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Let the Fun Begin

2A State Football Tournament Features Many Different Story Lines

With the cool weather of autumn comes the football post-season. Perhaps no classification will be more interesting than the 2A.

There are several teams in the running with the favorites being Tumwater, Lynden, Anacortes and Archbishop Murphy.

Prosser, W.F. West (Chehalis) and West Valley of Spokane could also spoil the party. (They are in the same bracket with Lynden.)

Eatonville has had a great run over the last five weeks, beating both Orting and first place Franklin Pierce of the SPSL. Then, last week, rolled over Squalicum (NWC) 44-16.

Their daunting task? They open at **Archbishop Murphy** (Everett), the number 5 ranked team in the WIAA state football tournament on Saturday.

Murphy, who won two games via forfeit and lost two others the same way, is the defending **state champion** and in most years, might have been the second-rated team in the tournament.

The winner of this game is favored to play **Anacortes**, one of the best programs in the state and former back-to-back state champions.

They feature one of the deadliest quarterbacks in the state in senior, **Ryan Harrington**.

The 6-foot-1, 195 WSU Cougar commit, threw for 374 yards and a pair of scores while running for another last week.

That brings his season totals to 3,404 yards and 41 TD passes.

Well-coached, the Seahawks signature win this year came when they beat Archbishop Murphy 48-47, earlier this fall, despite trailing 35-21 in the fourth quarter.

But the Seahawks' opponent this week, **Olympic** is not to be over looked.

The Trojans beat Foster 46-0 last week and have won 8 of their last 9 games. (Losing 24-21 to 8th-rated North Kitsap.)

Nearly everywhere in the 16-team bracket, there are matchups that seemingly could go either way.

That includes **Woodland**, the GSHL champion who hits the road to play Oly League champion, North Kitsap.

The Beavers had a tough game against Bainbridge last week but shut down the vaunted Spartan passing attack. Defensive back, **Mikey Belvin** came up with a couple of picks.

Their opponent, comes from the same league as Bainbridge, but **North Kitsap** (Poulsbo) is a former state power who was 93-36 from 2014-2023 under former head coach, Jeff Weible.

Chris Richardson is the interim coach and has done an impressive job.

On the following pages, you will see a game-by-game preview and notes from the previous week. As one coach said, "*Let's Go*!" ◆



There will not be a potential rematch of last year's state championship game because **Archbishop Murphy** and **Tumwater** are in the same bracket. (John O'Leary/Tumwater photo)

Last Week's Results

There was only one major upset (Selah losing to Black Hills) as most of the home teams picked up a victory.

Fife, of the SPSL, also upset, shutting out East Valley in Yakima, 24-0.

This week's 16 seeded teams remained pretty close to where they were last week with the top six remaining the same while West Valley slid up one spot and North Kitsap moving to 8 from 10.

32	Chief Sealth	0
1	Tumwater	49
31	Renton	6
2	Lynden	46
30	Ridgefield	0
3	Prosser	41
29	North Mason	7
4	Anacortes	56
28	Hockinson	21
5	Archbishop Murphy	63
27	Bremerton	20
6	WF West	75
26	Black Hills	28
7	Selah	21
25	Othello	6
8	West Valley (Spokane)	28
24	Washougal	28
9	Franklin Pierce	32
23	East Valley (Spokane)	6
10	North Kitsap	29
22	Pullman	31
11	Burlington-Edison	34
21	Bainbridge	14
12	Woodland	28
20	Foster	0
13	Olympic	46
19	Fife	24
14	East Valley (Yakima)	0
18	Squalicum	16
15	Eatonville	44
17	Orting	19
16	Cedarcrest	21

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This Week's Games

UPPER BRACKET

Friday, November 13, 7PM

11 Burlington-Edison.....8-2
6 W.F. West.....9-1
W.F. West HS

Saturday, November 14, 2PM

14 Cedarcrest.....8-2
3 Prosser.....10-0
Art Fiker Stadium

Saturday, November 14, 1PM

10 Franklin Pierce.....8-2
7 West Valley (Spo.).....9-1
West Valley HS

Saturday, November 14, 1PM

15 Fife.....7-3
2 Lynden.....8-2
Ferndale HS

LOWER BRACKET

Saturday, November 14, 2PM

12 Eatonville.....8-2
5 Archbishop Murphy.....6-4
Archbishop Murphy HS

Friday, November 13, 6PM

13 Olympic.....8-2
4 Anacortes.....8-1
Anacortes HS

Saturday, November 14, 4PM

9 Woodland.....8-2
8 North Kitsap.....9-1
North Kitsap HS

Friday, November 13, 6PM

16 Black Hills.....5-4
2 Tumwater.....10-0
Tumwater District Stadium



Tumwater assistant coach, **Paul Snow**, who unexpectedly passed away a day after beat Aberdeen (Oct. 16), was honored before last weekend's playoff game against Chief Sealth.

