



**2A 32-Team Projection**

Here's our current guess for top 16 of the 32-team field. However, things will change. Several big games are on tap the next two weeks as we finish the regular season.

- 1. Tumwater 7-0 EVCO
- 2. Franklin Pierce 8-0 SPSL
- 3. Anacortes 6-1 NWC
- 4. Lynden 6-1 NWC
- 5. W. F. West 7-0 EVCO
- 6. A. Murphy 6-1 NWC
- 7. West Valley - S 7-0 GSL
- 8. Ridgefield 7-0 GSHL
- 9. Orting 7-1 SPSL
- 10. Othello 6-1 CWAC
- 11. Sehome 5-2 NWC
- 10. Prosser 4-3 CWAC
- 11. North Kitsap 4-3 OLY
- 12. East Valley (Y.) 5-2 CWAC
- 13. Chief Sealth 6-1 METRO
- 14. Clarkston 4-3 GSL
- 15. Steilacoom 5-2 SPSL
- 16. Woodland 5-2 GSHL

**IN THE CHASE:**

- D1:** NWC: Squalicum (4-3).
- D2:** KINGCO: Renton (2-5), Cedarcrest (4-3), Foster (4-4), Lindbergh (1-6). METRO: Nathan Hale (4-3).
- D3:** SPSL: Eatonville (5-2), Fife (4-3), Washington (3-4); OLY: Bainbridge (5-2), Olympic (5-2), Sequim (4-3), Bremerton (1-6), North Mason (4-3).
- D4:** EVCO: Black Hills (3-4), Aberdeen (2-5). GSHL: Washougal (4-3), Mark Morris (3-4), Columbia River, (3-4), RA Long (3-4).
- D5:** CWAC: Toppenish (5-2), Selah (4-3), Ephrata (3-4).
- D6:** GSL: Deer Park (4-3), Rogers (5-3).

**Allocations - Field of 32**

District/Conf.	Berths	'24	'25
D1 (NWC)	9	4	5
D2 (Seattle)	9	5	4
D3 (SPSL/OLY)	16	9	8
D4 (EVCO/GSHL)	13	7	6
D5 (CWAC)	9	4	5
D6 (Spokane)	7	3	4

# Surprise, Surprise

Vast Upsets Across the 2A Football Landscape.

**N**ever take anything for granted. Even a wounded dog can bite.

The 2A football landscape changed dramatically last week. Some were upsets, others knocked potential top eight teams into the loss column.

Or as Lynden coach, Blake Vandalen said, "Well, we messed up the 2A bracket. Sounds like Prosser did too."

The two games he is referring to was the Lions' 7-3 win over Archbishop Murphy and the Mustangs' 26-7 victory over previously unbeaten Othello.

If there was a message, it was: "Take nothing for granted." Especially when two football programs with such a rich history is involved.

**Lynden 7, Archbishop Murphy 3**

Lynden, fresh off two close wins (31-30 over Sehome) and (36-30 over Squalicum), appeared to be the underdog in this game, despite their 5-1 record.

The previous week, Archbishop Murphy (6-1) beat defending champion, Anacortes 34-28. (It was the first loss in 18 games for the Seahawks.)

Back on top under second-year head coach, Joe



Lynden made a statement in their 7-3 win over Archbishop Murphy. Three NWC teams now have one loss and another has just two.

Cronin, the Wildcats were rated among the top 2A teams in the state and a possible final four favorite.

But the *pride* of the Lions was not to be overlooked

"Honestly, I thought this was our best week of practice all year," noted Vandalen. "The boys were dialed in and focussed all week on assignment football."

"I felt like our kids were prepared for a battle," he explained. "When faced with adversity the previous weeks we stayed focussed and persevered."

With poor weather and field conditions that weren't ideal for either team, Vandalen noted: "We embraced the opportunity once again to get better."

The Lions defense held the powerful Wildcat offense to 107 total yards along with 5 three and outs.

Despite only scoring seven points, Vandalen felt his offense was consistent as well. Lynden ran for 145 yards, had 116 yards in the air and no turnovers.

Individually, sophomores Malachi Koenen and Landon Tolsma led the team with 14 tackles a piece.

6-6 quarterback, Brant Hoppner (Sr.) rushed 19 times for 82 yards and threw for 119 yards. (Accounting for 2/3 of the Lion attack.)

This week, Lynden hosts Lakewood (2-5) and finishes at Burlington-Edison (4-3).

Archbishop Murphy finishes at Sehome (5-2) this Friday.

If there is a three-way tie for first, their placement will depend on the seeding committee.

