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## Mistakes cost Dawgs in loss to Riverhawks

A handful of mistakes were costly for the Hermiston Bulldogs on Friday night, and the Chiawana Riverhawks took advantage of most of them.

The Riverhawks, who were shut out in the first quarter, scored twice in a span of 8 seconds to open the second half, en route to a 34-14 Mid-Columbia Conference victory at Kennison Field.

"I'm proud of the kids with how hard they played and competed against one of the best 4A teams in the state," Hermiston coach David Faeteete said.

"The game plan was good, but our own mistakes hurt us in the first half," the coach added.

The Riverhawks, who improved to 5-0 in league play, got three touchdowns from Marvell Cooks on runs of 6, 66 and 3 yards.

"I told them before the game if they didn't take their heart early, it would be a long day," Chiawana coach Steve Graff said. "They have some good athletes and they are well-coached. We got schlooped a couple of times on the back end."

The game opened with a scoreless first quarter, with the teams trading interceptions.

Dion Lee had the pick for Chiawana, while Hermiston's Broc Remmer repaid the favor on the next play.

The Riverhawks, which got good field position when the Bulldogs had a botched punt late in the first quarter, scored on a 6-yard run by Kobe Young 13 seconds into the second quarter.

On the ensuing kickoff, Chiawana stripped the ball from Remmer, and Jalen Webber picked up the ball and sprinted 24 yards for a touchdown and a 14-0 Riverhawks lead.

With time winding down in the first half, the Bulldogs (1-5 MCC) had the ball and got into Chiawana territory with a 30-yard pass from Sam Schwirse to Trevor Wagner.

From there, the Riv-



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan  
Hermiston wide receiver Garret Walchli (5) runs the ball on first down. The Chiawana Riverhawks defeated the Hermiston Bulldogs 34-14 at Kennison Field in Hermiston on Friday night.



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan  
Hermiston running back Guiomar Guaray (21) attempts to dodge defenders while running the ball up the sideline.

erhawks were all over Schwirse, who got hit for a loss of 12 yards to bring up

fourth-and-24.

Wagner punted, but the Riverhawks were called for



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan  
Chiawana running back Marvell Cooks (25) runs the ball in for a touchdown.

roughing the punter, putting the ball on the Chiawana 14.

Two penalties, and two sacks put the ball on the 50-yard line as the half

came to and end.

"That was the best first half of football we have played all season," Wagner said.

Wagner got the Bulldogs on the board less than 5 minutes into the third quarter, hauling in a 56-yard touchdown pass from Schwirse for a 14-7 game. Schwirse finished the game with 317 yards.

Cooks, who ran for 208 yards, took off for a 32-yard run late in the third to put the ball inside the Bulldogs' 15. Two plays later, quarterback JP Zamora scampered for a 14-yard touchdown.

Cooks scored once again, on a 66-yard run, for a 28-7 game, and his final touchdown gave Chiawana a 34-7 lead.

Hermiston put one last score on the board with 4:24 to play as Wagner ran the ball up the middle for 20 yards.

The Bulldogs managed 279 yards of offense, but had minus 39 yards rushing as the Riverhawks made themselves at home in the Hermiston backfield.

"A lot of great opportunities that we missed," Faeteete said. "We need to execute in the red zone and get better."

### BOX SCORE

Chiawana	0	14	14	6-34
Hermiston	0	0	7	7-14
SCORING PLAYS				
C	—	Marvell Cooks	6 run	(Evan Dawes kick)
C	—	Jalen Webber	24 fumble return	(Dawes kick)
H	—	Trevor Wagner	56 pass from Sam Schwirse	(Wagner kick)
C	—	JP Zamora	14 run	(Dawes kick)
C	—	Cooks	66 run	(Dawes kick)
C	—	Cooks	3 run	(run failed)
H	—	Wagner	17 run	(Wagner kick)
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS				
Passing — H, Schwirse 22-30-1-317; C, JP Zamora 14-22-1-126-0, Preston Vine 0-1-0-0.				
Rushing — H, Daniel Faeteete 2(-1), Guiomar Garay 13-13, Schwirse 9-51, Garrett Walchli 3(-1), Wagner 1-2, Team 1-5; C, Gabe Schilz 2-10, JP Zamora 4-17, Cooks 19-208, Riley Cissne 5-20, Ken Braddock 2-4, Tyler Hovde 1(-3).				
Receiving — H, Walchli 4-39, Broc Remmer 3(-2), Wagner 6-151, Spencer Juul 2-59, Garay 5-58; C, Dion Lee 3-53, Kobe Young 3-31, Vine 4-32, Aarloh Valdovinos 4-31.				

