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## Richland holds off Hermiston for MCC win

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**H**ermiston stopped Richland three times on fourth down Friday — twice in the red zone. There also was a recovered onside kick and a fumble recovery, but it just wasn't enough.

Richland scored two quick touchdowns in the first quarter and held on for a 28-14 Mid-Columbia Conference win Friday over the Bulldogs at Kennison Field.

"We make mistakes, that's part of life," Hermiston coach David Faeteete said. "I am so proud of you guys for fighting to the end."

The Bulldogs (0-2 MCC) had the ball the last 3 1/2 minutes of the game.

They drove down into Richland territory, where a pass interference call by the Bombers put the ball on the 3-yard line. Two plays later, Trevor Wagner ran the ball in from 2 yards out with 13.8 seconds remaining to pull Hermiston within 28-14.

On the ensuing kickoff, Wagner chipped the ball, then recovered it himself at the Hermiston 49.

The Bulldogs made it to the Richland 26, but ran out of time.

"They are a good team," Richland coach Mike Neidhold said of the Bulldogs. "They run a good program — there is no quit in those kids. We needed to play a good team to get back on track, and we did."

Richland led 21-0 at the half, then came out and scored less than 2 minutes into the third quarter, but that would be it.

Hermiston's first touchdown came with 3:03 left in the third as Sam Schwirse connected with Wagner for a 7-yard score and a 28-7 game.

"I was happy with how I did on offense, but I need to work on defense," Wagner said. "We did do some good things. We are a better team than we were last week. Eventually, it will all come together."

The Bulldogs had a new look Friday with Schwirse under center, and senior guard Dustyn Coughlin moving to center.

"I think coach Faeteete put me there to take control of the offensive line," Coughlin said. "The guards know I trust them to do their jobs. I was a little nervous, I'm not going to lie. I've only been doing it for three days."

Coughlin also stepped in on defense.

"He's a good defensive player and made some good plays," Faeteete said.

Ryan Arnold led the Bulldogs defensively with 11 solo tackles and five assisted



Richland quarterback Harrison Westover (16) hurdles a member of the Hermiston defense. The Richland Bombers defeated the Hermiston Bulldogs 28-14 at Kennison Field in Hermiston, Ore. Friday night.

Staff photo by Ben Lonergan



**BOTTOM LEFT:** Hermiston quarterback Sam Schwirse (15) attempts to get ahold of a loose snap late in the first half. The Richland Bombers defeated the Hermiston Bulldogs 28-14 at Kennison Field in Hermiston, Ore. Friday night. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Hermiston wide receiver Garrett Walchli (5) breaks free of the Richland defense. The Richland Bombers defeated the Hermiston Bulldogs 28-14 at Kennison Field in Hermiston, Ore. Friday night.

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tackles.

The first half was all Richland.

The Bombers drove 87 yards on their first possession of the game in five plays, finishing with a 66-yard pass play from Har-

ison Westover to Ben Fewel for a 7-0 lead just 2:04 into the contest. Fewel caught 11 passes for 233 yards on the night.

After the Bulldogs were forced to punt, Richland once again started deep in its

own half.

A holding call against the Bombers put them back at their own 21, but Westover launched the ball to Dawson Palm, who reeled it in for a 79 yard touchdown and a 14-0 game that would stand



at the end of the first.

Hermiston drove into Bomber territory early in the second, and had first-and-10 at the 48, but a high snap sailed over Schwirse's head and pinned the Bulldogs back at their own 38.

Hermiston twice stopped Richland on fourth down in the second quarter, but with 1:18 remaining, Westover hit Kayden Roxburgh with a 10-yard TD pass for a 21-0 lead after Joseph Weissenfels kicked the PAT.

An on-side kick by Richland was recovered by the Bombers at the Hermiston 36 with 13 seconds to play. Garrett Walchli picked off Westover and returned the ball 65 yards before he ran out of real estate and time.

"We shot ourselves in the foot a little bit," Faeteete said. "I challenged the kids at half to keep fighting, and they did."

