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PREP FOOTBALL

Bulldogs beat Ridgeview; Vikings sink Pirates

Hermiston wins third straight game; Umatilla victorious at home

HERMISTON HERALD

Hermiston traveled back to Central Oregon on Friday night and brought home a football win, beating the Ridgeview Ravens, 48-26.

Hermiston (4-2 overall, 3-1 Special District 1) used a balanced offense to take down the Ravens, running for 259 yards and passing for 214 more. Andrew James kept up his efficient play, completing 12-of-15 passes with three touchdowns, and rushing for 100 yards on eight carries with a score. As usual, James' favorite target was Dayshawn Neal, as Neal hauled in six passes for 97 yards with a score.

The pair hooked up for the touchdown to open the game, with Neal catching a 36-yard score for an early 7-0 lead. James also threw a 50-yard touchdown pass to Joey Gutierrez in the third quarter and a 3-yard score to Keaton Mikami in the fourth.

Jonathan Hinkle had a big day on the ground for the Bulldogs, rushing for 105 yards and two scores on 14 carries.

Hermiston's defense forced two turnovers, but gave up 300 rushing yards on 54 attempts to the Ravens. Ridgeview tied the game at 14-14 with 8:37 left in the second quarter, but scores by Hinkle, James and Gutierrez gave the Bulldogs a 35-14 lead and momentum going into halftime.

Hermiston will next host Bend on Friday night at 7 p.m. in its traditional fall Homecoming game.

UMATILLA 44, RIVERSIDE 16 — The Umatilla Vikings easily handed the Riverside Pirates a 44-16 loss Friday night to move to 4-2 on the season, and 1-1 in the Eastern Oregon League.

Senior quarterback Kaden Webb went 12-for-17 for 250 yards and three touchdowns, and ran for 54 yards and one touchdown on six carries.

"It felt pretty good," Webb said. "Overall, through the night, it felt like I was throwing the ball pretty well, receivers were going and making plays so that's nice to see."

One of those plays was a 72-yard touchdown pass to senior running back Trent Durfey with three seconds left in the third quarter. The 6-foot 2-inch 210-pound back ran through Riverside's defense the entire night.

By that point in the game, the Vikings had a comfortable lead over the Pirates (2-3 overall, 0-2 EOL).

After Umatilla's opening drive ended with a punt on 4th-and-10, the defense took the field and wouldn't be on the field for long. Riverside's senior quarterback Mason Hegar fumbled as he was swarmed by the Umatilla defense, and Viking linebacker Zaquary Funderburk recovered the ball on the Pirates 1-yard line. Webb found sophomore running back Arrik Russell for Umatilla's first score of the night.

The defense continued to make big plays, and was again the reason for the Vikings next touchdown.

After a bad snap from Riverside's punter on fourth down, Umatilla recovered the ball to bring Webb back out. Twenty six yards and six plays later, he ran for two yards to extend the Vikings lead to 16-0.

Riverside struggled to contain the Vikings in the first quarter, and couldn't quite find its rhythm on offense but a momentum changer to open the second quarter stopped Umatilla's chance at a shutout.

The team's traded touchdowns as Umatilla scored on the ensuing drive to extend its lead to 22-8.

The Vikings scored one more time before the half. Sophomore running back Pedro Alvarez ran in a 36 yarder to add six points to the board.

The ground game was as much of a factor as the passing game. Winds were gusting throughout most of the night, but it worked in Umatilla's favor. Although it sent some of Webb's passes long and may have caused a few wrinkles in play calling, the Vikings were able to establish the run early which opened things up later on.

"We were trying to establish the run game," Webb said. "If we do that it sucks guys into the box and opens it up for throws. Establishing the run game is just about our first thought."

Trent Durfey led the team with 11 carries for 75 yards. While Alvarez racked up 78 yards on just nine carries.

STANFIELD 38, WESTON-MCEWEN 16 — At Stanfield, the Tigers continued to play well at the right time as they picked up their second league victory of the season with a big 38-16 win over Weston-McEwen on Friday night.

Stanfield (2-3 overall, 2-0 CBC) ran for 335 yards on the TigerScots, with Justin Keeney running for 112 yards and two touchdowns and Adrian Renner gaining 103 yards with two more scores. Shayne Keltz also ran for one touchdown.

"It's probably the best we've looked all season," Stanfield coach Davie Salas said. "We're playing good football at the right time like we did tonight. We started the season a little rough, but I kept telling the kids to keep believing in themselves and the results will come and that's what we're seeing right now."

