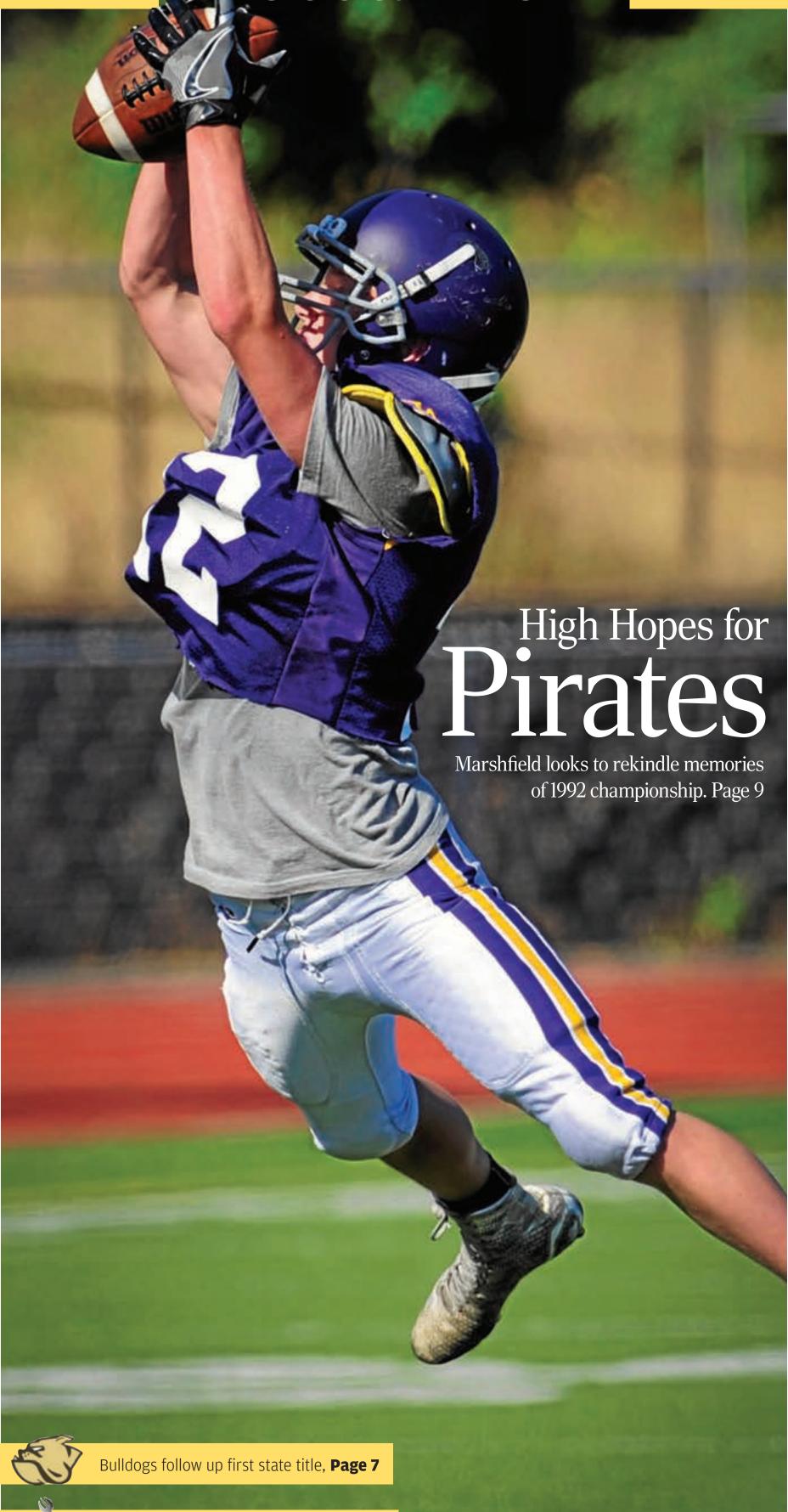
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Wigle Celebration

Marshfield Pirates Column: It's the Rule

Coquille Red Devils

2017 Playoff Qualifying

Gold Beach Panthers

Youth Football League

Brookings-Harbor Bruins

SOUTH COAST FOOTBALL RADIO

Radio stations on the South Coast will air all or some of the football

games of seven South Coast high school teams this fall. Five schools have dedicated radio stations and

three others share air time on one

Most have relatively small range

and can't be heard on the entire

South Coast, especially the two in

Curry County. KMHS, K-Light,

KSHR and KGBR have live stream-

ing on the Internet in addition to

Here are the stations, as they ap-

KMHS Pirate Radio (91.3 FM): Broad-

casts all Marshfield football games,

as well as volleyball, basketball and

baseball or softball the rest of the

year and a coaches show each Mon-

day morning at 7 a.m. Livestreaming

KGBR (92.7 FM): Broadcast all Gold

Beach football games. Livestream-

KURY (95.3 FM): Broadcasts all

Brookings-Harbor football and

basketball games and a mix of base-

KSHR (97.3 FM): Broadcasts a mix

of Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle

Point games in football and bas-

ketball seasons. Live streaming at

kshr.com. Schedule: Aug. 31 Glide

at Bandon; Sept. 1: Gold Beach at

Coquille; Sept. 8 Coquille at Myrtle

Point; Sept. 15 Bandon at Coquille;

Sept. 29 Creswell at Coquille; Oct.

6 Gold Beach at Myrtle Point; Oct.

13 Glide at Coquille; Oct. 20 Bandon

K-Light (98.7 FM): Broadcasts all

North Bend football games and

all league basketball games. Live

streaming at www.lighthousera-

KCST (106.9 FM): Broadcasts all

Siuslaw football, basketball and

University of Oregon games can

be heard in Coos County on KWRO

(630 AM and 100.3 FM) and in Flor-

ence on KCST (106.9 FM). Other

major stations include KUGN in Eugene (590 AM), KXL in Portland

(750 AM) and KQEN in Roseburg

Oregon State University games

at Myrtle Point.

dio.com.

baseball games.

Ducks and Beavers

at http://kmhsradio.cbd9.net.

ing at www.kgbr.com.

ball and softball games.

being on Tuned-In radio.

pear on the radio dial.

Powers Cruisers 2017 League Alignments

Siuslaw Vikings

NFL Schedule

Cover Story



GOLD BEACH FOOTBALL

A Gold Beach player works on proper tackling techniques during a preseason practice. More and more Oregon and other states around the country have made ways to avoid concussions or other serious injuries a priority. See Sam Barbee's column on Page 4 and the It's The Rule column by official Mark Stephens on Page 10 for more on player safety.

CONPLETE WEEK-BY-WEEK 2017 HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

■ North Lake at Mitchell/Spray/

*Days Creek vs. Hosanna Christian

*Powder Valley vs. Powers

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15

FAR WEST LEAGUE

■ *North Bend 8-Man Classic

■ North Bend at Cascade

■ Siuslaw at Newport

■ Bandon at Coquille

Harrisburg at Rainier

■ La Pine at Burns

Elmira at Creswell

■ Glide at Reedsport

■ Gilchrist at Powers

■ Camas Valley at Triad

Douglas at Siuslaw

Oakridge at La Pine

Creswell at St. Paul

■ Pleasant Hill at Santiam

■ Bandon at Illinois Vallev

■ Myrtle Point at Glide

■ Toledo at Heppner

■ Gaston at Waldport

Reedsport at Corbett

■ Gold Beach at Rogue River

Prospect at Butte Falls

■ St. Paul at Toledo

Marshfield at Junction City

■ Douglas at Hidden Valley

■ Phoenix at South Umpqua

■ Waldport at Pleasant Hill

■ The Dalles at Brookings-Harbor

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

SUNSET CONFERENCE

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

FAR WEST LEAGUE

■ Brookings-Harbor at North Bend

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

■ Cascade Christian at Harrisburg

SUNSET CONFERENCE

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

■ South Umpqua at Marshfield

Myrtle Point at Illinois Valley

■ St. Mary's at Gold Beach

*Camas Valley vs. North Douglas

■ Harrisburg at St. Mary's

THURSDAY, AUG. 31

SUNSET CONFERENCE

- Glide at Bandon
- **MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE** ■ North Douglas at Powers

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

- **FAR WEST LEAGUE** Astoria at North Bend
- Cascade at Marshfield
- Elmira at Siuslaw ■ North Valley at Brookings-Harbor
- Mazama at South Umpqua
- Douglas at Valley Catholic **MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE**

■ Gold Beach at Coquille

- Dayton at Pleasant Hill
- Santiam Christian at Harrisburg Lost River at La Pine
- St. Mary's at Creswell

SUNSET CONFERENCE ■ Argyle (British Columbia) at

- Reedsport
- Myrtle Point at Rogue River ■ Oakridge at Toledo

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

- Yoncalla at Elkton
- Days Creek at Adrian/Jordan Valley
- Crane at Hosanna Christian

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

- Laillas Valley VS. PC
- Sherman vs. Triad

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

- **FAR WEST LEAGUE**
- Philomath at North Bend Phoenix at Marshfield
- Sutherlin at Douglas
- Brookings-Harbor at Hidden Valley ■ Pleasant Hill at Siuslaw
- South Umpqua at North Valley

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

- Coquille at Myrtle Point ■ La Pine at Culver
- Oakland at Glide ■ Creswell at Oakridge
- Santiam Christian at Harrisburg
- **SUNSET CONFERENCE**
- Amity at Reedsport
- Riddle at Bandon (Cranberry Bowl)
- Neah-Kah-Nie at Waldport

■ Toledo at Knappa

- Triad at Yoncalla
- Elkton at Mapleton
- McKenzie at Gilchrist

Chiloquin at Prospect

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MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

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- Glendale at Powers Prospect at Days Creek Hosanna Christian at Chiloquin Butte Falls at North Lake

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SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

- Coquille at St. Mary's **MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE**
- Gilchrist at Triad
- Elkton at Camas Valley

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

- Mountain Skyline League
- Gilchrist at Hosanna Christian

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

FAR WEST LEAGUE

- Siuslaw at North Bend ■ Marshfield at Douglas
- Brookings-Harbor at South Umpqua
- **MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE**
- Creswell at Coquille
- Glide at La Pine
- Pleasant Hill at Harrisburg **SUNSET CONFERENCE**
- Reedsport at Gold Beach
- Waldport at Bandon ■ Myrtle Point at Toledo

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

- Camas Valley at Powers ■ Triad at North Lake
- Prospect at Elkton
- Days Creek at Glendale

FRIDAY, OCT. 6

FAR WEST LEAGUE shfield at Siusl

- North Bend at South Umpqua
- Douglas at Brookings-Harbor

MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE

- Coquille at La Pine
- Pleasant Hill at Glide
- Harrisburg at Creswell

SUNSET CONFERENCE

- Gold Beach at Myrtle Point

Waldport at Reedsport

- Bandon at Toledo

- **MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE**

■ Powers at Prospect

- Triad at Hosanna Christian
- Days Creek at Elkton ■ North Lake at Chiloquin
- **SATURDAY, SEPT. 2**

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

Glendale at Camas Valley THURSDAY, OCT. 12

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE Hosanna Christian at North Lake

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FAR WEST LEAGUE

- Brookings-Harbor at Marshfield ■ North Bend at Douglas
- South Umpqua at Siuslaw **MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE**
- Glide at Coquille

La Pine at Harrisburg

- Creswell at Pleasant Hill **SUNSET CONFERENCE**
- Reedsport at Bandon Toledo at Gold Beach
- Myrtle Point at Waldport **MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE**
- Powers at Elkton ■ Camas Valley at Days Creek

Prospect at Glendale ■ Chiloquin at Gilchrist

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

- Butte Falls at Triad FRIDAY, OCT. 20
- Marshfield at North Bend ■ South Umpqua at Douglas
- Siuslaw at Brookings-Harbor

FAR WEST LEAGUE

- **MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE**
- Harrisburg at Coquille ■ Pleasant Hill at La Pine
- Creswell at Glide
- SUNSET CONFERENCE
- Toledo at Reedsport
- Bandon at Myrtle Point
- Gold Beach at Waldport

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE

- Powers at Days Creek ■ Elkton at Glendale

Camas Valley at Prospect

- North Lake at Gilchrist SATURDAY, OCT. 21
- **MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE** Chiloquin at Triad

Butte Falls at Hosanna Christian

- FRIDAY, OCT. 27 **FAR WEST LEAGUE**
- Play-in games TBA
- **MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE**
- Coquille at Pleasant Hill ■ La Pine at Creswell Harrisburg at Glide
- **SUNSET CONFERENCE**
- Myrtle Point at Reedsport Bandon at Gold Beach
- Toledo at Waldport

MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE Crossover games TBA

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COLLEGE SCHEDULES

SMALL SCHOOL SCHEDULES

SOUTHERN OREGON RAIDERS

- Aug. 31 Eastern Oregon ■ Sept. 9 @ College of Idaho
- Sept. 16 @ Montana
- Western
- Sept. 23 Carroll ■ Sept. 30 Rocky Mountain
- Oct. 14 @ Eastern Oregon
- Oct. 21 College of Idaho Oct. 28 Montana Western
- Nov. 4 @ Montana
- State-Northern ■ Nov. 11 @ Montana Tech
- League: Frontier Conference
- Website: www.souraiders.

com **EASTERN OREGON**

- **MOUNTAINEERS** ■ Aug. 31 @ Southern Oregon ■ Sept. 9 Montana-Western
- Sept. 16 @ College of Idaho ■ Sept. 23 @ Montana Tech
- Oct. 7 Montana
- State-Northern
- Oct. 14 Southern Oregon Oct. 21 @ Montana-Western
- Oct. 28 College of Idaho
- Nov. 4 @ Rocky Mountain
- Nov. 11 Carroll
- League: Frontier Conference ■ Website: www.eousports.
- **WESTERN OREGON WOLVES**

■ Aug. 31 @ Idaho State

- Sept. 9 @ Central Washington
- Sept. 16 @ Western New Mexico ■ Sept. 23 Humboldt State
- Sept. 30 @ Azusa Pacific
- Oct. 7 @ Simon Fraser
- Oct. 14 Central Washington

West Linn 55, Southridge 7

Sherwood 47, Century 26

Sprague 28, Sunset 27

Beaverton 63, Grant 26

Lake Oswego 35, North Med-

West Salem 42, Oregon City 30

Newberg 26, South Medford

Centennial 52, Franklin 28

Clackamas 60, Tualatin 39

Tigard 58, McNary 28

Lincoln 41, Reynolds 19

Sheldon 56, South Salem 14

Westview 52, Jefferson 38

Madison 14, Grants Pass 13

Jesuit d. South Eugene by

West Linn 63, Lake Oswego 21

Sprague 48, Sherwood 47, OT

Beaverton 41, West Salem 28

Clackamas 63, Centennial 42

Central Catholic 45, Westview

Tigard 56, Newberg 26

Sheldon 38, Lincoln 28

Jesuit 56, Madison 27

Tigard 27, Sheldon 0

West Linn 56, Sprague 20

Clackamas 29, Beaverton 21

Central Catholic 21, Jesuit 9

West Linn 41, Clackamas 20

Central Catholic 35, Tigard 34,

Quarterfinals

Semifinals

Championship

Class 5A

First Round

Catholic 7

West Linn 62. Central

Summit 50, Crater 21

Dallas 50, Eagle Point 14

Lebanon 52, Hillsboro 7

Central 38, Sandy 7

Redmond 35, Silverton 27

St. Helens 12, Hermiston 7

Ashland 30, Mountain View 7

Catholic

Class 6A

First Round

23

Central

forfeit

McMinnville 7

Second Round

LOOKING BACK: 2016 PLAYOFFS

- Oct. 21 @ Tarleton State
- Nov. 4 Azusa Pacific

■ Oct. 21 @ Humboldt State

- Nov. 11 Simon Fraser
- League: Great Northwest Athletic Conference
- Website: www.wouwolves.

LINEIFI D WILDCATS

- Sept. 9 @ Chapman Sept. 16 Mary Hardin-Baylor
- Sept. 30 Whitworth
- Oct. 7 @ Willamette
- Oct. 14 @ Lewis & Clark
- Oct. 21 George Fox
- Oct. 28 @ Pacific Lutheran
- Nov. 4 Puget Sound
- Nov. 11 @ Pacific ■ League: Northwest
- Conference ■ Website: www.linfield.edu
 - **WILLAMETTE BEARCATS**
 - Sept. 2 Rhodes ■ Sept. 16 Cal Lutheran
- Sept. 30 @ Lewis & Clark
- Oct. 7 Linfield ■ Oct. 14 @ George Fox
- Oct. 21 Pacific Lutheran
- Oct. 28 @ Puget Sound ■ Nov. 4 Pacific
- Nov. 11 @ Whitworth ■ League: Northwest Conference
- Website: www.wubearcats.

PACIFIC BOXERS

■ Sept. 2 Lewis-Clark Valley College

Wilsonville 62, Thurston 12

Lebanon 40, Ashland 33, OT

Wilsonville 38, St. Helens 35

Quarterfinals

Dallas 29, Summit 28

Lebanon 10, Dallas 7

Championship

CLASS 4A

First Round

Wilsonville 56, Central 34

Lebanon 34, Wilsonville 17

Banks 27, Marshfield 20

Ontario 42, Scappoose 21

Astoria 48, Gladstone 14

Cascade 40, Mazama 21

North Bend 40, Banks 7

Estacada 44, Ontario 34

Cottage Grove 25, Astoria 21

Cascade 34, South Umpqua 21

Semifinals

North Bend 49, Estacada 26

North Bend 35, Cottage Grove

Quarterfinals

Championship

Class 3A

First Round

Cascade

Quarterfinals

Christian 28

Scio 0

Dayton 47, Clatskanie 6

Harrisburg 36, Burns 0

Coquille 54, St. Mary's 7

Blanchet Catholic 35, Dayton 7

Salem Academy 34, Santiam

Harrisburg 28, Rainier 12

Rainier 54, Pleasant Hill 13

Christian

Blanchet Catholic 21, Amity 0

Santiam Christian 40, Nyssa

Salem Academy 30, Vale 28

Estacada 26, Sisters 6

Central 42, Redmond 36

- Sept. 9 @ Dubuque
- Sept. 16 @ Occidental ■ Sept. 30 @ George Fox
- 21

Semifinals

Salem Academy 33, Blanchet Catholic 26

Oct. 7 Pacific Lutheran

Oct. 21 @ Lewis & Clark

■ Oct. 14 Puget Sound

Oct. 28 Whitworth

■ Nov. 11 Linfield

Conference

■ Sept. 2 @

Wisconsin-Platteville

■ Sept. 16 Redlands

■ Sept. 30 Pacific

■ Oct. 7 @ Whitworth

Oct. 28 Lewis & Clark

■ Nov. 4 Pacific Lutheran

■ Nov. 11 @ Puget Sound

■ Website: www.georgefox.

