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BOISE STATE FOOTBALL

Broncos rout Utah State

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LOGAN, Utah — Boise State ran all over Utah State and right into another Mountain West Conference championship game.

George Holani rushed for a career-high 178 yards and two touchdowns, powering the 20th-ranked Broncos to a 56-21 victory Saturday night.

Jaylon Henderson threw for 187 yards and three scores in his second start as Boise State (10-1, 7-0 Mountain West) clinched a share of first place in the Mountain Division and a berth in its third consecutive conference title game.

“They knew what was at stake,” Broncos coach Bryan Harsin said. “They knew the team we were playing. They knew they had to be on the road. And I think their entire preparation, mindset and

focus showed up tonight.”

Jordan Love threw for 229 yards and a touchdown to lead the Aggies (6-5, 5-2), who lost to Boise State for the fourth straight season.

“They beat us in all three phases,” Utah State coach Gary Andersen said. “Our challenge is to rally back and battle back, and see what we can do to finish this season the right way.”

Holani averaged 11.1 yards per carry to pace a Broncos rushing attack that churned out a season-best 297 yards on the ground. They averaged 6.5 yards per carry.

“The running backs were bouncing off our guys pretty good,” Andersen said.

Holani burned Utah State for big gains starting in the first quarter. The freshman opened each of Boise State’s first three drives with a run

exceeding 10 yards. His first carry turned into a 35-yard gain, and he also scored on a 5-yard Statue of Liberty play on his final attempt of the period.

It added up to 115 yards on eight carries for Holani in the first quarter alone. That set the tone for a game filled with big plays by the Broncos.

“George had a big game,” Henderson said. “He really was almost like the backbone on our offense tonight as far as moving the ball. The kid runs the ball hard.”

Boise State needed only four plays to score on its opening drive, when John Hightower shedded tacklers on a 30-yard catch-and-run to put the Broncos ahead 7-0.

Utah State evened the score on a 7-yard grab by Caleb Repp, but then the dam burst and Boise State over-

whelmed the Aggies on both sides of the ball.

Jalen Walker returned an interception 15 yards with 5:14 left in the first quarter to put the Broncos ahead for good. Holani followed with his Statue of Liberty touchdown late in the period — which he set up with a 36-yard run a play earlier.

Boise State kept it rolling into the second quarter. Holani and Robert Mahone each scored on a 1-yard run, and Khalil Shakir hauled in a 14-yard pass from Henderson with 19 seconds left in the half to make it 42-7.

Avery Williams added an exclamation point by returning a punt 74 yards early in the third quarter to extend Boise State’s lead to 49-7.

“We’re a spark team,” Williams said. “You get one spark and eventually start a fire.”

CLASS 4A FOOTBALL SEMIFINALS

La Grande will play for 4A title

By Ronald Bond
The (La Grande) Observer

The fog in Hermiston made it a bit tricky to see Saturday night’s state semifinal game.

One fact, though, was unmistakable — the La Grande Tigers didn’t have any issues finding the end zone.

Next up, the state championship game.

Nathan Reed rushed for 185 yards and three touchdowns and caught a fourth, Parker Robinson threw three touchdown passes, and the Tigers controlled every facet of the game on the way to a 68-0 win over The Dalles Riverhawks in the Class 4A semifinals.

“This is everything,” said senior defensive back Josh Zollman, who had an interception return for a touchdown in the win. “I’ve been dreaming of this since freshman year. This is everything to me. I’m so excited I can’t think.”

La Grande will face the defending state champion Banks Braves — who won Saturday’s other semifinal game over Marist, 56-31 — in next Saturday’s 4A final, which will be played at 6 p.m. in Hermiston.

The Tigers (11-0 overall) quickly made it apparent it would be their night, forcing a 3-and-out on The Dalles’ first series and getting on the board shortly after on a 42-yard TD reception by Payton Cooper for a 7-0 lead.

The wave of blue and white kept coming nonstop as the Tigers basically did whatever they wanted. Multiple players found the end zone in the running game — Reed scored on running plays of 1 and 29 yards in the first half and added a 62-yard run on the second play of the third to make it 45-0, Robinson added a 56-yard TD run in the first half, and Brody MacMillan had a 61-yard touchdown run in the fourth. The Tigers also struck through the air, as Robinson added a 46-yard deep pass to Blaine Shaw and a 40-yarder to Reed on a screen to help the Tigers build a 39-0 halftime lead.

“We’re so dangerous at running and passing, so we keep defenses on their toes,” Reed said. “If they start keying on the run game and slowing that down, Parker will go and throw a touchdown and that will open up the run game again. It’s super hard to stop our dominant run game and dominant passing game.”

Even the defense and special teams got in on the scoring act. Shaw returned a punt 57 yards for a touchdown early in the third quarter, and Zollman returned his interception 17 yards to make the score 61-0 midway through the third quarter.

Penny’s career-best leads Seahawks

By Rob Maaddi
AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Rashaad Penny stayed patient on the sideline, waited for an opportunity and made the most of it.