The win gives the Tigers a chance to play for their second straight CBC title in two weeks when they play Heppner, something that Salas said the team is extremely happy about.

ECHO 68, POWDER VALLEY 38 — At Echo, the Cougars tallied 670 rushing yards and 10 total touchdowns as they defeated the Powder Valley Badgers 68-38 on Friday night.

Quarterback Devan Craig took advantage of some open running lanes as he led the team with 402 rushing yards and five touchdowns, while also throwing for two more scores. Behind Craig, Damien Curiel ran for 102 yards and two touchdowns while catching an 81-yard touchdown pass, and Zack Gehrke added another 80 yards and one touchdown.

On defense, Echo (4-2 overall, 2-1 Special District 1) gave up 180 rushing yards and 158 passing yards, but picked up three interceptions and three fumble recoveries to help keep the Badgers at bay.

Riverside sweeps Irrigon

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
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On Saturday, the Irrigon Knights welcomed the Riverside boys and girls soccer teams for a doubleheader. The Pirates certainly made their presence known as both teams shut out the Knights by a combined 15 goals.

Irrigon was fielding a first-year girl's varsity program against the experienced Pirates. At first the competition was evenly matched. The Knights inexperience definitely showed but it took a while for the Pirates to find their groove in very windy conditions.

Small mistakes on both sides, like inaccurate short passes or missed opportunities to down the ball, caused possession to change frequently. But once Riverside settled down, the Pirates began to dominate. They scored four goals in 20 minutes, and entered the half up by a comfortable margin.

"I liked the girl's pressure," Riverside head coach Carlos Velasco said. "We worked on that, on pressuring the ball."

The Pirates continued to put the pressure on in the second half, holding the Knights scoreless with only three shots on goal. Riverside had to grind out its victory down four players, which left the team without any subs.

"At the end they kind of got tired," Velasco added.

The athleticism and endurance the girls showed against Irrigon is going



STAFF PHOTO BY ALEXIS MANSANAREZ

Riverside's senior forward Nahomy Claustro fights off an Irrigon defender in Saturday's game at Irrigon High school. The Riverside Pirates won 4-0.

to be something they will need to tap into as they near the end of the regular season. Saturday's win moves them to 5-1-2 on the season and 2-0-1 in league play. The Pirates hold the top spot in Special District 2.

While the Knights won't continue into the postseason, Irrigon head coach Joe Cobb celebrates the small victories, which he sees in the improvements the girls make week to week.

"I thought the kids — we have progressively got better each game," Cobb said. "I tell them the goal every game is to get better, and I like to try to get the ball in the goal. But I didn't

feel we went out there and embarrassed ourselves. I thought we went out there and played our kind of game."

Unlike the girls, the boy's match up was uneven. They took the field after the girl's game and with Irrigon entering the game winless and Riverside undefeated it was only a matter of time before the Pirates began their reign. They earned their eighth consecutive victory after defeating the Knights 11-0.

The Pirates (8-0 overall, 3-0 Special District 4) scored four goals in the first half, one was off a free kick by sophomore Ulyces

Lopez with just six minutes to go until the half.

Riverside's comfortable lead increased dramatically in the opening minutes of the second half. The Pirates scored three goals in the first six minutes against the Knights (0-9, 0-3), who were playing without any subs. A goalie change by Irrigon stopped the Pirates from tallying more goals, but Riverside cemented it's No. 1 standing with this massive win.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Hermiston girls place second in Richland

BY HERMISTON HERALD

The Hermiston cross country team joined Pendleton, as well as a number of Washington and Idaho schools in the Max Jensen Richland Invitational on Saturday. The stacked field took laps around Carmichael Middle School as their regular season winds down.

Hermiston was coming off of a not-so-hot finish in Portland a week ago, and head coach Troy Blackburn was impressed with how well they performed this time out.

"I was excited, especially after last week," he said. "This week they bounced back. This year we did very well which will give us momentum going into districts."

The Bulldogs hit the same speed bump last year and struggled at this invite, but this time around was another story, even with one of the boy's top runners out.

Hermiston finished within the top 10 in both the girls and boys 3-mile Division II race. The girls placed second with 89 points while the boys finished in seventh place with 183 points. The boys could have easily placed in third or fourth if it weren't missing a runner but there are still many things to celebrate.

Seniors Melany Solorio and Isaac Sanchez were once again the No. 1 runners for each team. Both finished third in their respective races. Solorio clocked 19:21.51 and Sanchez ran sub-16 to finish 15:55.60. In fact, he shaved of 35 seconds from his course record.