"I'm very happy we made it tough on them," said Vandalen. "Our kids fought hard and earned the opportunity to be a high seed." ♦



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# Vikings on the Rise Again

North Kitsap Earns Tie for First Place with Win Over Bainbridge

After climbing to the top of the mountain, things got a little rough for North Kitsap football this year.

Two years ago, the Vikings narrowly lost to Lynden in the state championship game 31-24.

Last year, they beat the Lions 34-28 in overtime but lost to Tumwater in the state semi-finals 19-17. (Since 2014, the Vikings are 93-17.)

But this off-season started with tragedy.

Long-time and beloved assistant coach, Dave Snyder, passed away at age 54 during the Central Washington football camp in mid-June.

He not only taught history at NK, but he was also the track coach and defensive-coordinator/assistant head coach for the Vikings.

In addition, Snyder was the assistant coach for the girl's flag football team.

"Many kids were struggling to have fun," noted North Kitsap head coach, Jeff Weible.

Add in injuries along with other factors and it looked like a long year for the defending Olympic League champion.

"I feel like we've done something to upset the football Gods," said Weible earlier this September, who is also the school's head baseball coach.

North Kitsap opened the



(Larry Steagall/North Kitsap Sun)

North Kitsap faced a lot of adversity this year, beginning with the passing of defensive coordinator, Dave Snyder, last spring at football camp.

year, losing to W. F. West 40-7, Lynden Christian, 15-26 and rival, Olympic 12-27 for an 0-3 start.

But, they rebounded to win their next four games including key wins over Sequim, 30-7, and 1<sup>st</sup> place Bainbridge 14-7.

The victory last week, on the road, vaulted them into a 3-way tie for first place with Bainbridge and Olympic.

Since all three teams have beaten each other, should they win out, all three will advance straight into the round of 32.

"We have gotten a lot of injured players back that we were counting on who weren't available the first three weeks," explained Weible.

"Our younger players have also gained valuable experience and are now playing like a varsity

player should play."

The rough start and inexperience caused the coaching staff to pivot and refocus on getting better.

"We simplified our offense and defense so the younger, less experienced players could play faster without thinking.

They also focussed on fundamentals along with the small details. Now, the coaches are beginning to add some things back in.

Also helping are seniors like linebacker/guard, Conner Nauta.

"He has stepped up his play," noted Weible, "Along with his leadership to make a huge impact."

Quarterback, Dawsyn Anderson has begun making better decisions and the determination of running back, Carter Dungy has helped the resurgence.

Dungy, who broke his hand in week three, has had to play with a big club on his left hand since then. "He has run even better than he did before the injury," Weible said.

Another improvement has been the offensive line, who is finally 100% healthy.

With all the injuries North Kitsap had this year, they had to move players around to different

positions.

"We had to try and find a combination of kids that gave us the best chance to be successful, said Weible adding, "I think we are on our fourth set of corner backs."

Adversity has helped make North Kitsap a key opponent as the post-season looms.

Whether they make the top 16 is unknown, but they will be in the round of 32.

"I strongly believe if we had this team available when we played Olympic in week three, we would have won the game," stated Weible.

"If you look at the top 20 teams in 2A, we by far, have the toughest opponents' schedule along with our opponents' win percentage," says Weible.



Jeff Weible



Connor Nauta

The Olympic League gets four automatic qualifiers to the round of 32 and their fifth-place team will face the SPSL #5 for D3's ninth spot.

North Kitsap has a non-league contest facing 3A Oak

Harbor (6-1) on the road this week and finishes at home against Bremerton (1-6) in week nine.

Don't be surprised if the Vikings are a major factor in the post-season when the dust settles. ♦



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**CWAC STANDINGS**

Othello	.....5	1	6	0	189	81
Toppenish	...5	2	5	2	117	100
East Valley	..4	2	5	2	247	112
Prosser	.....4	2	4	3	192	145
Selah	.....4	2	4	3	124	85
Ephrata	.....3	3	3	4	100	134
Ellensburg	...2	4	2	5	90	94
Grandview	..1	6	1	6	87	177
Quincy	.....0	6	1	6	70	284

**LAST WEEK:**

East Valley 31, Selah 22  
 Grandview 40, Quincy 15  
 Prosser 26, Othello 7  
 Toppenish 15, Ephrata 6  
 Zillah 22, Ellensburg 10

**THIS WEEK:**

Ellensburg (2-5) at Prosser (4-3)  
 Quincy (1-6) at East Valley (5-2)  
 Selah (4-3) at Ephrata (3-4)  
 Toppenish (5-2) at Othello (6-1)  
 Grandview (1-6) at Tri-Cities Prep (5-2)

**East Valley (3-2):** Wins over Toppenish and Selah put them in a good spot. Their schedule favors them and many consider this the most talented team in the CWAC.