LEWIS & CLARK PIONEERS

■ Sept. 16 @ Pamona-Pitzer

■ League: Northwest

Claremont-Mudd-Scripps

■ Sept. 30 Willamette

Oct. 14 Linfield

Oct. 21 Pacific

■ Nov. 4 Whitworth

■ League: Northwest

Oct. 7 @ Puget Sound

■ Oct. 28 @ George Fox

■ Nov. 11 @ Pacific Lutheran

■ Website: www.lcpioneers.

Conference

■ Sept. 9

Conference

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Oct. 14 Willamette

Oct. 21 @ Linfield

■ Sept. 23 Wisconsin-Fau

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■ Nov. 4 @ Willamette

■ League: Northwest

■ Website: www.goboxers.

GEORGE FOX BRUINS

Harrisburg 34, Salem Academy 27

North Bend 69, La Grande 13 Kennedy 61, Gaston 14 Toledo 54, Union 14 Quarterfinals Cottage Grove 35, North Val-Regis 50, St. Paul 0 South Umpqua 28, Baker 0

Stanfield 13, Santiam 0 Semifinals Regis 27, Heppner 6 Stanfield 32, Kennedy 13

Regis 53, Stanfield 14 Class 1A

Cottage Grove 48, Cascade 20 **First Round**

Lowell 56, Camas Vlaley 22 Dufur 64, Falls City 2 don 12 North Douglas 50, Echo 28 Sherman 66, Triad 34 Christian 54 Crane d. Triangle Lake by

Dufur 68, Days Creek 26

Crane 54, Powder Valley 6

Dufur 76, Lowell 18 Crane 36, North Douglas 24

Championship Coquille 52, Cascade Christian Dufur 42, Crane 38



Oregon Ducks Beavers Sept. 2 Southern Utah

Sept. 9 Nebraska

Sept. 16 @ Wyoming

Sept. 23 @ Arizona State

Sept. 30 California

Oct. 7 Washington State

Oct. 14 @ Stanford

Oct. 21 @ UCLA

Oct. 28 Utah

Nov. 4 @ Washington Nov. 18 Arizona

Nov. 25 Oregon State

- **PAC-12 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY, AUG. 26

- Oregon State at Colorado State
- Stanford at Rice **THURSDAY, AUG. 31**
- New Mexico State at Arizona State
 - North Dakota at Utah FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

Colorado State vs. Colorado ■ Washington at Rutgers

- **SATURDAY, SEPT. 2**
- Northern Arizona at Arizona Western Michigan at USC
- Texas A&M at UCLA ■ Southern Utah at Oregon
- Portland State at Oregon State
- Montana State at Washington State ■ California at North Carolina
 - **SATURDAY, SEPT. 9** Houston at Arizona

■ Stanford at Rice

- San Diego State at Arizona State
 - Stanford at USC Hawai'i at UCLA
- Texas State at Colorado Utah at BYU
- Nebraska at Oregon ■ Minnesota at Oregon State
- Montana at Washington ■ Boise State at Washington State
 - Weber State at California SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
 - Arizona at UTEP Arizona State at Texas Tech
 - Texas at USC **UCLA** at Memphis
 - Northern Colorado at
 - San Jose State at Utah
 - Oregon at Wyoming

■ Colorado at Washington

5:30 p.m. **TUESDAY. DEC. 26**

- Cactus Bowl, ESPN, TBA
- Independence Bowl, ESPN,
- 2:15 p.m. ■ Texas Bowl, ESPN, 6 p.m.
- Military Bowl, ESPN,
- 10:30 a.m.
- 2:15 p.m.
 - FRIDAY, DEC. 29
- Belk Bowl, ESPN, 10 a.m.
- Music City Bowl, ESPN,

- Sun Bowl, CBS, 11:30 a.m.
- 5:45 p.m.
- ball Playoff semifinal, ESPN,

LOOKING BACK: 2016 LEAGUE STANDINGS

Overall W North Bend 0 11 0 South Umpqua Marshfield Douglas Brookings-Harbor Class 4A Postseason: North Bend beat La Grande 69-13, beat Banks 40-7, beat

Estacada 49-26, beat Cottage Grove 35-21

in championship game; South Umpqua beat

Baker 28-0, lost to Cascade 34-21; Marshfield

FAR WEST LEAGUE

beat Sweet Home 62-26 in play-in round, lost to Banks 27-20; Douglas lost to Scappoose 47-27 in play-in round **MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE** Overal W L Coquille 11 0

Class 3A Postseason: Harrisburg beat Burns 36-0, beat Rainier 28-12, beat Coquille 28-22, beat Salem Academy 34-27 in championship game; Coquille beat St. Mary's 54-7, beat Cascade Christian 52-21, lost to Harrisburg 28-22; Pleasant hill lost to rainier 54-13

League

W L Toledo 8 Reedsport 6 Gold Beach 1 6 4 Myrtle Point 3 3 6 Waldport 4 2 Bandon Class 2A Postseason: Toledo beat Union 54-14, lost to Kennedy 47-0; Reedsport lost to

League Overall W L

	Powers	5	0	9	2
ı	Days Creek	4	1	8	3
L	Camas Valley	3	2	7	3
1	Prospect	2	3	4	4
3	Glendale	1	4	2	6
4	Elkton	0	5	3	6
3	East Division				
5		Leag	ue	Over	all
5 8		Leag W	ue L	Over W	all L
	Hosanna Christian				all L 2
8	Hosanna Christian Triad	w	L	W	L
8 S		W 4	L	W 7	L
8	Triad	W 4 3	L 0	W 7 4	L 2 5

Harrisburg 28, Coquille 22 Championship

Class 2A

First Round Regis 42, Monroe 20 St. Paul 32, Knappa 24 Grant Union 30, Reedsport 12 Heppner 55, Gold Beach 20 Santiam 35, Lost River 20 Stanfield 49, Central Linn 14 Heppner 56, Grant Union 0 Kennedy 47, Toledo 0

Championship

Powers 48, Adrian 6

Days Creek 56, Arlington/Con-Powder Valley 58, Hosanna

forfeit

Quarterfinals Lowell 54, Powers 30 North Douglas 50, Sherman

Semifinals

Oregon State

Aug. 26 @ Colorado State

Sept. 2 Portland State Sept. 9 Minnesota

Sept. 16 @ Washington State Sept. 30 Washington

Oct. 7 @ Southern Cal

Oct. 26 Stanford

Nov. 18 Arizona State

Nov. 25 @ Oregon

ton State

State

Oregon State at Washing-

■ Mississippi at California

Utah at Arizona

■ USC at California

UCLA at Stanford

■ Fresno State at Washington

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23

Oregon at Arizona State

■ Washington at Colorado

Oregon State at Colorado

■ Nevada at Washington State

USC at Washington State

SATURDAY, SEPT. 30

Arizona State at Stanford

SATURDAY, OCT. 7

■ Washington State at Oregon

California at Washington Friday, Oct. 13

SATURDAY, OCT. 14

Washington at Arizona

■ Colorado at Oregon State

SATURDAY, OCT. 21

Oregon at Stanford

■ Arizona at California

Arizona State at Utah

■ USC at Notre Dame

Oregon at UCLA

Washington at Oregon State

Colorado at UCLA

■ California at Oregon

Arizona at Colorado

Oregon State at USC

Stanford at Utah

■ Washington State at

UCLA at Arizona

■ Utah at USC

California

State

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

Stanford at San Diego State

Aug. 26 @ BYU Sept. 2 @ Oregon State Sept. 16 UC Davis Sept. 30 Montana

Vikings

Portland State

Oct. 14 Northern Arizona

Oct. 21 at Idaho State

Oct. 28 North Dakota

Nov. 18 at E. Washington

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

Washington State at Arizona

USC at Arizona State

Utah at Oregon FRIDAY, NOV. 3

UCLA at Utah

SATURDAY, NOV. 4

Oregon at Washington Oregon State at California

■ Stanford at Washington FRIDAY, NOV. 10

Washington at Stanford **SATURDAY, NOV. 11** Oregon State at Arizona

SATURDAY, NOV. 18 Arizona at Oregon Arizona State at Oregon

Utah at Washington California at Stanford

FRIDAY, NOV. 24

Washington

5:30 p.m.

■ Arizona at Arizona State Colorado at Utah ■ Washington State at

■ Notre Dame at Stanford FRIDAY, DEC. 1 OR SATURDAY.

ship Game

2017 BOWL SCHEDULE

- **SATURDAY, DEC. 16** ■ New Orleans Bowl, ESPN, 10 a.m. ■ Cure Bowl, CBS Sports Net-
- 12:30 p.m. ■ New Mexico Bowl, ESPN, 1:30 p.m. ■ Camellia Bowl, ESPN, 5 p.m.

■ Las Vegas Bowl, ABC,

work. 11:30 a.m.

■ Boca Raton Bowl, ESPN, 4 p.m. **THURSDAY, DEC. 21**

TUESDAY, DEC. 19

■ St. Petersburg Bowl, ESPN, 5 p.m. FRIDAY, DEC. 22 ■ Bahamas Bowl, ESPN,

9:30 a.m. ■ Famous Idaho Potato Bow, ESPN, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 23 ■ Birmingham, ESPN, 9 a.m. ■ Armed Forces, ESPN,

12:30 p.m.

■ Dollar General Bowl, ESPN, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24 ■ Hawaii Bowl, ESPN,

- Heart of Dallas, ESPN, TBA
- Quick Lane Bowl, ESPN, TBA **WEDNESDAY. DEC. 27**
- 10:30 a.m. ■ Pinstripe Bowl, ESPN,
- **THURSDAY, DEC. 28**
- Camping World Bowl, ESPN, Alamo Bowl, ESPN, 6 p.m.
- Peach Bowl, ESPN, 9:30 a.m. ■ Citrus Bowl, ABC, 10 a.m. ■ Rose Bowl: College Football

Harrisburg 10 Pleasant Hill La Pine Glide

Grant Union 30-12; Gold Beach lost to Heppner **MOUNTAIN SKYLINE LEAGUE**

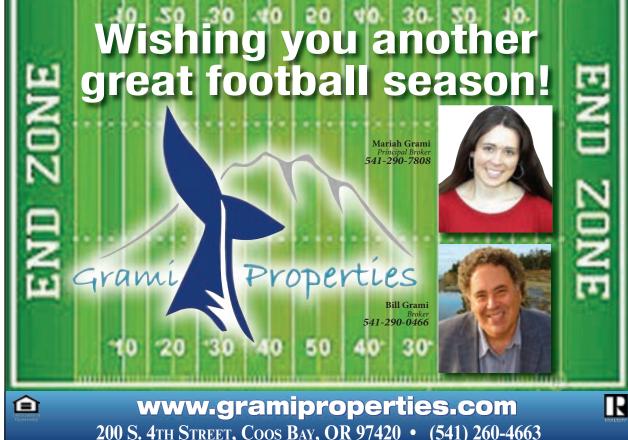
SUNSET CONFERENCE

North Lake 0 4



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0 6 Class 1A Postseason: Powers heat Adrian 48-6, lost to Lowell 54-30; Days Creek beat Arlington/Condon 56-12, lost to Dufur 68-26: Camas Valley lost to Lowell 56-22; Hosanna Christian lost to Powder Valley 58-54





Stanford at Oregon State **SATURDAY, OCT. 28**

UCLA at Washington California at Colorado

Arizona at USC ■ Colorado at Arizona State

State

Arizona State at UCLA ■ USC at Colorado Washington State at Utah

■ UCLA at USC

California at UCLA **SATURDAY, NOV. 25** Oregon State at Oregon

DEC. 2 ■ Pac-12 Football Champion-

1:30 p.m. ■ Cotton Bowl Classic, ESPN,

TaxSlayer Bowl, ESPN, 9 a.m. ■ Liberty Bowl, ABC, 9:30 a.m.

■ Fiesta Bowl, ESPN, 1 p.m.

■ Arizona Bowl, CBS Sports

SATURDAY, DEC. 30

Network, 2:30 p.m. ■ Orange Bowl, ESPN, 5 p.m. MONDAY, JAN. 1 Outback Bowl, ESPN2, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 8 ■ National championship game, Atlanta, ESPN, 6 p.m.

Playoff semifinal, ESPN, 2 p.m.

■ Sugar Bowl: College Foot-

Young Tigers turn to spread attack

JOHN GUNTHER The World

BANDON – When Aaron Freitag stepped into the head coaching position in Bandon, he knew he would be dealing with a relatively young squad.

He might not have imagined it being quite this young - with nearly half the roster being freshmen — but Freitag is excited about his first season with the Tigers, even the team's youth.

"I know that a majority of them I will get them back next year," he said. "I know all the work we put in is for now and future building. That's a good sign."

The Tigers have just three seniors and two juniors, but have extensive depth at the skill positions because two of the sophomores were thrust into starting roles last year - quarterback Braydon Freitag and receiver Coby Smith.

Throw in speedy senior twins Darian and Donavin Phommaphat and the pieces are in place for a dynamic offense.

"We've definitely got speed," Darian Phommaphat said. "We're working on our passing a lot more

The Tigers are employing a spread attack that is designed to used Braydon Freitag's arm and the abilities of the other players to stretch defenses.

The quarterback loves the new look.

"I want to pass," he said, adding that the offense also allows for some option types of plays.

The Tigers have confidence in Freitag, especially with a year of experience under his belt.

"He's more comfortable with making decisions on the field, and better decisions," Aaron Freitag

"(Braydon) has a good football IQ," Darian Phommaphat added. "He scrambles. He gets out of the pocket. His arm is good." "If we can give him time, he will

connect," added Donavin Phom-

That's the key for the Tigers, giving Freitag time.

Senior Brennan Boston has some experience up front, but for the opening jamboree last week, when



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A Bandon players catches a pass in practice.

with sophomore Gadge Chapman and a quartet of freshmen: Brynan Morrill, Donovan Moore, Brynn Green and Jack Davis.

While it might take them a little time to get up to speed, they have impressed their coach.

"I'm really happy with the freshmen on the line," Aaron Freitag said. "They are not scared one bit. They are ready to go. It is comforting knowing they are embracing their role as starting varsity play-

"They are all having fun. That's the most important thing. Hopefully that's contagious and our numbers will keep growing."

The offense will include plays designed to get the ball to the Phommaphat twins in space so they can use their speed. Junior Matt Yarbor will be another key playmaker on offense.

While the Tigers might take a Freitag said.

he was unavailable, the Tigers went little time adjusting to the spread offense, the defense could be solid from the start.

> "Our defense is going to be key," Darian Phommaphat said. "Defense wins championships."

Smith started at defensive end last year and Boston was at defensive tackle. Yarbor was a defensive back and the twins also were in the backfield and have proven to be sure tacklers.

Braydon Freitag also will play a role in the defensive backfield and newcomer Cayton Sinay from Dufur will help with the linebacking corps. Wyatt Dyer, another freshman, is playing at nose tackle and Chatman and Morrill also are on the defensive line.

Given the percentage of freshmen on the team, it's clear some of them would have roles immediately. But it's also not surprising given their dedication, Aaron

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Aaron Freitag, coach

The freshmen were the most consistent players during the Tigers' summer workouts, with 10 or 11 regularly showing up.

"That's extremely important," he said. "They're enthused. They're excited. That's a big group of kids.

"They're going to grow for the future. That's setting the tone for how we want to be. Then next year, they'll see a big group of kids wanting to turn out?

The freshmen aren't the only new team members. Freitag was an assistant coach two years ago, but had work conflicts that kept him away from the program last fall.

The players are delighted to see him back.

"It's great," Darian Phom-maphat said. "He knows us. We know him."

'We have a good connection with him," added Donavin Phom-

"He motivates everybody," Darian said. "He's a leader.

"He wants to win. He wants us all to win."

The Tigers have had success in other team sports recently, including basketball and baseball with some of the players on the football team.

"Me and Braydon and Colby talked about how we wish we could have a winning season in football," Yarbor said. "This year, we can have one." That would mean a lot to Yar-

bor, who was a ball boy for seven years when his older brothers were "I've seen it be successful," he

said. "I would love to see it again."

Bandon Tigers





Braydon **Freitag Freitag**





Phommaphat Phommaphat

League: Sunset Conference Coach: Aaron Freitag (first season)

Assistants: Bill McNeil, Bill Reager, Derrick Watjen, Kristina Knox.

2016 Record: 1-7 (0-5 in league)

Returning Starters: Offense 6, Defense 5

Key Players: Darian Phommaphat, sr, WR/DB; Donavin Phommaphat, sr, WR/DB; Brennan Boston, sr, OL/DL; Matt Yarbor, jr, WR/DB; Cayton Sinay, jr, TB/LB; Braydon Freitag, soph, QB/DB; Coby Smith, soph, WR/DE/ Gadge Chatman, soph, OL/DL; Brynan Morrill, fr, OL/DL; Donovan More, fr, OL/DL; Brynn Green, fr, OL/ DL; Jack Davis, fr, OL/DL; Wyatt Dyer, fr, OL/DL.

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Trust your doctors when it comes to head injuries

't's really hard anymore to movie that was pretty ■ball without the looming storm cloud that is head



Players at the highest level are retiring, saying their brains are more

injuries.

important to them than BARBEE their playing careers.

The trend of serious head injuries prompted a recent

hink or talk about foot- gruesome and glaring, and studies come out rather frequently that are scary.

It stands to reason that head injuries started to become a bigger issue as helmets developed. My grandfather played high school football in Kalama, Wash., in the 1940s and nobody used their heads to tackle, as they were wearing leather helmets if they had one at all.

Plastic helmets were first introduced in the 1950s

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and, over time, became heavier and more protective. This created a false confidence in the helmet's ability to protect them and an opportunity for some to use it as a means of tackling, which they did.