Pioneer Bowl Two

Tumwater Faces Cross-Town Rival Black Hills (Again)

16 Black Hills at 1 Tumwater

Friday, Nov. 13, 6PM

This might be the biggest head-scratcher among all the matchups.

Both schools play at the same stadium, reside in the same town and played on Monday, Oct. 26, just two weeks ago.

The annual Pioneer Bowl game was moved to that day because of a prior credible online threat.

Tumwater (10-0) won that game 67-6 and on the season, have out scored their opponents 523-77 en route to a 10-0 record.

"I am most proud of the commitment level of the kids and assistant coaches in our program," states head coach, Willie Garrow. ""We average 80+ kids per day, all summer long from 7am -10am four days a week."

He also stated they have AM lifting and/or AM film 5 days per week with all the V/JV kids in attendance.

Last week, Tumwater beat Chief Sealth 49-0 in the Round of 32.

"We felt like the team played well and we had an opportunity to get a lot of the younger players a ton of reps in a playoff game in front of their families and community which is a bonus," Garrow explained.

Last week, Tumwater also honored assistant coach, **Paul Snow**, who recently unexpectedly passed away.

"Chief Sealth was a first-class opponent and we are thankful the way they handled our pre-game ceremony," said Garrow. "They were gracious, understanding and we are grateful."

"**Black Hills**, (5-4) meanwhile, scored the biggest upset of the Week 10 games with a 28-21 victory over 7th-ranked **Selah**.



Tumwater and **Black Hills** were surprisingly matched up in the first round of the 2A football playoffs. (John O'Leary/Tumwater photo)

Tied at the half at 14, the Vikings scored on a 90-yard TD run when senior running back, Calen Wuitschick entered the game after sitting out the first half.

Black Hills tied the game at 21 and took the lead 28-21 when Selah committed a major mistake.

On 4th and 14, deep in their own territory, the Vikings ran a fake punt, which failed and gave the Wolves excellent field position.

Junior running back, **Marshall Orona** scored to help Black Hills take the lead 28-21.

The Vikings were not done and marched down the field. But, a goal line stand by the Wolves on a fourth-and-one at the four helped secure the victory.

Black Hills was able to run out the clock for the upset.

For his team's effort and signature win, Wolves coach, **Tom Spray** earned a **Seahawks/WSFCA** Coach of the Week Award.



Tom Spray
Black Hills

15 Fife at 2 Lynden

Saturday, Nov. 14, 1PM

This could be a good match-up. Both teams had impressive victories last week and **Fife** (SPSL), along with Black Hills, had the only upsets in the Round of 32.

Traveling to Moxee (near Yakima), just a few miles from Selah, the Trojans 7-3) garnered a 24-0 shutout over last year's semi-finalist, East Valley (7-3).

Peapea Puletu of Fife broke a scoreless tie in the second quarter with a one yard plunge. Kicker Daniel Grigoruk added a 31-yard field goal in the third for a 9-0 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Trojans added 15 more points for the win.

Senior 5-6, 200 RB, **Carlos Reyes** led them with 134 yards on 24 carries while QB Benjamin Stevenson Jr. (5-8, 160 Sr.), added 63 more on 13 carries.

Fife limited the Red Devils to minus eight yards rushing and just 68 yards in the air, intercepting 2 passes.

Their opponent this week, **Lynden** (8-2) was first-place in the Northwest Conference, (Tied Anacortes with 7-1 marks but beat them for the advantage.)

The Lions had a relatively easy win over Renton (5-5) of Seattle's Kingco 46-6.

"Our goal was to get to a running clock ASAP since it was 30+ MPH winds," said head coach Blake VanDalen adding, "The rain came down in the second half so we were happy to get it done quick."