Penny ran for a career-best 129 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown, Russell Wilson threw one TD pass and the Seattle Seahawks beat the Philadelphia Eagles 17-9 Sunday.

A 2018 first-round pick, Penny has 158 fewer carries than Chris Carson, who is closing in on 900 yards this

season.

“It’s been a big test,” Penny said about his backup role. “Just staying poised, waiting my turn and trying to prove I can play but I know I got a great running back in front of me in Chris.”

The Seahawks (9-2) remain undefeated on the road in six games.

Missing their top three wide receivers, leading rusher and two Pro Bowl offensive linemen, the Eagles (5-6) couldn’t do much on offense and hurt themselves with three turnovers inside Seattle

territory and another near midfield.

The Eagles didn’t have wideouts DeSean Jackson, Alshon Jeffery, Nelson Agholor, running back Jordan Howard and right tackle Lane Johnson from the start. Right guard Brandon Brooks left the game in the first quarter. Rookie first-round pick Andre Dillard made his first career start at right tackle after playing the left side all season and was benched at halftime.

“I thought we had a good week of preparation, guys were focused,” Eagles coach

Doug Pederson said. “That was no indication of the performance today.”

The Seahawks were without star defensive end Jadeveon Clowney.

Philadelphia’s defense did its best to keep it close, sacking Wilson six times.

But Carson Wentz struggled again and the offense was awful.



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Former BHS basketball stars playing in college

Two members of Baker High School’s history-making 2019 state championship girls basketball team are continuing their hoops careers at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

Rose Gwillim is a starter for the Saints, and Jayme Ramos is a key contributor off the bench.

In Mt. Hood’s 88-39 win over South Puget Sound on Friday, Gwillim, a 5-foot-10 forward, scored 12 points and topped the Saints with 11 rebounds.

Raymos, a 5-foot-8 guard, scored a season-high 7 points in 19 minutes of action.

In a 69-40 Mt. Hood win over Tacoma on Saturday, Gwilliam scored a season-high 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

In Mt. Hood’s season-opening 62-40 win over Olympic on Nov. 16, Gwillim scored 11 points and led the Saints with 13 rebounds. Ramos scored 1 point and grabbed 3 rebounds.

In the Saints’ 75-70 overtime win over Peninsula College on Nov. 17, Gwillim scored 12 points and again led Mt. Hood with 14 rebounds. Ramos, who played 25 minutes, tallied 4 points.

Two former Baker High School boys basketball players, and brothers, are important members of the Northwest Christian University hoops squad this year.

Kaden Sand, a 2019 BHS graduate, and his brother, Logan, a 2016 BHS grad, both play for the Eugene school where their father, BHS girls basketball coach Mat Sand, starred.

In seven games for the Saints, who are 2-5 on the season, Kaden Sand is averaging 8.3 points per game, ranking fifth on the team. He’s also averaging 3.6 rebounds per game, and has blocked six shots.

Logan Sand ranks sixth in scoring, at 7.8 points per game. He’s averaging 3.2 rebounds per game.

BMS intramural hoops busy

The Baker Middle School intramural boys basketball teams had their first action Nov. 14 with a tournament-style series of games featuring four teams.

The teams were Coach Jimmy Howerton’s White team and Purple team and Coach Bryan Dalke’s White team and Purple team. Each game was 20 minutes with a running clock, and all shooting fouls were counted as 1 point for the shooting team.

Game 1

Dalke’s Purple team defeated Howerton’s Purple team 24-9. The scoring for Dalke’s teams was 6 points by Ethan Morgan and Caleb Hills, 5 points by Colton Birmingham, 3 points by Drake Hetterley, and 2 points by Brycen Martin.

The scoring for Howerton’s team was led by Ernesto Lo-

pez Villalvazo’s 4 points and 2 points by Alex Brown.

Game 2

Howerton’s White team defeated Dalke’s Purple team 19-13. Howerton’s team was led by Christopher Luna’s 6 points. Keagan Thornton had 4 points, Ernesto Lopez Villalvazo, Chris Hendriksen, and Ashtyn Carter all scored 2 points.

The leading scorer for Dalke’s team was Brycen Martin with 6 points. Colton Birmingham chipped in 4 points and Drake Hetterley had 3 points.

Game 3

Dalke’s White team defeated Howerton’s White team 26-17. The leading scorers for Dalke’s team were Brandon McCullough and Kayden Garvin with 6 points each, Zane Morgan and Izek

Cleveland both scored 4 points and Patrick Bigler and Bryley Garvin both scored 2 points.

The scoring for Howerton’s team was 4 points each from Christopher Luna and Chris Hendricksen, and 2 points by Alex Wise, Keagan Thornton, and Ernesto Lopez Villalvazo.

Game 4

Dalke’s White team defeated Howerton’s Purple team 11-9. The scoring for Dalke’s team was Izek Cleveland and Patrick Bigler with 4 points each.

For Howerton’s team Alex Brown, Christopher Luna, and Ernesto Lopez Villalvazo all scored 2 points.

“For the first game of the year both teams played great and played real good as a team,” Dalke said. “These boys are going to have a great year and a lot of fun.”



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