Concussions started to become a thing right as I was leaving football, with plastic helmets that are now no longer used at any level, and have only become more visible since. And for good reason, it's important to properly treat injuries that are the result of brain trauma. It's really simple.

But concussion science is really new. I mean, super new. And the brain is still

full of mysteries as it is. Here's an example of how difficult it is to treat concussions and how much has changed.

When I was playing (that phrase makes me feel old) - I graduated high school in 2009 - if a guy had aconcussion it was pretty likely that he would be back on the field the next week. I only remember two diagnosed concussions in my four years of high school

We didn't even talk about them in youth football or middle school, and only seriously thinking about them my senior year. Even then, I'm sure a great deal of concussions went undiagnosed (I think I can pinpoint a couple hits that messed me up pretty good).

Even recently, it was thought that someone who suffers a concussion should be pulled from all activities and kept in a dark room until the brain heals. As it turns out sensory deprivation is bad too, and slowly bringing the brain back up to speed is better than kicking it off a moving train.

The OSAA realized for the 2008-09 school year it needed to place a higher emphasis on concussions for a variety of reasons, so the numbers spiked significantly from the previous year to it, but stabilized quickly and have even started to go down in recent years with better understandings of why concussions happen in the

football (there could have first place, so further ocbeen more), but that was it. currences are prevented. These are all things

concussions expert Mick Koester talked about a few weeks ago on Friday night at the Hall of Champions in North Bend. As the director of the Oregon School Activities Association's health advisory board and a member of the National Federation of High Schools heath advisory board, Koester is as a good an authority on these kinds of injuries as anyone in the country, and his presentation was thorough and informative.

When he talks about concussions, he's not talking about a scary monster that's lurking, waiting for its chance to destroy its mark. Instead, he sees them as something that can be better understood, and he works to get people to see it that way.

But once everything is put into focus, it becomes really complicated. Pre-existing mental health issues can affect how a person responds to a concussion. A person's preconceived notions about how they should feel based on thirdparty information can affect concussion recovery.

These new findings, discovered through documentation and pattern recognition, indicate a patience needed with the science. It's still really new, and more sports are being pulled into it.

Club soccer is showing more concussions with headers and players hitting the ground. Soccer organiincluding U.S. Soccer, have implemented minimum header ages in an attempt to limit the number of times the head is being contacted at all. It's shown some effectiveness so far.

"There's so much we don't know, too," Koester said. "There's so many factors at play."

In talking to North Bend head football coach Gary Prince after that presentation, I realized he takes this stuff seriously. He's interested in his players? health and it has showed in the injury data. His varsity team had one concussion last season and it came in the last game of the year when a receiver hit his head on the ground, an event that can happen at any time to any athlete in any sport. The Bulldogs have changed how they tackle and follow the contact mandates handed down by

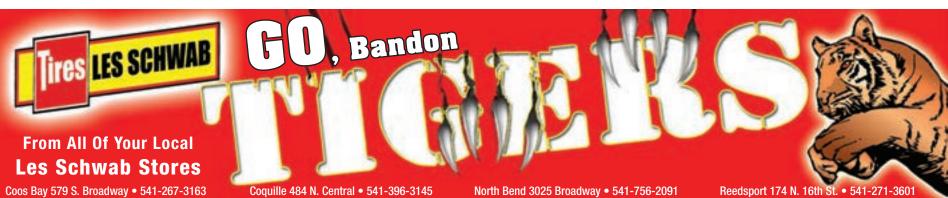
North Bend is not alone. The trend is for all schools to make concussion awareness a bigger focus.

OSAA.

And that is trickling down into the middle school and youth leagues, where players are learning proper technique at an earlier age, lessening the possibility of concussions.

So, then, if we're to give you one major takeaway, it would be this: trust your doctors, be patient and don't panic. I know concussions are scary, but improperly dealing with them is worse.





Bobcats work hard to improve

JOHN GUNTHER The World

MYRTLE POINT - When second-year Myrtle Point head coach Jimmy Farmer looked out on the practice field during the first week of fall camp, he had mixed feelings about this year's

On one hand, he would love to see more players. On the other, he loves the nature of the group, especially their desire to achieve their potential.

version of the Bobcats.

"The group we have is very hard-working," Farmer said. "Overall, we are a very young group of kids, but every day they get better and better.

"We are excited to see what the season holds for

So are the players.

"We have a really good core," said senior Cody Sears. "They're very coachable - that's a plus. They're into learning."

That's vital with a relatively small group, and one without a lot of returning veterans.

Sears, James Evans, Isaac Warner and Dylan Sanborn all are seniors who started all or part of the season last year and Raven Dery is an athletic senior who is out for the first time in high school.

Juniors Brodie Parrish, Isaac Ruef, Jalen Robbins and Cody Osbon also all contributed last year and will be called on to make significant contributions this season.

But the entire team has been putting out the effort to help the team succeed.

"The guys who are here have been working their tails off," Warner said. "You don't win if you don't' work hard."

Warner has been among the hardest working because he is learning a new position, and the one most vital to the team's success.

After being a fullback for two years and a lineman last fall, he's stepped into the quarterback role for the Bobcats and earned the respect of coaches and teammates alike.

"He worked dously hard over the summer to get ready," Farmer said.

"He's just a natural athfor him to step up to quarterback. He has the ability to play with speed and size."

Warner said the change hasn't been easy, but it has been exciting. "It's big going from only

having to know one posi- ond-team all-league accotion to knowing what every- lades last fall in the Sunset will have key roles in what



BETHANY BAKER, THE WORLD

Myrtle Point prepares to run a play during offensive drills in a preseason practice.

Myrtle Point Bobcats

League: Sunset Conference

Coach: Jimmy Farmer (second season)

Assistants: Jamil Wynn, Ray Petrie, Ken Martinez, Brett Richards, Sam Clark, Nico

2016 Record: 1-7 (0-5 in league)

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Returning Starters: Offense 2, Defense 3

Key Players: Cody Sears, sr, TE/LB; Jalen Robbins, sr, FB/LB;

James Evans, sr, OL/DL;



Farmer





Dylan Sanborn, sr, OL/DL; Raven Derry, sr, WR/DB; Brodie Parrish, jr, RB/LB; Cody Osbon, jr, OL/DL; Isaac Ruef, jr, WR/DB/; Enrique Comacho, fr, WR/DB; Luke Nicholson, fr, WR/DB; Nate Little, fr, WR/DB.

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helping me out." Myrtle Point relies on an I-formation attack that will feature Parrish as the lead running back and fullbacks lete," added Sears. "It's cool Sears and perhaps Evans and Robbins, two versatile players who were on the line last year and can rotate between being blockers up front or lead blockers for the tailback.

Evans, who earned sec-

one on the field is doing," he Conference anchors the said. "I have great coaches line, which also includes Sanborn and Osbon, a girl who has worked hard to improve and become a big contributor.

Ruef and Dery are athletic receivers who will be looking to make plays when the Bobcats pass the ball and Farmer said three athletic freshmen also are likely to contribute right away as playmakers -Nate Little, Enrique Comacho and Luke Nicholson.

Most of the same players



A Myrtle Point player practices carrying the ball.

Myrtle Point hopes will be a solid defense.

Osbon anchors the line at nose tackle.

player," Farmer said.

Evans also is on the line. Robbins, Parrish and Warner will be in the linebacking corps and Ruef is in the "She's a big, physical defensive backfield.

The three freshmen will

fill spots there as well.

"I think our defense will be solid," Parrish said.

Little, Camacho and Nicholson are part of a big freshman class and Farmer looked further down the road for a bright future in Myrtle Point.

The town will have its own team in the South Coast Youth Football League this fall for the first time in a few seasons, with a third-fourth grade group and hopes to add a fifthsixth grade team next fall instead of only having a few players participating with Coquille's group.

"We're excited about that," Farmer said. "We'll get the youth program and the junior high program (strong) again."

But the Bobcats also have high hopes for now.

"This team is capable of doing great things if we work together," Sears said. "We have talent spread out at all the positions. If we work together, it's going to be a great season."

Sears and Parrish said Myrtle Point is capable of winning the Sunset Conference.

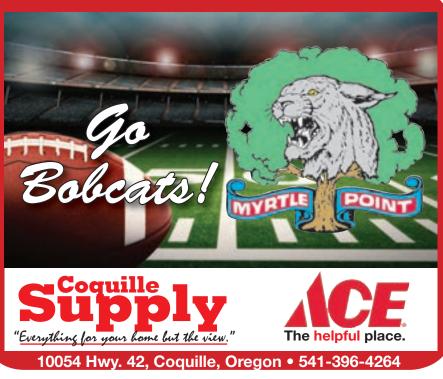
"I have a lot of faith in these guys," Parrish said.

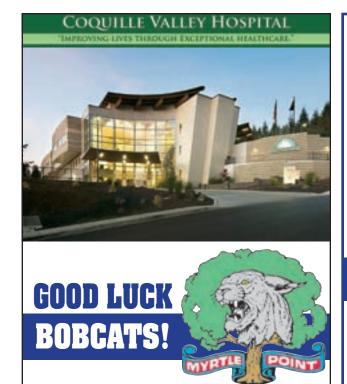
Myrtle Point's veterans also will be driven by last fall, when the team had several close losses. "I think about that every

time we stop on the field," Warner said. "It gives us motivation to work harder."

And that, he said, is the biggest key to reaching the postseason. "You have to work 110

percent every time you step on the field," Warner said. "You have to be relentless."





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Reedsport aims to extend playoff streak

JOHN GUNTHER The World

REEDSPORT – The Reedsport football team has thrived the past few years behind a theme of team

This fall, the school has a new nickname - Brave - with the "s" dropped from the traditional mascot. But the attitude of We as a team theme remains, still stamped on the side of the helmet as the

And the Brave need it, especially with a roster that is thinner than normal.

"We've got enough quality players who can play," coach Lynn Fulps said. "We just need more people around to help out."

There's enough talent in the returning players, though, that Fulps is confident.

Senior Marc Chaney is back for his second year at quarterback and fellow senior Korde Parmenter moves into a lead running back spot. Gage Billings, a speedster, also will be in the backfield while two other seniors, Colby Fowler and Tanner Eckley, will rotate between fullback and tackle to aid a line with only one returning starter, Mitchell Rohde.

The Brave have two giant sophomore tight ends, Javier Analco and Dallas McGill, and also one player who is almost like a Swiss army knife, Nick Glover, who could at one time or other play tight end, fullback, wing back or even quarterback.

Several of the other players have been adaptable, including sophomore Ricky Nelson who is out for the first time since early in middle

Fulps said Nelson is one of the team's fastest players, so much so that he will be helping return kicks, but that he didn't fit into the backfield rotation, so he will be lining up at guard.

The strength will be the receivers and backfield, as well as the veteran Chaney.

"He's so smart," Fulps said of Chaney. "He's like a coach on the

field. We have been very lucky."



BETHANY BAKER, THE WORLD

Reedsport's players work on their blocking during a drill in preseason practice.

to work with.

"The line is going to be a challenge, but we have a lot of talent at the skill positions," Chaney said.

One of the goals, Fulps said, will be figuring out how to get the ball to Analco and McGill, who could prove difficult to bring down in the open field because of their size and

"Usually you don't have that size and speed," Fowler said of the

Reedsport only has one freshman, but has a number of sophomores who will see greatly expanded roles, especially up front. Fulps is trying to figure out how to get everybody involved.

"I'm doing everything I can to give everybody a spot," he said. "We have packages named for the different players or the different player groups."

Reedsport's offense figures to get better in the midseason with the return of two injured veterans. And Chaney has lots of weapons Running back Tyreece Gardner is missing when the current seniors said. "We can't have any injuries."

recovering from a broken arm and were freshmen. lineman Griffin Lavigne from a back injury.

The team expects the defense to be solid all year.

"We'll be pretty good," Eckley said. "We have almost all return-

Rohde is back on the defensive line and Analco also started up front as a freshman last year. Mc-Gill will join the front group this

Parmenter and Billings are back at linebacker and Fowler will fill in there or on the defensive line. Chaney is back in the defensive backfield and Glover, just as with the offense, could play as many as $three\,spots-line backer, safety\,or$ cornerback.

"Last year, we were all young, but we got more experience," Chaney said of Reedsport's de-

Reedsport has been to the playoffs the past two seasons after just

They would love to get back to the postseason one more time and think it's possible.

"We're going to hit the season hard," said Fowler, who arrived in Reedsport from Nevada after the season last year, but was swept up by the confidence of his new teammates.

"They have that experience," he said of the team's familiarity with the playoffs.

The Brave won a playoff game two years ago after taking the Sunset Conference title. Last year, they shared the title, but ended up on the road in Heppner, where they lost in the first round.

"I would like to host," Chaney said. "That's the plan."

To do that, Eckley said, the team will have to work hard every day to improve.

Plus, Chaney said, there's one other big key.

"We don't have any backups," he

Reedsport Brave





Chaney **Fulps**



Eckley



Fowler

League: Sunset Conference

Coach: Lynn Fulps (second season, second stint)

Assistants: Trevor Gardner, Dan Kenagy, Matt Jones, Brendon Gibbons, Tom Clark.

2016 Record: 6-4 (4-1 in league)

Returning Starters: Offense 7, Defense 6.

Key Players: Marc Chaney, sr, QB/DB; Colby Fowler, sr, FB/ OL/DL; Nick Glover, jr, RB/TE/ DB/LB; Mitchell Rohde, sr, OL/ DL; Korde Parmenter, sr, WR/ DB; Tanner Eckley, sr, FB/ OL/LB; Gage Billings, jr, RB/ LB; Tyreece Gardner, sr, RB/ DB; Javier Analco, soph, TE/ DT; Dallas McGill, soph, TE/DT; Griffin Lavigne, jr, OL/DL; Ricky Nelson, soph, OL.

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- Sept. 8 Amity
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Coaches Clark and Fulps return to the sidelines

YRTLE POINT -Sam Clark gives Credit in part to Lynn Fulps for a lot of his

football knowledge. Perhaps it's fitting that both are coaching this fall when neither would have anticipated it this time last

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JOHN GUNTHER

back on the sidelines in Myrtle

Point, as an assistant on a staff filled with indi-

> the preseason camp. As both teams strive for success this fall, the two men who have coached for years will be helping mold the squads.

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And Fulps is back on the

sidelines in Reedsport be-

cause he cared too much

about the players there

to leave them without a

school had hired aban-

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leader when the coach the

Bobcats.

Myrtle Point coach Jimmy Farmer spoke highly of Clark, listing him among the team's top recruits for the season.

"Sam Clark came out of retirement," he said happily, explaining that Clark isn't just a great coaching mind, but he's also great at motivating the players.

Clark, meanwhile, spoke highly of Fulps and

Jim Akre, Reedsport's coaches back when Clark was first working with the

Bobcats. He recalled being invited to a coaching clinic by Akre, who died several years ago, and Fulps. When he told them he couldn't afford the clinic, they invited him to come as a member of Reedsport's staff.

And when Myrtle Point was trying to figure out how to stop Bandon's feared double-wing offense, Clark made sure Fulps was the first guy he called.

Clark easily ticked back through the years coaching Farmer and Jamil Wynn and Ray Petrie and Ken Martinez and Brett Richards when they played for the Bobcats.

The current coaches span one of the best stretches in Myrtle Point history, under coach Bill

"Ken and Brett were seniors when Yester got there and that program flipped (in a positive direction)," Clark said. "Yester was a great coach."

And when Petrie recruited Clark and Farmer said he was welcome. the former assistant was happy to come back after several years away from the sidelines.

"It was basically showing (Jimmy) some things that had been passed down to me," Clark said. "I did miss it."

Plus, Clark is retired from his job with the Coos County Road Department, so his time is more flexible.

"I used to get up at 3 in the morning to go to work early so I could get to practice," he said.

While Clark knew he was coaching, Fulps knew he wasn't.

He had announced that last fall would be his final year helping the team, giving the school plenty of time to find a new coach. But when Reedsport was desperately in need of a and the district officials came calling, he said yes.

"I've never seen the likes of this," he said of a coach leaving at the last minute. "I would never let the kids down."

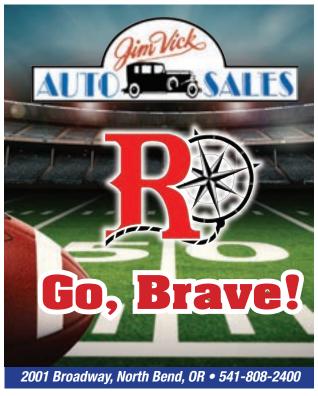
Plus, Fulps added, coaching is in his blood. And while he happily said he was having a great summer, he added that he was happy to be working

with the kids again. His decision didn't surprise Clark at all.

"Other than being a topnotch coach, he's a great person to be around," Clark said. "Between him and Akre and Yester — those guys taught me a lot about football and about kids."

Even though they are back for different reasons, I'm thrilled to see Clark and Fulps on the sidelines again this fall. It's great for the schools. It's great for the players.

And knowing Clark and Fulps as I have for a couple of decades, I know that's what's most important to them.









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North Bend's players go through passing drills as they prepare for the upcoming season.

BETHANY BAKER, THE WORLD

Bulldogs use entire new squad in title defense

SAM BARBEE

NORTH BEND – One season after winning its first state championship in more than 100 years of high school football, North Bend has to build a whole new starting

Gone are the likes of Daniel fidence to do it. Ferenczi and Brody Lucero, a couple of two-way stars who are now teammates at College of the Redwoods. Gone is Trey Woods, who is at the University of Wyoming. Gone, in fact, are 20 starters from last year's team that rolled through its schedule unbeaten to do a lot of stuff with the ball." as the defending state champion Bulldogs look to repeat in 2017.

"Everyone has their doubts because a bunch of seniors left," They're ready. They're hungry."