As for his (see next page)

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WIAA RPI

1. Tumwater
2. W.F. West
3. Prosser
4. North Kitsap
5. West Valley (Spokane)
6. Anacortes
7. Lynden
8. Selah
9. Woodland
10. Franklin Pierce
11. Burl.-Edison
12. Olympic
13. Black Hills
14. Eatonville
15. Cedarcrest
16. Foster
17. Fife
20. Archbishop Murphy

WSFCA COACHES POLL

1. Tumwater
2. Anacortes
3. Archbishop Murphy
4. Lynden
5. Prosser
6. W.F. West
7. West Valley (Spokane)
   Selah (Tie)
9. Franklin Pierce
10. Burlington-Edison

EVANS RANKINGS

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upcoming opponent, VanDalen has nothing but respect for the Trojans.

"Fife is a team we know well and respect them having played them in the playoffs several times since 2018," said VanDalen. "They are a classy program who does things the right way."

Lynden had a special moment happen in their victory over Renton.

"**Five sets of brothers got to play together for the first time**," remarked VanDalen.

"5 Seniors and 5 Freshmen little brothers in one formation," he continued. "They got to run a play together and it gained 8 yards!"

The offensive line was a combination of three seniors and 2 freshmen. (Two Andrews and 3 Dykstra's.)

While the TE/WR's were VanRy brothers. The WB/Slot were Holman brothers and the QB/RB were the Lopez brothers.

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14 Cedarcrest at 3 Prosser

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2PM

This is the first-ever meeting between the schools and matches the Kingco Summit Division champ (Cedarcrest) against **Prosser**, who has won 34 league championships.

The Mustangs, (10-0) who won the CWAC for the first time since 2021, have been an offensive juggernaut.

Their quarterback, **Daniel Diaz** (junior) has a career-high 34 TD passes, which is fifth-best in school history behind **Kellen Moore** of the New Orleans Saints (58 and 41) and Jordan Durbin (50 and 48) who led the team to back-to-back state championship appearances in 2007 and 2008.

Diaz is only one of several juniors who give this team one of the best skill position players in the state.

Running back, **Autrey Hoefer** is averaging 7.7 yards per carry and has scored 15 all-purpose TD's.



Junior **Autrey Hoefer** is one of many offensive weapons that makes Prosser's offense so dangerous. (Sunny Dawsey Wright photo)

Receiver Brody Buxton also has 15 TD's and Xzander Espino has scored 10.

Senior **Korbyn Hopwood** has brought a new attitude to the team and may be one of the best middle linebackers in the state. However, he has missed the past couple of games due to an ankle injury and the Mustangs hope to have him back soon.

Overall, the team has the most talent than they've had in years and expectations are high.

"Prosser is a great football team," states Cedarcrest head coach, John Fiala. "I always think of Eastern Washington and Prosser as a staple for high school football."

"They have several great players that work well together on offense, defense and also on special teams."

The **Red Wolves** (8-2) are not to be over looked however.

They came back and beat a highly-rated Orting team last week 21-19. (As a bit of a twist, the Cardinals knocked Prosser from the playoffs last year.)

"Going into the Week 10, 32-team bracket was very exciting for our football team to be playing them," stated Fiala.

"They are a great football team (whether it's) offense, defense or special teams.," he added. "Our players were excited to have a home game and come out with an opportunity to be able to have a victory to make it into the state tournament."

With the score 21-19, Orting failed on a two-point attempt. Then, in the final seconds were driving before Cedarcrest came up with a big interception near the goal line.

"It was a big moment for our defense," stated Fiala. "(They) have been playing well and we're trying to capitalize on the opportunities we have. At the end of the day, it was a very exciting high school playoff game."

Prosser, meanwhile, disposed of Ridgefield of the GSHL, 41-0, in the first-ever meeting between the two successful schools.

The Mustangs dominated in nearly every phase of the game against the young Spudders. Diaz, the Mustang QB, had six TD passes in the contest. ◆



Lynden had five sets of brothers play together for the first time Saturday. Five were freshmen and five were seniors.

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By the Numbers:

• All 4 home teams in the upper bracket play their home games on **natural grass** fields.

However, **Lynden** will play at nearby Ferndale HS, a turf field. They are the only host team not playing at home.

All 4 home teams in the lower bracket, play on turf and are at home.