**Ellensburg (0-4):** League play resumes this week at Prosser and they finish hosting East Valley. They could play a spoiler role, but four league losses are against them.

**Ephrata (1-3):** A tough loss last week puts their backs against the wall. They are pretty much in a must-win situation this week against Selah.

**Grandview (0-5):** Got their first league win (40-15) over Quincy last week. A non-league game this week and finish with Ephrata.

**Othello (3-1):** Upset last week at home, but are pretty much guaranteed one of the four last-season berths. However, a loss against Toppenish could mean a 4-5 team tie for first place.

**Prosser (2-2):** Rebounded for an impressive 26-7 victory over Othello. In reality, they are only 3 points away from being unbeaten in the CWAC.

**Quincy (0-4):** They finish with two playoff-hungry teams. Their chance at their first CWAC win in years faded with last week's loss to Grandview.

**Selah (1-2):** They must win one of their final 2 games. They feature the league's lowest scoring defense.

**Toppenish (2-2):** A win this week at Othello would throw a tie into first place and would guarantee the Wildcats a playoff berth.

\* The record above is against the top 6 teams.)

# Mustangs Rebound

After Tough Loss to 1A Royal, Prosser Upsets Unbeaten Othello

After two games, Mustang nation was in revolt. The chatter among parents and fans was not kind.

But, to be fair, the team had a new image and were trying to find themselves. The fact they had lost two close games hurt, but it allowed the team to fine tune and determine their focus.

Losing 15-14 against Ephrata in the opener followed by a 23-21 loss at Toppenish normally would be crippling. But, this year, the new playoff format gave them hope.

"The round of 32 really promotes that mindset," said head coach Corey Ingvalson.

"Having the possibility (of making the playoffs), despite our early struggles helped, I think," he added. "Keeping hope alive, that if we figure it out and play well, we can still have a shot at the post-season."

Things didn't get any easier in week three, facing what many still believe is the most talented team in the league, East Valley.

Although it was a dogfight, Prosser emerged with a 36-35 win. "I believe East Valley is a talented, and dangerous team," stated Ingvalson.

A key that week was finding a new offensive identity. In the off-season, the team was going to feature a ground-oriented attack.

But, in the opener against Ephrata, senior Jacob Rainer (ray-ner) showed



Senior **Jacob Rainer** has thrown for 12 touchdowns and ran for 12 more to energize the offense for Prosser.

glimpses of greatness. Featuring a lightning-quick release and Houdini escapability, the passing game took center stage.

Against the Red Devils, Rainer had 396 yards in the air. Senior wideout, Aaron Gonzalez, (10 catches for 268 yards, 3<sup>rd</sup> best all-time.), also found his stride.

The Mustangs followed with two consecutive wins (Grandview 29-13) and Quincy (58-0) highlighted by Rainer who had 7 TD passes against the Jacks, one short of Kellen Moore's record. (To be fair, he would should have had an 8<sup>th</sup>, but it was dropped twice in the end zone.)

Next up was 1A powerhouse, Royal who dominated Prosser in a 52-8 win. Ingvalson put it in perspective, though.

"I told the kids there's no shame," he said. "They've lost one game in seven years and they've beaten 4A teams."

The Knights are 51-1 since 2019 and 116-2 since 2014.

Last week, Prosser loaded up the bus one more time and headed to CWAC leader, Othello, just over 20 miles from Royal.

"It takes a lot of plays in football, (but there are) usually a few less when playing Othello at Othello," stated Ingvalson.

"We knew we would have our chances," he added. "But, I felt, it would come down to execution and doing our job," he said.

The result was a 26-7 Mustang victory that opened eyes and it seemed like every player on the field came up with big plays.

"I'm not going to understate how important it was winning," explained Ingvalson. "But, all three of our games, including Othello, to finish the season have the same value for us."

"We know we need to play well in those to give ourselves the best shot of getting into the post-season," he explained.

"We have another league game with rival Ellensburg this Friday that will present another challenge and playing our best game of the season will be needed."

If Prosser takes care of business against the Bulldogs at Art Fiker Stadium this Friday night, it will still come down to the final contest against Selah.

"It's a coin flip league," said Ingvalson about the CWAC.

