

Riverside Pirates remain undefeated after victory

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Riverside returned to league play Saturday after narrowly defeating McLoughlin earlier in the week to remain undefeated.

The Pirates hoped to continue their streak, and did so easily against Nyssa at Don Hendrix Memorial Field at Riverside High School.

The 14-3 victory moved Riverside to 7-0 on the season, and 2-0 in league play. The No. 2 Pirates controlled the entire 80 minutes, scoring five of their goals in the first half and having little to no trouble against the Bulldogs (3-4 overall, 1-1 Special District 4).

“We expected that to be easy,” head coach Francisco Velazquez said.

Velazquez and the team prepared for the match by studying their opponents, and with Nyssa making the three and a half hour trip after losing three of its last five games, the Pirates knew they had the advantage.

Senior Jose Peralta was the star of the show and finished the day with six goals of his own. He scored Riverside’s first two goals in the 6th and 7th minute. The first was on a free kick, and he followed that up will an easy tip in after some action in front of the goal.

Peralta would add one more goal to the board before the half and fellow senior Ricardo Navarro and Julian Elvert Jimenez would each tally a score.

The Pirates went into halftime nearly shutting out the Bulldogs, but a late foul in the box extended play



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Riverside’s Julian Elvert Jimenez goes toe-to-toe with Nyssa’s Abram Castro during Saturday’s match at Don Hendrix Memorial Field.



Riverside’s Quincy Castillo faces Nyssa defenders. The Pirates remain undefeated, as they went on to win, 14-3.

until Nyssa knocked one in past Riverside goalkeeper Kevin Ruelas.

After the break, the Bulldogs scored again on a penalty kick just seconds after the Pirates put their sixth goal on the board.

Nyssa scored one more goal on its own accord before Riverside unleashed a scoring fury in the final 25 minutes. The Bulldogs had to ultimately play a man down after two of their players were injured,

including senior goalkeeper Jeremias Martinez. The small Special District 4 school came to Boardman with only one substitute.

Along with Peralta’s second half efforts, seniors Misael Madrigal and Luis Olvera and sophomore Ulyces Lopez all scored. But it was Peralta’s skillfulness on the field that elevated the Pirates on their home field

“He’s one of the brains of the team,” assistant coach Jose Duenas said. “He gets along with everybody. Everybody plays together for each other and I think everything just worked out for him today.”

Next on Riverside’s slate is a trip to Irrigon on Saturday, Oct. 7. As for Nyssa, they will host Umatilla on Friday.

PREP ROUNDUP

Stanfield defense preserved win over Culver

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STANFIELD 22, CULVER 20 — It came down to the final seconds of the game, as Stanfield was looking at it’s fourth potential consecutive loss of the season. As the clock counted down, and Culver worked its way down it’s home field into field goal range the Tigers had no choice but to get in formation and put pressure on the kicker. And it worked. The Bulldogs missed wide left, and Stanfield came away with the 22-20 win.

“We made a few mistakes on good drives, but ultimately kept our heads in the game and kept playing defense,” head coach Davy Salas said.

The Tigers (1-3 overall, 1-0 CBC) didn’t do a good job of wrapping up Culver’s running back and allowed themselves to get into a 20-8 deficit. But Salas told the team as long as they stay with the game plan, things would start to click. And they did.

The comeback was a

team effort, but a few players led the pack. Senior running back Adrian Renner finished the night with 199 yards and one touchdown on 16 carries. Fellow senior Justin Keeney added 108 yards on 11 carries and had three catches for 32 yards and one touchdown.

Senior quarterback Shayne Keltz went 3-for-6 for 82 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore running back Mason Smith also recorded one catch for 30 yards and a touchdown.

Stanfield will return home where the Tigers will finish out their season with three straight home games. Up next is a match up against Weston-McEwen. Culver will remain at home next week and host Grant Union.

IRRIGON 50, RIVERSIDE/IONE 0 — The Knights had no trouble on the road Friday. Irrigon handed Riverside its first league loss in shut-out fashion as both teams opened conference play. The efforts on both offense and defense

were worthy of praise from head coach Steve Sheller, and it was quarterback Jada Burns who got a lot of it. The junior varsity quarterback entered the game early in the third quarter, and led multiple touchdown drives en route to Irrigon’s 50-0 victory.

“I really like working with good kids, and I have a lot of good kids but there’s something about Jada that stands out,” Sheller said.