Just one starter is returning to each side of the ball for the Bulldogs. Jacob Ferenczi, Daniel's notso-little brother, is the one guy

returning to his position at tackle. Meanwhile, Byers, who was a versatile offensive player in 2016, will take over quarterback duties for Lucero. It's not a super uncomfortable position for the senior, who filled in periodically for Lucero in times of injury or at the end of blowout wins.

coordinator Roger Ipparraguirre Sr.'s system allowed him to seamlessly pop into the quarterback slot without much consterna-

ship game, but also played some quarterback that day when Lucero limped off the field in the second quarter and did exactly what was needed: play it safe and bide time for Lucero to return. This season, he's expected to make plays with his arm and legs and has the con-

"At first I was a little hesitant," the senior said. "I liked to play wide receiver, I mean I was an all-state wide receiver. I was real comfortable there, but whatever the team needs me to do. I like it, honestly. It wasn't so bad. I still get

Around Byers, though, are a lot of holes to fill. Jakob Hamblet is an exciting option at running back who North Bend relies upon to get senior quarterback Gio Byers said. chunk yardage between the tack-"I'm just trying to do my job here, les. Hamblet was a junior on last be positive, have the right mind-set. I think we can do it again. We ter the team built big leads and on have a lot of people stepping up. special teams, but was effective in his carries in those games. Sophomore Divenson Willis might get some carries too.

> Hamblet understands there might be some shoes to fill, but isn't overly worried about replacing the departed elder Ferenczi.

"Of course there's big shoes to the best line in the state on scout (team), I feel like it was a good experience for me and I feel like I can the program. It's understood do it," Hamblet said.

That confidence is definitely Byers said his time in offensive earned through North Bend's program. It's not uncommon for guys to have to wait to get on the varsity field, and Hamblet is just one of a bunch of juniors and seniors tion. He was an all-state wide this season who bode their time receiver and caught a touchdown on scout team and in sub-varsity

North Bend Bulldogs

League: Far West League

Coach: Gary Prince (seventh sea-

Assistants: Boe Pickett, Brandon O'Neill, Corey Goll, Joe Bollig III, Mike Rose, Roger Iparraguirre, Ryan Goll, Mike Spalding, Scott Walling

2016 Record: 12-0 (5-0 in league) Returning Starters: 2 Offense, 0

Key Players: Gio Byers, sr, QB/DB; Jakob Hamblet, sr, RB/LB; Divenson Willis, soph, RB/LB; Teron Catanzaro, ir, WR/DB; Cole Langmead, sr, WR/DB; Isiah Laird, jr, OL/DL; Jacob Ferenczi, jr, OL/DL; Kaleb Messner, jr, RB/LB; Isaac Reyna, sr, K; Cole-

man Compton, fr. WR/DB; Andrew Hobson, sr. OL/DL; Hunter Brice, sr. OL/DL; Zach Souza-Denning, sr, OL/DL; Isaiah Laird, jr, OL/DL; Chase Gaul, sr, OL/DL; Preson Langmead, sr, WR/DB; Drake Johnson, sr, WR/



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Hamblet

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Ferenczi

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fill, but playing behind them and to be done and I'm hoping they

pull that out," Byers said. The confidence comes from throughout the Far West League that graduation doesn't have as much of an impact on North Bend as it might other places. Many times, the guys who don't play on varsity or have to wait at North Bend could play at other schools right away. The Bulldogs think they have some of those guys.

Hamblet will help shoulder

"They kinda know what needs the workload on the ground with Willis, who saw time late in his freshman season last fall, and junior Teron Catanzaro and senior Cole Langmead will catch passes from Byers.

Defensively, Kaleb Messner will slide into one of the vacant inside linebacker spots along with Willis, and Hamblet and Langmead will take over at the outside linebacker positions. Ferenczi will now start defensively, too, at Hunter Brice and Chase Gaul man the ends. Andrew Hobson and Zach Sousa-Deaning are also in the rotation for both the offensive and defensive lines, the former of which is still being sorted out. In the secondary, freshman Coleman Compton takes over at safety, and Byers and Catanzaro at the corners.

"I think defensively we're gonna be sound," Bulldogs head coach Gary Prince said. "I think so offensively (too). One of the things people forget is these kids were practicing against those kids last year. It's a little raw out here right now but we'll be fine."

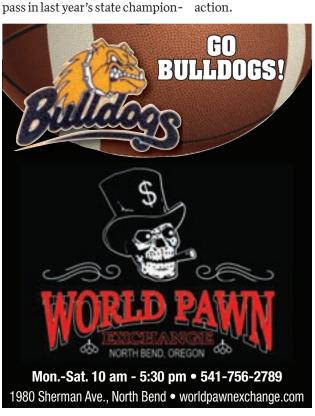
And even though only two major contributors are back from last year's team, nobody is worried about those holes being filled. After all, it seems like North Bend is replacing important players every

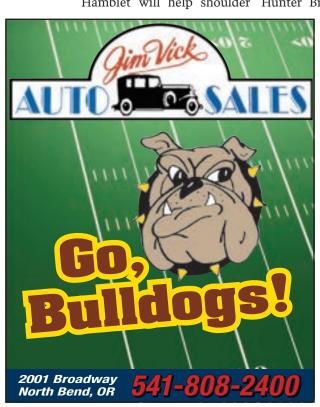
"The coaches have done a great job coaching these kids coming up from freshman all the way to seniors and getting them out of here to college," Hamblet said. "I'm a full believer in that system and I feel like everyone else is too."

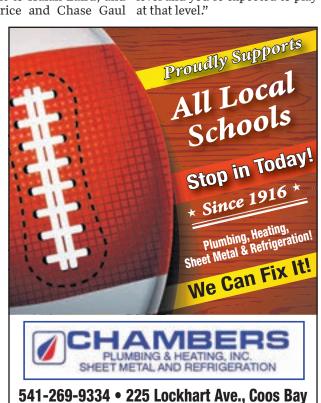
That system has been churning good teams out annually. Since 2013, the current seniors' eighthgrade season, North Bend hasn't lost a league game, has a combined 40-6 record in those four years with four semifinal appearances and the state title.

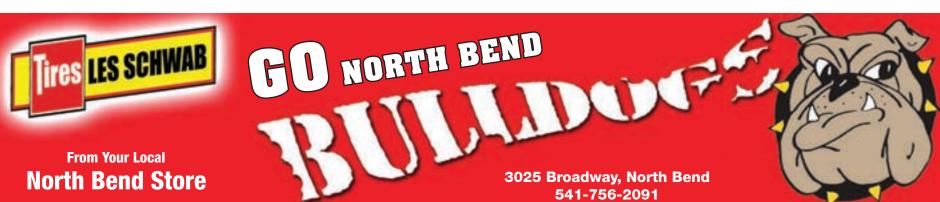
That's a lot of success for a yet unproven group to live up to. Nobody's worried about it.

"I just think that's part of playing North Bend football. You kinda have a status to uphold," Ferenczi said. "You play at a high tackle next to Isaiah Laird, and level and you're expected to play









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Jakob Hamblet, a North Bend senior, steps into the spotlight and into the outside linebacker spot for the 2017 season.

Hamblett moves into big role for Bulldogs

Senior is typical of what has made North Prince and Goll wanted free and keep the runner Bend a traditionally strong program

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NORTH BEND - Jakob Hamblet is a good representation of the 2017 North Bend Bulldogs.

On special teams and at the end of blowouts as a running back, Hamblet comported himself well, but largely went unnoticed while a senior-laded group laid waste to its schedule and the school's first football state championship last fall. He had to patiently wait as that senior class dominated the field, leaving a talented junior class largely watching or merely

chipping in here or there. Now, though, Hamblet is one of many Bulldogs of over running back duties and play outside linebacker, two areas that are crucial to North Bend's

success. "He's been patient with it," Bulldogs defensive coordinator Ryan Goll said. "He was a big part of the state championship last year in not quite the same role he'll have this year. He's not afraid to take a lot of the responsibility there."

It was clear the senior and first-time varsity starter would replace Daniel Ferenczi as North Bend's primary ball carrier. He routinely got yards and showed good leg drive in

his short, but productive, varsity stints in 2016 and found ways to contribute on special teams, as well, making tackles and play-

ing smart. That job offensively is going to be a tough one. He has to fill in for the Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year and Far West League MVP. Ferenczi was nearly unstoppable in short yardage situations and broke some big runs. Hamblet likely won't be alone in the backfield, but is going to be the primary ball handler and isn't worried at all about replacing Ferenczi est part has been keeping Gio Byers and Cole Langand Wyoming-bound Trey Woods.

all classes who have to fill shoes to fill, but I feel like and his position coach for Last school year he envoids. Hamblet will take playing behind them and bringing him up to speed. tered into the captain's playing against the best It helps that North Bend program set up by head line in the state is good experience for me," Hamblet

> North Bend player: works hard, leads by example and will change positions if necessary.

He played his freshman season as an outside linebacker, then moved inside to cover some injuries. When sophomore Divenson Willis and junior Kaleb Messner emerged as a tandem of the future at the inside linebacker spot this summer, Hamblet was left

out of the mix. But head coach Gary one's up-field shoulder and those leaders."

him on the field, so they from going outside. suggested Hamblet slide over to outside linebacker. In traditional North Bend form, Hamblet did it will-

he is to move him to outside linebacker," Goll said. "I think he's done a wonderful job adjusting and learning a new position."

The linebackers are important parts of Goll's 4-4 defense. With only three we have a responsibility to defensive backs, there is a large emphasis on linebackers to read run or pass quickly, as they have a significant area of the field to cover on pass plays.

Hamblet said the hardoutside leverage instead of mead, and was expected to "Of course those are big speed, but he praised Goll which he has. of their positions.

and progressing as practice has gone through," Hamblet said. "It's tough but I feel like I'm getting it."

Goll trusted Hamblet to pick up the differences be-

Hamblet also has to work getting to the flats on pass plays instead of dropping into the middle of the field. The footwork is different "It shows how versatile and, in some ways, the

mentality is different. "I think he's done a great job with it," Goll said. "He's extremely coachable. He understood, as a senior, that those guys aren't necessarily better than you are, put the best 11 on the field. We can't put three inside linebackers out there."

Hamblet is one of three guys returning who played at all on defense a year ago, the other two being running into the hole at full step into a leadership role,

spends next to no time coach Gary Prince and moving from drill to drill, emerged as one of the four giving the players ample named leaders of the team. He's in the mold of a time to work on every facet He downplayed the role, saying there were a bunch "I feel like I'm doing a of leaders on the team who great job and getting better aren't captains, but also understands the responsibility, perceived and otherwise, that comes with the

> "It's kinda just like knowing your role and filltween inside and outside ing it," he said. "I feel like linebacker quickly, changes everybody understands like scraping down the line that a lot of these seniors of scrimmage as an inside like myself, Cole and Gio, guy versus attacking the we got to experience Daniel edge blocker and keeping Ferenczi and Rich Rigney

Schools add to their halls of fame

In what has become a fall tradition, North Bend and Coquille both are adding to their halls of fame with several standout former students.

Siuslaw High School in Florence held its induction ceremony earlier in August and Marshfield held its inductions for 2017 back in the winter.

Coquille

Coquille's ceremony will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, as part of a banquet and auction supporting the Coquille Booster Club.

This year's class includes:

Jill Morrison, a 1978 graduate who was a threesport star for the Red Devils and also was part of the 1977 team that reached the state tournament at Marshfield High School.

Laurie Rose, a 1980 graduate who also was a threesport star for Coquille, who has gone on to become an author and an inspirational Christian speaker.

Rob Calley, a 1988 graduate who competed at the state meets in both cross country and track all four years and won the state championship in both cross country and the 3,000 meters in track and field his junior year. He also placed third in the 1,500 as a junior, helping Coquille place second in the state meet. He also still holds the Coos County Meet record for the

Ross Morris, who graduated in 1994 and was a three-sport start and standout wrestler, becoming a two-time state champion in wrestling as a junior and senior after placing third as a sophomore.

country team of Jon for the Vikings. Morse, Brent Zartman, third, the best-ever finish at the state meet for a Coquille boys squad. The team was coached by Don Crawford.

North Bend

The North Bend induction ceremony will be on Friday, Sept. 29, before North Bend's homecoming game against Siuslaw.

This year's inductees are: Won Loy Chan, who graduated in 1931 and helped write the lyrics to the North Bend honor song before becoming the only Chinese-American student in his class at Stanford. He later served as an intelligence officer during World War II and worked in the CIA, retiring as a colonel.

Ralph Davis, who graduated in 1971 and was one of four North Bend wrestlers to win the Triple Crown (folksyle, freestyle and Greco Roman state titles in the same year). He also won the national Greco Roman title after his senior year, earning All-American honors from Scholastic Magazine. He also played tennis and was part of the cross country team and won the Allen Pierce Memorial Trophy given to the most inspirational athlete of his class in North Bend.

John Smith, who graduated in 1992 and earned all-state honors in both football and track and field, setting the school record in the triple jump before becoming an All-American decathlete for George Fox University, where he has been the head coach for 12

Kyle Johnson, who graduated in 2001 and was a standout football and basketball player and golfer induction for the Bulldogs. As quarterback, he led North Bend to the football playoffs his junior year. He also tied for second in the state golf tournament as a sophomore and won several Oregon tournaments in 2000. He continued his golf career at the University of Oregon and earned his PGA certification in 2013.

> Dr.Kimberly Jasmer-Mc-Donald, who graduated in 2005 and was one of the most dominant swimmers in school history. She was voted Oregon swimmer of the year in 2005 and, during her career, broke all but one of North Bend's individual school records. She went on to set eight records during an All-American career at the University of Washington and has competed in several national championship meets and two Olympic trials.

Siuslaw

Siuslaw's class inducted in August included:

Ray Hines, who graduated in 1948 and was a basketball and track and field standout who also has several standout children and grandchildren who have competed for the Vikings.

Dick Hoberg, who graduated in 1968 and was an unbeaten state champion in wrestling as a senior and The 1988 boys cross also a stellar football player

Rich Ross, who grad-Roger Beers, Travis Elkins, uated in 1984 and was a Jared Ford, Nichol Ray and three-sport star, including Marcus Bresko that placed being chosen to play in the East-West Shrine game his senior year.

> Kelli (Lang) Hagen, who graduated in 1985 and was a stellar track and field star for the Vikings.

> David Brackney, who graduated in 1991 and was a football and basketball star for the Vikings who went on to play football for the Air Force Academy.

Ricky Lowe, who graduated in 1994 and was the Far West League's allleague shortstop for three straight years and also a stellar wide receiver and a wrestler for the Vikings.

Deacon Perkins, who was the school's athletic director for several years and then became president of the Siuslaw Athletic Boosters and helped create the Siuslaw Hall of Fame.

The 1967 boys mile relay state champion squad of Bob Hylton, Everett May, Gregg Wells and Larry Ulrich.

The 1983 and 1984 girls state champion 4x100 relay team of Kelli (Lang) Hagen, Tammy (Courtney) Johnson, Terri Gortler and Shelly (Smith) Conro,w hich set a state record of 49.39 seconds that still stands in 1984, when the Vikings won the first of three straight state team titles.







MARSHFIELD BRIDGES

Kent Wigle will be honored by Pirates this fall on anniversary of 1992 state title

SAM BARBEE

The World

COOS BAY - Kent Wigle golfs a lot now.

He plays at Bandon Dunes on Tuesdays and plays with a couples group on Fridays that travels to Utah annually.

But ask him to meet to talk about Marshfield football and he'll show up with a manila folder full of clippings and stats and photos. Wigle coached the Marshfield Pirates football team for 21 years, including one state title and a bunch of Midwestern League crowns, and retired in 2009. He will be honored by Marshfield High School when his name is applied to the field for all time during the regular-season home finale against Brookings-Harbor on Oct. 13.

The honor comes on the 25year anniversary of that state title in 1992, and, fittingly, in a season when Marshfield's has a new head coach, John Lemmons, who was a key part of that team.

With high hopes for 2017, Marshfield is bridging the two seasons.

It's special timing. The 1992 team was led offensively by Lemmons, who enters his first year as the Pirates' coach. As a special remembrance of that magical year not since repeated, season ticket prices for Marshfield football games have been lowered back to their 1992 levels.

Wigle remembers every detail of the championship run, how the team prepared, the game plans. He still feels that season's loss to North Eugene and said it was the turning point that year. He still has strong opinions about the OmniTurf used for years at Autzen Stadium. Ask him to talk about himself, and he won't.

"I think any time you can generate interest and enthusiasm you should take advantage of that," he said, when asked about being honored. "(Marshfield Athletic Director) Greg (Mulkey) does a great job with those things."

Coach Wigle is one of the greatest coaches that have ever been in the state of Oregon," Mulkey said. "What he did here for Marshfield is incredible. I think he became the second alltime winningest coach, I'm not sure if he's still there but he got

Mulkey, who was around the '92 team as a film coordinator and came to Marshfield at Wigle's behest, recalled the year being special for all of Coos Bay.

"It created such a neat culture in our community, the excitement every night for Friday night," Mulkey said. "So what does he mean to our community? He will always be remembered as one of the greatest, as a legend at Marshfield and state of Oregon."

If there was one moment from that '92 team Mulkey remembers most, it's the play that was a part of what he calls the best individual effort he's ever seen.

Ashland was on the cusp of scoring its third touchdown of the first half and taking a 28-7 lead to head into the locker room and likely taking away its second straight title in the process.

"At that point, if you asked evwe were in trouble," tackle Joe Nowlin said for a 2015 story in The World recalling the season. "If they put that ball in the end ship," Lemmons said. "We've



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Marshfield head coach John Lemmons, right, stands with his high school coach Kent Wigle at the Marshfield football stadium in Coos Bay.



New Marshfield football coach John Lemmons holds a wooden sword waved by fans during the 1992 football state championship game and signed by all of the team members on the day of his hiring in June. Lemmons was one of the stars of the 1992 team.

at halftime. Against a good team, that's an insurmountable lead."

Enter Lemmons. He stepped in front of Ashland's tight end, who had turned around on a hook route, and intercepted the Ashland pass at the 1-yard line and sprinted down the near sideline away from everybody. In the television footage, there are no Ashland players in the frame until he slows down after he's already scored.

probably should've "They just run the football," Lemmons said. "They probably would've

Lemmons and the Pirates used the play to storm back and down Ashland for the title, never allowing another point. Lemmons scored on another long touchdown run when quarterback Jeff Messerle pitched to him from the bottom of the pile. Years later, Messerle still doesn't know if his knee was down and any video is inconclusive.