That sums it well. ♦



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# 2A Football Scores, Standings & Information

Two Conferences Facing Possible 3-Way Tie for First Place

## D1 Northwest Conference

1	A. Murphy	6	1	285	109	6	1	285	109
	Anacortes	5	1	239	59	6	1	305	59
	Lynden	4	1	137	119	6	1	221	143
4	Sehome	4	2	154	107	5	2	201	132
5	Burl.-Edsn.	3	3	131	138	4	3	152	152
	Squalicum	3	3	150	175	4	3	172	175
7	Lakewood	2	5	141	237	2	5	141	237
8	Bellingham	1	5	88	176	2	6	112	200
9	MV-Pilchk.	0	6	69	252	1	6	91	265

**Last Week:** (Friday, October 18, 2024)

Anacortes 43, Lakewood 0  
 Burlington-Edison 34, Marysville-Pilchuck 0  
 Lynden 7, Archbishop Murphy 3  
 Sehome 27, Bellingham 7  
 Squalicum 22, Port Angeles 0

**This Week:** (Friday, Oct. 25, 2024)

(Thu) Bellingham 33, Marysville-Pilchuck 6  
 Burlington-Edison (4-3) at Anacortes (6-1)  
 Lakewood (2-5) at Lynden (6-1)  
**Squalicum (4-3) at Sehome (5-2)**

## D2 KingCo League

1	Cedarcrest	4	0	181	22	4	3	245	133
2	Foster	3	2	177	91	4	4	267	176
3	Evergreen	1	3	20	160	2	3	50	185
4	Lindbergh	1	3	50	149	1	6	75	249

## D2 KingCo Mountain

1	Renton	1	3	69	222	2	5	150	319
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**Last Week:** (Friday, October 18, 2024)

Cedarcrest 30, 3A Interlake 15  
 Evergreen 20, Lindbergh 14  
 Foster 45, 3A Sammamish 7  
 4A Hazen 69, Renton 20

**This Week:** (Friday, Oct. 25, 2024)

(Thu) 3A Interlake 31, Foster 15  
 Cedarcrest (4-3) at Lindbergh (1-6)  
 Evergreen (2-3) at 3A Sammamish (0-7)  
 Renton (2-5) at 3A Inglemoor (2-5)

## D2 Metro League

1	Chief Sealth	5	1	180	54	6	1	190	61
2	Nathan Hale	3	3	130	69	4	3	173	89
3	Cleveland	0	6	22	220	0	7	34	270

**Last Week:** (Friday, October 18, 2024)

Chief Sealth 34, Nathan Hale 20  
 4A Lincoln 43, Cleveland 0

**This Week:** (Friday, Oct. 25, 2024)

4A Lincoln (4-3) at Chief Sealth (6-1)  
 3A Lakeside (Seattle) (2-5) at Cleveland  
 3A West Seattle (4-4) at Nathan Hale (4-4)

## D2 Independent

1	Sultan	0	0	0	0	4	3	180	152
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**Last Week:** Sultan 34, Thomas Jefferson 7

**This Week:** (Sat.) Centralia (0-7) at Sultan (4-3)



Senior quarterback, **Gage Brumfield**, of W. F. West committed to play football at Eastern Washington last week. This week, his unbeaten Bearcats host Tumwater in a game that will determine the EVCO champion.

## D3 Olympic League

1	Bainbridge	4	1	150	54	5	2	179	117
	No. Kitsap	4	1	146	68	4	3	168	134
	Olympic	3	1	93	51	5	2	193	154
4	Sequim	2	2	48	71	4	3	125	150
5	Bremerton	1	3	54	64	1	6	68	139
	No. Mason	1	3	93	128	4	3	161	155
7	Pt. Angeles	0	4	32	150	0	7	61	234
8	*Kingston	0	0	10	30	1	6	109	204

**Last Week:** (Friday, October 18, 2024)

Bremerton 35, North Mason 14  
 North Kitsap 14, Bainbridge 7  
 Olympic 28, Sequim 7  
 Squalicum 22, Port Angeles 0

**This Week:** (Friday, Oct. 25, 2024)

Bainbridge (5-2) at Sequim (4-3)  
 North Kitsap (4-3) at 3A Oak Harbor (6-1)  
 North Mason (4-3) at Olympic (5-2)  
 Port Angeles (0-7) at Bremerton (1-6)

## D3 South Puget Sound League

1	Fr. Pierce	5	0	256	31	8	0	412	51
2	Orting	5	1	201	96	7	1	270	117
3	Eatonville	3	2	166	155	5	2	220	183
	Steilacoom	3	2	131	139	5	2	168	156
5	Washington	3	3	165	187	3	5	191	243
6	Fife	2	3	136	128	4	3	232	135
7	Clover Park	0	6	58	208	1	6	70	251
8	Clover Park	0	6	111	302	1	7	131	351

**(SPSL) Last Week:** (Friday, October 18, 2024)

Franklin Pierce 58, Fife 16  
 Orting 57, Clover Park 18  
 Steilacoom 33, Foss 20  
 Washington 45, Eatonville 40

