

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

Boys soccer: Central at Mountainside, 7:30 p.m. Lebanon at Dallas, 6 p.m. Crosshill Christian at Falls City, 6 p.m.

Volleyball: Central at Silverton, 6 p.m. Lebanon at Dallas, 6 p.m. Crosshill Christian at Falls City, 6 p.m. Livingstone Adventist at Perrydale, 6 p.m. Western Oregon at Simon Fraser, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

Football: Central at Dallas, 7 p.m. Alsea at Falls City, 7 p.m. Dufur at Perrydale, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

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

Cross-country: Central at Woahink Lake XC Invitational, TBA. Dallas at Nike Portland XC Invite, TBA. Western Oregon at Charles Bowles Invite, 9:30 a.m.

Football: Western Oregon at Azusa Pacific, 6 p.m.

Volleyball: Western Oregon at Western Washington, 7 p.m.

Women's soccer: Seattle Pacific at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 2

Volleyball: Jewell at Perrydale, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 3

Boys soccer: Silverton at Central, 6 p.m. Dallas at Lebanon, 4 p.m.

Girls soccer: Central at Silverton, 6 p.m. Lebanon at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Volleyball: South Albany at Central, 6 p.m. Dallas at Crescent Valley, 6 p.m. Falls City at Livingstone Adventist, 6 p.m. Western Oregon at Concordia, 7 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for Sept. 19:

Low gross/low net
Gross: 1, Bill Karjala, 39; 2 (tie), Wayne Weathers, Jim Schroeder, Lee Taylor and Kevin O'Brien.

Net: 1, Lynn Hurt, 31; 2 (tie), Darrel Smedstad, Eldon Rivers, Larry Hatcher and Jack Duncan, 34; 6 (tie), Rich Dominick and Greg Fisher, 35.

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Progressive tees
Gross: 1, Lee Gameny, 76; 2 (tie), Bill Karjala and Bob McCleery, 77.

Net: 1, Al Fahlman, 60; 2, Pat Farrell, 67; 3 (tie), Kevin O'Brien and Lynn Hurt, 68; 5, Ken Dankenbring, 69.

Bowling league results

DALLAS — Super Senior Bowling League results.

Standings
Senior Moments: 8-4
Cherry Pickers: 8-4
High scratch game (men): Terry Casper, 221
High scratch game (women): Pat Ghormley, 183

High handicap game (men): Terry Smith, 292

High handicap game (women): Debbie Cates, 246
Scratch series (men): Dennis Fritz, 558

Scratch series (women): Sherrie Johnson, 469

Handicap series (men): Terry Smith, 691

Handicap series (women): Debbie Cates, 678.

Falls City football defeats Lowell

FALLS CITY — Falls City's football team defeated Lowell 60-12 on Friday. Stats were not available as of press time.

The Mountaineers host Alsea Friday at 7 p.m.

STAT SHEET

7 The total number of touchdowns Western Oregon's football scored against Humboldt State.

PREP FOOTBALL

Pumping up the Panthers

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Prior to kickoff, Central lineman Caleb Sedlacek is pacing.

It's not nerves.

The senior trusts the hours of work spent preparing for the game.

It's something else.

"My energy is out of the roof," Sedlacek said. "Something about playing under the Friday night lights with your family (the team) that just gets me hyped. I want the other teams to know I am ready to play and that I may get beat here and there, but I will be right back up for the next play and ready to go at it."

Sedlacek, a starting lineman for the Panthers, has had a big impact on the field. But his true value to the Panthers goes beyond any single play he can make.

Sedlacek's playing philosophy is simple — dominate whoever is in front of him.

"Caleb is a very mobile and explosive player and has the ability to change the opponent's point of attack," coach Shane Hedrick said. "On offense, he brings a great deal of strength to the running game and gives great protection to the passer."

Sedlacek is driven by an overwhelming desire to do anything and everything he can to help his team win each play.

"I think about how I can push myself to help my team get that W and that I have to do my best to be a leader."

On a personal level, that means improving every part of his game, from his speed to his strength.