Richland 14 7 7 0 — 28  
Hermiston 0 0 7 7 — 14  
Scoring Plays  
R — Ben Fewel 66 pass from Harrison Westover (Joseph Weissenfels kick)  
R — Dawson Palm 79 pass from Westover (Weissenfels kick)  
R — Kayden Roxburgh 10 pass from Westover (Weissenfels kick)  
R — Fewel 11 pass from Westover (Weissenfels kick)  
H — Trevor Wagner 7 pass from Sam Schwirse (Wagner kick)  
H — Wagner 2 run (Wagner kick)  
Individual Statistics  
Passing: H, Sam Schwirse 20-27-0-139; R, Harrison Westover 25-32-1-379.  
Rushing: H, Daniel Faeteete 15-71, Garrett Walchli 3-15, Sam Schwirse 6-(minus-32), Trevor Wagner 1-3, Nathan Wheeler 2-1; R, Marshawn Davis Copeland 11-34, Kainoa Steward 8-53, Kade Brons 3-16, Ben Fewel 1-(minus-5), Harrison Westover 1-(minus-8).  
Receiving: H, Trevor Wagner 9-42, Broc Remmer 4-45, Trent Pitney 2-31, Garrett Walchli 3-26, Daniel Faeteete 2-(minus-5); R, Ben Fewel 11-233, Marshawn Davis Copeland 5-22, Dawson Palm 2-90, Matt Robinson 2-12, Kayden Roxburgh 1-10, Ben Kostorowski 1-6, Grady Kriskovich 1-(minus-4).

## Dawgs look to upend Lions on Friday night

Hermiston will play  
Kennewick at Lampson Field

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**W**ith just two 3A playoff spots to share between four teams in the Mid-Columbia Conference, every game is must win for Hermiston when it plays Kennewick, Kamiakin and Southridge.

The Bulldogs missed out on a playoff spot last year, dropping games to Kennewick (26-25) and Kamiakin (34-27).

Friday night, Hermiston (0-2 MCC) will play Kennewick at 7 p.m. at Lampson Stadium.

"We have some work to do," Bulldogs coach David Faeteete said. "We need to execute and get better. That was a big game here last year (against Kennewick), and



Hermiston's Wyatt Noland gets wrapped up by Kennewick's Brady Benton in 2018's 26-25 loss to the Lions in Hermiston.

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part of the reason we didn't go to the playoffs. We have to stop the run and defend the pass."

The Lions (1-1) are coming off a 37-0 loss to Chiawana last week. The Riverhawks shut down

the Lions' big running back Myles Mayovsky, limiting the 6-foot-2, 195-pound sophomore to just 18 yards on 14 carries.

Mayovsky is just one concern for the Bulldogs. Their size and their athletic ability are others.

"Like most Tri-City schools, they are bigger than us," Faeteete said. "They are a tough football team with a tough mentality. They run two tight ends and they punned the ball. We matchup well with them in certain spots."

The Bulldogs, who lost starting quarterback Chase Elliott to a broken leg in the first game of the season against Pasco, turned to junior Sam Schwirse last week, and moved big guard Dustyn Coughlin to center.

"His stat line (20-27 for 139 yards) shows he was able to manage the game," Faeteete said of his quarterback. "He wants to get out there and gain confidence."

Hermiston also saw senior run-

ning back Guiomar Garay go down with an ankle injury against Pasco. He missed last week's game against Richland, and is listed day to day this week.

Daniel Faeteete came in last week and rolled up 71 yards on 15 carries, but coach Faeteete could like to have both backs available.

"We would like to have another option," coach Faeteete said. "I expect Daniel to play better. There are big expectations from the older brother."

While the Bulldogs were the new kid on the block last year in the MCC, Kennewick coach Randy Affholter is in his first year with the Lions after coaching at Ellensburg for 22 years. He replaced Bill Templeton, who stepped down after last season.

"I have heard a lot of good things about him," Faeteete said of Affholter. "Coming in and taking control of a storied program like the Lions, he has done a good job."