**This Week:** (Friday, Oct. 25, 2024)

(Thu) Franklin Pierce 52, Clover Park 0  
 (Thu) Orting 41 at Washington 7  
 Fife (4-3) at Foss (1-6)

**Steilacoom (5-2) at Eatonville (5-2)**

## D4 Evergreen Conference

1	Tumwater	2	0	117	0	7	0	372	55
	WF West	2	0	96	12	7	0	297	54
3	Black Hills	1	1	48	82	3	4	140	220
	Aberdeen	1	2	52	102	2	5	99	182
5	Centralia	0	3	20	137	0	7	82	298

**Last Week:** (Friday, October 18, 2024)

Black Hills 23, 1A Elma 14  
 Tumwater 55, Aberdeen 0  
 WF West 49, Centralia 0

**This Week:** (Friday, Oct. 25, 2024)

**Tumwater (7-0) at WF West (7-0)**  
 Aberdeen (2-5) at Black Hills (3-4)  
 (Sat.) Centralia (0-7) at Sultan (4-3)

## D6 2A Greater Spokane League

1	W. Valley	4	0	165	101	7	0	286	133
2	Clarkston	3	1	227	150	4	3	233	218
3	Deer Park	3	2	137	139	4	3	205	174
	Rogers	3	2	142	87	5	3	220	148
5	Pullman	2	3	99	110	2	5	130	143
6	East Valley	1	4	61	159	2	6	103	256
7	No. Central	0	4	62	130	1	6	158	220

\*North Central is a 3A School allowed to play 2A football.

**Last Week:** (Friday, October 25, 2024)

Clarkston 40, East Valley (Spokane) 7  
 Pullman 28, North Central 14  
 Rogers 35, 1A Colville 22  
 West Valley 41, Deer Park 25

**This Week:** (Friday, Nov. 1, 2024)

(Thu) Rogers 41, East Valley (Spokane) 7  
 Clarkston (4-3) at Pullman (2-5)  
 1A Riverside (2-5) at Deer Park (4-3)  
 West Valley (7-0) at North Central (1-6)

## North by Northwest

If Anacortes, Archbishop Murphy and Lynden all finish the year with just one loss, Lynden would be 6-1 while the others would be 7-1.

However, because Bellingham didn't want to play the Lions, it would be considered a win and all three teams would tie for first place at 7-1. They will all be co-champions and no playoff is needed to determine 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The teams will then be seeded into the 32-team field depending on their merits.



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# 2A Football Scores, Standings & Information - Pt. 2

Ridgefield - Woodland to Meet Friday, November 1 for Greater Saint Helen's Title

D4 Greater Saint Helens League									
1	Ridgefield	5	0	165	43	7	0	234	68
	Woodland	5	0	164	55	5	2	179	117
3	Washougal	3	2	99	47	4	3	123	74
	Mark Morris	3	2	70	81	3	4	88	171
5	Col. River	2	3	72	125	3	4	109	199
	RA Long	2	3	97	134	3	4	120	189
7	Hockinson	0	5	94	147	0	7	120	189
	Hudson's Bay	0	5	64	195	0	7	81	273

**Last Week:** (Friday, Oct. 18, 2024)

Mark Morris 18, Hockinson 14  
Ridgefield 40, Columbia River 10  
Washougal 28, RA Long 0  
Woodland 49, Hudson's Bay 15

**This Week:** (Friday, Oct. 25, 2024)

Hudson's Bay (0-7) at Hockinson (0-7)  
RA Long (3-4) at Ridgefield (7-0)  
Washougal (4-3) at Columbia River (3-4)  
Woodland (5-2) at Mark Morris (3-4)

**Note\*** 9/27: Washougal beat Mark Morris 22-0

**Washington 45, Eatonville 40**

It seems like every year, Washington is a dark horse to make the playoffs and then they finish strong.

This fall, the Patriots were 0-4 and then winning kicked in. Their 45-40 victory over the Cruisers was unexpected and part of last week's state-wide upsets.

With nothing to lose, they came out with a totally new look offensively which confused Eatonville.

The Patriots were led by the efforts of senior wide receiver, Kai'Lee Hale who passed for a 38-yard touchdown, ran once for 31 yards and caught an 18-yard TD pass.

Running back, Leland Sulusi rushed 19 times for 162 yards for 2 TD's and caught three passes for 25 yards.

Eatonville was led by wideout, Riley Hill who had six receptions for 111 yards and 3 scores. Quarterback, Cole Fowler, completed 24-of-41 passes for 407 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Despite the impressive win, Washington lost this Thursday to Orting 41-7 to drop them to 3-3 in league and 3-5 overall.

