

WESTERN OREGON ROUNDUP

Men's cross-country places first at Harrier Classic

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McMINNVILLE — Western Oregon University's men's cross-country team took the team title at the Linfield Harrier Classic on Friday.

Four of the Wolves' top five runners finished inside the top 10.

Parker Mason took fourth, finishing the 6,000-meter race in 20 minutes, 13.86 seconds.

Alan Ekanger placed fifth

(20:24.88); Thomas Normandeau finished eighth (20:33.86); and Hunter Mosman placed 10th (20:37.56).

The women's squad placed fourth in the team standings.

Kennedy Rufener won the women's race, finishing the 4,000-meter course in 15:21.41.

Felicia Covey placed 18th in 16:53.93.

Western Oregon will host

the Ash Creek Invitational Friday at 5 p.m.

FOOTBALL FALLS TO IDAHO STATE: Western Oregon's football team was shut out in the second half as the Wolves fell to Idaho State 37-6 on Thursday.

WOU led 6-3 at the half after outgaining the Bengals 193 to 152 in the first half, but missed a field goal in the third quarter.

Senior wide receiver Paul Revis had 13 catches for 137 yards. Quarterback Nick Duck-



Revis

worth threw for 232 yards.

Nathan Jones led the defense with nine tackles. Tyler Johnson had eight tackles and an interception.

WOU opens Great Northwest Athletic Conference play at Central Washington Saturday at 1 p.m. The team's home-

opener is Sept. 23 against Humboldt State.

VOLLEYBALL WINS TWO OF THREE: Western Oregon's volleyball squad won two of three matches at the Concoria Labor Day Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

The Wolves opened the tournament with a 25-23, 11-25, 25-23, 25-14 loss to California State Dominguez Hills on Friday before beating Lubbock Christian 25-20, 21-25, 25-23, 25-20.

Western Oregon defeated

Westminster College 25-15, 25-16, 25-21 on Saturday.

Alisha Bettinson had team highs in kills (15) and digs (20) against Westminster.

Western Oregon will host the Division II West Region Showcase Thursday through Saturday.

The Wolves will play Cal State San Marcos Thursday at 8 p.m., Chaminade Friday at 3 p.m., Fresno Pacific Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and Cal State East Bay Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Panthers: Central faces Mountain View Friday

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"I thought our defense and special teams played very well," coach Shane Hedrick said. "Xander Bailey, Caleb Sedlacek and Isaiah Abraham played at mid-season form. That's always exciting to see in your first game."

Quarterback Peter Mendazona hit Abraham for a 49-yard touchdown to put the Panthers up 21-0 in the first quarter, and the rout was officially on.

"We had a good run game going and that really opens it up for the wide receivers," Abraham said.

Mendazona hit Gabe Bergman for a 1-yard touchdown, and Abraham returned an interception 50 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter to give the Panthers a 35-0 lead.

"It was mostly about reading the opponents and watching a lot of film," Abraham said. "Then it's about getting into position to make a play."

Mendazona finished the game with 97 passing yards and two touchdowns. Chase had 15 carries for 93 yards and a touchdown, and Abra-

ham had two catches for 79 yards and a touchdown.

Junior Jesse Cable had eight tackles on defense, and Gabe Bergman and Xander Bailey each had two sacks.

"It's great (to get the win)," Mendazona said. "As a starting quarterback, I've never beaten Bend before. I lost my first year in Bend, and we lost last year at home. The defense looked real good and we had a variety of weapons on offense. Marcos (Cedillo) in our slot, he's a train and runs people over. Outside we have Isaiah and Jesse. Our starting running back, Hunter, he's developed well. He's a really good guy and he runs hard. Keegan, the guy right behind him, is good to give Hunter a break. We can be deadly."

Friday's game was originally scheduled to be played in Bend, but was moved due to poor air conditions.

"Offensively, we're still looking to clean things up," Hedrick said. "Hunter Chase gave us hope at the running back position, and we look to have Agard and Goodrich contribute more in the future. The passing game

showed first-game tendencies with inconsistency throughout the protection, catching and throwing."