• There are only **two teams undefeated** at 10-0; Tumwater and Prosser.

They are in opposite brackets and played each other for the state championship in 2015. The Mustangs won that contest 22-15.

Cade Otten, who played in that game is now a starting tight end for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Prosser's most famous player, **Kellen Moore** is now the head coach of the New Orleans Saints of the NFL. His brother, **Kirby**, is the head football coach at Washington State.

• **Archbishop Murphy**, whose powerhouse 2016 state title title received national acclaim when several teams forfeited rather than play them, has two current starters in the NFL.

Abe Lucas (OT, DE) is a starting guard for the Seattle Seahawks. **Kyler Gordon** (WR/DB) is a defensive back for the Chicago Bears.

• When **Tumwater** beat **Steilacoom** 48-34 in 2019 for the state championship, the Sentinels featured future NFL receiver, **Emeka Ebuka**, who starts along with Otten for the Buccaneers.

• **Tumwater** has appeared in 5 of the past 6 state championship games, winning one. They have also appeared in nine of the past 13 title contests.

During that same span, **Lynden** has appeared in six. The last played in 2022, beating North Kitsap 31-24 for the 2A title.

13 Olympic at 4 Anacortes

Friday, Nov. 13, 6PM

Anacortes (8-1) is putting together another fine season that continually ranks them among the best in the state.

It's hard to believe that just seven years ago, they didn't play a varsity schedule (2019). In 2020, they went 3-3 in the Covid year and since then it's been nothing but success.

Since 2021, the Seahawks are 63-8 with two state championships. Several of their losses have come to top tier teams; Archbishop Murphy (3), Lynden (2), North Kitsap (2) and Squalicum.

Part of the success states head coach, **Justin Portz**, is the league they play in — the Northwest Conference.

"There are teams that finished towards the bottom of the NWC who would make the playoffs in other leagues," he states.

"This means, there's no weeks off," he continued. "Every week is a challenge and this is why our league represents strongly in the post season every year."

Since Covid, the NWC has won five consecutive championships and this year, it may be a bit more challenging. With two (Anacortes, Murphy) of the top three teams in the same bracket as Tumwater it will be a tough road.

Lynden will be in the other bracket.

"Whichever team survives the AC, Murphy and TW side of the bracket will be heavy favorites to win the championship," explains Portz. We've got a tough road to get there, but we will just have to take it one game at a time and fight to earn another week."

Last week, the Seahawks were impressive, winning 56-7 over North Mason from District 4.

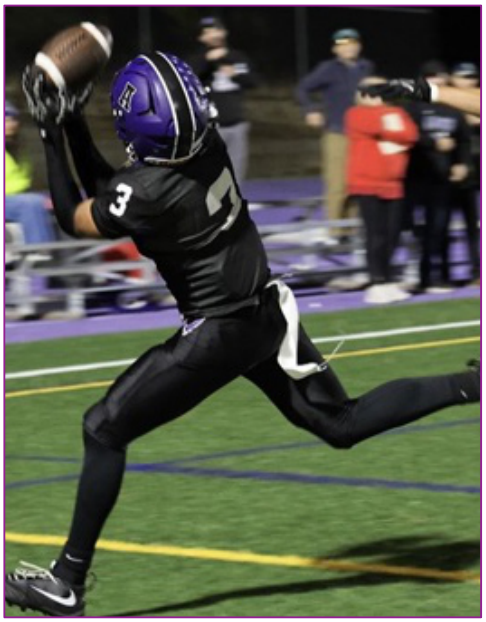
"Although we put a lot of points on the board," says Portz, "The key was our defense holding the North Mason rushing attack to less than 10 yards for the entire game."

He also felt the coaches did a great job preparing the team to execute the game plan. They had 2 interceptions, returning one for a touchdown and coming close to three others.

"Our defensive backs did a great job holding their top receiver to only 2 receptions," he added, "The team defensive effort gave the offense plenty of opportunities to score."

QB Ryan Harrington was his usual self and now has thrown for 3,404 yards and 41 TD's while surrendering just 4 interceptions.

His main target, **Andre Carter** has 60 catches for 1,100 yards with 13 scores, but his value is far beyond that.