Two other Bulldogs from the girls team finished in the top 20. Freshman Amanda Nygard rounded out the top five in 19:24.63 and sophomore Shelia Solorio came in 17th place (20:10.30).

"All the girls did well," Blackburn said. "They are performing very well. We looked much stronger than we did in the past."

For the boy's, Hermiston's next finisher behind Sanchez was fellow senior Emanuel Ibarra. Ibarra ran 16:52.96 for 23rd place, and junior Angel Benites followed in 29th place (16:59.21)

"They both ran tough," Blackburn said. "(Angel) has always despised hills and he usually struggled but this time he got past that, which was great for him."

Official varsity team scores are listed below.

UP NEXT: Hermiston will compete in two meets this week. First its junior varsity will compete in the Helix Stubblebuster on Thursday, while the varsity squad takes some extra time to prepare for the George Fox XC Classic at Willamette Mission State Park on Saturday.

Coaches can report game scores and statistics by calling 1-800-522-0255 or emailing sports@hermistonherald.com.

Cross country official varsity team scores

Girl's 3-mile Division II	
1. Charles Wright Academy	70
2. Hermiston	89
3. Lewis and Clark	133
4. Pullman	137
5. Nathan Hale	148
6. Southridge	193
7. Hanford	208
8. Franklin (WA)	231
9. Archbishop Murphy	238
10. Riverside	251
11. Lakes	265
12. Pendleton	267
13. Trout Lake	278
14. Sunnyside	311
15. College Place	364
16. East Valley (Spokane)	371
17. Othello	484

Boy's 3-mile Division II	
1. Pullman	54
2. North Central	122
3. Lakes	141
4. Central Valley	142
5. Charles Wright Academy	146
6. East Valley (Spokane)	177
7. Hermiston	183
8. Rocky Mountain	184
9. Riverside	216
10. Nathan Hale	222
11. Lakeside (Nine Mile)	269
12. Interlake	272
13. Bethel	309
14. Sunnyside	342
15. Tri-Cities Prep	414
16. Mt Spokane	431
17. Wenatchee	466
18. Archbishop Murphy	468
19. Othello	482
20. Pendleton	560

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL			
Friday	Bend at Hermiston, 7 p.m.	Riverside at Burns, 7 p.m.	Irrigon at Nyssa, 7 p.m.
	Umatilla at Vale, 7 p.m.	Culver at Heppner, 7 p.m.	Joseph at Echo, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL			
Thursday	Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 5 p.m.	Condon/Wheeler at lone, 5 p.m.	Culver at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.
	Hermiston at Hood River Valley, 6:30 p.m.		
Friday	Irrigon at Burns, 1 p.m.	Umatilla at Vale, 1 p.m.	Riverside at Burns, 5 p.m.
	Umatilla at Nyssa, 5:30 p.m.		
Saturday	Hermiston at Pendleton Tournament, 8 a.m.	Irrigon at Vale, 11 a.m.	Riverside at Nyssa, Noon
	Umatilla at Burns, 1 p.m.	Echo at Vale, 2 p.m.	Riverside at Cove, 3 p.m.
	Irrigon at Nyssa, 4 p.m.		
PREP BOYS SOCCER			
Wednesday	Riverside at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.		
Thursday	Hermiston at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.		
Saturday	Irrigon at Nyssa, 1 p.m.	Umatilla at Riverside, 1 p.m.	
PREP GIRLS SOCCER			
Thursday	Mac-Hi at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.	The Dalles at Hermiston, 7 p.m.	
Saturday	Umatilla at Riverside, 1 p.m.		
PREP CROSS COUNTRY			
Thursday	Heppner, Helix, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen at Helix Stubblebuster, TBD		
Friday	Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Umatilla, Weston-McEwen at Mac-Hi Gutbuster, TBD		
Saturday	Hermiston at George Fox XC Classic, TBD		
PREP STANDINGS THROUGH OCT. 8			
PREP FOOTBALL			
5A SPECIAL DISTRICT 1			
	LgOvr	PS	PARnk
Mtn. View	4-0	6-0	196 70 1
Bend	4-0	5-1	198 114 10
Hermiston	3-1	4-2	176 117 5
Pendleton	2-2	3-3	186 100 18
Hood River	1-3	2-3	137 125 24
Summit	1-3	2-4	144 172 13
Redmond	1-3	1-5	84 232 22
Ridgeview	0-4	0-6	92 262 29
3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE			
	LgOvr	PS	PARnk
Nyssa	2-0	4-0	115 71 6
Umatilla	1-1	4-2	181 163 20
Irrigon	1-1	3-2	112 93 16
Burns	1-1	3-3	186 142 11
Vale	1-1	3-3	178 153 14
Riverside	0-2	2-3	80 153 31
2A COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE			
	LgOvr	PS	PARnk
Stanfield	2-0	2-3	92 134 18
Heppner	1-0	2-3	116 144 7
Culver	0-1	0-6	85 233 22
W-McEwen	0-2	1-4	67 151 23
*Pilot Rock	2-3	1-08	178 X
1A BIG SKY LEAGUE			
	LgOvr	PS	SLRnk
South Wasco	5-0	19-7	49 24 6
Dufur	4-1	9-9	30 19 8
Ione	3-2	17-123	44 40
Sherman	3-3	5-3	18 10 31
Cond./Wheeler	1-4	15-19	42 54
Mitch./Spray	0-1	6-11	5 32 59
1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 1			
	LgOvr	PS	PARnk
Cove	3-0	5-1	294 159 8