Also having a good night is the junior running back duo of Josue Aguilera and Lino Covarrubia. Aguilera has been the star of the offense for the past couple weeks, and tonight he put on another show for the Knights (3-1 overall, 1-0 EOL). He ran for 200 yards and four touchdowns on 25 carries and Covarrubia rushed for 147 yards on 16 carries. Sheller adds these performances would have been difficult to execute without the offensive line playing lights out.

“He’s a tough kid and a tough runner,” he said of Aguilera. “But even he’ll

tell you that he couldn’t get those yards without the o-line being tough off the ball and controlling the line of scrimmage.”

At the half, Irrigon was up 28-0 and once the teams returned to the field the defense continued to shut the Pirates (2-2, 0-1) down.

“The Riverside kids were tough, and fought hard all night,” Sheller said. “This is nothing to hang their heads over.”

Up next, Irrigon will face Vale at home while Riverside will travel to Umatilla to continue league play.

Girls Soccer

UMATILLA 2, IRRIGON 0 — At Umatilla, the Vikings picked up their first league victory of the season with a shutout over Irrigon on Friday afternoon.

Umatilla (2-3-2, 1-0-1 EOL) earned the victory on goals by Devina Monreal and Mayra Ortiz.

The Vikings will next play on Friday at Nyssa, while Irrigon (0-6, 0-2) will play Riverside on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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Once both teams returned, the Bulldogs were giving up too many yards on penalties — part of the reason why the Eagles eventual scoring drive was continued.

“We didn’t come out and start very well in the third quarter,” Faaeteete said. “Some penalties extended their drive and some penalties killed our drive when we got something going.”

By the end of the night Hermiston had given up 79 total yards on nine penalties, and as a result allowed Hood River to get points of its own on the board.

Back-to-back pass interference calls on the defense moved the Eagles all the way to the Bulldogs’ 5-yard line. Their first touchdown came with nine seconds left in the third quarter, and they would score again in the final 10 minutes of the game. But Hermiston’s first half efforts and an insurance touchdown from Neal to open the fourth quarter put Hood River in too big of a hole to crawl out of and that’s just fine with the Dawgs.

“It’s huge,” James said of the victory. “It shows us we have the ability to win but we still can’t have a bad week. ... We’ve just got to keep the same momentum, the same attitude.”

Hermiston will travel to Ridgeview in Redmond this week, and won’t return home until Oct. 13 to face Bend.

Boxscore	
Hermiston Bulldogs (2-2, 1-1) vs. Hood River Valley Eagles (2-1, 1-1)	Friday, Sept. 29, 2017
Hermiston	0 34 0 — 6
Hood River Valley	0 0 7 — 7
1st	
11:54 — HHS Andrew James 11 yd TD rush (Dayshawn Neal PAT) 7-0	
11:31 — HHS Andrew James 1 yd TD rush (2pt pass fail) 13-0	
5:45 — HHS Jonathan Hinkle 66 yd TD rush (Neal PAT) 20-0	
2:08 — HHS Tyler Rohrman 69 yard reception from James (Neal PAT) 27-0	
0:27 — HHS Dayshawn Neal 42 yard reception from James (Neal PAT) 34-0	
2nd	
0:09 — HRV Michael Jones 5 yd TD rush (Riggs Bardin PAT) 34-7	
3rd	
10:52 — HHS Neal 19 yd TD rush (PAT blocked) 40-7	
7:21 — HRV Jones 36 yd reception from Caden Leiblein (Bardin PAT) 40-14	

HHS		HRV	
1st Downs	18	14	
Penalties	9, 79	4, 20	
Turnovers	1 fumble, 1 punt, 1 fumble, kept		
Rushing	39, 220	46, 186	
Passing	200	46	
Total	420	232	
Passing			
HHS Andrew James	10-11	0-200	2
HRV Vaden Leiblein	3-19	0-46	1
Rushing			
HHS Andrew James	8, 45	2TD	
HHS Jonathan Hinkle	8, 61	TD	
HHS Peter Earl	3, 7		
HHS Dayshawn Neal	5, 33	TD	
HHS Joey Guttierrez	2, -1		
HHS Keaton Mikami	1, 34		
HHS Garron Anderson	2, 7		
HHS Unnamed JV players	4, 8		
HRV Caden Leiblein	12, 38		
HRV Michael Jones	23, 83	TD	
HRV Bailey Holste	7, 48		
HRV Matthew Tichenor	2, 12		
HRV Tanner Wells	1, 5		
Receiving			
HHS Dayshawn Neal	3, 71	TD	
HHS Tyler Rohrman	1, 66	TD	
HHS Joey Guttierrez	4, 37		
HHS Luke Walchli	1, 8		
HHS Keaton Mikami	1, 18		
HRV Michael Jones	1, 36	TD	
HRV Trenton Hough	1, 5		
HRV Matthew Tichenor	1, 5		

BRIEF

Hermiston Linebackers Club meets Thursday

The Hermiston Linebacker Club will hold its weekly meeting from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday at Desert Lanes Bowling Alley, 1545 N. First St. Those that will attend

need to RSVP by calling 541-567-5215 by 3 p.m. on Wednesday so your spot can be reserved for the luncheon.