Eatonville (3-2, 5-2) hosts Steilacoom on Senior Night and finishes the year at Orting.

Looking at the SPSL, if the Cruisers beat Steilacoom Friday and Orting next week, they would be the SPSL second place team.

Franklin Pierce secured the league title with their win Thursday over Clover Park due to their head-to-head win over Orting.

The top four teams in the league advance to the round of 32 while the fifth place team plays the #5 from the Olympic League for the ninth berth. Steilacoom (3-2), Eatonville (3-2), Washington (3-3) and Fife (2-3) are all in the mix. Even if Orting loses, with two losses, they would be no worse than third.



After running for over 1,300 yards and 18 TD's last year, Woodland's **Elijah Anderson**, moved to quarterback this fall and has over 1,400 total yards of offense, 15 rushing touchdowns and 8 more TD's in the air.

**Chief Sealth 34, Nathan Hale 20**

With nine teams split over four divisions, (Sultan is independent), the five playoff seeds will be interesting.

Chief Sealth pretty much solidified a berth into the round of 32 with their Metro Sound victory over Nathan Hale.

The Seahawks, under the guidance of head coach Daron Camacho, play in a combo league featuring four 3A schools and one 4A school.

The only 2A schools are Sealth, Nathan Hale and Cleveland.

**East Valley (Yakima) 31, Selah 22**

In a key CWAC matchup, the East Valley Red Devils traveled to Karl Graf Field in Selah for a 31-22 victory.

Cody Gasseling, ran for 191 yards on 20 carries while teammate, Braden Albrecht added 81 yards on 15 carries.

It was a see-saw affair. Selah got on the board first with a 9-yard run by QB Colton Shea and he kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

Tied 10-10 at the half, East Valley took a 24-10 third quarter lead after a Gasseling score and an 84-yard interception return by Greyson Stevens.

Selah battled back with a 37-yard run by Clayton Bucknell but missed the extra point.

Tucker Stevens of the Vikings had a 100-yard interception return for a touchdown to cut the lead to 24-22. But the 2-point conversion failed. The Red Devils then road the legs of Gasseling to secure the victory.

Both teams are tied with Prosser at 4-2.

**RPI RANKINGS THRU 7 WEEKS**

Team	League	WL	PF	PA	LW
1	Tumwater	EVCO	7-0	372-55	+317
2	West Valley	NWC	7-0	286-133	+153
3	Franklin Pierce	SPSL	8-0	412-51	+361
4	Anacortes	CWAC	6-1	305-59	+246
5	*Clarkston	GSL	4-3	233-218	+15
6	Lynden	GSL	6-1	221-143	+78
7	Ridgefield	GSHL	7-0	234-68	+166
8	Archbishop M.	NWC	6-1	285-109	+176
9	Orting	SPSL	6-1	229-110	+119
10	WF West	EVCO	7-0	297-54	+243
11	Othello	CWAC	6-1	189-81	+108
12	Sehome	NWC	5-2	201-132	+69
13	Chief Sealth	METRO	6-1	190-61	+129
14	Bainbridge	OLY	5-2	179-117	+62
15	East Valley - Y	CWAC	5-2	247-112	+135
16	Olympic	OLY	5-2	193-154	+39
17	Eatonville	SPSL	5-2	220-183	+37
18	Woodland	GSHL	5-2	179-117	+62
19	Steilacoom	SPSL	5-2	168-156	+12
20	North Kitsap	OLY	4-3	168-134	+34
21	Rogers	GSL	4-3	179-141	+38
22	Prosser	CWAC	5-2	192-145	+47
23	Toppenish	CWAC	5-2	117-100	+17
24	Deer Park	GSL	4-3	205-174	+31
25	Fife	SPSL	4-3	232-135	+97
26	Squalicum	NWC	4-3	172-175	-3
27	Washougal	GSHL	4-3	123-74	+49
28	Selah	CWAC	4-3	124-85	+39
29	Cedarcrest	KINGCO	4-3	245-133	+112
30	Sequim	OLY	4-3	125-150	-25
31	Burlington-Ed.	NWC	4-3	152-152	+0
32	Nathan Hale	METRO	4-3	173-89	+84
33	Mark Morris	GSHL	3-4	88-171	-83
34	Columbia River	GSHL	3-4	109-199	-90
35	Sultan	D2	4-3	180-152	+28

\* Clarkston actually has a 4-3 record. Their first two games were losses. (6-19 to Moscow, ID and 0-49 to Lewiston, ID.) The RPI has them with a .80% winning. Out-of-state games do not count. If you figure their 4-3 actual record, they drop to around 20<sup>th</sup>.

