

Knights shut out Enterprise at Kennison

Irrigon junior racks up 230 yards on six touches

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Carlos Zacharias touched the football six times Friday night.

Ordinarily, that wouldn't be noteworthy. But the Irrigon junior running back turned those six touches into 230 yards and three touchdowns as the Irrigon Knights rolled the Enterprise Outlaws 53-0 Friday night in Hermiston at Kennison Field.

"I didn't even expect it," Zacharias said of his big night. "I just do my job and get it done no matter what."

Zacharias took the opening hand-off from senior quarterback Nathan Verley from the Irrigon 32 yard-line, and came around the edge untouched until he stopped 68 yards later and Irrigon led 6-0.

It was the first of four scoring drives that included two plays or fewer. A drive later, after Verley found Marty Brown for a short touchdown pass, Zacharias took another hand-off, made two moves, and was gone for a 71-yard score that put Irrigon firmly in control.

It was just an indication of things to come for an Irrigon (2-0) offense that also boasts senior running back Freddy Vera, who wasn't going to let Zacharias take all the glory.

The senior rushed for 116 yards on just six carries with a touchdown, and also caught a pass for a 35-yard touchdown. He also took a hand-off 81 yards to the endzone in the first quarter to put Irrigon up 28-0.

Despite the offensive performance — 537 yards of total offense — first-year head coach Steve Sheller isn't ready to declare the season a success just yet.

"What's most important is just that we keep moving forward," he said. "It's kind of a new program, and there's new ideas and new thoughts. The kids are really doing a good job moving forward. We're not satisfied ever. But



STAFF PHOTO BY SAM BARBEE

Irrigon's Carlos Zacharias (5) turns the corner as teammate Freddy Vera (21) seals the edge on the first play from scrimmage Friday night in a 53-0 win over Enterprise in Hermiston.



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Enterprise's Trent Walker (3) squares to meet Irrigon's Freddy Vera (21) in the hole during the Knights' 53-0 win on Friday in Hermiston.

really what we're about is keeping moving forward... Complacency is our enemy right now."

Sheller said that the focus of this week's preparations was to win the battle at the line of scrimmage, and they did that with a statement Friday night. He said the coaching staff challenged an offensive line that wasn't quite playing up to its potential.

Verley said the guys up front more than responded.

"I think the linemen did really well tonight," he said. "Even though they did really well, (they) still can get better. We all can get better."

Irrigon's offense will get all of the praise, but the Knight's defense was just as

good. They unit didn't allow a first down until Enterprise's fourth drive following three three-and-outs and only allowed one big play — a 43-yard run by Outlaws quarterback Justin Exon.

On that drive, Irrigon held Enterprise (0-2) without score after coming up with a goal line stand that was finally ended by the halftime buzzer. Enterprise got close again in the third quarter, with the clock running and the result firmly in hand, yet the Outlaws couldn't score. A false start penalty and stifling run defense gave the Knights the ball with about eight minutes left.

The Knights scored on the last play from scrimmage,



STAFF PHOTO BY SAM BARBEE

Irrigon's Freddy Vera (21) tries to hurdle Enterprise's Clayne Miller (21) with teammate Daniel Vera (29) close by during the Knight's 53-0 win over the Outlaws on Friday in Hermiston. Vera scored on the play.

sending the players into a frenzy in the east end zone. Freshman backup quarterback Zach Hendrichs rolled right and found Lino Covarrubia, also a freshman, who broke a tackle and dove for the pylon as the buzzer sounded. Covarrubia was mobbed by his teammates as the buzzer sound. In two games, the Knights have outscored their opponents 100-8.

Irrigon travels up the river to visit Umatilla (2-0) next week at 7 p.m. Enterprise again comes south for a meeting with Heppner (2-0) at 7 p.m.

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Irrigon — C. Zacharias 68-yard run (Extra Point Good), 11:49	
Irrigon — M. Brown pass from N. Verley (2-point Good), 7:43	
Irrigon — C. Zacharias 71-yard run (Extra Point Good), 5:46	
Irrigon — F. Vera 81-yard run (Extra Point No Good), 3:18	
Second Quarter	
Irrigon — F. Vera pass from N. Verley (Extra Point No Good), 9:46	
Third Quarter	
Irrigon — F. Vera 8-yard run (Extra Point No Good), 9:42	
Irrigon — C. Zacharias 57-yard pass from N. Verley (Extra Point No Good), 7:16	
Fourth Quarter	
Irrigon — L. Covarrubia pass from Z. Hendrichs (No Extra Point), 0:00	
Statistics	
RUSHING — HOME (20-388, 5 TD): C. Zacharias 4-173, 2 TD, F. Vera 6-116 TD, N. Verley 3-29 TD, A. Rice 4-55, Z. Hendrichs 1-3, D. Sawyer 1-6, L. Covarrubia 1-6.	
PASSING — HOME (5-10-1, 149 yards, 3 TD): N. Verley 4-9, 122 yards, TD, INT, Z. Hendrichs 1-1, 24 yards TD.	
RECEIVING — HOME: F. Vera 2-52 TD, C. Zacharias 1-57 TD, L. Covarrubia 1-24 TD, A. Rice 1-13.	

