

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOV. 24
Men's basketball: Western Oregon at Holy Names, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 25
Men's basketball: Western Oregon at Notre Dame de Namur, 7 p.m. McKenzie at Falls City, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29
Boys basketball: North Eugene at Central, 7 p.m. Century at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball: Central at North Eugene, 7 p.m. Dallas at North Salem, 6:45 p.m. McKenzie at Falls City, 5:30 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Les Schwab to host bottle drop Saturdays

DALLAS — Les Schwab, 121 Main St., Dallas, will host a bottle drop the last Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All bottles and cans will go toward the Field Turf project at Dallas High School.

Dallas business owner Michael Eshelby will match dollar-for-dollar money donated by local businesses.

An anonymous donor will also match donations of \$10 to \$300, up to \$10,000. Bottle Drop will also match a percentage of the earnings through Dec. 20. For more information: www.dhsboosterclub.org.

Coaches needed for basketball

KINGS VALLEY — Kings Valley Charter School's elementary school basketball teams are in need of coaches.

Coaches are needed for the kindergarten, first and second grade co-ed team, and the third-, fourth- and fifth-grade girls team, if there is enough player interest.

All games are held Saturdays in Philomath.

Contact David Crowe, 541-929-2134, ext. 102 or email to Dcrowe@kvschool.org for more information about coaching.

There will be an informational meeting held on Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at KVCS, 38840 Kings Valley Highway, Philomath.

Cost is \$20 per player and \$15 for a team shirt.

Scholarships may be available, if needed.

Trammell named player of the week

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon men's basketball player Demetrius Trammell was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Player of the Week on Monday.

Trammell averaged 24 points per game and shot 70 percent from the field during the Wolves' victories over Azusa Pacific on Friday and Dixie State on Saturday.

The Wolves improved to 4-0 on the season.

Revis a finalist for national award

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon football player Paul Revis is a finalist for the 2017 Harlon Hill Trophy, presented to the Division II College Football Player of the Year. Revis was one of 34 candidates revealed on Monday.

Revis finished his career with the Wolves with 274 catches for 3,998 yards and 32 touchdowns. Revis set a school record in all-purpose yards with 6,713 and set a school record for most catches in a season with 93. Revis was also a dangerous returner. He had 1,066 punt-return yards and 1,558 kick-off return yards. The 34 candidates will be placed on regional ballots and the top two from each region will advance to a national ballot.

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Heroic effort

Abraham dedicates season to his hero

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-ObsERVER

INDEPENDENCE — When Central senior Isaiah Abraham scored the game-winning touchdown against Glencoe, he raised a finger to the sky.

Yes, Abraham helped the Panthers earn a victory. In truth, football was the last thing on his mind.

The moment was a lasting tribute to his uncle, Brian.

The bond Isaiah and Brian shared went beyond family.

"I have a picture of him when he was little on a big canvas," Abraham said. "He has on this big Superman costume. He really was my hero."

After each game, Brian would call or text Isaiah. He was there to support him, encourage him and talk football with him.

"He didn't have any kids, so he kind of looked at me as his son," Abraham said. "He was someone who was always supportive of me no matter what I did."

Abraham made sure Brian was always close to his heart.

"(I keep) a text telling my uncle that he was my hero," Abraham said. "He replied telling me how much he loved me. It means a lot to me."

Earlier this year, Abraham lost his hero.

Brian died of cancer in February. This fall was the first football season without him.

"It was tough going through the season without him, but I knew he was watching over me. That touchdown was for him and I wanted to have a good season for him," Abraham said.

The senior defensive back/receiver delivered in spades.

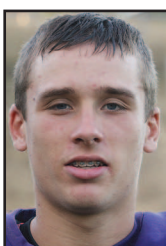
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PREP FOOTBALL

Mountaineers fall in semifinals

By Lukas Eggen
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HILLSBORO — Falls City's football team's ride in the state playoffs came to an end on Saturday.



Labrado

The sixth-seeded Mountaineers lost to No. 2 Dufur 58-28 in the 1A state semifinals.

"It's farther than Falls City's ever been," senior Noah Sickles said. "It was pretty big for the team and for the community."

Falls City took an early 8-0 lead after a 24-yard touchdown pass from Jesse Sickles to Noah Sickles.

Dufur scored 18 unanswered points before the Mountaineers pulled to within four after Jesse Sickles hit Austin Burgess for a touchdown. The Rangers answered to go up 26-14 with 2:14 left in the first



Burgess



Sickles

half. Falls City drove down the field and scored on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Jeremy Labrado to Burgess with 10 seconds left in the half.

Dufur returned the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown

"I didn't want to kick it deep and give them a chance to run it back," coach Laric Cook said. "We were supposed to squib it hard around the 30-yard line and have it go out. We didn't execute that. That kind of kicked us in the rear end there."

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LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Falls City senior Noah Sickles catches a touchdown against Dufur on Saturday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wolves on the hunt for tourney berth

By Lukas Eggen
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MONMOUTH — When senior Tanner Omlid arrived at Western Oregon University two years ago, the men's basketball team was about to embark on its historic run to the Final Four.

The Wolves are itching to make a similar run this season.

"We have a lot of competitors on our team," Omlid said. "I think we're playing a lot better than we were last year at the beginning of the season."

Last year, the Wolves had to replace four of five starters. This winter, WOU returns three starters — Omlid, the Great Northwest Athletic Conference's Preseason Player of the Year, Ali Faruq-Bey and J.J. Chirnside.

Faruq-Bey averaged 15 points per game and was second on the team in as-



Omlid

Friday and an 97-86 win over Dixie State on Saturday.

The Wolves have seen returners such as Omlid (19 points, 12 rebounds and two steals against Dixie State) and newcomers such as redshirt sophomore Riley Hawken (21 points, eight rebounds) contribute early in the season.

While Western Oregon coach Jim Shaw has used a few different lineups early on, that may be more because of depth rather than finding a workable combination.

Whether it's junior Demetrius Trammell or transfers Malik Morgan or



Bey

ing has emerged as a huge area of improvement. During the 2016-17 campaign, the Wolves shot 43.5 percent from the field and 34.5 percent from beyond the arc.

Through four games, those numbers are at 54.5 and 50.4 percent.

"Last year, it took us 15 to 16 games to kick it into gear," Omlid said. "By the end, we were a solid team. I think we're a step ahead this season. We have multiple ball handlers. We have a bunch of guys who can make big shots."

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Western Oregon senior Tanner Omlid shoots over an Azusa Pacific defender on Friday night.