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leaned on their 335-pound fullback Andre Holmes who barreled his way into the end zone to cut the lead to 12-7.

Holmes was Central Linn's second leading rusher in the game, carrying the ball 15 times for 61 yards and a score. Grogan, who also plays linebacker for the Tigers, said it was not always easy to tackle Holmes.

"Oh it was hard to get him. It wasn't just one person it had to be a group and you had to go low," Grogan said. "I hit him hard a couple times and he still didn't go down. He's a real big boy."

But after the score the Tigers quickly grabbed the momentum back as a few quick plays put Stanfield back in Cobra territory. Facing a 2nd-and-3 from the 38, Grogan took the snap and a quick three-step drop and fired the ball toward receiver Brody Woods, who caught the ball on a slant route and outran the defense up the middle for the touchdown and a 20-7 lead. Grogan said that was the biggest drive of the game for the Tigers.

"It changed the momentum back because they kind of had it after getting the score," he said.

The Tigers' prettiest touchdown of the game came midway through the second quarter still leading 20-7. Facing a 3rd-and-5 from its own 40, Grogan again took the snap and dropped into a play-action pass, and then cocked back his arm and fired a rocket down the field to find a



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

Stanfield's Thyler Monkus and Dylan Grogan wrap up Central Linn's Andre Holmes in the Tigers' 55-14 win against the Cobras on Friday in Stanfield.

streaking Justin Shelby all alone behind the Cobra territory. Facing a 2nd-and-3 from the 38, Grogan took the snap and a quick three-step drop and fired the ball toward receiver Brody Woods, who caught the ball on a slant route and outran the defense up the middle for the touchdown and a 20-7 lead. Grogan said that was the biggest drive of the game for the Tigers.

"I saw (Justin) and didn't see anyone around him so I just kind of threw it up and put it in a spot where he could get to it," Grogan said.

The pass at the time seemed like the final nail in the coffin for the Cobras, who just couldn't consistently put drives together against the stingy Stanfield defense. Running back Braden Nightengale scored the Cobras only other touchdown of the game on a 90-yard run in the third quarter.

The win moves Stanfield to the quarterfinals where it will play the winner of today's game between No. 7 Lost River and No. 10 Santiam.

"This win gives us confidence," Barnes said. "We were a little bit nervous coming into this game, (Central Linn) was far better than a 3-6 team but this gives us momentum we need to carry into the next round."

Stanfield will host the No. 10 seed Santiam Wolverines (7-3) from the Tri-River Conference at 6 p.m. on Friday in the quarterfinal round.

CLHS	7	0	7	0	14
SHS	20	15	14	6	55

Statistics
PASSING — CLHS: A. Anderson 1-3-1, 31. SHS: D. Grogan 9-14, 187.2 TD.
RUSHING — CLHS: B. Nightengale 16-134, TD; A. Holmes 15-61, TD; D. Owens 6-22; A. Anderson 2-4-5. SHS: D. Grogan 16-223, 2TD; T. Monkus 16-166, 2TD; M. Blankenship 6-40, TD; J. Keeney 4-31; J. Galarza 1-12; M. Smith 1-9, TD.
RECEIVING — CLHS: B. Nightengale 1-31. SHS: B. Woods 5-99, TD; J. Shelby 1-60, TD; T. Monkus 3-29.

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Prep Roundup: Echo Cougars fall in first round of football playoffs

Area runners compete in state cross country events

Hermiston Herald

NORTH DOUGLAS 50, ECHO 28 — At Sutherlin, the Echo Cougars couldn't dig out of an early hole and were eliminated from the 1A postseason by the North Douglas Warriors on Friday.

An interception return for a touchdown by Tazz Dill, then two recovered onside kicks that led to touchdowns by Dominic Aguilar put No. 3 North Douglas (10-1) up 20-0 before No. 14 Echo (5-4) had picked up a first down. Warriors tackle Walker Woolley was effective in disrupting the Cougars' rushing attack, which finished with just 87 yards, but quarterback Devan Craig was able to get the Cougars moving through the air and finished 9-of-14 for 206 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions.

Klay Jensen had four catches for 112 yards and three touchdowns, and Damian Curiel had four catches for 89 yards and one touchdown.

