

PREP ROUNDUP

Boys soccer

The Riverside boys soccer team spent the entire off-season planning its return to the top of Special District 4...

Riverside secured the league championship on Wednesday with a 6-0 win and netted five goals before halftime.

"I think that the good thing is we bring back the league championship to Riverside," said Riverside coach Francisco Velazquez.

Alexis Mendoza scored the first of his two goals to get things started in the first half, and Jassiel Carmona, Edgar Rodriguez and Misael Madrigal also scored before halftime.

Velazquez said Umatilla (5-5-1, 4-2 SD4) switched to a defensive-minded philosophy in the second half, which was the main reason only Kevin Madrigal was able to tack on another goal.

Adolfo Bedolla Jr. made three saves in the net.

Riverside (7-2-1, 5-0) has four games left in the regular season, and Velazquez said he felt the team showed it was playoff ready with Wednesday's performance.

The Pirates' next game is Saturday at Culver at 1 p.m. Umatilla hosts City Christian on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Girls Soccer

RIVERSIDE 3, UMATILLA 3 — At Umatilla, the Pirates and Vikings remained locked in a second-place tie in the Special District 2 stand-

ings after Wednesday's draw. Jocelyn Guardado scored three goals for Umatilla (3-3-3, 2-0-3 SD2), and tied the game in the 72nd minute when she took a long pass and beat two defenders plus the goal keeper to complete the hat trick.

Umatilla led 2-1 at half-time but trailed 3-2 when Riverside (2-4-3, 2-0-3) scored in quick succession midway through the second half.

Umatilla coach Tim Lee said it was a well-played draw, with each team holding about 50 percent possession.

Both teams have five games remaining in the regular season and will meet again on Oct. 29 in their season finale.

"I think we're moving in the right direction. We're always improving in our games," Lee said. "We're in a good spot right now. I think we still have a lot of potential."

Riverside's next game is against Horizon Christian of Tualatin while Umatilla hosts Portland Christian. Both games are today at 4:15 p.m.

Volleyball

Heppner 3, Stanfield 1 — The Stanfield Tigers had a chance to tie Pilot Rock in the 2A Columbia Basin Conference volleyball standings, but the Tigers' serving touch left them in a 3-1 loss (19-25, 25-22, 23-25, 18-25) Thursday night in Stanfield.

"We had some really strong moments," head coach Angie Connell said. "But then we would have silly mistakes."

Stanfield had a good first two sets at the net hitting, but ran out of gas down the stretch. Stanfield also let



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

Riverside defender Ulises Calvillo-Rosas steals the ball from Umatilla's Elian Armenta in the Pirates' 6-0 win against the Vikings on Wednesday in Boardman.

some leads get away when they struggled from the serving line.

Katie Burns had six kills and Larissa Castellanos had six aces. McKenzie Gonzales added four aces and five kills, and Maddie Griffin had 11 assists. Shyanne Connell had ten assists.

FRIDAY

ECHO 3, NIXYAAWII 0 — At Echo, the Cougars stayed within reach of the top of the Old Oregon League standings with a sweep of Nixyaawii on Friday.

The Cougars (14-6, 7-3) won with scores of 25-7, 25-12 and 25-15.

Nixyaawii (3-14, 1-10)

will finish up its season today with a trip to Powder Valley at 1 p.m.

HELIX 3, ECHO 0 — At Echo, the Grizzlies gave themselves a little room for error by sweeping Echo on Friday with scores of 29-27, 25-20, 25-12.

The win gives Helix (17-3, 10-1 OOL) a one-game cushion on Powder Valley in the standings with the two scheduled to meet in Saturday's league finale at 3 p.m. in North Powder. Helix won their last meeting in five sets.

Girls Soccer

HERMISTON 2, THE DALLES 0 — At Hermis-



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

Umatilla's Luis Vallejo and Riverside's Saul Fernandez get tangled up while chasing down the ball in the Pirates' 6-0 win against the Vikings on Wednesday in Boardman.



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Riverside's Alexis Mendoza cuts behind Umatilla's Isidro Fonseca in the Pirates' 6-0 win against the Vikings on Wednesday in Boardman.

ton, the Bulldogs picked up their first win in Columbia River Conference play on Friday and scored more than one goal in a game for the first time since their season-opening 2-1 win over Umatilla.

The win also moved Hermiston (3-4-5, 1-1-2 CRC) to second place in the CRC as they prepare to play league champion Hood River (7-4-1, 4-0) next Wednesday on the road.

SATURDAY

ECHO 3, PINE EAGLE 1 — At Pine Eagle, the Echo Cougars finished the regular season on a positive note with a 3-1 win over Pine Eagle.

Echo (15-7, 8-4) won with scores of 25-12, 25-18 and 25-18. Pine Eagle won the second set 25-23.

No other details were reported.

The Cougars next prepare for the Old Oregon League tournament next Saturday in La Grande.

POWDER VALLEY 3, NIXYAAWII 0 — At Powder Valley, the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles concluded their regular season slate with a 3-0 loss to Powder Valley.

Nixyaawii (3-15, 1-11) will next play in the Old Oregon League Tournament next Saturday in La Grande.

STANFIELD TIGERS — At Irrigon, the Stanfield Tigers split at the Irrigon Tournament, defeating Irrigon 3-1 and then getting swept by Culver 3-0.

Against Culver, Stanfield (8-10, 3-5 CBC) lost 25-14 and 25-13 in the first two sets, and then lost in a close third set 26-24. Then against Irrigon, Stanfield dropped the second set 25-19 to the Knights but won with scores of 26-24, 25-17 and 25-13.

Kenzie Gonzales finished the tournament with five kills and seven aces to lead the Tigers.

"I was extremely proud of them today," said Tigers coach Angie Connell. "They finally came out an showed what they could do and played like I knew they could."

Stanfield concludes its regular season slate on Tuesday when the Tigers travel to Weston-McEwen at 5 p.m.

STANDINGS/SCHEDULE

Football standings: Week 7

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Boys soccer standings: Week 7

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Volleyball standings: Week 7

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Girls soccer standings: Week 7

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"It's very normal, it just haven't been done here," Fetter said. "We're breaking new ground."

In addition, the Little League season starts about six weeks before

the adult league softball schedules, so there is time to essentially borrow those fields in early April.

Plus, Fetter and Hermiston Little League are

discussing building a new softball-oriented four-plex ideally next to Field of Dreams but certainly in Hermiston to accommodate the growth of the softball division.

"So ultimately, they really do need to grow, and they need a place to grow into," Fetter said. "We worked with them very closely to come up with a new plan. Little

League hasn't lost anything in terms of their practice facility, and that's all it's (recently) been. And we're trying to help them expand their growth."

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