

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

Boys soccer: OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, first round: No. 13 Marist Catholic vs. No. 4 Central, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

Volleyball: Western Oregon at Montana State, Billings, 6 p.m.

Women's basketball: Westmont at Western Oregon (exhibition), 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

Football: OSAA Class 1A state playoffs, first round: No. 11 Echo at No. 6 Falls City, 7 p.m.

Volleyball: OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, quarterfinals: No. 11 Dallas vs. No. 3 Bend (at Liberty High School), 3:15 p.m. OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, semifinals: TBA vs. TBA, 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

Boys soccer: OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, quarterfinals: TBA vs. TBA, TBA.

Cross-country: Dallas at OSAA 5A state championships (at Lane Community College, Eugene), 1:50 p.m. Western Oregon at NCAA Division II West Regional (at Ash Creek Preserve), 10 a.m.

Football: Azusa Pacific at Western Oregon, 1 p.m.

Volleyball: OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, championship match: TBA vs. TBA (at Liberty High School), 6 p.m. Consolation matches start at 10 a.m.

Women's basketball: Western Oregon at Portland (exhibition), 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 6

Men's basketball: Corban at Western Oregon (exhibition), 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7

Boys soccer: OSAA Class 5A state playoffs, semifinals: TBA vs. TBA, TBA.

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ANDY ATKINSON/Mail Tribune

Dallas' volleyball team celebrates during its victory over Crater in the 5A state play-in round on Oct. 24.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Dallas advances to quarterfinals

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-ObsERVER

EUGENE — On paper, Dallas' volleyball team isn't supposed to be here.

Just don't tell that to the Dragons.

"They decided they didn't want to lose," coach Shana Lavier said. "Unless you were to see it, you wouldn't believe it."

Dallas, the 11th seed, defeated No. 6 Marist Catholic 25-22, 30-28, 25-23 in the first round of the 5A state playoffs on Saturday to advance to the quarterfinals on

Class 5A State Volleyball

Who: No. 11 Dallas (16-10 overall, 8-6 Mid-Willamette Conference) vs. No. 3 Bend (19-6 overall, 7-1 Intermountain Conference).

What: Class 5A state volleyball, quarterfinals.

When: Friday, 3:15 p.m.

Where: Liberty High School, Hillsboro.

Admission: Adults, \$7; students, \$4. Prices increase to \$8 and \$5 for semifinals and finals.

What's at stake: The winner advances to the semifinals Friday at 8:30 p.m. The loser competes in the consolation bracket.

Friday at Liberty High School in Hillsboro.

The Dragons face No. 3 Bend, the defending state

champions, at 3:15 p.m.

The winner advances to the semifinals against the winner of Lebanon vs. North

Eugene Friday at 8:30 p.m. The loser goes into the consolation bracket.

Bend enters the match with a 19-6 record overall and 7-1 mark in Intermountain Conference play.

The Lava Bears defeated Silverton 25-19, 25-13, 25-10 on Saturday to advance to the quarterfinals.

"From here on out, every-



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one is good," Lavier said. "Bend is a solid team. They have really good players who are going to attack all sides of the court."

But the Dragons enter with confidence that they can overcome any obstacle.

Against Marist, Dallas fell behind 9-0 and 17-5 in the first set.

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QUICK HITS

WOU to host all sports reunion

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University will host an all sports reunion Saturday from 4:15 to 7:30 p.m. in the Pacific Room at the Werner University Center.

All athletes, former coaches and staff from all sports and years are invited to attend.

There is no cost to attend.

The event is part of the university's Homecoming weekend. Western Oregon's football team hosts Azusa Pacific Saturday at 1 p.m.

To RSVP or more information: www.wouwolves.com.

Local players earn all-league nods

POLK COUNTY — Dallas girls soccer player Callista Kiner was named second team all-Mid-Willamette Conference last week.



Kiner

Jordan Applegate and Olivia Palmer received honorable mentions.

Central's Ana Becerra and Allison Wells also earned honorable mentions.

The Panthers finished seventh in the Mid-Willamette Conference standings. Dallas placed eighth.

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for Oct. 24:

Low gross/low net
Gross: 1, Lee Gamaney, 37; 2 (tie), Rocky Kygar and Bill Karjala, 40.

Net: 1, Larry Hatcher, 34; 2 (tie), Pat Farrell, Wayne Baughman and Darrel Smedstad, 35; 5 (tie), Don Seth and Bob Sprinkle, 36.