6-2, 190 senior, **Andre Carter** of Anacortes has 61 catches for 1,100 yards and 13 TD's. He is also a lock down corner who held North Mason's top receiver to only 2 receptions. (Hudl Photo)

"Andre fills up the stat sheet at WR every week but his value as a lock down corner is something worth mentioning," states Portz. "We tasked him to lock up North Mason's top receiver, senior **Derek Dunham**," (Who has 61 catches with 15 TD's.)

"He's a future D1 player and Andre held him to only 2 receptions," says Portz of the NM wideout.

This allowed us to do some other creative things with our defensive pressures and coverages.

This week, AC hosts Olympic (8-2), fresh off a 46-0 shut out over Foster (8-2).

"Olympic has a pretty simple philosophy," notes Portz. "They want to establish the run, control the clock and tempo behind their big offensive line."

"They want to take some shots through play action to keep you honest," he added. "They're pretty simple in scheme, but very good at what they do."

"Our defense will be challenged to control the line of scrimmage and give our offense opportunities to score."

The second place team in the Olympic League, the Trojans have run for 2,288 yards on the year, scoring 30 rushing touchdowns while adding 907 in the air for 15 other scores.

In the victory over Foster, senior **Brycen Williams** (5-11, 180) had 126 yards on 16 carries while adding a score.

This is the third straight year that Olympic has made the round of 16.

12 Eatonville at 5 Archbishop Murphy

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2PM

This is an intriguing matchup featuring a defending state champion, who many regard as among the best in the state, versus a team that finished strong, knocking off two state contenders.

Putting all the off-the-field things to the side, the fact is **Archbishop Murphy** (6-4) is an imposing football team that is quite capable of winning another title.

Their only loss on the field was by one point to NWC rival, Anacortes (48-47). Last week, they beat Hockinson (5-5) of the GSHL 63-21 to advance into this round.

Their opponent, **Eatonville** (8-2), is riding a five game winning streak, fresh off a Week 10 (see next page)

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Archbishop Murphy - Eatonville Matchup

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victory over Squalicum of the NWC, 44-16.

Their last loss was to Fife (28-7) and since have upset both Franklin Pierce and Orting, outscoring their opponents 199-68.

The Cruisers feature an exceptional passing attack that is keyed by the strong arm of senior **Cole Fowler** (6-5, 225) who has thrown for 2,428 yards and 25 touchdowns.

He had one of his best outings against the Storm, completing 21 of 29 passes for 329 yards.

When he completes a pass, it is usually for a good chunk of yardage. (Fowler averages 17.9 yards per completion.)

His main target is senior **Amari Samuel** (6-0, 165) who has 49 catches for 961 yards with 9 touchdowns. Senior **Jacob Simons** (6-1, 210) has 30 catches for 652 yards (21.7) plus 11 TD's. Junior **Sam Kralick** (6-0, 160) averages 20.3 yards per catch on 24 catches and five scores.

On the ground, their leading rusher is junior **Benjamin Smith** a load to stop at 6-3, 250. He has 312 yards rushing with 8 TD's, averaging 5 yards per carry.

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11 Burlington-Edison at 5 W.F. West

Friday, Nov. 13, 7PM

Since the Round of 32 Week 10 games have begun, there are generally no weak teams left in the playoffs.

Although the order of the top 6-7 teams can be debated, the same thing can be said of the rest of the field. No matter the matchup, no opponent can be over looked.

W. F. West (9-1) has a strong case for being rated higher than their sixth-place seed.

In their ten games, the school from Chehalis has scored nearly 400 points, topped by their 75-20 victory over Bremerton last week.

The Bearcats also scored the most points (21) on #1 seed, Tumwater than any opponent the T-Birds faced.

That is a pretty strong argument along with their strength of schedule as for how good they can be.

"We scheduled three Round of 32, 3A playoff teams (Lakes, Kelso and Peninsula) with two of those winning league championships and making the state tournament," stated coach, Dan Hill in those three victories.

Their explosiveness was on full display in last week's 55-point win.

"I thought our offense was firing on all cylinders," he said. "We ran for almost 300 yards and threw for over 200, so anytime you get 500+ yards of offense, you're doing very well."

He went on to praise the offensive line and was proud of the running of senior **Holden Kunz**, who ran for 110 yards, scoring 3 TD's on just 10 carries.