Prep football: Stanfield, Ione chalk up big wins

Umatilla wins again

STANFIELD 55, TRI-CITIES PREP 17 — At Pasco, Wash., in a game of contrasting styles, the Tigers ran roughshod over the Jaguars on Friday for a non-league win.

Thyler Monkus ran for 204 yards on 12 carries and scored twice, and quarterback Dylan Grogan ran for 117 yards on 13 carries and four touchdowns. Grogan also passed for 147 yards, finding Monkus for two catches and 64 yards.

Justin Keeney added 99 combined yards on offense and one rushing touchdown for Stanfield (2-0), and Makiah Blankenship also scored on a run.

"(Tri-Cities Prep) came out and threw the ball a lot so we had to eat some clock," said first-year Stanfield coach Davy Salas. "We just kept it on the ground and kept pounding it. They had some size up front so we had to really work for our yards today."

Stanfield led 27-10 at halftime, and Salas said the Jaguars' fast pace started to wear on his thin roster late in the game but players gutted through cramps.

"We kind of had to adjust on the fly because weren't really expecting an aerial assault like that," Salas said. "Our defensive backs did a great job and we kind of took the approach of bend don't break."

Stanfield plays its home opener next Friday when it hosts Grant Union at 7 p.m.

IONE 44, ECHO 12 — At Ione, the Cardinals showed each weapon in the offensive arsenal, downing the Cougars on the road.

Leading 20-12 at halftime, Ione (1-1) piled it on in the second half with four more touchdowns. "It was real good progress," said Cardinals coach Stan Weiper. "We had a better defense, too, which helped."

Echo (1-1) got the scoring going first to start the game, as Cougars quarterback Klay Jensen tossed a 95-yard touchdown pass, and then followed it up with a 55-yard touchdown run. However, Jensen later left the game with a hip injury and did not return.

Cord Flynn was the player of the game for the Cardinals. He scored three touchdowns in three different ways. First it was a 50-yard touchdown run, followed by an 80-yard touchdown catch and ended with a 30-yard touchdown pass.

Alessandro Panozzo got in on the scoring as well, adding a 65-yard touchdown run of his own. "He's a real talented kid, and he's been doing a great job for us," said Weiper.

Next, Ione jumps into its league slate next Friday with a trip to Sherman (0-1) at 7 p.m., while Echo hopes to get back into the win column against Harper/Huntington at Baker City High School next Saturday at 7 p.m.

UMATILLA 14, PILOT ROCK/NIXYAAWI 6 — At Pilot Rock, the Vikings carried the momentum from a week-one win into a road victory against the Rockets.

No details from the game were reported. Umatilla (2-0) hosts Irrigon (2-0) next Friday at 7 p.m. for its home opener, while Pilot Rock (0-1) travels to Union/Cove (1-1).

PREP ROUNDUP

Boys Soccer Vikings blank Culver Bulldogs

Douglas Gomez narrowly missed a hat trick and the Umatilla Vikings boys soccer team blew out Culver 6-0 on Saturday in Umatilla for their first win of the season and their first league win, as well.

"We had a lot more opportunities to score apart from the six goals scored," head coach Pedro Ortiz said. "I'm still worried that we had more chances to score and we didn't. It's something we have to keep working on."

Gomez was fouled in the penalty area in the eighth minute, resulting in a penalty goal from Diego Saldana. Umatilla took a 2-0

lead when a cross from Gomez was knocked into the Bulldogs' own net in the 20th, and Gomez finally got on the board himself in the 28th on a deep pass from Armando Espinoza. Ernest Mejia put the Vikings up 4-0 just before the half on an assist from Saldana.

Culver had a chance to score in the 51st, but its penalty kick missed its mark. Gomez scored his second of the day, assisted by Christian Campos, and Saldana scored his second of the day in the 78th to complete the scoring.

Riverside soccer gets non-league win

RIVERSIDE 5, WAITSBURG-PRESCOTT 0 — At Boardman, the Pirates

haven't allowed a goal this season and stretched their winning streak to three games on Friday by beating Waitsburg-Prescott (WA) 5-0 in a non-league game.

Riverside (3-0) led 2-0 at halftime. No other details were reported.

The Pirates play at Portland Adventist in a non-league game on Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.

Volleyball Ione edges Echo in five sets

A balanced Ione Cardinals squad came out on top of a back-and-forth match thanks to great serving and blocking on Friday.

The Cardinals defeated Echo in five sets, and Ione (3-0) won the second, fourth and fifth matches to

take the non-league win 21-25, 25-20, 17-25, 25-18, 15-12.

"It was a great game as a team, everybody got involved and we had a good team effort," said Ione coach Brandi Orem.

Rachel Holland and Jessie Flynn led the team with five blocks each, and were also part of a 91-of-94 serv-

ing night for Ione.

Katelyn Bass led the effort going 29 for 29, and three other players were also 100 percent at the line. Flynn and Hannah Padberg led Ione with three aces apiece, and Morgan Orem and Ann Rietmann each had two.

Hitting and passing statistics were not available.

Super Crossword

Answers

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