PREP CROSS-COUNTRY

Cross, boys team book trip to state

By Jolene Guzman

The Itemizer-ObsERVER

GERVAIS — Dallas cross-country Coach Monique Lankheet was visibly nervous during the wait behind the finish of the Thursday's boys district race and the announcements of the team winners.

Dallas' boys team had a shot to be the first in more than 30 years to qualify for state at Thursday's Mid-Willamette Conference District meet at Willamette Mission State Park.

The team would have to make up some ground on conference rivals to get there, which explained Lankheet's anxiety.

"If we go to state, this is monumental. I don't know yet," she said minutes after the boys' race ended. "I



JOLENE GUZMAN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Dallas junior Trevor Cross finished third at the district meet on Thursday.

think it looks good, but I don't know."

Lankheet has coached the team since 1995. In that time, individual runners have qualified, but never a whole team.

"They've just been working all summer. We've just done a lot to prepare for this day," Lankheet said. "I just so want this to be the scenario for them."

The top three teams at the

district meet qualify for state. The team estimated it scored about 50 points — based on the team's top five competitors' places. That put the Dragons in the running.

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PREP BOYS SOCCER

Central opens playoffs against Marist

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-ObsERVER

INDEPENDENCE — After the high of clinching a share of the Mid-Willamette Conference title, Central's boys soccer team suffered a let-down, falling to Woodburn 2-1 on Oct. 24.

"We played poorly," Panthers coach Joe Orozco said. "We couldn't get anything going. We didn't pressure them at all, our passing game wasn't there, and we didn't defend well either. We gave them all the room they needed to create plays and they did."

Christian Lua scored in the second half, but Central couldn't find the equalizer.

Class 5A State Soccer

Who: No. 13 Marist Catholic (10-4 overall, 6-1 Midwestern League) vs. No. 4 Central (12-1-1 overall, 6-1 Mid-Willamette Conference).

What: Class 5A state soccer, first round.

When: Wednesday (today), 6 p.m.

Where: Central High School.

Admission: Adults, \$6; students, \$4.

What's at stake: The winner advances to the second round on Saturday.

The Panthers hope to put that setback behind them they prepare for the state playoffs.

Marist Catholic hosts No. 13 Marist Catholic Wednesday (today) at 6 p.m. Marist Catholic enters the match with a 10-4 record overall and 6-1 mark in Midwestern

League play.

The winner faces the winner of No. 12 South Albany vs. No. 5 La Salle on Saturday in the quarterfinals with the state semifinals scheduled for Tuesday.

"We know that every team from here on out are going to be tough," Orozco said.

"We learned (against Woodburn) that we have to execute our game plan. If we don't, it's going to be difficult for us to get a win."

The Panthers are looking to move on to the 5A quarterfinals. Central has lost in the first round each time each of the last three seasons, but Orozco said they are out to stop history from repeating itself.

"We started to bring up the intensity of practice to be more consistent and focus on making our passing more accurate," Orozco said. "We've talked about eating healthy, staying hydrated and sleeping better and being more organized in our drills."

PREP FOOTBALL

Falls City to host Echo in first round

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-ObsERVER

FALLS CITY — Falls City football coach Laric Cook had been waiting for his players to put it all together.

He got his wish Friday night.

The Mountaineers defeated North Douglas 60-0 to earn the Special District 3's top seed in the state playoffs.

"We played our best football game of the year," Cook said. "That's what you hope to be doing this time of year. Our line just paved the way for our backs. There are a couple of penalties we have to clean up, but I was pleased with our tempo."

The sixth-seeded Mountaineers will host No. 11 Echo in the first round of the 1A state playoffs Friday at 7 p.m.

Echo enters the game with a 7-2 record overall and a 4-1 mark in Special District 1 play.

"They run a lot of I option" Cook said. "They run a 4-3 defense. They like to run it, run it and run it. They make you respect the quarterback and stay disciplined. If you do all those things, they pitch it to a guy that's pretty doggone fast. We are going to have to make tackles in space."

The winner advances to face the winner of No. 14 Cove vs. No. 3 Camas Valley on Nov. 10 in the quarterfinals.

"Hopefully we can continue and win four more ball games," Cook said. "That would have us hoisting the trophy at the end, but we'll take her one week at a time, and we know we can't look past anybody because these are the 16 best teams in the state."