Hermiston varsity football coach David Faaeteete will be on hand to preview the Bulldogs’ game against Ridgeview in Redmond as well as look back on their victory over Hood River.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL			
Friday	Hermiston at Ridgeview, 7 p.m.	Crane	2-0 3-1 224 78 2
	Riverside at Umatilla, 7 p.m.	Harper Chart	1-02-1 110 80 22
	Vale at Irrigon, 7 p.m.	Echo	1-1 3-2 230 186 11
	Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 7 p.m.	Huntington	1-1 1-1 45 110 24
	Powder Valley at Echo, 7 p.m.	Powder Va.	1-1 1-3 58 150 20
PREP VOLLEYBALL			
Thursday	Riverside at Irrigon, 6 p.m.	Adrian	0-1 3-1 158 102 7
	Heppner at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.	Joseph	0-2 2-3 130 144 29
Friday	Nyssa at Stanfield, 1 p.m.	Pine Eagle	0-2 1-4 156 219 30
	Union at Stanfield, Noon	Prairie City	0-2 0-5 14 263 35
	Powder Valley at Echo, 4 p.m.	PREP VOLLEYBALL	
Saturday	Heppner vs. St. Paul (at Sherman), 10 a.m.	5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE	
	Irrigon at Stanfield, Noon	LgOvr SW SLRnk	
	Echo at Joseph, 1 p.m.	Pendleton	4-1 9-3 25 8 12
	Ione at Mitchell/Spray, 1 p.m.	Hood River	4-1 9-5 25 14 15
		The Dalles	2-3 4-8 12 25 25
		Hermiston	0-52-12 9 33 27
PREP BOYS SOCCER			
Today	Irrigon at Hermiston (JV), 4:30 p.m.	3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE	
Friday	Umatilla at Nyssa, 3 p.m.	LgOvr SW SLRnk	
Saturday	Riverside at Irrigon, 3 p.m.	Vale	5-017-5 47 21 3
		Burns	4-111-6 30 16 8
		Irrigon	3-216-5 43 14 14
		Nyssa	2-35-10 15 35 25
		Umatilla	1-47-11 25 35 32
		Riverside	0-50-15 3 41 39
PREP GIRLS SOCCER			
Thursday	Irrigon at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.	2A COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE	
Friday	Umatilla at Nyssa, 5 p.m.	LgOvr SW SLRnk	
Saturday	Riverside at Irrigon, 1 p.m.	Culver	4-016-1 42 8 1
		Heppner	3-113-5 34 15 8
		W-McEwen	2-213-7 39 24 5
		Pilot Rock	1-312-7 34 22 12
		Stanfield	0-41-13 3 35 37
PREP CROSS COUNTRY			
Thursday	Heppner, Helix, Weston-McEwen, Stanfield at Mustang Invitational (Heppner), 4 p.m.	1A BIG SKY LEAGUE	
Saturday	Hermiston, Pendleton, Stanfield at Richland (WA) Invite, TBD	LgOvr SW SLRnk	
	Umatilla at La Grande Invite, TBD	South Wasco	4-018-7 46 23 9
		Dufur	4-1 8-9 27 30 19
		Ione	2-26-16-20 41 39
		Sherman	2-2 3-2 11 7 33
		Cond./Wheeler	1-45-1317 36 53
		Mitch./Spray	0-4 1-9 5 26 59
Prep Standings			
Through Oct. 1		1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE	
PREP FOOTBALL		LgOvr SW SLRnk	
5A SPECIAL DISTRICT 1		Powder Va.	7-016-9 42 28 7
Mtn. View	3-0 5-0 175 64 3	Helix	5-214-5 45 16 20
Bend	3-0 4-1 163 85 14	Joseph	5-211-8 33 23 16
Hermiston	2-1 3-2 128 91 4	Echo	5-3 9-6 29 19 28
Pendleton	2-1 3-2 180 79 21	Wallowa	3-4 4-7 14 24 32
Hood River	1-2 2-2 117 95 22	Cove	3-57-10 27 30 42
Summit	1-2 2-3 115 137 8	Nixyaawii	1-6 1-6 4 20 60
Redmond	0-3 0-5 54 212 23	Pine Eagle	1-81-12 5 35 58
Ridgeview	0-3 0-5 66 214 31	PREP BOYS SOCCER	
		5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE	
		LgOvr GS GARnk	
		Hermiston	1-0 6-3 31 8 15
		Hood River	1-0 5-2 19 8 1
		The Dalles	0-1 3-4 18 17 16
		Pendleton	0-1 1-6 5 29 25
		3A/2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 4	
		LgOvr GS GARnk	
		Riverside	2-0 7-0 42 9 2
		Nyssa	1-1 3-4 40 33 29
		Umatilla	1-11 5-1 6 36 33
		Irrigon	0-2 1-6 13 35 43
		PREP GIRLS SOCCER	
		5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE	
		LgOvr GS GARnk	
		Hood River	1-0 4-2 15 5 4
		Hermiston	0-13 5-1 8 19 26
		The Dalles	0-10 6-1 0 32 30
		Pendleton	0-11 4-1 12 31 31
		3A/2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 2	
		LgOvr GS GARnk	
		Riverside	1-0 14-12 12 2 5
		Umatilla	1-0 12-3 10 13 15
		Nyssa	1-1 1-4 6 17 18
		Irrigon	0-2 0-6 6 21 27