That has resulted in 26 tackles and three sacks so far this fall.

But Sedlacek knows being a leader requires more than making a tackle or opening a hole for a teammate.

One look onto the field, and you'll likely see Sedlacek getting teammates fired up.

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Caleb Sedlacek awaits the start of Central's game against South Albany on Friday night. The Panthers lost 24-7.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Building from the ground up

Kiner steps into leadership role on inexperienced squad

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Dallas junior defender Callista Kiner came into the season knowing things would be a bit different for the girls soccer program.

In 2016, Kiner was part of a team that featured nine seniors, many who saw significant playing time. Kiner expected a retooling of sorts this fall.

She wasn't expecting quite how big of a rebuild was in store.

Only a handful of players have recent soccer experience, Kiner said.

The rest are playing for the first time in years — and some for the first time at all.

"We have a new team," Kiner said. "We're learning the ropes, learning the rules and learning what to do on the field."

The experience has been different for Kiner, who was used playing on squads with teammates who had years of soccer experience behind them.

"I've been playing it since I was little," she said. "It's just fun to be able to be outside and play with a ball at



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Dallas' girls soccer team is in the midst of a rebuild.

your feet."

Adjusting to new teammates and having to build from the ground up hasn't been easy.

"It's hard," Kiner said. "It requires a lot of patience."

It's also led Kiner to take on a new role. As a center defender, Kiner helps direct

teammates to the right spots.

"The center defense is kind of like the core of the team," she said. "Besides the goalie, we see everything on the field."

What's been more challenging is becoming a leader — and teacher — on

the field.

"I think I've always been a lead-by-example type of person," Kiner said. "With this team, I need to be more vocal."

It's not just the x's and o's of the sport they are teaching.

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Booster Club to kick off turf project

Itemizer-Observer staff report

DALLAS — The Dallas Booster Club will kick off its turf field fundraising drive Friday at 5 p.m. at Dallas High School.

Fundraising efforts have been underway for months, but Friday will mark the official beginning of the drive.

The event starts in the DHS gym. There is no cost to attend. RSVP to RSVP@dhs-boosterclub.org.

Dylan August and Jim Boutin will speak about field turf. A light dinner will be served at 5:50 p.m.

Those in attendance will get free admission and special reserved seating to the Central vs. Dallas football game. The August family will perform the coin toss at the game. Guests, booster club supporters, past athletes and state championships will be honored during halftime.

William McNutt said about \$600,000 in pledged cash and in-kind work had been donated as of press day.

The Booster Club has a goal of raising \$850,000 in cash and in-kind work by April 2018 to have the field turf installed in time for the 2018-19 school year.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Linemen pave the way for offense

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — When senior offensive linemen Brad Christensen, Ron Rose and Bryson Dizon arrived as freshmen at Western Oregon University, they figured playing time would be minimal.

They were, after all, the new kids on the block with plenty of older, more experienced linemen ahead of them on the depth chart.

The three players figured their first season would be spent bulking up and, maybe see a little game action if a blowout occurred.

After a series of events, all three wound up seeing significant action as freshmen.

The experience was humbling. "It's definitely not ideal to start as an 18-year-old against people who weigh 300 pounds," Rose said.

The trio wasn't fully ready to take on collegiate defensive linemen, but

they found a way to keep their spots on the line and lay the groundwork for future success.

"It was almost surreal at first," Dizon said. "But we started to remember, it's just football. It was tough, but freshman year gave us a lot of good experience."

The trio has started together ever since and has formed the core of the Wolves' offensive line.

"We're on the same page," Rose said. "We can communicate really easily with each other. We know the little stuff that you need to get done."

As they have gone from nervous freshmen starters to seasoned veterans, they have reveled in sharing their experiences together.

"I don't think you can get a bigger bond than we have," Dizon said.

The trio has blocked for traditional pass-first quarterbacks and dual-threat quarterbacks.

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Western Oregon's offensive line awaits a play call during the Wolves' 49-48 overtime loss to Humboldt State on Saturday afternoon.