

Central: Panthers face Corvallis, Woodburn

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That trust stems from a balanced scoring attack. Stop one scoring threat, Central has another ready to step up.
From junior Brandon Jones to freshman Omar Ceja, the Panthers have seen big contributions from a number of players.
“Last year, we basically had two players score all our goals,” Hoover said.

“This year we have five or six players scoring lots of goals.”
Helping to lead the charge are Padilla and Hoover, who refuse to let teammates let up or get down during a match.
“Aaron and Evan are pretty special players,” coach Joe Orozco said. “They never let down. They fight for every ball.”
Driving them is a desire

to advance past the first round of the state playoffs, where they have seen each of their first three seasons end.
“The younger players have watched Aaron and I lose in state, and lose in state and lose in state,” Hoover said. “This year, we don’t want to lose anymore.”
Before the postseason arrives, the Panthers end the

regular season with its toughest challenges of the league season.
Central, which played Dallas Tuesday after press time, hosts Corvallis Thursday at 6 p.m. before playing at Woodburn on Tuesday.
Both Corvallis and Central entered the week with identical records (10-0-1 overall, 4-0 Mid-Willamette Conference), while Woodburn entered the week with

an 8-1-2 mark overall and 2-0-2 record in league play. Woodburn and Corvallis faced each other Tuesday after press time.
Up for grabs is a league title and playoff seeding. The top two finishers in the league advance to the first round of the state playoffs. The third-place squad will host a play-in match.
All three teams have given up nine or fewer goals

so far this season. The Spartans and Panthers have yet to lose and Woodburn’s lone loss this season was a 2-0 setback to Hood River Valley, the top-ranked team in Class 5A according to the OSAA power rankings.
Orozco’s message to his players is clear: Be ready for a battle.
“We’re happy so far, but we’re not satisfied,” Padilla said. “We’re hungry.”

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Warriors rally to beat Panthers

Itemizer-Observer staff report
INDEPENDENCE — It was an almost perfect start for Central’s football team Thursday night against Lebanon.
The Panthers recovered a Warriors fumble on the game’s first offensive play, and Central running back Hunter Chase scored a 36-yard touchdown on the Panthers’ first play from scrimmage to take an early

7-0 lead.
That lead wouldn’t last, as Lebanon defeated the Panthers 40-27.
For much of the first half, it appeared the Panthers were in control.
A pair of touchdown passes from Peter Mendazona to Isaiah Abraham put Central up 20-8 with 8:40 left in the first half, but the Warriors were ready to rally.
Lebanon scored twice to

take a 21-20 lead into half-time. The Warriors added two more touchdowns to extend their lead to 33-20 early in the fourth quarter.
Mendazona threw a 29-yard touchdown to Marcos Cedillo to pull within 33-27 with 8:49 left in the game, but it was as close as the Panthers would get.
Lebanon scored its final touchdown to go ahead 40-27 with 1:11 left in the game.

Central (3-4 overall, 1-3 Mid-Willamette Conference) plays at Silverton next Friday at 7 p.m.
VOLLEYBALL FALLS TO DALLAS: Central’s volleyball team lost to Dallas 25-22, 25-18, 26-24 on Oct. 11.
The Panthers (9-8 overall, 5-7 MWC) played Corvallis Tuesday after press time. Central hosts Woodburn Thursday at 6 p.m. to close out the regular season. The Panthers entered the week in sixth place in the

MWC standings.
GIRLS SOCCER LOSES TO LEBANON: Central’s girls soccer team lost to Lebanon 7-1 on Oct. 11. The Panthers played Dallas Tuesday after press time. Central plays at Corvallis Thursday at 6:30 p.m. before closing out the regular season by hosting Woodburn Tuesday at 6 p.m.
CROSS-COUNTRY TAKES SECOND AT CV: Central’s boys and girls cross-country teams placed second at a Mid-

Willamette Conference 4-way race at Crescent Valley High School on Oct. 11.
Jonathon Brown led the boys with a fourth-place finish in 16 minutes, 53.76 seconds. Rufus Schrader placed eighth in 17:18.42.
Baillie Hartford paced the girls with an eighth-place finish. Hartford finished with a time of 20:08.51. Naomi Vega took 11th in 20:39.29.
Central will compete at Dallas Wednesday (today) at 4 p.m.

PERRYDALE ROUNDUP

Volleyball extends win streak to seven

Itemizer-Observer staff report
PERRYDALE — Perrydale’s volleyball team defeated C.S. Lewis 25-3, 25-4, 25-7 on Oct. 10 and Crosshill Christian 22-25, 25-19, 25-27, 26-24, 16-14 on Thursday.
The Pirates played Country Christian Tuesday after press time.
Perrydale entered the week 22-4 overall and 11-1 in Casco League play, good for first place and on a seven-match win streak.

Perrydale will play Crosshill Christian Saturday at 4 p.m. at Oregon School for the Deaf in the Casco League tournament.
FOOTBALL DEFEATS PILOT ROCK: Perrydale’s football team defeated Pilot Rock 42-14 on Thursday.
Randall Canfield had 14 rushes for 187 yards and three touchdowns. Cooper Butler ran for 125 yards and a touchdown. Butler also had 15 tackles and two sacks. Evan Lambert had five sacks. The Pirates host Oakridge JV Friday at 7 p.m.

Off and running



Kids take off at the start of the fun run during the Dallas Glow Run on Saturday evening.
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