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Lions hand Bulldogs first conference loss



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Hermiston's Zane Davis brings down Kennewick's Myles Mayovsky in the Bulldogs' 26-25 loss to the Lions on Friday in Hermiston. [More photos, Page A13](#)

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The Hermiston Bulldogs were pulled back to earth Friday night by the Kennewick Lions.

After winning their first two Mid-Columbia Conference games, the Bulldogs dropped a 26-25 game to the Lions. A chance to win the game late was foiled as a bad snap on a 38-yard field goal attempt by Juan Carlos Navarrete with 50.2 seconds left on the clock gave Kennewick its first win of the season.

"That's part of football," Hermiston coach David Faaeteete said. "We didn't do a good job of bouncing back after a big win over Richland last week. Kennewick is a good football team and they came to play."

The Lions, who blocked two PATs, recorded a safety, and ran a fake punt for a touchdown, scored with 4:13 left in the fourth quarter to take a 26-25 lead.

"We needed every play today," Kennewick coach Bill Templeton said. "We just beat a good football team. I couldn't be more proud of our boys."

Kennewick freshman Myles Mayovsky, who ran for 169 yards on the night, scored the final touchdown, and Ethan Woolery put the PAT though the uprights for the one-point lead.

"He has been the man since he was 5 years old," Templeton said of Mayovsky.

Trailing 13-10 at the half, the Lions turned a fourth-and-6 at the Hermiston 48 into a fake punt. Talon LaFontaine connected with

Hermiston prepares for stingy Walla Walla defense

The Hermiston Bulldogs are in for a big battle Friday night when they go up against Walla Walla in a Mid-Columbia Conference showdown at Borleske Stadium.

The Blue Devils (1-2) are anchored on the line by 6-foot-7, 280-pound tackle Patrick Utschinski, who last week verbally committed to Washington State.

Walla Walla gives up just 258 yards of offense per game, but have struggled in the points allowed department, giving up 29.3 per game. The Blue Devils do have a pair of interceptions by all-state hurdler Jared McAlvey.

On the flip side, Hermiston averages a league-best 432 yards per game, with running back Wyatt Noland rolling up an average of 173 yards per game.

Defensively, the Bulldogs (2-1) give up a paltry 15.2 points per game, and Zane Davis has two interceptions on the young season.

Blaine Chavez for a touchdown and a 17-13 lead.

Wyatt Noland, who ran for 120 yards on the night, picked up 25 for a Bulldogs' touchdown on the ensuing possession, but a blocked PAT left Hermiston with a 19-17 lead.

With 9:47 remaining in regulation, the Lions took down Andrew James in the end zone to tie the score at 19.

Hermiston went back out front 25-19 as James ran the ball in from 13 yards out.

The Bulldogs went for two, but the pass failed.

"That's the way football goes," Faaeteete said. "Our kids will be hungry next week (at Walla Walla). We will learn from our loss and poor execution. This is just a bump in the road."

The Bulldogs took a 13-10 lead at the half with both teams getting big yardage out of their backs.

Hermiston's Noland ran for 84 yards on 10 carries and helped set up the Bulldogs' first touchdown, a 21-yard pass from James to Jordan Ramirez 3 1/2 minutes into the game.

Mayovsky, who had 94 yards in the first half, had two runs of 14 yards on Kennewick's first drive that put the Lions in the red zone.

JJ Rodriguez ran the ball in from 10 yards out for a 7-7 game with 4:37 left in the first.

Box score

Kennewick	7	3	7	9	-26
Hermiston	13	0	6	6	-25

Scoring

First quarter
H - Jordan Ramirez 21 catch from Andrew James (Juan Carlos Navarrete kick)
K - JJ Rodriguez 10 run (Ethan Woolery kick)

H - Youbani Razon 10 pass from James (kick blocked)

Second quarter
K - FG 27 Woolery

Third quarter
K - Blaine Chavez 43 pass from Talon LaFontaine (Woolery kick)

H - Wyatt Noland 25 run (kick blocked)

Fourth quarter
K - Safety, James tackled in end zone
H - James 13 run (pass failed)
K - Myles Mayovsky 15 run (Woolery kick)

Statistics

Passing - HHS, Andrew James 11-22-1-158, KHS, Blaine Chavez 4-9-1-82, Talon LaFontaine 1-10-0-43.

Rushing - HHS Wyatt Noland 17-120, Andrew James 16-86, KHS, Myles Mayovsky 24-169, Ethan Woolery 4-24, JJ Rodriguez 11-45, Brayden McCarley 1-1-1, Talon LaFontaine 1-4, Blain Chavez 10-6

Receiving - HHS Jordan Ramirez 2-36, Youbani Razon 3-38, Garrett Walchli 1-26, Wyatt Noland 1-26

Trevor Wagner 2-30, Ryan Arnold 1-5, KHS, Talon LaFontaine 1-6, Atticus Templeton 2-64, Blaine Chavez 1-44, Ethan Woolery 1-12.

Hermiston finishes strong at Oregon City

By BRETT KANE
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The Hermiston cross country team traveled to the Oregon City Invitational on Saturday, with both the boys and girls varsity teams placing seventh overall.

Senior Freddy Mendoza led the boys, finishing with a 17:11 time and placing 19th in his second meet. A number of other Hermiston varsity runners performed well, including Greg Anderson (17:15), Freddy Ibarra (17:41), Simon Headings (17:55), and Adrian Delgado (18:21). Freshmen Jackson Shaver and Carson Bradshaw finished in 18:32 and 18:55, respectively, during the junior varsity race.

Freshman Cydney Sanchez lead the girls' varsity team with a 21:09 finish, placing 26th. Fatima Frasser (22:40), Ellie Ernst



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Hermiston's Cydney Sanchez (left), Freddy Mendoza and Greg Anderson (right) compete in the Oregon City Invitational on Saturday afternoon.

(22:54), and Linda Wilson (23:18) rounded out Hermiston's top runners of the meet.

"They're young, but they're working hard, and

their progress shows that hard work," said coach Troy Blackburn. "We're super excited with the progress of both teams as they continue to gain experience."

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