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a 3-yard touchdown rush for a 14-6 Heppner lead early in the second quarter. Two possessions later, Heppner took over at the TigerScots’ 37 and on its first play of the drive Wolters took a sweep handoff and dashed 37 yards for a touchdown.

Coby Dougherty added his second touchdown of the game on a 20-yard rush late in the second quarter to send Heppner to halftime with a 32-6 lead and cruise in the second half.

Heppner rushed for 279 yards as a team as the offensive line won the battles in the trenches.

“We felt all along that we have an offensive front that can be good when they work together,” Grant said. “It’s all about communication and they all know what to do, but they’re all doing different things and not jelling. We’re finally starting to trust and do some things and we’re really close.”

While the win was good, it was a frustrating game for Grant and the Heppner coaches because of mistakes that piled up as the game went on. The defense struggled to tackle at times, letting Weston-McEwen turn big negative losses into positive gains, and the offense fell into lulls where the execution lacked.

“My assistant said it best, we’re merciful. We look like we know what we’re doing one minute and the next minute we don’t,” Grant said. “The kids are trying really hard but we just have to clean up technique and things. I’m happy for them because they’ve been working hard and making strides, but I just know gee whiz if we can do a few things better

how much better we can be. I’d love to see their effort be rewarded.”

For Weston-McEwen, the little offense it could muster mostly came from quarterback Brett Speed, as the senior ran for 62 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries, and also threw for 49 yards on 5 of 11 passing. Running back Jacob Speed was unable to show off his speed for most of the game, finishing with just one net rushing yard on eight carries. McGill was the team’s second leading rusher with 21 yards on seven carries with his score.

“They came out and punched us in the mouth over and over again,” Weston-McEwen coach Travis Glover said. “I’ve always said football is a game of inches and they took every one of them. Outside of that, we got beat by a great football team and we have to put things back together and get ready for Stanfield.”

Weston-McEwen will look to regroup next week at Stanfield while Heppner gets a bye week to try and clean up things before hosting Culver on Oct. 13.

“I’m happy for the kids,” Grant said. “We had a pretty tough start and a good couple of weeks to give the kids some confidence.”

HHS	8 24	8 12	— 52
W-M	6 0	6 0	— 12
PASSING — (HHS) J. Wilson 2-11, 23, TD; INT: K. Smith 1-1, 13. (W-M) B. Speed 5-11, 50 INT			
RUSHING — (HHS) Be. Wolters 15-151, 3TD; C. Dougherty 10-72, 3TD; G. Hanna-Robinson 5-34; B. Wolters 5-9; J. Wilson 2-10; K. Wilkins 1-9; J. Lehman 1-(-6). (W-M) B. Speed 15-62, TD; J. Speed 8-1; K. McGill 7-21, TD; B. Rudolph 4-(-2); P. Munck 3-19; L. Albert 2-17; V. Nowokowski 1-4; H. Lantz 1-(-2).			
RECEIVING — (HHS) B. Wolters 1-16; G. Hanna-Robinson 1-13; Be. Wolters 1-7, TD. (W-M) P. Munck 5-50.			
FIRST DOWNS — HHS 17, W-M 12. PENALTIES — HHS 6-55; W-M 5-30. TIME OF POSSESSION: HHS 19:49; W-M 28:11.			

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