

SPORTS



STAFF PHOTO BY SAM BARBEE

During his first fall camp as head football coach, Hermiston's David Faaeteete works with offensive lineman at practice.



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Though David Faaeteete is Hermiston's new head football coach, the vision set forth by his predecessor, Mark Hodges, is still the program's vision, Faaeteete said.

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so you don't feel overwhelmed. And I think I've done a good job of that."

At practice, Faaeteete is a nomad. He peeks in on receiver drills at midfield, then wanders over to the lineman in the southeast corner and gives pointers there. But he rarely runs a drill. Ordinarily he lets Bradis McGriff, coach the lineman, or Scott Hammond, coach the defensive backs, handle the drills. He's taken the delegation seriously.

"That's a state championship coaching staff," he said. "I mean, coaches don't win games; players do. But we gotta put guys in the best possible positions to make plays. (The staff) knows what they're doing. They know their craft. It's about getting better. If I don't let them coach the way they coach and motivate the kids, then I'll come

off like I'm micro-managing my team. And you don't get any happy people."

Senior wide receiver Ethan Snow, just one of four returning starters from last year's state championship squad, said Faaeteete hasn't changed, on the surface at least.

"He's a lot of the same coach, but he has a lot of responsibilities off the field," he said. "To me, he's looked really like the same coach. He's just stepping up a bit."

After a team defense session ended last Thursday, Hermiston's running back group stayed in the middle of the field with Faaeteete. A defensive player and coach by trade, his new role has forced him to coach other aspects of the game, as well.

He set up cones for the backs and had them practice jump cutting to their left and right. After a few repetitions — or reps — Faaeteete wasn't satisfied with the effort and demonstrated what he wanted

to see. His feet were still quick, a remnant of his Division I football career, and he tossed a ball to the next back and had him go. The reps were better after the demonstration.

"I think he's taking this program in a really good direction," senior lineman Trey Neal said. "Workouts have been a little more intense, but other than that I think we've had a really good atmosphere, a family atmosphere."

Faaeteete is the new

face of Hermiston's football program, but he said the program's vision hasn't changed.

"I took this head coaching job knowing the vision that Mark had set up for what he wanted to set up for Hermiston," he said. "It's the same vision, it's just a different person carrying it on, passing the torch. Everyone on the team is on board with the vision, so we know where we want to go and what it takes to get there."

**Grid Kids sign-ups nearing**

**HERMISTON HERALD**

Hermiston Grid Kids Football sign-ups will be held Aug. 25-27 at Sunset Elementary from 6-8 p.m.

The league is for players entering the third through sixth grades, and will compete in two age divisions.

Cost is \$80 and is due at sign-up. The league will provide all equipment except for cleats.

A player draft will be held on the 27th for new players and all fifth graders.

Practices will begin Aug. 31 with the first games being played on Sept. 16.

The Grid Kids traditionally field five teams in each age group, and plays an eight-game season.

Every player will play in every game, and every player will get a turn to start.

The league championships will be played on Oct. 31.

To get involved as a volunteer, or for more information about sign-ups contact league president Joe Gutierrez at 541-314-5399 or go to the league web site at [HermistonYouthSports.com](http://HermistonYouthSports.com).

**SPORTS IN BRIEF**

**Half marathon opens registration**

Registration is open for the Columbia River Power Half Marathon, which will be run this year on Saturday, Oct. 3.

The course will again begin and end at Big River Golf Course and crosses the McNary Dam.

Along with the half marathon, racers can enter the 8-kilometer walk/run and the Half Marathon Relay.

More information on the course route and registration forms can be found online at [ColumbiaRiverMarathon.com](http://ColumbiaRiverMarathon.com).

The Columbia River Power Half Marathon is sponsored by the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce.

**Youth pheasant hunt coming to Hermiston**

Registration for youths (aged 17 and younger) is open for a free pheasant hunt at the Irrigon Wildlife Area on September 26 and 27 beginning at 8 a.m., and with a second session at 1 p.m.

The hunt itself is free, but participants need a valid hunting license that can be purchased for \$14.50, and a Harvest Information Program validation, which is free.

Hunters ages 14-17 require an upland bird

validation (\$8.50). An adult older than 21 must supervise the participants on the hunt. Children must have passed a hunter registration class to participate.

Both hunter and supervisor must wear an orange hunter hat with eye protection and an orange vest and the items will be provided if necessary. Contact Pendleton ODFW at 541-276-2344. You may register at [http://www.odfwcalendar.com/?tribe\\_events=free-youth-pheasant-hunt-irrigon-2](http://www.odfwcalendar.com/?tribe_events=free-youth-pheasant-hunt-irrigon-2).

**Registration for adult leagues ends soon**

Registration for Hermiston Parks and Rec adult flag football and volleyball closes Friday at 5 p.m.

The 4-on-4 volleyball league costs \$145 per team and runs eight Sundays starting Sept. 20 and culminates in a single-elimination playoff.

The 8-on-8 flag football league costs \$475 per team and runs eight Saturdays starting Sept. 19 and also culminates in a single-elimination tourney. Captains must sign up the teams.

You may register online at [https://apm.activecommunities.com/hermiston/Activity\\_Search](https://apm.activecommunities.com/hermiston/Activity_Search) or you can call 541-667-5018 with any questions.

**HUNT**

**GO SEE IT**

**Wednesday, August 26**  
No events scheduled

**Thursday, August 27**  
No events scheduled

**Friday, August 28**  
**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Hermiston Time Trial, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, August 29**  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
Hermiston vs. Umatilla, 11 a.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Hermiston vs. Umatilla, 1 p.m.

**Sunday, August 30**  
No events scheduled  
**Monday, August 31**  
No events scheduled

**Tuesday, September 1**  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
Hermiston vs. La Grande, 7 p.m.  
Umatilla vs. Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.  
Echo @ Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.

**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

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