



Scoreboard

2A CROSSOVERS

(Winners to State)

DISTRICT 1

Lynden (9-0) to State
Anacortes (8-1) to State
Sedro Woolley (7-2) to State

DISTRICT 2/3

Bremerton (7-2) at Fife (6-3)
Fr. Pierce (5-4) at Olympic (7-2)
Lindbergh (5-3) at Enumclaw (9-0)
Orting (3-6) at Highline (8-1)
Renton (5-4) at N. Kitsap (8-1)
Steilacoom (5-4) at Washington (6-3)

DISTRICT 4

Bl. Hills (5-4) at Mark Morris (8-1)
Ridgefield (5-4) at Tumwater (8-1)
Shelton (6-4) at Washougal (8-1)
Woodland (4-5) at W.F. West (8-1)

DISTRICT 5/6/8

West Valley (7-2) to State
Ephrata (5-4) at Clarkston (7-2)
Shadle Pk. (6-3) at Othello (7-1)

JP SPORTS 2A RANKING

1. Lynden, NWC, (9-0)
2. Enumclaw, SPSL, (9-0)
3. North Kitsap, Oly, (8-1)
4. W. F. West, EVCO, (8-1)
5. Tumwater, EVCO, (8-1)
6. Highline, Kingco, (8-1)
7. Othello, CWAC, (7-1)
8. Anacortes, NWC, (8-1)
9. West Valley, GSL, (7-2)
10. Sedro Woolley, NWC .. (7-2)
11. Clarkston, GSL, (7-2)
12. Washougal, GSHL, (8-1)
13. Ephrata, CWAC, (5-4)
14. **Prosser, CWAC, (7-2)
15. **Sehome, NWC, (6-3)
16. Mark Morris, GSHL, (8-1)
17. Washington, SPSL, (6-3)
18. Olympic, Oly, (7-2)
19. Fife, SPSL, (6-3)
20. Bremerton, Oly, (7-2)

Honorable Mention: Shadle Park (6-3), Cedarcrest (7-2), East Valley of Yakima (6-3). ** Not in playoffs.

GAME TO WATCH

Ephrata at Clarkston

One very good playoff team will be eliminated this Friday. Ephrata has won four-in-a-row, including eliminating Prosser, perhaps the state's best non playoff team. Their last playoff win was 1992.

Clarkston tied for 1st in the GSL. Lost GSL 1 seed 7-6 to West Valley in mini-playoff this week. They beat Shadle 17-7, who became #3.

Let Them Begin

Handicapping the 2A Football Playoff Chase

The final regular season finish was a fun one to behold all across the state at all levels.

There were mini-playoffs to determine football playoff seeds, unbeaten teams faced off and we saw fantastic finishes.

Looking at the 2A level, there is no doubt that defending champion, Lynden, is the best team in the state.

They may have not blown out opponents every week, but they passed every test thrown to them.

Three of arguably the top 10 teams in various polls, faced them and lost.

Traveling on the road the first three weeks of the season, they beat rival 3A Ferndale (7-2 win/loss record) 34-7 and followed by dealing 2A WF West (8-1) 34-7 their only loss of the year.

Lynden beat 2021 state semifinalist Squalicum 41-13 in week 4. Then followed by downing fellow Northwest Conference foe, and playoff bound, Sedro Woolley 24-21.

Next came a close 21-19 victory over Sehome (6-3), who should have made the post-season. Unfortunately, they had to forfeit their game against Sedro due to a hazing incident.

In week six, Lynden downed Archbishop Murphy 49-24, then Burlington-Edison



lost 35-23 and Lakewood 48-3.

Then, last week, on October 28, Lynden faced upstart Anacortes on the road. (The two teams were 16-0 between them and it was a battle.) The Seahawks fell 23-13 as the Lions wrapped up their fifth-consecutive league title.

Lynden is led by MVP Lane Heeringa, who has a 5.4 yard average per carry and leads in total tackles with 95.

After the Lions, the next two rated teams are Enumclaw and North Kitsap.

The Hornets just capped off an unbeaten run (9-0) through the South Puget Sound League in their second season

after dropping from 4A.

Among their casualties were 3A Peninsula (7-2) in the opener 29-27, then Washington (6-3) fell 41-7, Fife (6-3) 27-21 and Steilacoom (5-4) 56-13. (All three will play this weekend in crossovers for a chance to play in the 16 team state 2A tournament.)

Senior Emmitt Otero leads coach Mark Gunderson's bruising ground game.

North Kitsap, coached by Jeff Weible, who doubles as a varsity baseball coach for the Vikings, is a team to keep an eye on.

At 8-1, they have a stout defense and are 24-2 the past three seasons. Last year they lost in the semi-finals to Lynden 15-10.

This year, their only loss came to Tumwater in week two 8-6. They might have won that game, but lost their quarterback, Cole Edwards, due to an ankle injury on the second series.

NK had the ball six times inside Tumwater's 30-yard-line and scored just one touchdown. Their defense also forced the T-Birds to punt 13 times.

The Vikings have outscored their opponents 388-34.

