET

139 The number of points Central, Dallas, Falls City and Perrydale's football teams combined to score during the first week of the high school season. The Pirates scored 52 points, the Dragons scored 40 points, the Panthers scored 35 points and Falls City scored 12 points. Central, Dallas and Perrydale recorded victories, while the Mountaineers lost.



Hunter Chase (29) eludes a Bend tackler during the Panthers' 35-6 win over the Lava Bears on Friday night.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Panthers roll in opener

Defense, special teams help spark Central's victory

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-ObsERVER

INDEPENDENCE — Senior Isaiah Abraham was itching to get on the field Friday night.

The wide receiver/defensive back missed much of the 2016 season due to injuries, but he was ready to contribute to Central's football team.

And contribute he did. Abraham had one receiving touchdown on offense and two interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown, on defense, helping the Panthers to a 35-6 win over Bend on Friday night.

"It was just great to be



Central's defense held Bend to six points on Friday night.

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back on the field again and play football," Abraham said. "We're a brotherhood this year. We play for each other."

Central controlled the game right from the opening snaps, blocking punts on each of Bend's first two drives. The first block set up

a 6-yard touchdown run by Hunter Chase. Nikolai Wolfe returned the second block for a touchdown.

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Abraham

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Dragons go 2-1 at tourney

By Lukas Eggen
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SALEM — Dallas' volleyball team opened its season at the McKay Tournament in Salem on Saturday.

The Dragons defeated McKay 25-15, 25-18 and Blanchett, 25-23, 19-25, 15-11 before falling to Radford (from Hawaii), 23-25, 25-23, 15-11 in the championship match.



Classen

"This was our first true test to see how the girls were going to mesh as a team," coach Shana Lavier said.



Savage

"They played a lot of volleyball, and even though they were exhausted by the time the championship game came around, they showed tremendous tenacity."

Stats were not available, but Lavier said several players stepped up in a big way.

"Emma (Classen) and Maggie (Blair) played all the way around all day and were just solid and consistent," Lavier said. "Tristin (Savage) had a great hitting, but was able to frustrate a lot of teams with her blocking. She shut down hitters real quick. Hailey (VanWell), even though she is only a sophomore, she was an offensive threat."

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Van Well

COLLEGE SOCCER

Wolves fall to 0-2



Western Oregon defender Kaitlin Poe attempts to advance the ball up the field on Saturday afternoon.

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MONMOUTH — Western Oregon women's soccer coach Steve Ancheta knows WOU is a work in progress.

The Wolves opened the season by falling to Biola 3-2 in double overtime on Thursday and San Francisco State 3-0 on Saturday.

"We have a young team," Ancheta said. "We have 11 new players added and lost nine seniors from last year. I thought the two opponents we saw are very talented and very athletic. With San Francisco State, I'm thinking they can be a playoff team. They have some nice talent out there. They were great games for us to play and it was a learning environment for us."

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Soccer

• Western Oregon's soccer team will play at Hawaii Pacific on Friday and at Chaminade on Sunday. Game times have not been announced.

• The Wolves open Great Northwest Athletic Conference play at Western Washington on Sept. 16.

PREP FOOTBALL

Pirates outlast Mapleton

By Lukas Eggen
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PERRYDALE — Almost from the opening snap, one thing was clear during Perrydale's football game against Mapleton.

This was going to be one exciting game.

"It was a battle, for sure," senior Cooper Butler said. "We were going blow for blow on offense."

The Pirates and Sailors traded leads six times before Perrydale secured a 52-42 victory on Thursday.

Butler scored three touchdowns, including a 61-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and a 50-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

"Cooper was running like a man possessed," coach Steve Mabry said. "He's our saving grace a little bit. If we need 3 yards, we're going to give him the ball."

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Cooper Butler (3) breaks free for a run on Thursday.

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