6-foot-5, **Cole Fowler** of Eatonville has thrown for 2,428 yards and averages 17.9 yards per completion. (Vince Miller Photo/MaxPreps)

"Our wide receivers also made great catches and plays with the ball in their hands," said Hill.

Sophomore Jalen Amoroso led them with nine catches for 124 yards.

Defensively, the Bearcats varsity unit only gave up 2 touchdowns. "There were nine 3-and-outs and forced 4 interceptions."

W.F. West returned two for scores and another to the four-yard-line.

Hill has also been proud of the performance of QB/FS junior **Wyatt Hoffman** who also punts, holds for kicks and could easily return kicks. "There are not many top-tier dual-threat quarterbacks that can say they do all those things," states Hill.

Others who stand out include **Ayden Johnson**, senior captain, who is the Bearcats' leading tackler while Kunz has nearly 1,200 all-purpose yards.

Their opponent this week, **Burlington-Edison** (8-2) poses several problems.

"They are a physical, downhill team on offense," says Hill. "It's smash-mouth football and we will have to match the physicality they will bring."

"Defensively, they have many different looks they give an offense and ways to defend the pass with multiple coverage looks.," he added.

"There are lots of blitzing, slanting and twists. We will need to be sound in pass protection and our gap schemes with the run game."

Hill also states the Tigers add other challenges as well.

"They play in a tough league and are very battle tested," points out Hill. "We are expecting a very competitive football game."

"We have the path laid before us," continued Hill of their chances, "So, we just have to show up and play the best football that we can." ◆

Dr. Dan

Editorial by Jeff Place

Dr. Dan Doornink was a multi-sport athlete in high school (football, basketball, track) and is one of the rare athletes who played his prep, college and most of his pro career in the state of Washington.

On October 31, 2026, he passed at age 70 after two battles with an autoimmune disease.

I began my coaching career several years ago at **Wapato** and heard several stories about his days, spent with the Wolves.

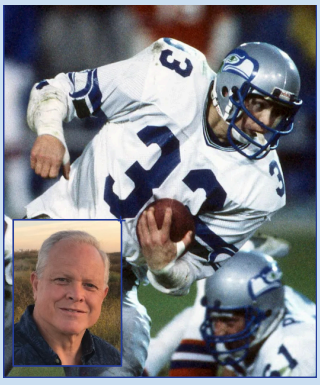
Dave Tri, then our athletic director, was his football coach and he, along with several other veteran coaches spoke about the many exploits of him competing in varsity sports.

I was coaching football when the Wapato high school field was named after him in the 1980's and had the rare chance to have a candid conversation with him in the Tri-Cities.

I helped induct him into the Central Washington Sports Hall of Fame in Kennewick and was lucky enough to sit at his table, along with former WSU baseball coach Bob Brayton that night.

I asked him when he knew his career was over and he joked when **Chuck Knox** became the head coach in 1983.

Former Seahawk coach, **Jack Patera** (See Next Page)



Dr. Dan Doornink was a three-sport star at Wapato (Yakima Valley) and football player at WSU and the Seattle Seahawks.

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10 Franklin Pierce at 7 West Valley (Spokane)

Saturday, Nov. 14, 1PM

This battle between league champions features the ground attack of Franklin Pierce versus West Valley of Spokane, who features a strong ground game and a strong defense which has only given up 9 points in their last three games.

Last week, **Franklin Pierce** (8-2) came back against under dog Washougal (4-6) for an exciting 32-28 victory.

With just a little over two minutes to play, it appeared the Panthers were going to upset the 2026 SPSL champions. Owen McDonald scored from two yards out to give Washougal a 28-24 lead at the 2:17 mark in the fourth quarter.

However, 16 seconds later, the Cardinals took the lead in two plays which led to the victory.

Freshman **Teryn Hartley** returned the kickoff 40 yards and a penalty against Washougal gave the Cardinals the ball at the 18-yard line. Senior **Adam Cook** scored and the two-point conversion was good which was the difference in victory.

Quarterback **Jeremiah Orcutt** (Sr.) led FP in rushing with 100 yards on 11 carries. He also had two rushing TD's.

West Valley of Spokane (9-1) pretty much dominated the CWAC #4 seed, Othello (5-5) in a 28-6 victory.

It was their fifth-straight win since they lost to Selah 29-24 back on October 2.

Running back **Elijah Newman** (Sr., 5-10, 171) scored four times for the Eagles in the victory.