It's interesting that a member of the staff in '92 is still a member of the staff now. Mulkey was Lemmons' freshman coach, and watched as Lemmons developed into one of the best runners in the

Now, Lemmons recognizes the erybody honestly, we all thought uniqueness in that relationship and the shared memories that come with it.

"We have a special relation-

zone, that makes the score 28-7 been able to share and have good memories with each other and battled at times with each other. At the end of the day, we both love each other and it's a real special opportunity to be able to coach with him."

The value of Kent Wigle's coaching doesn't solely lay in

The senior class that won that state championship was in eighth grade when Wigle came to town, and he saw a spark in them that they "took to heart," center Jeff

Tinker said in the 2015 story. It's important to remember that Marshfield wasn't playing at their current division. It was up with the Eugene schools with bigger enrollments and players. North Eugene had a guy, Kailee Wong, who was an All-American at Stanford and played in the NFL.

It takes a special coach to convince a bunch of kids they can compete with those kinds of teams, but this group was special on its own and had itself convinced. Wigle knew what buttons to push. He didn't go easy in film sessions.

"I wanted them to feel good about how they played," Wigle said. "If they've been playing, they know. So they watch film and are proud of what they do. Or they say, 'Oh, shoot, Coach.

"Coach Wigle is one of the greatest coaches that have ever been in the state of Oregon. What he did here for Marshfield is incredible. I think he became the second alltime winningest coach, I'm not sure if he's still there but he got there."

Greg Mulkey, Marshfield Athletic

That's my read and I screwed it

He also handed out numbers without a second thought.

One day after a Marshfield practice this early season, Lemmons was talking to his team and made this point. He talked about how his sophomore year he wanted No. 34. He coveted those two numbers in white on his purple jersey, thinking it would make him play better. He said Coach Wigle didn't care and handed him his now iconic 47, now sported by his son Tristin, and imitated the growl Wigle gave him while dismissing the notion numbers

mattered. The wily coach, only lost 99 games in his nearly 40 years of coaching high school football. Marshfield started every season from 1994 to 1999 10-0 with a

string of six straight league titles. The coach employed what he called a "finesse run" scheme with draws and traps and counters to take advantage of his team's

And boy, it worked. Lemmons was the head of a group of three 100-carry guys, the other two being Joe Lehman and Messerle, that combined for nearly 2,500 yards and 35 touchdowns. Messerle also threw for 22 scores, two of which went to Lemmons.

It was the perfect system for the team and they ran it to perfection. They developed a closeness under Wigle that he remembers to this day. It's hard to say if the '92 team is his favorite, but does a father have any favorites?

"He was great coach, a great motivator," Lemmons said. "His record speaks for itself. He cared about you and has an excellent, excellent football mind."

Looking back on the '92 season, Lemmons said he didn't get it then. He was too wrapped up in the emotion, in the work, in the grind.

A quarter of a century later, though, with his son sporting his No. 47 and a hat on his head instead of a helmet, he recognizes the achievement that was the '92 team. He still feels the pain of the '91 playoff loss and the exuberance of the state championship the next vear.

"It took me a long time to realize, probably 20 years to realize how special it was and how hard it is to do," Lemmons said. "I think watching North Bend make their run and how many years they almost got there and got there and didn't win it. It's not an easy thing to do. Just realizing how special it is. Not very many teams get to do that. It's become a lot more special in my older age than when I was younger."

Wigle is the same.

"You get caught up in the grind so much," he said. "I think one of those weeks I was a little sick. I think semifinal weekend I told Susan, my wife, I would be gone for a couple hours. Well, we harvested two elk. So I got about probably six hours of sleep for the weekend with watching film and doing everything else I needed to be doing. You're just on task so much, the whole group is, and the whole town got caught up in it. You're busy. You don't have time to appreciate the journey at that

Mulkey thinks Lemmons is the guy to get the program back toward the championship level.

"I think the best thing in this whole deal is you have someone who is well-known in this community," Mulkey said when he announced the hiring in early June. "He's a guy that understands what it takes to work to get to (the championship) level.

"The kids are going to want to work hard for him. The coaching staff is going to work hard for him, trying to help him be suc-

Wigle agrees with the assess-

"He wants to be here. He cares about kids here," he said. "I hope it works out."

Marshfield will celebrate Wigle with events Oct. 13-14

past while naming the football field in Pete Susick Stadium for former coach Kent Wigle during the Oct. 13 game against Brooki ings-Harbor.

Marshfield will celebrate the that night, many of Wigle's former players will be introduced with him as the field is dedicated.

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The dedication will be part of Wigle coached the Pirates to a two-day celebration that also will include a major fundraiser pionship, in 1992, and later led for the Raise the Roof project to be served. The cost will be \$40

During halftime of the game Marshfield to six straight un- complete the south grandstand at per person and all proceeds from the stadium.

On Saturday, a social and auction honoring Kent will be held at the Mill Casino. In addition to the auction, many hors d'oeuvres will

the event will go to the Raise the Roof campaign.

For more information on the evening, contact Raise the Roof project chairman Bill McNutt at bmfarmins@comcast.net.

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Pirates go traditional in 2017

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COOS BAY - For some reason it was really hard to get guys out for football in 2017 at Marshfield. In a season celebrating the 25th anniversary of the 1992 state champion Pirates, only around 40 turned up for fall camp, but in the weeks since that number rose to 60-plus.

Those numbers, though, haven't discouraged the Pirates at all. It's actually been a strengthening measure with those who did show up. They know they don't have very many bodies and are endeavoring to remedy that issue, but there is a mutual respect among those who have showed up, and the effort has been recognized by the coaching staff, led by firstyear head coach John Lemmons.

"I feel like we've really given a championship effort," senior quarterback Justin Banks said. "I think we have a lot of special things ahead of us."

Lemmons was a standout running back on that '92 team, rushing for more than 1,000 yards that year, and brings a similar pro-style offense with him. It's not an unfamiliar system to many players, who employed the "finesse running" style of the often out-sized Pirates under Kent Wigle in their middle school days while playing for Lemmons.

"It's traditional Marshfield football," Banks said.



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Marshfield's players run sprints during a conditioning portion of a preseason practice.

spread attack former coach Josh coverages, have been retained. But

tion away from the run-and-gun and concepts, like route trees and time to fully sink in. Line used. To make the transi- Lemmons' offensive philosophy if we're here and paying attention,

"It'll take some time, but I think

But there is still some transi-tion easier, some terminology of traps and draws will take some we'll be fine," senior Zach Kellar

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It's the Rule: New rules are designed to expand safety for players

ince the high school football season is Scheduled to begin this week, there is no group more excited for these first

MARK **STEPHENS**

games than the Southwestern Oregon Football Officials Association (SWOFOA). With at

least eight new officials

we are all working diligently to understand all the new rules approved by our governing body, the National Federation of High School Activities (NFHS). Again, as in the past, many of these new rules target

safety on the field. Readers of this series of articles should be able to spot and understand the enforcement of these rules as the season goes on.

Last season. Oregon was one of three states that were selected to collect data for the rest of the nation on the use of and injuries related to blindside tions where officials deem blocks, a situation where a player is blocked from the side, is unaware the contact is about to occur, and is contacted with excessive and unnecessary force. Last year the experimental rule in Oregon required those initiating blindside blocks to lead the contact with their hands rather than their shoulder or helmet outside of the free blocking zone, an area three yards on either side of the ball and within four yards on each side of the center. Now this rule applies to all high schools in

the nation that play under NFHS rules.

Please note, there are some additional qualifications to this rule. If a blocker initiates a blindside block by launching himself at his target, and/or leads with the top of his helmet (known as "spearing"), and in any other situathe contact flagrant, the blocker will be disqualified from the game for making this unsafe and unneces-

sary contact. The NFHS rules book also expanded to provide specific examples of a "defenseless" player, one who, because of his physical position and focus of concentration is especially vulnerable to injury. Officials will follow the NFHS directive "When in question, the player is defenseless."

Many of the examples listed in the rule book have been enforced regularly in

the past, such as a player in the act or just after throwing a pass, a receiver attempting to catch a pass or kick but has not had time to become a runner, a runner in the grasp of a tackler whose forward progress has been stopped, a player who is obviously out of the play and not in the immediate vicinity of the runner, and of course blindside blocks.

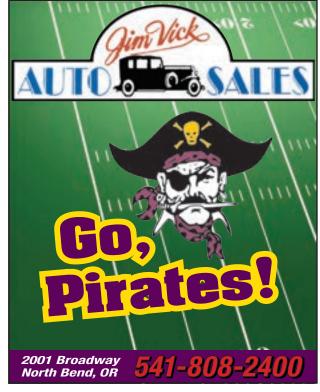
One new action that has been included under the defenseless player rule is a runner who has obviously given himself up by beginning a "feet first" slide, and is then contacted by a tackler. By the way, this runner would be considered "down" when he begins to make the feet first slide even if he is not on the ground yet.

In all these cases the game official must draw distinction between contact necessary to make a legal block or tackle, including the restrictions on blindside blocks, and making unnecessary contact on a defenseless player and targeting any player at

any time. In the next articles, we will examine the new rule related to "pop up" kicks, a big change in pass interference, some finer points on penalty enforcement (you want to make sure we are doing it correctly, right?), encroachment on a snap, and finally a review of the NFHS's list of Points of Emphasis for this season. Until next time, all the best to players, coaches and fans of high school football.

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"It was a transition at first, but now I think we got it," senior Tyler Post added.

That system will largely feature junior Tristin Lemmons, who is John's son and wears the same No. 47. As a sophomore last season, Lemmons rushed for 150 yards and four touchdowns against Siuslaw, drawing comparisons to his father.

But he's not alone. Fellow junior Grant Woolsey will play somewhere, be that quarterback or receiver, and Kellar, speedy junior Devin Benson and tall Cory Stover will once again be offensive threats for the Pirates.

"I think the overall goal is to win state, and I think we can," Kellar said. "(We have) the talent, the speed."

That speed is already well-established. Kellar, Benson and Lemmons were all members of Marshfield's state-champion 4x400 relay team this past spring, and Kellar finished second in the 200-meter and 400-meter sprints. In practices, Kellar is streaking down either sideline after taking handoffs and pitches or passes from Banks or Woolsev.

"I'm very confident in all those guys," Post said. "I'll block for them as long as they get those yards."

The elder Lemmons has been mixing around his backfield, using Tristan Lemmons, Kellar and Benson in different places on the field to get everyone touches but also to vary those touches in terms of where they happen and how they happen.

All that focus, though opens up Stover across the middle and Jacob Dean on the outside.

"I think we got a good game plan to get them the ball," John Lemmons said. "I think the only thing we're struggling with right now is we haven't been doing a lot of signals, so our that ironed out we'll be fine. I don't think we'll have any trouble getting those three the ball."

Up front, Marshfield is still big and experienced with Post and Phillip Hernandez returning to go with new names including Aidan Adams and Gannon Hol- we get that ironed land and Kanyon Kohl on the offensive line. On the other side of the ball, Greg Stump, who was in Powers last fall, joins Stover, Post and Chris Dunning on the getting those three defensive line.

"I think we have as a good a line as we've had a in a long time," Lemmons said. "We have Greg Stump back deal with in the middle and I hope we get Dante (Givens) back. There's just good kids all over the field."

After transferring from season, defensive end Givens has been nagged by some injuries forcing him out of Marshfield's camp at SWOCC earlier this summer and he sat out a few rus Robie, Tev'n Woods and days in the first week of the Willy Jantzer at the lineseason. He's a strong pass rusher who can also clamp on the run and will be a Howerton patrolling the tough combo with Stover secondary.



Marshfield coach John Lemmons instructs the Pirates during practice.



Marshfield learns a play during practice.

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John Lemmons

who's gonna be real tough to assuming health. He won't start the opener, that'll be Dunning, but Post says Givens has already added a presence.

"He's gonna bring a lot North Bend for his senior of attitude," Post said. "I've noticed he has a different attitude than all of us and I kind of like that."

The rest of the defense has Tristan Lemmons, Sibackers, and Kellar, Dean, Bradley Easton and Chase

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Battling with Woolsey a lot. (Lemmons) explains it very well to us."

Marshfield is a confident group. It has the potential to have an explosive offense and solid defense, and with no clear favorite in the Far West League, the Pirates see their opportu-

"Expect great things,"

Marshfield Pirates

League: Midwestern League

Coach: John Lemmons (first season).

Assistants: Brad McKechnie. Chad Scriven, Floyd Montiel, Greg Mulkey, James Johnson, Tyler

Mulkey, Bruce Bryant 2016 Record: 7-3, 3-2

Returning Starters: Offense 4, Defense 4.

Key Players: Zach Kellar, sr, WR/DB; Justin Banks, sr, QB;

Bradley Easton, sr,



Kellar





WR/DB; Grant Woolsey, jr, WR/DB; Devin Benson, jr, RB/ LB; Jacob Dean, sr, WR/DB; Tristin Lemmons, jr, RB/LB; Sirus Robie, jr, RB/LB; Tyler Post, sr, OL/DL; Phillip Hernandez, sr, OL/DL; Cory Stover, jr, TE/DL; Dontae Givens, sr, TE/DL; Greg Stump, jr, OL/DL; Aidan Adams, jr, OL/DL; Gannon Holland, jr, OL/DL; Kanyon Kohl, sr, OL/DL; Andrew Dunning, sr, OL/DL; Tyler McIntyre, sr, OL/DL.

2017 Schedule

- Sept. 1 Cascade
- Sept. 8 Phoenix
- Sept. 15 @ Junction City ■ Sept. 22 South Umpqua
- Sept. 29 @ Douglas
- Oct. 6 @ Siuslaw Oct. 13 Brookings-Harbor Oct. 20 @ North Bend
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COQUILLE RED DEVILS

Coquille seeks another deep playoff run

Red Devils reached Class 3A semifinals last fall

JOHN GUNTHER The World

COQUILLE - After several years of making the playoffs but not doing anything in the postseason, Coquille's football team has taken great strides the past two sea-

In 2015, the Red Devils won their first playoff game since the 1970 state champion season. Last fall, Coquille made it all the way to the semifinals before losing to rival and eventual state champion Harrisburg.

Despite the loss of a bunch of playmakers from that group, Coquille's players think they are ready to take the next step this fall.

"We have the talent," senior Henry Scolari said. 'We can do it."

"It's outstanding how much effort and drive everybody on this team has," added senior Jake Hurt.

Veteran Coquille coach David Thomason is confident because he has such a large returning group that bitterly remembers the semifinal loss to the

'We're looking to have another great season," Thomason said. "We're looking to build on what we've done the last five

"I've got a group of 12 seniors who are hungry and angry. We are looking to get further than last year."

The Red Devils have made their mark with a powerful running attack in the wing-T offense, and this year should be no different with powerful Sco-



BETHANY BAKER PHOTOS, THE WORLD

Jake Hurt

Thomason

Coquille's players work on their strength and agility during a drill at practice.



A Coquille player carries the ball in practice.

lari at fullback, shifty Seth speedy Cody Deck at the

Waddington at one wing, other and Hurt maybe as quick as any of the others at quarterback.

"I think it can be one of the top offenses in the state," said Scolari, who has bulked up to nearly 200 pounds while maintaining his speed as he fullback. "If we can do it right, we can be one of the best in the state."

For Coquille to take the next step, Thomason believes the Red Devils will need to be able to pass the ball more effectively. With Hurt back as quarterback and several playmakers available to throw to, Thomason thinks that is possible.

"One of the most wonderful things about the wing-T is there is so much said. "The passing game fits right in line with the receivers.

Coquille Red Devils

League: Mountain Valley Confrence

Coach: David Thomason (ninth season)

Assistants: Jake Cochran, Chuck Ladig, Kent Rilatos

2016 Record: 11-1 (5-0 in league)

Returning Starters: Offense 6, Defense 4

Key Players: Jake Hurt, sr, WR/DB; Henry Scolari, sr, RB/LB; Seth Waddington, sr, RB/DB; Heath

Scolari Hurt, sr, OL/DL; Cody Deck, sr, RB/DB; Joey

Vigue, sr, OL/LB; John Morrill-Keeler, sr, WR/DE; Chase Otterbach, sr. OL/DL; Hayden Davis, ir, OL/DE; Kane Rilatos, jr, FB/DL; Blake Wallace, jr, jr, LB; Tanner Godfrey, sr, LB; Colton Morrill-Keeler, jr, TE/DL; Ian Whidden, jr, OL/ DL; Garet Hyatt, soph, OL/DL.

Heath Hurt

2017 Schedule

- Sept. 1 Gold Beach ■ Sept. 8 @ Myrtle Point
- Sept. 15 Bandon
- Sept. 23 @ St. Mary's ■ Sept. 29 Creswell
- Oct. 6 @ La Pine Oct. 13 Glide
- Oct. 20 Harrisburg
- Oct. 27 @ Pleasant Hill

that comes along."

Coquille's two players run-based attack. from Pacific (as part of an ongoing cooperative agreement between the son said. "We are excited schools) fit right in line to not let defenses stack with the passing game's potential. Senior John Morrill-Keeler has grown they would have the skill again to 6-feet, 9-inches position players. They tall and his younger also have enough veterbrother, Colton, is close behind at 6-7.

"What is the average size for a Class 3A cornerback in Oregon?" Thom-

adjusts from wingback to ing to be fun to watch how hard on his accuracy to add to the potency of the

> "Jake is excited to see what he can do," Thomathe box (against the run)."

The Red Devils knew ans returning on the line to boost their hopes.

Heath Hurt, the quarterback's step-brother, is back at center — the two you can do," Thomason ason pondered, pointing have worked up through out the value of such tall the ranks in the same positions through middle

– and senior guard Chase Otterbach and junior Hayden Davis also have experience starting on the line. Junior Ian Whidden and sophomore Garet Hyatt also are ready to step in to starting spots.

Coquille's biggest loss to graduation is Dustin Davis, who was voted both offensive and defensive lineman of the year for Class 3A last fall.

"We're never going to replace Dustin Davis," Thomason said. "We can carry on what he helped create here."

Jake Hurt has plenty of confidence in the guys up front.

"Heath is the leader," he said. "He is going to make sure everyone knows what they're doing."

Last year, Coquille's road to the semifinals included both the stellar offense and a standout defense, and the team thinks it will be strong on that side of the ball again as well.

