

# Herald Sports



## Umatilla remains unbeaten with win over Enterprise

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**UMATILLA 21, ENTERPRISE 7** — At Enterprise, the Umatilla Vikings kept their unbeaten streak alive with a tough win against the Enterprise Outlaws on Friday night.

Umatilla (3-0) scored first in the game on a four-yard touchdown run by Cody Sampson off an option play to take the 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Enterprise evened the score at 7-7 later in the half, and the two teams headed into the break still deadlocked with the score.

But in the second half, Umatilla's defense stepped up its game and soon the offense followed suit with two fourth quarter touchdowns to earn the win. The Vikings broke the tie early in the fourth quarter on a 60-yard touchdown pass from Kaden Webb to Sean Miller and then padded its lead late in the fourth on a five-yard option throw from Sampson to Trent Durfey to make the lead 21-7.

"The second half the team really just picked each other up and we got after them defensively," Umatilla coach Dan Durfey said. "It was really a team effort tonight."

Umatilla will next host Portland Christian Friday to finish out its non-league schedule.

**SHERMAN 50, IONE 0** — Home-field advantage mattered little as Ione remained winless against a 2-1 Sherman squad.

"We got our butts kicked," head coach Todd Knop said.

Sherman bottled up Ione's powerful running back, Cord Flynn, a week after he scored two rushing touchdowns and passed for another against Echo. Ione struggled to defend Sherman's deep passing attack, which gave the Huskies a 38-0 lead at halftime.

Though the game was already out of reach, Knop was happy to see an improved Ione defense hold Sherman to only two second-half scores, led by strong tackling from Junior Roque and Aaron Smythe.

"We're still working hard with the kids and getting better," Knop said.

**HEPPNER 6, CASCADE 14** — The Heppner Mustangs allowed two early touchdowns and was unable to find any rhythm on offense as it lost for the first time of the season, 14-6, on Thursday at Cascade in Leavenworth, Washington.

Heppner coach Greg Grant said he was proud of the way his team adjusted after a short week of practice, but couldn't take advantage of its opportunities on offense.

"After the first two series our defense adjusted and played well," Grant said. "We did a lot of things well on offense, it's just every time we did something well we would do just enough to misfire."

"We dominated the second half but couldn't finish a drive."

Cascade (1-2) scored its first touchdown on a 25-yard run with six minutes left in the first quarter, then added another touchdown four minutes later on a 22-yard pass. From there the

Mustangs (2-1) buckled down and Kevin Murray led the defense with 16 tackles. Beau Walters added an interception and a fumble recovery, and Gavin Hanna-Robinson and Jason Rea each recovered fumbles as well.

Heppner was held to 194 yards of total offense with 163 on the ground.

Jake Lindsay scored their touchdown in the third quarter on an 18-yard run and Logan Grieb led the team with 82 yards on 13 carries. Coby Daugherty added 50 yards on 19 rushes and Walters chipped in 31 yards on five rushes.

Quarterback Kevin Smith finished 3 for 20 for 31 yards and one interception, and Walters led them in receiving with two catches for 19 yards.

Heppner will be back home for its next three games and will host Imbler on Friday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

**HERMISTON 3, THE DALLES 1** — At The Dalles, the Hermiston Bulldogs opened the Columbia River Conference schedule on Thursday night in a positive way with a victory over The Dalles Riverhawks.

Hermiston (4-3, 1-0 CRC) started slow, as it dropped the first set to the Riverhawks, 25-12, but rebounded and got stronger as the match went on as it won the final three sets. 25-21, 25-16 and 25-13.

Leading the Bulldogs on Thursday were Kynzee Padilla with 12 kills, Clarissa Nitz with 19 assists, Baylee Powers with 24 digs, and Maddy Juul with four blocks. Hayden Meyers also registered double-digit kills with 10.

Hermiston will next head to Yakima on Saturday to take part in the Sundome Tournament at the Yakima Valley Sundome.

**PILOT ROCK 3, STANFIELD 0** — At Pilot Rock, Stanfield's struggles with serving helped the Rockets to their first league win on Thursday night.

Stanfield (2-5, 0-1 CBC) coach Angie Connell said serving has been a problem for Stanfield of late, but was disappointed to see the magnitude of it in the match.

"The last two sets we easily could have won if the girls just got the serves in," Connell said. Pilot Rock (8-4, 1-0) won 25-14, 25-18 and 25-21.

Statistics were not available, but Connell mentioned Kenzie Gonzales and Shyanne Connell as the Tigers top performers.

**IONE 3, SHERMAN 1** — At Ione, the Cardinals snapped a five-game losing streak as they beat the Sherman Huskies for their first league win of the year on Friday afternoon.

Ione (3-9, 1-3 Big Sky League) won with scores of 25-19, 27-25 and 25-18, and lost the second set to Sherman 25-22. Maggie Flynn led the Cardinals with 12 kills while Morgan Orem and Katelyn Bass tallied 10 each.

"We picked up our communication more today," Ione coach Brandi Orem said.



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Enterprise defenders, including Brandon Frolander (21) and Cole Farwell (9) chase down Umatilla quarterback Kaden Webb on Friday.