Defensively, linebacker Connor Dunfield (Sr., 6-2, 191) and junior defensive lineman, Davis Baker, led the defensive charge holding the Huskies scoreless until the fourth quarter.



Jeremiah Orcutt
Franklin Pierce

9 Woodland at 8 North Kitsap

Saturday, Nov. 14, 1PM

When you seed the 8-9 football teams in the state tournament, they are usually evenly matched.

This contest will be no different.

Another battle of League champions, Woodland of the Greater St. Helens League and North Kitsap (Poulsbo) of the Olympic League both have long history of success.

Woodland (8-2) is coming off a 28-14 victory over Bainbridge (6-4). Sophomore **Dayton Morris** (5-10, 195) ran for 156 yards on 20 carries and scored twice. That brought his season totals to 1083 yards on just 144 carries with eight scores.



W.F. West has hopes to play in their first 2A state final in school history. A key will be the all-around play of quarterback/safety, **Wyatt Hoffman**.

Junior quarterback **Jackson Andrews** (6-2, 165) added 106 yards (14 carries), running for a score and throwing for another.

Defensively, senior **Michael Belvin** (6-4, 205) added a pair of interceptions.

North Kitsap ran their record to 9-1 with a 29-6 victory over East Valley of Spokane.

Townsyn Walsh (6-0, 200, Jr.) ran for two touchdowns including a 68-yard scamper in the first quarter.

Senior **Brogan Larsen** (5-10, 168) ran for 85 yards on 21 carries for East Valley.

Doornink

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had a playbook several inches thick with several specialty-designed plays for him, said Doornink, who was 6-3, 210 in his playing days. When Knox took over, the play book was only 20-25 pages long and no Doornink-designed plays he told me while smiling.

A 7th-round draft pick of the New York Giants in 1978, he would play with Seattle from 1979-85. (The reason he was taken so low was because NFL teams weren't sure he would play because he was working on becoming a doctor.)

His greatest performance came in a 1984 13-7 Wild Card playoff victory over the defending Super Bowl Champion, Los Angeles Raiders. He ran for 126 yards on 29 carries when starter Curt Warner was lost to a knee injury that year. . . . *Rest-in-Peace brother.*

A Look at the Titles

Lynden & Tumwater Top the List



Canon Raccanelli led Hockinson to their first state championship in 2017.

Now a fishing guide, he passed for over 4,100 yards and 57 TD's while being named the 2A Player of the Year.

He played college ball at CWU.

Since the 2A football classification became the sixth level of high school sports by the WIAA, there have been 28 championship meetings.

Lynden and Tumwater have the most state final appearances with 10 each and Lynden raising the championship trophy the most times, 8.

Archbishop Murphy has five finals appearances, Elma 4, with Prosser, Othello, Pullman and Meridian 3 each.

Anacortes, East Valley of Yakima and Hockinson have two.

2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

2025	AB Murphy	38,	Tumwater	20
2024	Anacortes	20,	Tumwater	10
2023	Anacortes	60,	Tumwater	30
2022	Lynden	31,	North Kitsap	24
2021	Lynden	21,	Tumwater	7
2020	COVID – *No State Playoffs*			
2019	Tumwater	48,	Steilacoom	34
2018	Hockinson	42,	Lynden	37
2017	Hockinson	35,	Tumwater	22
2016	AB Murphy	56,	Liberty	14
2015	Prosser	22,	Tumwater	15
2014	Sedro Woolley	42,	Lynden	13
2013	Lynden	38,	Tumwater	28
2012	Lynden	41,	Tumwater	7
2011	Lynden	17,	AB Murphy	16
2010	Tumwater	24,	AB Murphy	14
2009	Lynden	16,	West Valley (Sp.)	6
2008	Lynden	35,	Prosser	34
2007	Prosser	42,	Burl.-Edison	7
2006	Lynden	14,	Centralia	10
2005	Pullman	28,	ABMurphy	24
2004	Othello	31,	East Valley (Y)	21
2003	Meridian	34,	Pullman	10
2002	Connell	41,	Elma	14
2001	Elma	43,	Othello	22
2000	Omak	30,	Meridian	14
1999	Meridian	57,	East Valley (Y)	14
1998	Othello	53,	Elma	21
1997	Elma	37,	Pullman	34

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