"We have three or four players who have been starting since their sophomore year," Heath Hurt

While four of the players were regular starters on defense last year, several others got valuable game time, especially on the line, where the Red Devils had a regular eight-player rotation to keep fresh people in the trenches.

"We're happy with just about every position except outside linebacker," Thomason said. "At outside linebacker we have the players to do it, it's just a matter of finding out who they are."

The defensive backfield is anchored by Waddington, who has been starting at free safety since early in his freshman season. Deck and Jake Hurt are set at cornerback and the Red Devils are solid at middle linebacker with Scolari, who was an honorable mention all-state selection last year, and senior Joey Vigue who earned all-league recognition.

The group up front includes Hayden Davis, Otterbach, Hurt and both the brothers from Pacific.

Two transfers from Bandon who are expected to contribute on defense are defensive tackle Kane Rilatos and linebacker Blake Wallace, Senior Tanner Godfrey also is expected to help at linebacker.

Coquille has lost just two games the past two seasons - both in the playoffs - and the team knows it has a target on its back because of that success.

"Every opponent on our schedule has a circle around our game (on the schedule)," Jake Hurt said. "Everybody wants to beat Coquille. We're not going to let it happen."

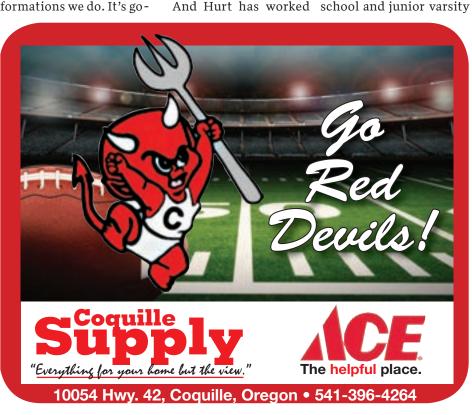
Waddington said the Red Devils have been driven since last November by the semifinal loss to Harrisburg.

"We've talked about it a whole bunch," he said. "Our whole goal is to win the state championship. We're definitely really hungry."

Jake Hurt said the Red Devils know what it will take to get back to the playoffs, and he quickly gave the formula: "Hard work, dedication, focus, drive, determination, want - want," he said. "Everybody has to want









Cruisers rely on new leaders

JOHN GUNTHER The World

POWERS - For the first time since the 2012 season, the player calling the signals in the offense at Powers won't be named Jackson Stallard.

There's no doubt the star who graduated in the spring was a standout and the most dynamic piece in a dynamic offense. But the returning players feel that the departure of the four-year starter has given them incentive - to show Powers can be a winner without him.

"Not having Jackson anymore gives us something to prove," senior Lucas Middlebrook said.

It's a common feeling among the players.

"We don't have Jackson to do everything for us," senior Kody Clawson said. "Everybody will have to work as a team.

"I want to see how good we can be — to see if we can go farther than we did last year."

The Cruisers lost in the quarterfinals last fall, beaten by Lowell when Stallard suffered a shoulder injury late in the first half and the team couldn't keep up in the final two quarters.

Stallard isn't the only Cruiser gone from last fall. Several graduated and three starters or expected starters this fall moved away, leaving the team with just 13 players after the first two weeks of practice.

"We've got some good football players, there's no doubt about that," said coach Tim Stallard, Jackson's dad. "They are going to have to be in good shape. They are going to be playing a lot of foot-

The team also needs to find new leadership in the ranks.

"It's completely different," Stallard said. "Last year, they could run the practice themselves. This year, we are going to keep it simple."

Powers ran a balanced offense with its veteran quarterback the past few years, but will rely more on a run-based attack this fall. That fits the team's personnel. The Cruisers have two strong and big linemen, Kody Clauson and Cole Holliday and Kyle Johnson, another senior has experience up front. And they have two running backs with different styles, the bruising Ethan Gregorio and athletic Jamason Kellogg.

Seniors Conner Kellogg and be tough. Middlebrook also could see time in the backfield and are veteran receivers.

Of course, Powers will be relying on a new quarterback, junior Clancy Standley or sophomore David Pedrick.



BETHANY BAKER PHOTOS, THE WORLD

"After we get a quarterback go- our jobs and don't overpursue."

Powers players battle to catch a pass during practice.

ing, we'll be all right," Gregorio said. "They're pretty good kids. They're smart."

backfield.

"I'm expecting big things out of Jamason and Ethan," Stallard said. "The linemen are going to

"We've got all the ingredients." While the offense could be dynamic, Stallard is more concerned about the defense.

"If the defense is OK, we're going to be OK," he said. "I think they're hungry, as long as we do

The latter concept is vital in the eight-man game.

"There's an awful lot of field to Powers knows it has a strong defend out there," Stallard said. The Cruisers do have experience on the defense.

The only returning starters are ers were a part of. lauson on the line, Gregario at the backfield, but Conner Kellogg (defensive end), Johnson (line) and Middlebrook and Standley (defensive back) also saw playing time. Hollaway and newcomer Steven Ledger-Crocket also could

and Kodiak Norris in the defensive backfield.

"Our defense should be our biggest thing," Clawson said.

One big plus for the team could be its great success the past few years something most of the play-

"It makes them want linebacker and Jamason Kellogg in because they've had it," Gregorio said. "They don't want to lose."

And they want to be back in the postseason at the end of the year.

"I think we can be in the playoffs," Middlebrook said, adding that the Cruisers need "a lot of contribute up front and Pedrick hard work and dedication."

Powers Cruisers





Gregorio





Middlebrook Stallard

League: Mountain Skyline League

Coach: Tim Stallard (sixth season)

Assistants: Kayne Pedrick, Mitchell Allen

2016 Record: 9-2 (5-0 in league)

Returning Starters: Offense 4, Defense 3

Key Players: Ethan Gregorio, sr, RB/LB; Kody Clauson, sr, OL/DL; Kyle Johnson, sr, OL/ DL; Lucas Middlebrook, sr, WR/ DB; Conner Kellogg, sr, WR/ DE; Jason Kellogg, jr, RB/LB; Clancy Standley, jr, QB/DB; Cole Holliday, jr, OL/DE; David Pedrick, soph, QB/DB; Steven Ledger-Crocket, jr, OL/DL; Kodiak Norris, soph, E/DB.

2017 Schedule

- Aug. 31 North Douglas *Sept. 9 Powder Valley
- Sept. 15 Gilchrist
- Sept. 22 Glendale
- Sept. 29 Camas Valley
- Oct. 6 @ Prospect ■ Oct. 13 @ Elkton
- Oct. 20 @ Days Creek
- *At North Bend



A Powers player tackles a teammate during a drill in practice.

Christian Warriors, North Douglas Warriors. Pacific

Mountain Valley League: Butte Falls Loggers, Cascades Academy Steelehead, Central Christian

Tigers, Chiloquin Panthers, Gilchrist Grizzlies,

Iosanna Christian Lions, North Lake Cowboys,

Paisley Broncos, Prospect Charter Cougars, Rogue

Valley Adventist Academy Red Tail Hawks, Triad

Big Sky League: Arlington Honkers, Condon

Monarchs, Yoncalla Eagles,

2017 OREGON LEAGUE ALIGNMENTS

Millers Thurston Colts

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CLASS 4A

Cowapa League: Astoria Fishermen, Banks Braves,

Scappoose Indians, Seaside Seagulls, Tillamook

Tri-Valley Conference: Crook County Cowboys:

Estacada Rangers, Gladstone Gladiators, Madras White Buffalos, Molalla Indians. Corbett Cardinals

Far West League: Brookings-Harbor Bruins, Douglas Trojans, Marshfield Pirates, North Bend Bulldogs,

Newport Cubs, North Marion Huskies, Philomath

Warriors, Stayton Eagles, Yamhill-Carlton Tigers.

Sky-Em League: Cottage Grove Lions, Elmira

Falcons, Junction City Tigers, Sisters Outlaws, Sutherlin Bulldogs, Sweet Home Huskies.

Skyline Conference: Henley Hornets, Hidden Valley

Mustangs, Klamath Union Pelicans, Mazama Vikings,

semakers, Valley Catholic Valiants.

will play an independent schedule.

Siuslaw Vikings, South Umpqua Lancers, Oregon West Conference: Cascade Cougars,

North Valley Knights, Phoenix Pirates.

CLASS 6A **Portland Interscholastic League:** Cleveland Cavaliers, Franklin Quakers, Grant Generals, Jefferson

Roosevelt Roughriders, Wilson Trojans. Benson Techmen will play independent schedule. Metro League: Aloha Warriors, Beaverton Beavers Century Jaguars, Jesuit Crusaders, Liberty Falcons, Southridge Skyhawks, Sunset Apollos, Westview Wildcats. Glencoe Crimson Tide will play indep

Democrats, Lincoln Cardinals, Madison Senators

Mount Hood Conference: Barlow Bruins, Centennial Eagles, Central Catholic Rams, Clackamas Cavaliers, David Douglas Scots. Gresham Gophers, Oregon City

Three Rivers League: Canby Cougars, Lake Oswego Lakers, Lakeridge Pacers, Newberg Tigers, Sherwood Bowmen, Tigard Tigers, Tualatin Timberwolves, West Linn Lions. Nonfootball: St. Mary's Blues. **Greater Valley Conference:** Forest Grove Vikings, McKay Scots, McMinnville Grizzlies, McNary Celtics,

Southwest Conference: Grants Pass Cavemen, North Medford Black Tornado, Roseburg Indians Sheldon Irish, South Eugene Axemen, South Medford Panthers, Willamette Wolverines.

North Salem Vikings, South Salem Saxons, Sprague

Olympians, West Albany Bulldogs, West Salem

CLASS 5A

Northwest Oregon Conference: Hillsboro Spartans, La Salle Prep Falcons, Milwaukie Mustangs, Parkrose Broncos, Putnam Kingsmen, Sandy Pioneers, St Helens Lions, Wilsonville Wildcats. Mid-Willamette Conference: Central Panthers

Dragons, Lebanon Warriors, Silverton Foxes, South Albany Rebels. Woodburn Bulldogs will play an independent schedule.

Corvallis Spartans, Crescent Valley Raiders, Dallas

Midwestern League: Ashland Grizzlies, Churchill Lancers, Crater Comets, Eagle Point Eagles, Marist Spartans, North Eugene Highlanders, Springfield

2017 PLAYOFF **QUALIFICATIONS**

Class 6A: Each league gets four teams in and the eight highest-ranked teams not already eligible receive at-large berths into the 32-team bracket. Class 5A: The Northwest. Mid-Willamette and Midwestern League and Special District 1 all get four teams into the 16-team bracket.

Class 4A: The league champions for all seven teams and the highest ranked non-champion automatically qualify for the 16-team bracket. The other eight teams will be chosen through the play-in round. All leagues but the Greater Oregon League are guaranteed two teams in the play-in round and that league gets one The final four spots are chosen through the power

Class 3A: The Mountain Valley, PacWest and West Valley Leagues get three berths each, while the Lewis & Clark, Eastern Oregon and Southern Cascade League each get two. An at-large berth goes to the team with the highest power ranking not already eligible. Class 2A: Each league gets two berths, with the final four berths chosen using the power rankings (will be formally adopted by OSAA Executive Board on

Class 1A: Three of the special districts get four teams and the fourth gets three (to be adopted by OSAA Executive Board on Sent 11) The final snot will go to the team with the best power ranking not already 00 eligible.

CLASS 3A

Special District 1: Bend Lava Bears, Hermiston **Lewis & Clark League:** Clatskanie Tigers, Portland Christian Royals, Rainier Columbians, Warrenton Bulldogs, Hood River Valley Eagles, Mountain View Warriors Nonfootball: Catlin Gabel Eagles De La Cougars, Pendleton Buckaroos, Redmond Panthers idgeview Ravens, Summit Storm. The Dalles Salle North Catholic Knights, Oregon Episcopal Riverhawks will play an Independent schedule Aardvarks, Portland Adventist Cougars, Riverdale

CLASS 5A LEAGUES FOR OTHER SPORTS Intermountain Conference: Bend Lava Bears, West Valley League: Amity Warriors, Dayton Pirates, Santiam Christian Eagles, Sheridan Spartans, Taft Tigers, Willamina Bulldogs. Horizon Mountain View Cougars, Redmond Panthers, Ridgeview Ravens, Summit Storm. Columbia River Conference: Hermiston Bulldogs. Christian Hawks will play an independeng schedule

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Nonfootball: Westside Christian Eagles. PacWest Conference: Blanchet Catholic Cavaliers Chemawa Braves, Colton Vikings, Gervais Cougars, Jefferson Lions, Salem Acadamy Crusaders, Scio

Mountain Valley Conference: Coquille Red Devils, Creswell Bulldogs, Glide Wildcats, Harrisburg Eagles, La Pine Hawks, Pleasant Hill Billies

Eastern Oregon League: Burns Hilanders, Irrigon Knights, Nyssa Bulldogs, Riverside Pirates, Umatilla Vikings, Vale Vikings.

Southern Cascade League: Cascade Christian Challengers, Illinois Valley Cougars, Lakeview Honkers, St. Mary's Crusaders. Rogue River Chieftains will play an independent schedule. CLASS 2A

Northwest League: Gaston Greyhounds, Knappa

Loggers, Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates, Nestucca Bobcats.

/ernonia Loggers. Nonfootball: City Christian Lions

Delphian Dragons, Faith Bible Falcons, Life Christian Tri-River Conference: Central Linn Cobras Kennedy Trojans, Regis Rams, Santiam Wolverines

schedule. Nonfootball: East Linn Christian Eagles.

Mountain View Conference: Lost River Raiders. Monroe Dragons, Oakland Oakers, Oakridge Warriors. Bonanza Antlers and Crow Cougars will play an inde nendent schedule Nonfootball-Canyonville Christian Academy Pilots, Milo Adventist Academy Mustangs Sunset Conference: Bandon Tigers, Gold Beach Panthers, Myrtle Point Bobcats, Reedsport Brave, Toledo Boomers, Waldport Irish.

Columbia Basin Conference: Culver Bulldogs Heppner Mustangs, Stanfield Tigers, Weston-McEwen TigerScots. Pilot Rock Nixyaawii Rockets will play an independent schedule.

Wapiti League: Enterprise Outlaws, Grant Union Prospectors, Imbler Panthers, Union/Cove Bobcats. Elgin Huskies will play independent football so CLASS 1A FOOTBALL DISTRICTS

District 1: Adrian Antelopes, Cove Leopards, Crane Mustangs, Echo Cougars, Harper/Huntington Hornets, Joseph Eagles, Monument/Davville Tigers, Pine Eagle Spartans, Powder Valley Badgers, Prairie City/ Burnt River Panthers, Wallowa Cougars.

District 2: Camas Valley Hornets, Chiloquin Panthers, Days Creek Wolves, Elkton Elks, Gilchrist Grizzlies, Glendale Pirates, Hosanna Christian Lions, North Lake Cowboys, Powers Cruisers, Prospect Cougars, Triad Timberwolves. Independent Schedule: Butte Falls/Crater Lake Charter Academy Loggers **District 3:** Alsea Wolverines, Falls City Mountaineers, Lowell Devils, Mapleton Sailors, McKenzie Eagles, Mohawk Indians, North Douglas Warriors, Siletz Valley Warriors, Triangle Lake Lakers, Yoncalla

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Rangers Ione Cardinals Mitchell/SprayWheeler oggers, Perrydale Pirates, Sherman Huskies. Independent: Oregon School for the Deaf Panthers, Willamette Valley Christian Warriors, South Wasco

CLASS 1A REGULAR LEAGUES

The Valley 10: Columbia Christian Knights, Country Christian Cougars, Damascus Christian Eagles, Grand View Christian Academy Eagles, North Clackamas Christian Saints, Open Door Chirstian Huskies, Portland Waldorf Wolfpack, Southwest Christian Academy, Valor Christian Knights.

Casco League: C.S. Lewis Academy Watchmen, Croshill Christian Eagles, Falls City Mountaineers, Jewell Blue Javs. Kings Valley Charter, Livingstone Adventist Academy Lions, Oregon School for the Deaf Panthers, Perrydale Pirates, Veritas Vanguard, Willamette Valley Christian Warriors lountain West League: Alsea Wolverines,

McKenzie Eagles, Mohawk Indians, Oak Hill Falcons, Siletz Valley Warriors, Triangle Lake Lakers. **Skyline League:** Camas Valley Hornets, Days Creek Wolves, Elkton Elks, Glendale Pirates, New Hope

Eddyville Eagles, Lowell Devils, Mapleton Sailors,

Knights, Dufur Rangers, Horizon Christian Hawks, Ione Cardinals, Mitchell Loggers, Sherman Huskies, South Wasco County Redsides, Spray Eagles, Wheeler Old Oregon League: Cove Leopards, Echo Cougars,

Timberwolves, Trinity Lutheran Saints.

Eagles, Pine Eagle Spartans, Powder Valley Badgers, Wallowa Cougars High Desert League: Adrian Antelopes, Burnt River

Bulls, Crane Mustangs, Dayville Tigers, Four Rivers Falcons, Harper Hornets, Huntington Locomotives, Jordan Valley Mustangs, Long Creek Mountaineers, Monument Tigers, Prairie City Panthers, Ukiah



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Panthers hope for return to top

SAM BARBEE The World

GOLD BEACH wasn't long ago that the Gold Beach Panthers were a perennial power in the Sunset Conference and Oregon Class 2A football as a whole.

A year after winning the league and hosting two playoff games, Gold Beach went winless in 2015, a stunning departure from the quality of Panthers teams of even recent past. In 2016, Gold Beach returned to form, tying for a league title before driving all the way to Heppner to have its season ended.

For 2017, fourth-year coach Justin Storns has 13 seniors again, and is bolstered by a strong performance at Brookings-Harbor's camp this summer with a group who still remembers the sting of 0-9.

"We went in to camp and weren't sure of some things on defense," Storns said. "We lost our two best tacklers from the defense, but we return a lot. And coming out of camp we were feeling pretty good about it."

Taylor Mather was the quarterback of that team as a sophomore, and now enters his third season as the Panthers signal caller.