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY L. WEST

Hermiston senior running back Mitch Brown looks to make a cut against Mountain View senior linebacker Spencer Klein during the first half of their game Friday at Kennison Field.

## BULLDOGS STRIKE FAST IN LEAGUE OPENER, NEVER LET UP

Hermiston opens league play with win over Cougars

By JADE MCDOWELL  
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Hermiston drew first blood at Friday's football game against Mountain View High School and didn't stop until they had their first win of the season.

The Bulldogs, now 1-2, looked to be headed for a blowout win at home before the Cougars slowed their momentum in the fourth quarter for a final score of 35-21.

Coach David Faaeteete said the team felt the pressure of playing its first league game and he was pleased to see they stepped up accordingly.

"Mountain View came down and played hard and played tough and gave us a good game and I'm glad they played hard to the end," he said.

Last time the two schools played was in 2009, when the Cougars won 28-14. This time Hermiston saw the first touchdown with 6:27 left in the first quarter. It was the Bulldogs' second possession of the game and after several drives on the ground sophomore quarterback Andrew James connected with running back Tucker Salinas in the end zone from about 10 yards

back. The kick was good for an extra point.

The Bulldogs quickly stopped the Cougars' answering drive down the field, and Mountain View chose not to try for a conversion on the fourth down with one yard to go.

Hermiston's second touchdown of the night came after a quick drive down the field, with passes to Salinas and wide receiver Dayshawn Neal and two carries by running back Jonathan Hinkle. With 1:27 left in the first quarter Neal caught a 22-yard pass by James in the end zone, making the score 13-0 after the kick for the extra point was no good.

Mountain View drove toward the end zone with several short runs by running back Tyler Smith, but had to kick it away at the 45 yard line. Cougars defensive back Koltin Ramsay quickly intercepted the ball, however, returning it to Mountain View's possession.

This time the Cougars scored as running back



STAFF PHOTO BY GARY L. WEST

Hermiston head coach David Faaeteete provides instructions for his players from the sideline during the first half of Friday's home game against Mountain View.

Spencer Klein ran it in for a touchdown and the extra point made it 13-7 with 9:04 to go in the half.

A couple of slow, penalty-ridden drives slowed the game's momentum, with Hermiston punting the ball after reaching 4th-and-27. Hinkle intercepted the ball on the Cougars' first play after receiving, however, and scored a touchdown. Neal followed up by running it in for a two-point conversion, ending the half with a score of 21-7.

Mountain View couldn't score on their first possession of the half, thanks in

part to several quick stops by Hermiston's Vaemu Ena.

Hermiston scored again with 5:40 left in the third quarter as Hinkle pushed across the line for a touchdown and the follow-up kick was good. They followed up with another touchdown as James connected with Neal, guarded closely by two defenders, in the end zone to make the score 35-7 as the third quarter ended.

Mountain View wasn't ready to be counted out yet, however. Their offense found their momentum in the fourth quarter with a strong ground game. The Bulldogs simply couldn't stop running backs Micah Hooole and Spencer Klein as they ran the ball again and again, bringing the score to 35-14 with 9:13 left in the game as Klein ran it in for a Cougar touchdown.

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Hermiston Head Coach David Faaeteete

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## Stanfield stays unbeaten with win over Grant Union

By ANGEL CARPENTER  
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The Stanfield Tigers took the field Friday on what was a somber occasion for the Grant Union Prospectors, which starting the night's game with a missing-man formation in honor of teammate #72 Justin Baker who passed away Sunday, Sept. 11.

The Stanfield Tigers fought off a sluggish start and finished strong to take down the Grant Union Prospectors, 41-20, on Friday to stay unbeaten.

Stanfield (3-0) ran for over 400 yards as a team once again, led by senior running back Thylor Monkus whom ran for 223 yards and four touchdowns on 13 carries. It was Monkus' third straight game with over 200 yards on the ground.

"He's just a very patient runner who doesn't push and stays behind his block-



EO MEDIA GROUP PHOTO BY ANGEL CARPENTER

Grant Union Prospectors Russell Hodge and Zack Deiter tackle Stanfield's Adrian Renner in Friday night's game at Three Flags Field in John Day.

ers," Stanfield coach Davie Salas said after the game. "Then when the holes open up he sees the field so well and is aggressive and finds the cutbacks and then just gets out and runs."

While the teams held each other off in the first quarter, Stanfield came back to dominate in the second.

Monkus scored the Tigers first touchdown in the first quarter and then teammate Dylan Grogan ran for a touchdown on the ground to put Stanfield up 13-0 at the half.

"In the first half we were very stiff ... our offense didn't really get off the bus," Salas said. "But our defense played great. (Grant Union) opened up the field a bit and we had to be disciplined and make our one-on-one tackles."

Stanfield re-discovered its high gear on offense in the second half as the Tigers scored four times in the half behind two more touchdowns from Monkus, one from Grogan and one from Makiah Hampton — who finished the game with 54 yards on seven carries.

"They're a talented team — big, strong and fast," Grant Union coach Jason Miller said. "It was an emotionally rough night on our

guys. They battled through it, and we're always proud of them. Teamwise, we did all right."

Stanfield returns home this Friday to host Regis at 6 p.m.

The Hermiston Herald/East Oregonian sports staff contributed to this report.

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