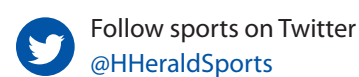


HeraldSports



Dawgs rout Suns for first win

By ANNIE FOWLER
STAFF WRITER

Welcome back, Sean Stewart.

Hermiston's senior defensive tackle, who missed last week's game with an injury, returned to block two punts, had three tackles and a sack as the Bulldogs rolled to a 37-7 Mid-Columbia Conference victory over Southridge on Thursday night at Lampson Stadium.

It was the first win of the season for the Bulldogs (1-4 MCC), who also got two touchdowns apiece from Trevor Wager and Broc Remmer.

"It was a great coming out party for him," Hermiston coach David Faaeteete said of Stewart. "Winning is always good. Football hadn't been any fun the month of September. Tonight, we did some good things and finished drives."

Wagner scored on a 10-yard pass play, and on a 1-yard run.

"It's good to get a win," Wagner said. "Us having run in the game made a difference."

Stewart's first blocked punt ended up in a safety for the Bulldogs and a 23-7 lead.

The Bulldogs got the ball on the ensuing kickoff and promptly scored again, with Remmer scoring on a 10-yard pass from Sam Schwirse for a 30-7 lead.

The Suns (0-5 MCC) punted on their next possession, and it got blocked by Stewart, putting Hermiston on the Southridge 14-yard line.

"I was surprised I got the second one," Stewart said. "I was getting blocked and I went that way. It's great being next to my Dawgs on the field. I'm happy we got the win tonight."

Wagner finished the scoring with a 1-yard run.

Hermiston took the lead less than 4 minutes into the game as Remmer hauled in a 24-yard pass from Schwirse.

Garrett Walchli looked to give the Bulldogs a two-touchdown lead 3 minutes later, returning a punt 58 yards to the end zone. A penalty negated the score.

The Bulldogs then turned its attention to defense, where they stopped Southridge on fourth down at the Hermiston 16-yard line.

Hermiston would add another score with 1:58 left in the second quarter as Schwirse hit Wagner on a crossing route for a 10-yard touchdown.

The Dawgs took a 14-7 lead at the half after giving up a late touchdown to the Suns.

Hermiston's Daniel Faaeteete had just intercepted



Garrett Walchli (5), of Hermiston, picks up some yardage in the first quarter of Thursday's game against the Southridge Suns at Lampson Stadium.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Suns' quarterback Trenton Slatter with 43 seconds remaining in the first half, but two plays later, Schwirse was picked off by Fidel Gutierrez, who returned the ball to the Hermiston 1-yard line with 1.2 seconds left.

Slatter punched the ball in from the 1-yard line as time expired, and Lance Spaniel converted the PAT for a 14-7 game.

BOX SCORE

Hermiston	7	7	7	16	— 37
Southridge	0	7	0	0	— 7

SCORING

H — Broc Remmer 24 pass from Sam Schwirse (Trevor Wagner kick)

H — Wagner 10 pass from Schwirse (Wagner kick)

S — Trenton Slatter 1 run (Lance Spaniel kick)

H — Daniel Faaeteete 1 run (Wagner kick)

H — Safety, blocked punt in end zone

H — Remmer 10 pass from Schwirse (Wagner kick)

H — Wagner 1 run (Wagner kick)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Passing: H, Schwirse 17-22-1-175-3; S, Trenton Slatter 7-24-2-53-0, Brendan Beckwith 0-3-0-0-0.

Rushing: H, Daniel Faaeteete 18-59, Schwirse 12-30, Nathan Wheeler 3-(-3), Wagner 7-25; S, Ryan Stayrook 8-23, Albersh Kuwa 4-11, Slatter 11-(-16), Lance Spaniel 1-(-2).

Receiving: H, Garrett Walchli 5-32, Remmer 4-81-2, Wagner 7-66-1, Wheeler 1-(-2); S, Ryker Stevens 2-12, Caleb Cook-Parker 2-13, Austin Gideon 2-3, Jacob Tobery 1-13, Stayrook 1-12.



Bulldogs swarm Southridge quarterback Trenton Slatter during Thursday's game at Lampson Stadium.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

PREVIEW

Dawgs to take on league-leading Chiawana

By ANNIE FOWLER
STAFF WRITER

There's no way to sugar-coat it — Hermiston will have its hands full Friday night when Chiawana visits Kennison Field.

The Riverhawks, ranked No. 9 in this week's Class 4A poll, are 4-0 in Mid-Columbia Conference play, and 4-1 overall after a 21-20 loss to top-ranked Union two weeks ago.

"We can't focus on what they do," Bulldogs coach David Faaeteete said. "We have to be focused on us being prepared for Friday night. They play good team football, their defense swarms, and they don't play selfish. You can see their competitive spirit on film. That's fun to watch."

The Bulldogs (1-4 MCC) are

DINO DASH

It's been centuries since dinosaurs roamed the earth, but Friday night, they are making a return visit. Simmons Insurance Agency is partnering with Hermiston High School athletics to raise money for breast cancer awareness.

At Hermiston's football game against Chiawana, there will be a dinosaur race at halftime. The 40-yard dash will feature an array of dinosaurs. Choose your dino, buy a ticket for that dino, and if it wins, you and everyone who bought a ticket for that dino will go into a drawing for two tickets to the Oregon-Oregon State Civil War Game.

Tickets are \$1 each, six for \$5 or an arm's length for \$20. Tickets will be available at the game, or at Simmons Insurance Agency, 702 E Main St. Proceeds will be donated to the Good Shepherd Breast Cancer Support Group.

coming off a 37-7 win over Southridge last week — a game that saw the defense take over and force turnovers.

"The game plan is to stop the run and rally to the pass," Faaeteete said.

"Offensively, we have to utilize the size of our line. If we show up and do what we did the last game, we have our chances. At the end of the day, everyone has to show up Friday night."

If there is one thing Chiawana coach Steve Graff has noticed about Hermiston, it's the offensive line, anchored by seniors Chase Bradshaw and Dustyn Coughlin.

"They have guys over 300 pounds," Graff said. "They're as big as me, but taller. Their running back is also a big kid who runs the ball hard, and their quarterback gets the ball out quick. We will have to corral them."

The Riverhawks have gotten a lot of mileage out of senior running back Gabe Schilz, who has run for 591 yards and 13 touchdowns.

"He has done a good job," Graff said of Schilz. "We like to run and throw. Our offensive line is still a work in progress, and they make some mistakes, but Gabe makes them look good."

When they turn to the passing game, Chiawana sophomore quarterback JP Zamora has a fleet of speedsters to throw to, including seniors Dion Lee and Cameron Breier, one of the top 400 runners in the state.

It's on defense where the Riverhawks have done the most damage. They have given up just 48 points in five games — 21 of which were to Union.

Aiden Mason leads the Riverhawks with four interceptions, and they also have a handful of wrestlers who provide grit and a no-quit mentality, including senior linebacker Riley Cissne.

"That's where we have been pretty good," Graff said. "We have some good kids with some speed and that helps. Riley runs the show out there."