Irrigon at Nyssa, 3 p.m.	Wallowa 3-0 5-1 364 200 10	Crane 3-0 4-1 284 84 3	Echo 2-1 4-2 298 224 9	Adrian 1-1 4-1 222 102 6	Harper Chart. 1-12-2 116 140 23	Huntington 1-2 1-2 45 174 25	Powder Va. 1-2 1-4 96 220 26	Prarie City 0-2 0-6 14 329 35	Joseph 0-3 2-4 168 224 28	Pine Eagle 0-3 1-5 162 287 29
PREP VOLLEYBALL										
5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE										
	LgOvr	SW	SLRnk							
Pendleton	5-110-4	28	13 11							
Hood River	5-110-7	28	21 16							
The Dalles	2-4-6-9	18	28 24							
Hermiston	0-62-13	11	36 27							
3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE										
	LgOvr	SW	SLRnk							
Vale	6-018-5	50	21 5							
Burns	5-113-8	36	16 8							
Irrigon	4-218-5	49	15 14							
Umatilla	2-48-11	28	35 33							
Nyssa	2-56-13	18	44 27							
Riverside	0-70-18	3	49 39							
2A COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE										
	LgOvr	SW	SLRnk							
Culver	5-120-2	53	13 1							
Heppner	5-115-7	41	24 8							
W-McEwen	2-314-10	46	35 6							
Pilot Rock	2-413-8	38	25 14							
Stanfield	0-52-17	6	47 34							
1A BIG SKY LEAGUE										
	LgOvr	SW	SLRnk							
South Wasco	5-019-7	49	24 6							
Dufur	4-1 9-9	30	19 8							
Ione	3-27-17-123	44	40							
Sherman	3-3 5-3	18	10 31							
Cond./Wheeler	1-45-1519	42	54							
Mitch./Spray	0-61-11	5	32 59							

1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE			
	LgOvr	SW	SLRnk
Powder Va. 10-119-10	52	31	10
Joseph	9-215-8	45	25 12
Helix	7-416-7	52	23 25
Echo	6-410-7	33	23 26
Wallowa	5-6 6-9	21	30 33
Cove	5-79-12	34	37 39
Nixyaawii	1-9 1-9	4	29 56
Pine Eagle	1-11-15	5	44 57
PREP BOYS SOCCER			
5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE			
	LgOvr	GS	GARnk
Hermiston	1-0-10-14-2-2	16	9 14
Hood River	1-0-15-2-2	22	11 1
The Dalles	1-1-4-5	23	21 16
Pendleton	0-2 1-7	7	33 28
3A/2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 4			
	LgOvr	GS	GARnk
Riverside	3-0 8-0	53	9 2
Nyssa	2-1 4-4	44	36 24
Umatilla	1-21-7-1	9	43 34
Irrigon	0-3 1-7	9	60 40
PREP GIRLS SOCCER			
5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE			
	LgOvr	GS	GARnk
Hood River	1-0-14-2-2	16	6 11
The Dalles	1-0-11-6-1	1	32 26
Hermiston	0-0-23-5-2	8	19 21
Pendleton	0-21-6-1	12	36 32
3A/2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 2			
	LgOvr	GS	GARnk
Riverside	2-0-15-1-2	16	2 9
Umatilla	1-0-22-4-2	10	22 17
Nyssa	1-1-11-4-1	6	17 18
Irrigon	0-3 1-7	8	25 27

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