Echo also created four turnovers on defense, but couldn't cut the lead any closer than when a 38-yard touchdown pass from Craig to Jensen on the last play of the first half made it 36-14.

North Douglas finished with 415 yards of total offense with 398 of those rushing.

EHS	0	14	6	8	28
ND	20	16	6	8	50

Scoring plays
1st Quarter
 9:21 — ND T. Dill 48 interception return (run failed), 6-0
 5:07 — ND D. Aguilar 2 run (pass failed), 12-0
 1:03 — ND D. Aguilar 19 run (Dill run), 20-0
2nd Quarter
 7:29 — ND C. Parks 7 run (Parks run), 28-0
 3:49 — EHS K. Jensen 15 pass from D. Craig (Z. Gehrke run), 28-8
 1:13 — ND C. Parks 12 run (Dill run), 36-8
 0:00 — EHS K. Jensen 38 pass from D. Craig (pass failed), 36-14
3rd Quarter
 8:31 — ND C. Parks 7 run (run failed), 42-14
 5:15 — EHS D. Curiel 8 pass from D. Craig (run failed), 42-20
4th Quarter
 0:53 — ND C. Parks 8 run (T. Dill run), 50-20
 0:08 — EHS K. Jensen 47 pass from D. Craig (Curiel pass from Craig), 50-28

the 5A ranks with a 32nd-place finish at the 5A boys cross country state championships at Lane Community College.

It was his third-straight season competing in the state finals, and a 17-place improvement over his finish as a sophomore.

Sanchez crossed the finish line in 17:02 after a hard sprint in which he just edged The Dalles' Ezekiel Stelzer.

Crater junior Andy Monroe won in 15:21, and Crater scored 32 points to beat Summit for the team title by nine.

CROSS COUNTRY

3A/2A/1A BOYS — At Eugene, Heppner sophomore Hunter Nichols finished 15th in his first state meet in a time of 17:19 that was his third fastest race of the season at the 3A/2A/1A boys cross country state championships on Saturday at Lane Community College.

Bandon won the team title with 82 points.

5A BOYS — At Eugene, Hermiston junior Isaac Sanchez continued his climb up

5A GIRLS — At Eugene, Hermiston junior Melany Solorio ran in her second 5A girls cross country state championship on Saturday at Lane Community College, finishing 61st overall with a time of 21:19.

Summit swept the top three spots, and senior Olivia Brooks won the title in 17:45 with her nearest teammate 43 seconds behind her. Summit scored 23 points and was the only team with less than 100.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP FOOTBALL	First Round
<p>Friday #10 Santiam at #2 Stanfield (2A quarterfinals), 6 p.m. Saturday #5 Grant Union at #4 Heppner (2A quarterfinals), 1 p.m.</p>	<p>North Douglas 50, Echo 28 BOYS SOCCER Class 5A First Round Hermiston 5, Ashland 1 Quarterfinals Woodburn 2, Hermiston 1 Class 3A/2A/1A First Round Riverside 5, Western Mennonite/Perrydale 0 Quarterfinals Riverside 2, Gervais 0 GIRLS SOCCER First Round La Salle Prep 4, Hermiston 0</p>

Prep Scores

FOOTBALL
<p>Class 5A First Round St. Helens 12, Hermiston 7 Class 2A First Round Stanfield 55, Central Linn 14 Heppner 55, Gold Beach 20 Class 1A</p>

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plays from scrimmage in the first half with seven of those resulting in rushing touchdowns as the offensive line paved gaping holes.

"I thought this was their best game of the year," Grant said of the offensive line. "They're really coming together and communicating and understanding what they're doing ... they're telling me what to run and not me telling them and that's what you want to have this time of year, it shows they really understand."

Grieb, who has been Heppner's big-play guy all season, was a big beneficiary of the line's play as he carried the ball just

five times but ended up with 192 rushing yards and four touchdowns. His only non-touchdown carry was a four-yard gain in the second quarter.

"The line was unbelievable," Grieb said. "In the playoffs every year our line seems to take another step and props to them."

Heppner showed its dominance up front from the start, holding Gold Beach (6-4) to minus-one yard of offense on its opening drive and then blocked the ensuing punt to give the Mustang offense the ball at the Panther 17. After that, Heppner needed just three plays — all runs by Coby Dougherty — before getting into the end zone on a one-yard Dougherty plunge for an 8-0 lead with three minutes expired.