He said last year's result was a product of their sophomore season, how going winless hurt and they set out to avoid that at all costs. For their senior season, they're expecting the trajectory to continue upward.

seniors now. We've all got three years under our belts," Mather said. "It's time to get back Panthers 49-0 last year. to it."

schedule features teams and Toledo last year, beatthat accounted for all three of Gold Beach's regular-season losses last fall, and all lopsided.



BETHANY BAKER, THE WORLD

The Gold Beach Panthers work on their conditioning during a preseason practice.

the difference. The schedule once again starts with Panthers 66-0 in last year's opener, and will once again follow with St. Mary's of Medford, which beat the

The Panthers shared the This year's Gold Beach league title with Reedsport and Gold Beach hosts To- was gonna happen, but it ing the Brave and falling to the Boomers. The showdown with Reedsport is Mather said. "We went into Gold Beach's league opener, those games thinking stuff

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Gold Beach sees that as "We want to be more competitive than we were. We went into those games Coquille, which beat the **thinking stuff was gonna happen, but it** just didn't go for us.

Taylor Mather

ledo on Oct. 13.

"We want to be more competitive than we were,"

We want to overcome that failure. That's what we work for now. We don't want to have that same failure (from) the past."

just didn't go for us.

Though Gold Beach once again loses some key contributors, as is expected in high school football, the Panthers boast a large senior class that took its lumps as sophomores Mather is a two-way

player, lining up as a linebacker on defense. Yancey Rangel is going to be on the wing and Trevor Walker, with Tyson Lilly, will fill in at fullback, and Zac Denney will be a major part of Gold Beach's perimeter game.

"I think we are a better team depth-wise than we were before," Rangel said. So I'm hoping instead of a 6-4 record we go 9-0.

"We have high hopes." Mather is now in his third season running Storns' system at Gold Beach, which

But Storns has freed Mathe line of scrimmage when he sees something he likes or doesn't like and trusts the senior to make the right decisions.

Storns also has a new guy out at practice who he was ney. hesitant to name.

cat out of the bag. We'll Coquille," Storns said. "I think he can potentially be a big threat, a big deal in the league. Here he comes."

tackles per night from two ther has emerged as the gether."

Gold Beach Panthers

League: Sunset Conference

Coach: Justin Storns

(fourth season) Assistants: James Lo-

gan, Matt Wegner

2016 Record: 6-4 (4-1 in league)

Returning Starters: Offense 7, Defense 6

Key Players: Taylor Mather, sr, QB/LB; Zac Denney, sr, TE/DB; Yancy Rangel, sr, RB/ LB; Chris Salazar, sr, OL/DL; Michael Dal-

ton, sr, OL/DL; Luke



Rangel

Denney

Mather

Storns

Gilbert, sr, OL/DL; Cody Martin, jr, OL/DL; Derek Punch, sr, RB/LB; Trevor Walker, sr, RB/DB; Tyson Lilly, sr, WR/ LB; Hunter Rose, sr, WR/DB; Dawson Martin, sr, OL/DL; Frankie McCoy, sr, OL/DL; Alex Carpenter, sr, WR/DB; Johnny Moore, jr, OL/DL; Brandon Seuser-Smith, jr, WR/

2017 Schedule

- Sept. 1 @ Coquille
- Sept. 15 St. Mary's
- Sept. 22 @ Rogue River ■ Sept. 29 Reedsport
- Oct. 6 @ Myrtle Point
- Oct. 13 Toledo
- Oct. 20 @ Waldport Oct. 27 Bandon

2016, so Storns needed to replace a lot of production this summer. Instead of just trying to replace all those tackles with two guys, Storns is will likely feature Mather hoping for an improvement

and Rengel in an option from his defensive line. Michael Dalton, Luke Gilbert and Chris Salazar - all sether up to make checks at niors – will be big parts of the Panther defensive line rotation. Rangel and Derek Punch, with Mather, will perform linebacker duties and the secondary is led by returning all-leauger Den-

"They played pretty well "I don't want to let the down in Brookings against some 4A schools," Storns see what happens against said. "I think they should progress and be alright."

self-confidence about the Panthers that belies its re-Gold Beach loses 20 cent winless season. Ma-

"We're more committed. players to graduation from leader of the team and the rest have fallen in behind him. There is also the sense of culmination and termination at the end of a high school football career that creates a sense of urgency

for seniors. When the team's total number is 26 players and half are seniors, the anxiety permeates the whole team. Gold Beach hopes to focus that anxiety into an outright league title and potentially a state one.

"We've been together for years. That helps a lot," Denney said. "We've graduated seniors that were a big part of the team and had to start over. We've been building it up over the years the brotherhood and There is a sense of the teamwork. We know

each other's strengths and weaknesses. We can really work on those things to-



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Youth league enters 10th season

THE WORLD

The South Coast Youth Myrtle Point. Football League is entering sixth different communities.

A jamboree on Aug. 26 in Coquille drew a huge crowd, showing the continued strength of the league, commissioner Bill Simon said.

"It was a great vibe and energy," Simon said.

This year the league has six teams in the third-fourth grade division - two from Coos Bay, one each from lar-season starts on Sept. 9,

Coquille and a new one from among the different com-

The fifth-sixth division its 10th year with teams in includes two teams each from Coos Bay and North Bend and single teams form Coquille, Bandon and Gold Beach.

The only disappointment is that for the first time since the league was created, there are no teams from Reedsport because no coaches could be

found.

The six-week regu-North Bend, Bandon and with games every Saturday

munities. The season ends with bowl games for all the teams the final week.

The league will have to replace all the helmets after this season since they are only good for 10 years, and has started to raise money for that project. Anyone interested in helping with that cause can either contact Simon at 541-297-8666 or go to the group's gofundme account called southcoastyouthfootball-

SIUSLAW VIKINGS

Vikings expect to take big step in 2017

JOHN GUNTHER

SIUSLAW - Last fall, Siuslaw's football team ran a new offense for the first time in half a century, abandoning the Vikings' traditional veer for a spread attack with new coach Jamin Pool.

The Vikings had mixed results, showing flashes of potential, but ultimately struggling to find wins as the players feared making the slightest mistake under their new

Now, in year two of Pool's tenure, that attitude is gone and the Vikings feel they are primed for a breakthrough.

"It's a new mindset," said senior Trent Reavis. "Last year, we were afraid to make mistakes. Now we're making mistakes at full speed."

That's something Pool has tried to teach the Vikings.

"One thing we tell them is you can't control everything," he said. "The only thing you can control is your effort and your mindset.

"Go full speed and if you make a mistake at full speed, we can fix that. What we don't want is not going full speed and not being willing to ask questions. The players have bought into that this year."

With the Vikings boasting a veteran lineup, that's a big thing. "We're way ahead of where we

were last year," senior Jared Brandt said. "(The offense) is starting to click with everybody."

The Vikings have the benefit of Brandt being in his second year as quarterback of the spread attack.

"It's huge," Pool said of Brandt's experience. "He's smart. He has all the intangibles you need in a quarterback."

Last year, Brandt set a single-season completion percentage record for the Vikings, connecting on 70 percent of his passes.

"Being a new quarterback in a new system, that's stellar," Pool said. "It built some confidence in him?

It helps having returning talent at the skill positions. The tall Reavis is a big threat at tight end and fellow senior Ryan Lee returns at receiver. Junior Ryan Kamanski is a new receiving threat.



BETHANY BAKER PHOTOS, THE WORLD

A Siuslaw player keeps his head up while running with the ball in practice.

"They are doing really well," Brandt said of the receivers. "They have more speed."

Siuslaw also could have an improved running attack. Senior Quincy Rusk was the top running back a year ago and freshman Skyler Loomis also could find playing time in the backfield.

The Vikings have three starters back on the offensive line, too – senior Salvador Sierra and juniors Adrian Ortega and Tim Lowder. Sophomore Matt Horrillo is becoming a leader on the line as well,

"We have a chance to be really good (on offense)," Reavis said. "It comes down to how hard we're willing to work."

He's even more excited about the defense, though.

"That's the thing that's such

a big step up," Reavis said. "It's clicking a lot more."

Siuslaw returns eight starters on defense — Ortega and sophomore Dayson Foglio on the line, Reavis, Sierra and Lowder at linebacker and Rusk and junior Mason Wampler in the backfield.

The team also has been bolstered by a bunch of younger players, who already are stepping in as leaders.

"The young guys are awesome," Brandt said. "They're super motivated."

"It's a lot more fun," added Sierra. "Everybody feels more comfortable jumping in."

Siuslaw had a strong offseason with big turnouts for workouts, and more players have turned out for the squad this fall.

"I think the hype in the offsea-



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Siuslaw Vikings

League: Far West League

Coach: Jamin Pool (second season)

Assistants: Jerry Fleming, Pat Wondra, Mike Blankenship, Dennis Davidson. Jeff Grav.

2016 Record: 2-6 (1-4 in league) Returning Starters: Offense 7,

Defense 8

Key Players: Jared Brandt, sr, QB; Ryan Lee, sr, WR/LB; Quincy Rusk, sr, RB/DB; Trent Reavis, sr, TE/LB; Salvador Sierra, sr, LB/OL; Austin Owen, jr, WR/DB; Mason Wampler, jr, DB; Ryan Kamanski, jr, WR/DB; Logan Bursaw, jr, RB/LB; Adrian Ortega, jr, OL; Tim Lowder, jr, OL/

LB; Matt Horrillo, soph, OL/DL; Dayson Foglio, soph, DL; Zach Stinger, soph, OL/DL; Skyler Loomis, fr, RB/LB.



Pool

Brandt

Reavis

Sierra

- Sept. 29 @ North Bend
- Oct. 6 Marshfield Oct. 13 South Umpqua
- Oct. 20 @ Brookings-Harbor

son made more kids feel like they wanted to be a part of this," Reavis

2017 Schedule

■ Sept. 1 Elmira

■ Sept. 8 Pleasant Hill

■ Sept. 15 @ Newport

■ Sept. 22 Douglas

"It comes down to bonding. Everybody is real comfortable with each other. It's a real good brotherhood we have."

The Vikings hope that brotherhood is enough to lift the team back to the postseason after the Vikings went just 1-4 in league and 2-6 overall last fall. "We definitely have the ability,"

Brandt said.



BROOKINGS-HARBOR BRUINS

Stability finally comes to Brookings-Harbor

SAM BARBEE The World

BROOKINGS - Learning a new system in football is difficult. It's almost like learning a new language, with different words corresponding to different actions or concepts. It can be confusing learning a new system in August and employing it in September.

So was the case for the Brookings-Harbor Bruins seniors each and every season of their scholastic career. Until this year, when Arnold Wardwell returns for his second season as coach of the Bruins with his wing-T system. It's not a transition anymore.

"That's the big thing, is it's not a transition for the kids," Wardwell said. "That's the first time in a long time. We're light years ahead of where we were a year ago offensively. They're pretty excited about that. They like that a lot. That's key to getting them back out here."

It's clear how excited the Bruins are for some stability.

It's been a grind for the seniors including Bailey Stamm and Isaac Cooper. It's the first time they have a returning coach. The Bruins had one formation and a handful of plays last year and went 1-7.

"We come here this summer and we already know all the plays," Stamm said. "I think we're gonna be able to get way more offenses

Brookings-Harbor knows that its 1-7 belies how it played. The Bruins can point to a play in this game or a play in that game which could have changed their season and advanced them to the playoffs.

They think they aren't far from

"We're two touchdowns away from a state playoff game. That's how close we were," junior Brig Schofield said. "We had plenty of games throughout the season, plenty of games in league that were close, hard-fought, really wellplayed games by both teams. Just being able (to) execute and having a lot of young kids playing for whatever the case may be, we're ready to close out those games."

That's the overall focus, then, for Brookings-Harbor: finishing games.

"I think we're gonna finish now,"



BETHANY BAKER, THE WORLD

The Brookings-Harbor Bruins run through a drill in practice as they prepare for the upcoming season.

Stamm said. "Now we have a year ginderen and Nick Dodson. under our belt (in Wardwell's system) and we were pretty young last year. Now we're older, we're stronger, we've been lifting all summer. And this is our second year (in the same offense)."

That familiarity with the system has already lent itself to some gains. Schofield is back for his second year at quarterback and he's got Stamm in the backfield with him now helping to replace Noah James, Isaiah Ross and Alonzo Nalls, and Cooper is catching passes as a tight end.

Wardwell is also hoping for big seasons from linemen Justin Van-

Vanginderen, Dodson and senior Jonathan Marks are back on the defensive line, while Schofield is among the linebackers and Stamm, Cooper and junior Marcus Clay man the backfield in what the Bruins hope will be an improved defense as well.

Wardwell acknowledged that the Bruins graduated a lot from 2016 and will have to fill some holes with unproven young guys.

"As far as starting goes, there will be a lot of guys getting varsity minutes who haven't done it before," he said. "So far there's pretty much excitement because

guys who were freshmen and sophomores last year were in the weight room all summer and our team camp, doing the camp out, been doing everything over the summer so they're really excited about the challenge."

That effort certainly didn't go unnoticed.

"I've never been on a team that didn't believe in each other, but a lot of that comes in the offseason as well," Schofield said. "We've had a ton of kids come in and work their butts off on the field,

Brookings-Harbor Bruins



Cooper

Schofield





League: Far West League

Coach: Arnold Wardwell (second year)

Assistants: John Christopher, Junior Helm, Lonnie Nalls, Mike Worthy, Shaun Bavaro

2016 Record: 1-7 (0-5)

Returning Starters: Offense 5, Defense 5

Key Players: Brig Schofield, jr, QB/LB; Bailey Stamm, sr, RB/DB; Isaac Cooper, sr, TE/ DB; Justin Vanginderen, sr, OL/ DL; Marcus Clay, jr, WR/DB; Jonathan Marks, sr, OL/DL; Nick Dodson, jr, OL/DL.

2017 Schedule

- Sept. 1 North Valley
- Sept. 8 @ Hidden Valley ■ Sept. 15 The Dalles
- Sept. 22 @ North Bend
- Sept. 29 @ South Umpqua Oct. 6 Douglas
- Oct. 13 @ Marshfield
- Oct. 20 Siuslaw

athletically, increase ourselves as football players, that's been huge for all of us. I got from being a little guy to squatting 400, 450. You get a lot bigger and stronger. And I haven't even had the biggest gains in the weight room, speed and this summer. I think it's gonna be agility training, everything that a tell for how our season goes this we do to come increase ourselves year."

2017-18 WEEK-BY-WEEK NFL SCHEDULE

WEEK ONE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7 ■ Kansas City at New England, 5:30 p.m. NBC

SUNDAY, SEPT., 10

- N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 10 a.m. CBS
- Atlanta at Chicago, 10 a.m. Fox
- Baltimore at Cincinnati, 10 a.m. CBS Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 10 a.m. CBS
- Arizona at Detroit, 10 a.m. Fox
- Jacksonville at Houston, 10 a.m. CBS
- Tampa Bay at Miami, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Oakland at Tennessee, 10 a.m. CBS
- Philadelphia at Washington, 10 a.m. ■ Indianapolis at L.A. Rams, 1:05 p.m.
- **CBS**
- Seattle at Green Bay, 1:25 p.m. Fox ■ Carolina at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.
- Fox ■ N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 5:30 p.m. NBC
- **MONDAY, SEPT. 11** ■ New Orleans at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.
- **FSPN** ■ L.A. Chargers at Denver, 7:20 p.m. **ESPN**

WEEK TWO

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

- Houston at Cincinnati, 5:25 p.m. NFLN **SUNDAY, SEPT. 17**
- Cleveland at Baltimore, 10 a.m. CBS
- Buffalo at Carolina, 10 a.m. CBS
- Arizona at Indianapolis, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Tennessee at Jacksonville, 10 a.m.
- Philadelphia at Kansas City, 10 a.m. Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson looks to pass against the Kansas City Chiefs in the second half of a preseason game on Aug. 25 in Seattle. Fox
- New England at New Orleans, 10 a.m. CBS
- Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m. Fox
- Chicago at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m. Fox
- Miami at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m. CBS ■ N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 1:05 p.m. CBS
- Dallas at Denver, 1:25 p.m. Fox ■ Washington at L.A. Rams, 1:25 p.m.
- San Francisco at Seattle, 1:25 p.m. Fox
- Green Bay at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m. NBC
- **MONDAY, SEPT. 18** ■ Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 5:30 p.m. ESPN

WEEK THREE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21 ■ L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 5:25 p.m. NFLN

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24

- Baltimore at Jacksonville (London), 6:30 a.m. TBD
- Denver at Buffalo, 10 a.m. CBS
- New Orleans at Carolina, 10 a.m. Fox
- Pittsburgh at Chicago, 10 a.m. CBS Atlanta at Detroit, 10 a.m. Fox
- Cleveland at Indianapolis, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 10 a.m. Fox
- Houston at New England, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Miami at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m. CBS
- N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 10 a.m. Fox
- Seattle at Tennessee, 1:05 p.m. Fox Cincinnati at Green Bay, 1:25 p.m. CBS
- Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 1:25 p.m. CBS
- Oakland at Washington, 5:30 p.m. NBC **MONDAY, SEPT. 25**
- Dallas at Arizona, 5:30 p.m. ESPN

WEEK FOUR **THURSDAY, SEPT. 28**

■ Chicago at Green Bay, 5:25 p.m. CBS/

NFLN/Amazon

- **SUNDAY, OCT. 1**
- New Orleans at Miami (London), 6:30 a.m. Fox
- Buffalo at Atlanta, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 10 a.m. CBS
- Cincinnati at Cleveland, 10 a.m. CBS ■ L.A. Rams at Dallas, 10 a.m. Fox
- Tennessee at Houston, 10 a.m. CBS
- Detroit at Minnesota, 10 a.m. Fox
- Carolina at New England, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m. CBS
- San Francisco at Arizona, 1:05 p.m. Fox
- Philadelphia at L.A. Chargers,
- 1:05 p.m. Fox ■ N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 1:05 p.m. Fox
- Oakland at Denver, 1:25 p.m. CBS ■ Indianapolis at Seattle, 5:30 p.m. NBC **MONDAY, OCT. 2**
- Washington at Kansas City, 5:30 p.m.

ESPN

WEEK FIVE

THURSDAY, OCT. 5 ■ New England at Tampa Bay, 5:25 p.m. CBS/NFLN/Amazon

SUNDAY. OCT. 8 ■ Buffalo at Cincinnati, 10 a.m. CBS

- N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 10 a.m. Fox Carolina at Detroit, 10 a.m. Fox
- San Francisco at Indianapolis, 10 a.m. Fox
- Tennessee at Miami, 10 a.m. CBS
- L.A. Chargers at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.

Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Seattle at L.A. Rams, 1:05 p.m. CBS ■ Baltimore at Oakland, 1:05 p.m. CBS ■ Green Bay at Dallas, 1:25 p.m. Fox

MONDAY, OCT. 9

NBC

■ Minnesota at Chicago, 5:30 p.m. ESPN Byes: Atlanta, Denver, New Orleans, Washington

■ Kansas City at Houston, 5:30 p.m.

Arizona at Philadelphia, 10 a.m. Fox

WEEK SIX THURSDAY, OCT. 12 ■ Philadelphia at Carolina, 5:25 p.m.

CBS/NFLN/Amazon **SUNDAY, OCT. 15**

- Miami at Atlanta, 10 a.m. CBS
- Chicago at Baltimore, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Cleveland at Houston, 10 a.m. CBS
- Green Bay at Minnesota, 10 a.m. Fox
- Detroit at New Orleans, 10 a.m. Fox ■ New England at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m. CBS San Francisco at Washington, 10 a.m.
- Tampa Bay at Arizona, 1:05 p.m. Fox
- L.A. Rams at Jacksonville, 1:05 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 1:25 p.m. CBS
- L.A. Chargers at Oakland, 1:25 p.m. CBS
- N.Y. Giants at Denver, 5:30 p.m. NBC **MONDAY, OCT. 16**
- Indianapolis at Tennessee, 5:30 p.m. **ESPN** ■ Byes: Buffalo, Cincinnati, Dallas,

WEEK SEVEN

THURSDAY, OCT. 19 ■ Kansas City at Oakland, 5:25 p.m.

CBS/NFI N/Amazon

SUNDAY, OCT. 22

- Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 10 a.m. Fox
- Carolina at Chicago, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Tennessee at Cleveland, 10 a.m. CBS ■ New Orleans at Green Bay, 10 a.m. Fox
- Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
- CBS Arizona at L.A. Rams (London),
- 10 a.m. Fox
- N.Y. Jets at Miami, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Baltimore at Minnesota, 10 a.m. CBS
- Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Dallas at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m. Fox
- Denver at L.A. Chargers, 1:25 p.m. CBS ■ Seattle at N.Y. Giants, 1:25 p.m. CBS ■ Atlanta at New England, 5:30 p.m.
- MONDAY, OCT. 23
- Washington at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m. **ESPN**

■ Byes: Detroit, Houston **WEEK EIGHT**

THURSDAY, OCT. 26

■ Miami at Baltimore, 5:25 p.m. CBS/ NFLN/Amazon

SUNDAY, OCT. 29 ■ Minnesota at Cleveland (London). 6:30 a.m. NFLN

- Oakland at Buffalo, 10 a.m. CBS
- Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 10 a.m. CBS
- L.A. Chargers at New England, 10 a.m. CBS
- Chicago at New Orleans, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m. Fox

■ Houston at Seattle, 1:05 p.m. CBS ■ Dallas at Washington, 1:25 p.m. Fox

■ San Francisco at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m. Fox

Fox

■ Pittsburgh at Detroit, 5:30 p.m. NBC **MONDAY, OCT. 30**

■ Denver at Kansas City, 5:30 p.m. ESPN ■ Byes: Arizona, Green Bay, Jacksonville, L.A. Rams, N.Y. Giants, Tennessee

WEEK NINE

THURSDAY, NOV. 2 ■ Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, 5:25 p.m. NFLN

- **SUNDAY, NOV. 5** Atlanta at Carolina, 10 a.m. Fox
- Indianapolis at Houston, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Cincinnati at Jacksonville, 10 a.m. CBS
- Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 10 a.m. Fox
- L.A. Rams at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Denver at Philadelphia, 10 a.m. CBS
- Baltimore at Tennessee, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Arizona at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m.
- Fox Washington at Seattle, 1:05 p.m. Fox

■ Kansas City at Dallas, 1:25 p.m. CBS Oakland at Miami, 5:30 p.m. NBC

MONDAY, NOV. 6 ■ Detroit at Green Bay, 5:30 p.m. ESPN ■ Byes: Chicago, Cleveland, L.A. Chargers, Minnesota, New England,

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WEEK 10 **THURSDAY, NOV. 9** ■ Seattle at Arizona, 5:25 p.m. NBC/

NFLN/Amazon

- **SUNDAY, NOV. 12** New Orleans at Buffalo, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Green Bay at Chicago, 10 a.m. Fox
- Cleveland at Detroit, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 10 a.m. **CBS**
- L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville, 10 a.m. CBS
- N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Cincinnati at Tennessee, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Minnesota at Washington, 10 a.m. Fox
- Houston at L.A. Rams, 1:05 p.m. CBS ■ Dallas at Atlanta, 1:25 p.m. Fox ■ N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.
- Fox ■ New England at Denver, 5:30 p.m. NBC **MONDAY, NOV. 13**
- Miami at Carolina, 5:30 p.m. ESPN Byes: Baltimore, Kansas City, Oakland, Philadelphia

WEEK 11 THURSDAY, NOV. 16

■ Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 5:25 p.m. NBC/NFLN/Amazon

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

- Detroit at Chicago, 10 a.m. Fox Jacksonville at Cleveland, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Baltimore at Green Bay, 10 a.m. CBS
- Arizona at Houston, 10 a.m. Fox L.A. Rams at Minnesota, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Washington at New Orleans, 10 a.m.
- Fox ■ Kansas City at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m. CBS
- Buffalo at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m. Fox ■ Cincinnati at Denver, 1:25 p.m. CBS
- New England at Oakland (Mexico City), 1:25 p.m. CBS

■ Philadelphia at Dallas, 5:30 p.m. NBC

MONDAY, NOV. 20 ■ Atlanta at Seattle, 5:30 p.m. ESPN

■ Byes: Carolina, Indianapolis, Miami, N.Y. Jets, San Francisco, Tampa Bay **WEEK 12**

THURSDAY, NOV. 23 Minnesota at Detroit, 9:30 a.m. Fox

- L.A. Chargers at Dallas, 1:30 p.m. CBS ■ N.Y. Giants at Washington, 5:30 p.m.
- **SUNDAY, NOV. 26** Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 10 a.m. Fox Cleveland at Cincinnati, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Tennessee at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
- Buffalo at Kansas City, 10 a.m. CBS
- Miami at New England, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Carolina at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Chicago at Philadelphia, 10 a.m. Fox
- New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 1:05 p.m. Fox
- Seattle at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m. Fox ■ Jacksonville at Arizona, 1:25 p.m. CBS
- Denver at Oakland, 1:25 p.m. CBS ■ Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m. NBC

MONDAY, NOV. 27

Houston at Baltimore, 5:30 p.m. ESPN

WEEK 13 THURSDAY, NOV. 30 ■ Washington at Dallas, 5:25 p.m. NBC/

NFLN/Amazon **SUNDAY, DEC. 3**

- Minnesota at Atlanta, 10 a.m. Fox
- Detroit at Baltimore, 10 a.m. Fox New England at Buffalo, 10 a.m. CBS ■ San Francisco at Chicago, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 10 a.m. Fox
- Indianapolis at Jacksonville, 10 a.m. CBS Denver at Miami, 10 a.m. CBS
- Carolina at New Orleans, 10 a.m. Fox Kansas City at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m. CBS
- Houston at Tennessee, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Cleveland at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m. CBS
- L.A. Rams at Arizona, 1:25 p.m. Fox ■ N.Y. Giants at Oakland, 1:25 p.m. Fox ■ Philadelphia at Seattle, 5:30 p.m. NBC
- **MONDAY, DEC. 4** ■ Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 5:30 p.m. **ESPN**

WEEK 14 THURSDAY, DEC. 7 ■ New Orleans at Atlanta, 5:25 p.m.

- NBC/NFLN/Amazon **SUNDAY, DEC. 10** ■ Indianapolis at Buffalo, 10 a.m. CBS
- Minnesota at Carolina, 10 a.m. CBS Chicago at Cincinnati. 10 a.m. Fox
- Green Bay at Cleveland, 10 a.m. Fox
- San Francisco at Houston, 10 a.m. Fox Seattle at Jacksonville, 10 a.m. Fox
- Oakland at Kansas City, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Detroit at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m. Fox
- Tennessee at Arizona,1:05 p.m. CBS ■ N.Y. Jets at Denver. 1:05 p.m. CBS
- Washington at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m. CBS

Philadelphia at L.A. Rams, 1:25 p.m.

- Fox ■ Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 1:25 p.m. Fox ■ Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m.
- Wil Lutz, New Orleans/Baltimore, Bailey, Dallas, 56; Sebastian Janikowski, Oakland, 56; Jason Myers, Denver, 55; Andrew Franks, Miami,

48.6; Sam Martin, Detroit, 48.5; Thomas Morstead, New Orleans, 48.3; Johnny Hekker, Los Angeles Rams, 47.8; Shane Lechler, Houston,

Indianapolis, 49.3; Andy Lee, Caro-

Angeles Rams, 78; Brad Nortman, Jacksonville, 78; Andy Lee, Carolina, 76; Pat McAfee, Indianapolis, 74; Kevin Huber, Cincinnati, 72; Donnie Jones, Philadelphia, 72; Maquette King, Oakland, 72; Jeff Locke, Minnesota, 72; Brett Kern, Tennessee,

Total Tackles: bobby Wagner, Seattle, 167; Zach Brown, Buffalo, ■ Cincinnati at Minnesota, 10 a.m. CBS ■ N.Y. Jets at New Orleans, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m. Fox Arizona at Washington, 10 a.m. Fox

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WEEK 15

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

■ Chicago at Detroit, 1:30 p.m. NFLN

SUNDAY, DEC. 17

■ Green Bay at Carolina, 10 a.m. Fox

■ Baltimore at Cleveland, 10 a.m. CBS

■ Houston at Jacksonville, 10 a.m. CBS

■ Miami at Buffalo, 10 a.m. CBS

■ L.A. Chargers at Kansas City, 5:25 p.m.

NBC/NFLN/Amazon

■ Denver at Indianapolis, 5:25 p.m.

FSPN

■ New England at Miami, 5:30 p.m.

■ New England at Pittsburgh, 1:25 p.m. ■ Tennessee at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m. CBS

■ Dallas at Oakland, 5:30 p.m. NBC

■ L.A. Rams at Seattle, 1:05 p.m. Fox

MONDAY, DEC. 18 ■ Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 5:30 p.m. ESPN

■ Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1:30 p.m. ■ Minnesota at Green Bay, 5:30 p.m.

NBC

WEEK 16

SATURDAY, DEC. 23

- **SUNDAY, DEC. 24** ■ Tampa Bay at Carolina, 10 a.m. Fox Cleveland at Chicago, 10 a.m. CBS
- Detroit at Cincinnati, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Miami at Kansas City, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Buffalo at New England, 10 a.m. CBS
- Atlanta at New Orleans, 10 a.m. Fox ■ L.A. Chargers at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m. CBS ■ L.A. Rams at Tennessee, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Denver at Washington, 10 a.m. CBS
- 1:05 p.m. CBS ■ N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 1:25 p.m. Fox ■ Seattle at Dallas, 1:25 p.m. Fox

■ Jacksonville at San Francisco,

- **MONDAY, DEC. 25** ■ Pittsburgh at Houston, 1:30 p.m. NBC/ NFLN/Amazon
- Oakland at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m. **ESPN**

WEEK 17

- **SUNDAY, DEC. 31** Carolina at Atlanta. 10 a.m. Fox
- Cincinnati at Baltimore, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Green Bay at Detroit, 10 a.m. Fox
- Houston at Indianapolis, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Buffalo at Miami, 10 a.m. CBS Chicago at Minnesota, 10 a.m. Fox
- Washington at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Dallas at Philadelphia, 10 a.m. Fox ■ Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m. CBS

■ N.Y. Jets at New England, 10 a.m. CBS

- Jacksonville at Tennessee, 10 a.m. CBS ■ Kansas City at Denver, 1:25 p.m. CBS ■ Oakland at L.A. Chargers, 1:25 p.m. CBS
- San Francisco at L.A. Rams, 1:25 p.m. Fox ■ Arizona at Seattle, 1:25 p.m. Fox

Teams TBD, 5:30 p.m. NBC

149; Christian Kirksey, Cleveland,

2016 NFL LEADERS

Passing Yards: Drew Brees, New Orleans, 5,208; Matt Ryan, Atlanta, 4,944; Kirk Cousins, Washington, 4,917; Aaron Rodgersr, Green Bay, 4,428; Philip Rivers, San Diego, 4,386; Matthew Stafford, Detroit, 4,327; Joe Flacco, Baltimore, 4,317; Andrew Luck, Indianapolis, 4,240; Carson Palmer, Arizona, 4,233; Russell Wilson, Seattle, 4,219.

Passing Touchdowns: Aaron

Rodgers, Green Bay, 40; Matt Ryan, Atlanta, 38; Drew Brees, New Orleans, 37; Philip Rivers, San Diego, 33; Andrew Luck, Indianapolis, 31; Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh, 29; Tom Brady, New England, 28; Derek Carr, Oakland, 28; Jameis Winston, Tampa Bay, 28; Eli Manning, New York Giants, 26; Marcus Mariota, Tennessee, 26; Carson Palmer, Arizona, 26. Rushing Yards: Ezekiel Elliott, Dal-

las, 1,631; Jordan Howard, Chicago,

1,313; DeMarco Murray, Tennes-

Le'Veon Bell, Pittsburgh, 1,268;

Johnson, Arizona, 1,239; LaGar-

rette Blount, New England, 1,161;

see, 1,287; Jay Ajayi, Miami, 1,272;

LeSEan McCoy, Buffalo, 1,267; David

Lamar Miller, Houston, 1,073. **Rushing Touchdowns:** LeGarrette

Devonta Freeman, Atlanta, 1,079;

Blount, New England, 18; David Johnson, Arizona, 16; Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas, 15; LeSean McCoy, Buffalo, 13; Latavius Murray, Oakland, 12; Devonta Freeman, Atlanta, 11; Melvin Gordon, San Diego, 10; Jeremy Hill, Cincinnati, 9; DeMarco Murray, Tennessee, 9; Jonathan Stewart, Carolina, 9.

Receptions: Larry Fitzgerald,

Arizona, 107; Antonio Brown, Pitts-

burgh, 106; Odell Beckham, New York Giants, 101; Julian Edelman, New England, 98; Jordy Nelson, Green Bay, 97; Mike Evans, Tampa Bay, 96; Doug Baldwin, Seattle, 94; Jarvis Landry, Miami, 94; Michael Thomas, New Orleans, 92; T.Y. Hilton, Indianapolis, 91; Golden Tate, Detroit, 91. Receiving Yards: T.Y. Hilton, India-

napolis, 1,448; Julio Jones, Atlanta,

1,409; Odell Beckham, New York Gi-

ants, 1,367; Mike Evans, Tampa Bay,

1,321; Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh,

1,284; Jordy Nelson, Green Bay,

1,257; Brandin Cooks, New Orleans, 1,173; Amari Cooper, Oakland, 1,153; Michael Thomas, New Orleans, 1,137; Jarvis Landry, Miami, 1,136. **Receiving Touchdowns:** Jordy

Nelson, Green Bay, 14; Davante Adams, Green Bay, 12; Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh, 12; Mike Evans, Tampa Bay, 12; Odell Beckham, New York Giants, 10; Rishard Matthews, Tennessee, 9; Kenny Stills, Miami, 9; Michael Thomas, New Orleans, 9; Anquan Boldin, Detroit, 8; Cameron Brate, Tampa Bay, 8; Dez Briant, 8; Brandin Cooks, New Orleans, 8.

Field Goals: Justin Tucker, Baltimore, 38; Nick Novak, Houston, 35; Caleb Sturgis, Philadelphia, 35; Matt Bryant, Atlanta, 34; Dustin Hopkins, Washington, 34; Steven Hauschka, Seattle, 33; Matt Prater, Detroit, 33; Matt Prater, Detroit, 31; Cairo Santos, Kansas City, 31; Graham Gano, Carolina, 30; Sebastian Janikowski, Oakland, 29; Brandon McManus, Denver, 29.

Longest Field Goal: Chandler Cat-

anzaro, Arizona, 60; Matt Bryant, Atlanta, 59; Matt Prater, Detroit, 58;

57; Justin Tucker, Baltimore, 57; Dan Jacksonville, 56; Brandon McManus, 55; Caleb Sturgis, Philadelphia, 55. **Punting Average:** Pat McAfee,

lina, 49.1; Marquette King, Oakland, 47.5; Matthew Bosher, Atlanta, 46.8; Brad Nortman, Jacksonville, 46.6; Kevin Huber, Cincinnati, 46.3; Drew Kaser, San Diego, 46.3. Longest Punt: Johnny Hekker, Los

71; Drew Kaser, San Diego, 69.

148; Sean Lee, Dallas, 145; Kwon Alexander, Tampa Bay, 145; Preston Brown, Buffalo, 139; Alec Ogletree, Los Angeles Rams, 136; Tahir Whitehead, Detroit, 132; Paul Posluszny, Jacksonville, 132; Zachary Orr, Baltimore, 132. **Sacks:** Vic Beasley, Atlanta, 15.5; Von Miller, Denver, 13.5; Lorenzo

Alexander, Buffalo, 12.5; Markus

Seattle, 11.5; Cameron Wake, Mi-

Golden, Arizona, 12.5; Danielle Hunter, Minnesota, 12.5; Cliff Avril,

ami, 11.5; Chandler Jones, Arizona, 11; Ryan Kerrigan, Washington, 11; Khalil Mack, Oakland, 11; Nick Perry, Green Bay, 11; Erik Walden, Indianapolis, 11. **Interceptions:** Casey Hayward, San Diego, 7; Quintin Demps, Houston,

6; Marcus Peters, Kansas City, 6; Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, New York Giants, 6; Ha Ha Clinton Dix, Green Bay, 5; Landon Collins, New York Giants, 5; Stephon Gilmore, Buffalo, 5; Jordan Hicks, Philadelphia, 5; Reggie Nelson, Oakland, 5; Xavier Rhodes, Minnesota, 5.

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