## Leader of the Pack

Hermiston linebacker Ryan Arnold runs the defense on the field, and leads the team in tackles

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While this season has not gone as planned for the Hermiston football team, there is one constant every Friday night — Ryan Arnold.

The 6-foot, 170-pound senior middle linebacker puts his helmet on every game and gives his team an honest effort, to the tune of nearly 13 tackles per game.

"He's the leader by example, for sure," Bulldogs coach David Faeteete said. "He knows his assignments. He does his job to the best of his ability. He's our little defensive general — he manages the defense."

Arnold leads the Bulldogs with 77 tackles this season — 59 solo and 18 assists. He also has two interceptions. The next man on the list (Trevor Wagner) has 37 tackles, while Sam Cadenas has 31.

"The linemen up front (Sean Stewart, Cadenas, Tyson Stocker, Seilala Sepeni, Chase Bradshaw and AJ Erivea) are helping me get my tackles by not getting pushed back every play," said Arnold, who also led the team in tackles last season. "If they are getting pushed back, my vision is limited and I can't do my

job."

Faeteete said their defense is designed to get the linebackers more involved.

"When there is a play to be made, he is there," Faeteete said of Arnold. "Our defensive tackles have been doing a great job. Sam and Sean allow Ryan to have a bigger impact. It's a team effort."

### Growing up on the gridiron

Arnold has been playing football since the second grade. When he was younger, he always played up an age group.

"Playing with kids with experience helps a lot," Arnold said.

As a sophomore, he played on the 2017 team that won the Oregon Class 5A state title.

"My sophomore year I improved a lot," he said. "I learned a lot playing with Jonatan than Hinkle and Peter Earl. I didn't get to play a lot, but Chase (Bradshaw) and I got to play in the (championship) game. I started on special teams — kickoff and kick return. I had a few tackles. It was fun."

He also got to play his sophomore season with his older brother Tayler, a right tackle. Tayler now is a defenseman for the Uni-



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan  
Hermiston linebacker Ryan Arnold (7) leads the charge to bring down Chiawana running back Riley Cissne (22). The Chiawana Riverhawks defeated the Hermiston Bulldogs 34-14 at Kennison Field in Hermiston Friday night.

versity of Montana men's lacrosse team.

Last year, Arnold learned from guys like Cash Campbell as Hermiston entered the Mid-Columbia Conference.

"Getting that experience as a junior helped a lot," Arnold said. "We put up a pretty good fight for our first year in the MCC, but I think we could have done better. This year, some of the scores don't give you a true feel of the game. We've had some turnovers and shot ourselves in the foot. You also get a lot more looks from college

coaches (in the MCC)."

While learning from those next to him on the field has been invaluable, Arnold also gleans what he can from Faeteete, a former defensive tackle for the University of Oregon.

"Coach has helped me tremendously at linebacker," Arnold said. "He has so much knowledge. He is pretty smart."

Faeteete said he knew Arnold was going to be a special player when he was a sophomore.

"We knew he was going

to get a lot better," Faeteete said. "Now, he's teaching guys to do their jobs. That's a credit to his parents. He's a great kid."

### Giving mom a scare

Arnold was a good-sized baby when he was born — 8 pounds and 21 inches long.

When he was a month old, he had RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) and had to be life flighted to Portland. While he was sick, he dropped to 6 pounds.

Once he recovered, his parents Lizzie and Jacob

thought it would be smooth sailing from there. They were wrong.

The spring of his eighth grade year, Arnold started getting lightheaded, had tunnel vision and started seeing spots. He was playing lacrosse at the time, and he would have to take breaks.

"One time, my heart was beating 228 times a minute," Arnold recalled.

He was diagnosed with supraventricular tachycardia (SVT), and had surgery at Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland.

"It was pretty scary," Lizzie Arnold said. "We didn't really know what was going on. The doctor said it was normal and an easy fix. It was."

The worst thing that Arnold experiences now is general aches and pains that come with playing football.

### What the future holds

Arnold would like to be an electrician, but hasn't dismissed playing college football or lacrosse (he led Hermiston in scoring last year).

"I haven't gotten any offers yet," he said.

There is one thing he does know — his love of football goes beyond the game.

"It will be sad when it's all over," he said. "You have played since second grade, and you never know when it will be your last game. You go from playing all your life to not playing at all. When you play football, you are a family. You can fall back on the team, and the coaches are there for you."