**RPI Info**

The RPI is a complicated ranking system. It is not used for seeding purposes.

**Records Are Deceiving**

Coaches are often quoted as saying, "It's better to playing better at the end than the beginning."

After battling injury problems, North Kitsap has won four-in-a-row and outscored their opponents 114-45.

Prosser has won 4 of 5 (only losing to stalwart Royal) during the span.) They have beaten Othello and East Valley, considered the two best teams in the conference during the run. They have outscored their opponents 149-55 in those wins.

Clarkston has won four of five, outscoring opponents 227-150.

After starting out 0-3, Cedarcrest has won their last four. They have outscored their opponents 181-22, including a win over 3A Interlake (6-1).

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# 2024 SCAC Football Standings & Results

## Royal Flexing Their Muscles Once Again

TEAM	*	W	L	PS	PA	W	L	PS	PA	Upcoming Games
Royal	435	7	0	428	48	8	0	478	56	Fri., Nov. 1 Wapato.
Cashmere	390	6	1	324	87	7	1	385	94	Fri., Nov. 1 at Naches.
Zillah	325	4	2	172	103	5	2	194	113	Wahluke, at College P.
Connell	447	3	3	184	117	3	4	199	159	Wapato, Wahluke.
College Pl.	361	3	3	191	224	4	3	218	250	At Ki-Be, Zillah.
Wahluke	588	2	4	77	185	2	5	85	209	At Zillah, at Connell.
Wapato	649	2	4	115	220	2	5	127	244	At Connell, Royal.
Ki-Be		2	5	87	276	2	5	87	276	College Place.
Naches Vly.	298	0	7	40	354	0	8	54	390	Fri., Nov. 1 Cashmere.

\* Actual Enrollment. 1A is 225-449 students. Wahluke and Wapato are 1A because of adjusted enrollment. (Wahluke 353, Wapato 402.)

## 2024 SCAC Football Schedule (D6 4 Berths w/Caribou Trail)

### CASHMERE BULLDOGS (7-1)

Fri Sept 6	W	at Wapato	56-0
Fri Sept 13	W	Ki-Be	68-0
Fri Sept 20	W	at College Pl.	59-12
Thu Sept 26	W	Wahluke	45-0
Fri Oct 4	L	Royal	14-55
Fri Oct 11	W	at Zillah	35-6
Fri Oct 18	W	Connell	47-14
Thu Oct 24	W	1A Chelan (NL)	61-7
Fri Nov 1		at Naches Vly.	

### COLLEGE PLACE HAWKS (4-3)

Fri Sept 6	W	Weston-McEwen	27-26
Fri Sept 13	L	at Royal	6-69
Fri Sept 20	L	Cashmere	12-59
Fri Sept 27	L	Connell	7-42
Fri Oct 4	W	at Wapato	63-34
Fri Oct 11	W	at Wahluke	35-20
Fri Oct 18	W	Naches Valley	68-0
Fri Oct 25		at Ki-Be	
Fri Nov 1		Zillah	

### CONNELL EAGLES (3-4)

Fri Sept 6	L	Zillah	7-8
Fri Sept 13	L	at Othello	17-42
Sat Sept 21	L	Royal	7-42
Fri Sept 27	W	at College Pl.	42-7
Fri Oct 4	W	Naches Valley	56-7
Fri Oct 11	W	at Ki-Be	56-6
Fri Oct 18	L	at Cashmere	14-47
Sat Oct 26		Wapato	
Fri Nov 1		Wahluke	

### KIONA-BENTON BEARS (2-5)

Fri Sept 6	L	Royal	0-65
Fri Sept 13	L	at Cashmere	0-68
Fri Sept 20	W	Wahluke	16-12
Fri Sept 27	W	at Naches Vly.	38-6
Fri Oct 4	L	at Zillah	12-48
Fri Oct 11	L	Connell	6-56
Fri Oct 18	L	at Wapato	15-21
Sat Oct 26		College Place	

### NACHES VALLEY RANGERS (0-8)

Fri Sept 6	L	Wahluke	13-14
Fri Sept 13	L	at Zillah	0-48
Fri Sept 20	L	at Cascade (LW)	14-36
Fri Sept 27	L	Ki-Be	6-38
Fri Oct 4	L	at Connell	7-56

Fri Oct 11	L	Wapato	14-54
Fri Oct 18	L	at College Place	0-68
Thu Oct 26	L	at Royal	0-76
Fri Nov 1		Cashmere	