Group W.F. West and Tumwater (8-1) together at 4

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Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

Final 2A AP Poll

1. Lynden (9-0)	100
2. Enumclaw (9-0)	88
3. W. F. West (8-1)	70
4. Anacortes (8-1)	65
5. Tumwater (8-1)	59
6. North Kitsap (8-1)	58
7. Othello (7-1)	45
8. Sedro Woolley (7-2)	25
9. Highline (8-1)	16
10. Washougal (8-1)	14

Final 1A AP Poll

1. Royal (7-1)	84
2. Lakeside (9-0)	76
3. Nooksack Valley (8-1)	60
4. Lynden Chr. (8-1)	56
Tenino (8-1)	56
6. Eatonville (7-2)	47
7. King's (8-1)	34
8. LaCenter (8-1)	33
9. Montesano (7-2)	25
10. Toppenish (7-2)	17

2A RPI Rankings

1. Lynden (9-0)	73.2
2. W. F. West (8-1)	69.5
3. Enumclaw (9-0)	68.6
4. Tumwater (8-1)	67.7
5. Othello (7-1)	65.8
6. North Kitsap (8-1)	64.7
7. Anacortes (8-1)	64.4
8. Washougal (8-1)	64.0
9. Mark Morris (8-1)	62.3
10. Prosser (7-2)	61.9
11. Olympic (7-2)	60.9
12. Highline (8-1)	60.7
13. West Valley (7-2)	59.11
14. Sedro Woolley (7-2)	59.1
15. Sehome (6-3)	57.3
16. Clarkston (7-2)	56.7

1A RPI Rankings

1. Eatonville (7-2)	67.5
2. Royal (7-1)	67.3
3. Omak (8-1)	66.91
4. King's (8-1)	66.9
5. Lakeside (9-0)	66.1
6. Toppenish (7-2)	64.8
7. Tenino (8-1)	64.8
8. Cashmere (7-2)	64.3
9. Nooksack Valley (8-1)	64.1
10. LaCenter (8-1)	63.5
11. Lynden Chr. (8-1)	63.2
12. Montesano (7-2)	62.7
13. Freeman (7-2)	60.9
14. So. Whidbey (8-2)	59.8
15. Colville (7-2)	58.4
16. Mt. Baker (6-4)	58.1

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and 5. The T-Birds may have lost to the Bearcats, but have outscored opponents 341-91, including 3A power, Kelso.

They will figure in the mix because, after all, they're still Tumwater.

Don't be surprised to see them in the final four.

This year, the T-Birds lost the EVCO title to W.F. West, who beat then 28-7 for the first time in 13 years which was the last time they won the league title.

Coached by **Dan Hill**, quarterback Gavin Fugate to Gage Brumfield has been big this season for the Bearcats.

Appropriately named, **Tucker Land**, has been key to the ground attack.

After the top five, it gets dicey.

Several teams have had outstanding seasons with big wins and impressive performances.

Highline's (Burien) only loss came in week two against 4A power, Kennedy Catholic 41-6.

Until last week, they had only allowed one touchdown through seven wins, including six shutouts.

The top seed out of the KingCo Conference, don't overlook the Pirates. Liberty of Issaquah (now 3A) proved how tough those teams can be.

Othello won the tough CWAC this year, including an impressive 28-17 victory over Prosser on homecoming night.

Roger Hoell has always known for having smash-mouth teams and this group is no different.

Their only loss was 14-0 to 1A power Royal and have an impressive cast of players including two-way standouts defensive end David Alegria and running back Sonny Asu.

Anacortes, who plays in the

North Kitsap



Ready for battle
During The
2A Post-Season

Coach **Craig Whitney's** (Othello grad) group received an automatic state berth as part of the GSL/CWAC agreement, while Clarkston gets to host upstart Ephrata.

Ephrata, under first-year head coach Patrick Mitchell, started slow this year at 1-4, before reeling off four consecutive wins.

The Tigers two points from being the CWAC champions (lost to Othello 14-13, East Valley - Yakima 28-29), and beat Prosser in overtime 20-17 for the first time since the 1987 1A state playoffs.

Washougal, Greater St. Helens champions at 8-1, dealt Mark Morris their only loss (39-22) and their only loss was to 1A Toppenish 48-22.

The Panthers won their first league title since 1999 when they were in the Trico League. (Last year, they were 3-6.) ♦

THIS AND THAT

1A **Lynden Christian** was eliminated from the playoffs on Thursday, November 3 in a Kansas tie-breaker format in the NWC 1A league. They lost to Nooksack Valley and Mt. Baker at Blaine.

The Lynx (8-1) had beaten defending state champion, Royal 21-14 at the Knights' home field back in September. Then downed Nooksack 30-7 during the regular season and had outscored opponents 192-27 the past four weeks before being upset last week to Mt. Baker (6-4) 48-34 which forced the tie-breaker format.

Weather didn't help their high-flying passing attack with a torrential downpour with wind that blew the rain sideways in the tie-breaker.

The **SCAC** also had a three-way tie for first among **Toppenish**, Zillah and Naches.

Naches (6-3) upset Toppenish (7-2) two weeks ago 14-13 and the Wildcats shut out Zillah (6-3) 21-0 last week to force the three-way tie.

Since all three teams will crossover with the SCAC East, they used the draw to seed teams. #1 Zillah will play #3 College Place, #2 Toppenish will face #2 Connell while #3 Naches gets #1 Royal. ♦

ever-tough Northwest Conference, has rose to elite status under coach **Justin Portz**.

In 2019, they didn't field a varsity football team, returned in Covid-shortened 2020, and then last year was not eligible for the NWC title, playing a non-league schedule, finishing 8-1.

West Valley of Spokane finished 7-2 and in a three-way tie for first place in the 2A Greater Spokane League at 5-1 with Shadle Park and Clarkston.

This week, the three squared off in a mini playoff which featured two ten minute halves.

Clarkston beat Shadle 17-7 in the first matchup and the Highlanders will have to travel to Othello tonight, November 3 for a winner-to-state matchup.

Clarkston then met the Eagles and led 6-0 (missed extra point) until the final minutes when West Valley scored and kicked the extra point to make the final 7-6.



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