The Panthers host Mountain View Friday at 7 p.m. Mountain View defeated South Albany 28-7 in its season-opener.

"I know Mountain View is big up front," Mendazona said. "We're going to have to work hard and see what we can do to exploit their weaknesses."

Central came out and dominated Bend on Friday night, but with a new challenge looming, Abraham said the Panthers are ready to tackle the next opponent.

"We could have done a lot better tonight, but to come out strong like this, it's good," Abraham said. "We're going to come out strong, study in the film room, and see what they got and start from there."

Notes: Abraham was named team MVP after Friday's game. Offensive player of the game was Hunter Chase; defense was Xander Bailey and special teams was Omar Parroquin.



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Central quarterback Peter Mendazona (10) escapes the pressure against Bend.



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Top: Central defensive lineman Xander Bailey sacks Bend quarterback Cooper Simmonds during the first quarter of the Panthers' 35-6 victory over the Lava Bears on Friday night.

Left: Bailey (98) works to bring down Simmonds during Central's victory over Bend on Friday night. The Panthers built a 35-0 lead in the first half. Central hosts Mountain View Friday at 7 p.m.

Wolves: Home matches were moved to Salem

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Against Biola, Dana Jacobs gave WOU a 1-0 lead in the 14th minute. After Biola tied the match, the Wolves retook the lead after a goal from Kennedy Clay just before the half.

But WOU would not register another shot the rest of the way, and the Eagles tied the match again in the 71st minute before scoring the game-winning goal in the 104th minute.

On Saturday, the Wolves saw several scoring chances, but could not find the back of the net.

"We had some good chances," Ancheta said. "We're happy with the progression. Ultimately, it's a loss, and you can't change that, but you have to keep moving forward. I think we did that from the first match to the second."



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Dacia Alexander looks for a teammate on Saturday.

Both matches had to be moved to the Capital City Soccer Complex in Salem because Western's home field on campus was not ready for play.

"The field will be nice once it's ready," Ancheta said.

WOU hosted Northwest Christian Tuesday after press time.

The Wolves play at Hawaii Pacific on Friday and at Chaminade on Sunday to finish its nonconference season.

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Girls soccer defeats North Salem 5-2 in season-opener

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SALEM — Ysabella Rincon recorded a hat trick,

leading Central's girls soccer team to a 5-2 victory over North Salem on Thursday.

Ana Becerra and Allison Wells also scored one goal each.

"When we started the game, we were struggling with our passing," coach Veronica

Lepe said. "... As the game went on, the girls got a good momentum going and were able to move up and down the field using their passing. I'm surprised with how well the girls did with their passing. It has been one of our biggest struggles in past years, and I feel like this year everything is finally coming together."

The Panthers play at North Marion Tuesday at 4 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL DEFEATS NORTH MARION: Central's volleyball team defeated North Marion 25-19, 25-22, 25-23 on Thursday.

Stats were not available as of press time. The Panthers played Silverton Tuesday after press time. Central travels to face South Albany Thursday at 6 p.m. and Crescent Valley Tues-

day at 6 p.m.

CROSS-COUNTRY COMPETES AT ULTIMOOK: Central's boys cross-country team placed 11th at the Ultimook Nike Invitational at Tillamook High School on Saturday.

Jonathan Brown finished 24th in 19 minutes, 8.14 seconds to lead the Panthers.

The girls squad finished 14th in the team standings.

Naomi Vega placed 63rd in 26:15 to pace the Panthers.

Central will compete at the Ash Creek Invitational at Western Oregon Saturday at noon.

BOYS SOCCER OPENS WITH VICTORIES: Central's boys soccer team defeated Thurston 2-1 on Aug. 30 and Sprague 3-1 on Thursday. Stats were not available as of press time.

The Panthers play at Barlow Thursday at 7 p.m. before hosting North Marion Tuesday at 6 p.m.



Becerra



Wells