Dougherty also had a

strong game for Heppner, carrying the ball 13 times for 117 yards and three touchdowns.

The Mustangs scored six more touchdowns in the first half, the final one being a 35-yard scamper by Beau Wolters on 4th-and-2, and the team averaged more than 39 yards on each of those six touchdowns.

On the defensive side of the ball, Heppner held Gold Beach to 182 total yards — 110 of which came against the JV squad in the second half — and forced three turnovers. Grant believes that shutting down the Panthers' offense early in the game was a big key for Heppner.

"I think they were discouraged after we stuffed them on the first two series defensively," Grant said. "I think if they (Gold

Beach) could've moved the ball and chunked away it could've been a lot different for them. We definitely prepared for their best and it showed, we were ready."

Gold Beach's first score happened just before time expired in the second quarter, capitalizing on a Heppner fumble. The cash-in play was a 19-yard touchdown pass that cut the score to 49-6. The Panthers scored twice more on touchdown passes in the second half, a 60-yarder and a nine-yarder.

After a quick score for Heppner to start the second half, Grant felt confident enough to pull his starters on both sides for the ball and played the junior varsity for all but the first two minutes of the second half. Grant says that he was happy to get the freshmen and

sophomores a chance to experience some postseason football.

"I was upset we gave up that touchdown before halftime because I wanted to start the second half with those younger guys and give them some looks," Grant said. "It's exciting that they get to go out there and have some fun and play on a Saturday afternoon in November and play football in front of the home crowd. Those are memories that last forever."

The win moves Heppner onto the state quarterfinals for the fifth straight year, where it will host No. 5 Grant Union at 1 p.m. Saturday at Les Payne Field. The Mustangs and Prospectors met in Heppner during Week 2 that ended with a 36-20 win for Heppner.

GBHS	0	12	0	8	20
HHS	22	27	6	0	55

Statistics
PASSING — GB: T. Mather 9-16-1, 131 yds, 3 TD; Y. Rangel 2-4, 12 yds. HHS: K. Grant 1-4, 11 yds; K. Smith 1-1, 6 yds.
RUSHING — GB: A. Williams 13-38; G. Rangel 11-22; T. Mather 4-16; Y. Rangel 3-14; T. Walker 1-7; HHS: C. Dougherty 13-117, 3 TD; L. Grieb 5-192, 4TD; M. Lehman 5-14; B. Wolters 2-41, TD; K. Smith 2-16; N. Martins 1-4.
RECEIVING — GB: Z. Denney 2-69, 2TD; T. Bright 4-41; Y. Rangel 2-25, TD; 2-6. HHS: N. Martins 1-11; B. Wolters 1-6.
Scoring Summary
 -HHS 8:59 1Q: C. Dougherty 9-1yard TD run, 2-pt try GOOD. (HHS 8-0)
 -HHS 6:54 1Q: L. Grieb 46-yard TD run, 2-pt try GOOD. (HHS 16-0)
 -HHS 2:19 1Q: L. Grieb 53-yard TD run, 2-pt try NO GOOD. (HHS 22-0)
 -HHS 11:54 2Q: C. Dougherty 15-yard TD run, 2-pt try GOOD. (HHS 30-0)
 -HHS 8:07 2Q: L. Grieb 46-yard TD run, XF try no good. (HHS 36-0)
 -HHS 5:22 2Q: L. Grieb 43-yard TD run, XF GOOD. (HHS 43-0)
 -HHS 2:57 2Q: B. Wolters 35-yard TD run, XP no good. (HHS 49-0)
 -GB 0:00 2Q: T. Mather 19-yard TD pass to Y. Rangel, 2-pt try no good (HHS 49-6).
 -HHS 10:07 3Q: C. Dougherty 6-yard TD run, 2-pt try no good (HHS 55-6).
 -GB 0:34 3Q: T. Mather pass to Z. Denney 9-yard TD, 2-pt try no good (HHS 55-12).
 -GB: 7:50 4Q: T. Mather pass to Z. Denney, 60-yard TD, 2-pt try GOOD. (HHS 55-20).

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