### ROYAL KNIGHTS (8-0)

Fri Sept 6	W	at Ki-Be	65-0
Fri Sept 13	W	College Place	69-6
Sat Sept 21	W	at Connell	42-7
Fri Sept 27	W	Zillah	49-21
Fri Oct 4	W	at Cashmere	55-14
Fri Oct 11	W	2A Prosser	52-8
Fri Oct 18	W	at Wahluke	70-0
Thu Oct 26	W	Naches Valley	76-0
Fri Nov 1		at Wapato	

### WAHLUKE WARRIORS (2-5)

Fri Sept 6	W	at Naches Vly.	14-13
Fri Sept 13	W	Wapato	31-6
Fri Sept 20	L	at Ki-Be	12-16
Fri Sept 27	L	Cashmere	0-45
Fri Oct 4	L	at Granger (NL)	8-24
Fri Oct 11	L	College Place	20-35
Fri Oct 18	L	Royal	0-70
Fri Oct 25		at Zillah	
Fri Nov 1		at Connell	

### WAPATO WOLVES (2-5)

Fri Sept 6	L	Cashmere	0-56
Fri Sept 13	L	at Wahluke	6-31
Fri Sept 20	L	Zillah	0-41
Fri Sept 27	L	at Quincy	12-24
Fri Oct 4	L	College Place	34-63
Fri Oct 11	W	at Naches Vly.	54-14
Fri Oct 18	W	Ki-Be	21-15
Sat Oct 26		at Connell	
Fri Nov 1		Royal	

### ZILLAH LEOPARDS (5-2)

Fri Sept 6	W	at Connell	8-7
Fri Sept 13	W	Naches Valley	48-0
Fri Sept 20	W	at Wapato	41-0
Fri Sept 27	L	Royal	21-49
Fri Oct 4	W	Kiona-Benton	48-12
Fri Oct 11	L	Cashmere	6-35
Fri Oct 18	W	at 2A Ellensburg	22-10
Fri Oct 25		Wahluke	
Fri Nov 1		at College Pl.	

## Allocation Issue

As the new 24-team format for 1A dawned in a couple weeks, the new District 5 saw their potential allocations change.

When the WIAA released their normal berths for them, the district (SCAC and Caribou Trail) received 4 berths for this year and 3 for next fall.

It was originally thought that number would double under the new football-only playoff format.

However, because the number of 1A football schools across the state dropped from 44 to 43, it went from a 32-team field to 24.

At first, it looked like D5 would get 7 berths, but then that number changed to six for this year and 7 for next year.

Then, the question was raised how to seed the two leagues for the six berths.

The SCAC became a 9-team league, welcoming Cashmere and losing Toppenish along with Quincy (to 2A) when the 4-year classification cycle began this September.

The Caribou Trail, who lost Cashmere to the SCAC, then became a three-team league.

So, the SCAC top four teams will advance to the round of 24 along with Omak, the CTL winner,

The sixth playoff berth will be determined on Monday, November 5 with a Kansas City Tie-Breaker between the SCAC #5 and the CTL #2.

Right now, Connell appears the favorite for the #4 seed and a win by College Place over Ki-Be this week would make them #5.

However, if Ki-Be wins and Zillah beats College Place next week, the Bears become the fifth seed.

In the CTL, Omak secured the league title Thursday with a 40-9 victory over Cascade. That sets up Chelan and Cascade next week.

## SCAC Highlights

**SCAC Leaders:** 1.) Royal, 2.) Cashmere, 3.) Zillah.

**In the Hunt:** Connell, College Place.

**Caribou Trail:** 1. Omak, 2. Cascade, Chelan.

**Cashmere:** Only one league game left at Naches in week 9. They will advance to the round of 32.

**College Place:** Three straight wins and stand a good chance of making it four this week. The end at Zillah week 9.

**Connell:** Connell had their three-game winning streak broken by Cashmere but could win their last two.

**Kiona-Benton:** The Bears host College Place this week and must win to stay alive for the post-season. They have an outside shot at the fifth seed.

**Naches Valley:** Tough year for the Rangers and they finish by hosting Cashmere next week.

**Royal:** The Knights just keep rolling along. They will enter the post-season unbeaten . . . again.

**Wahluke:** The year started out promising but five straight losses could turn to seven.

**Wapato:** The Wolves have won two straight and have been lighting up the scoreboard with 109 points in three games. Unfortunately, Connell and Royal await them.

**Zillah:** The Leopards should finish third in the SCAC. They need one win or a loss by Connell or College Place to secure that position.

**Omak** (2-0, 4-4) beat Chelan last week 56-22. And Thursday downed Cascade 40-9 to claim the CTL championship.

**Cascade** (Leavenworth) (0-1, 4-3). Their loss Thursday puts them in a winner-to-crossover game next week at Chelan.

**Chelan** (0-1, 2-5). Their season comes down to next week when they host Cascade.

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