



## Scoreboard

### Boys State Basketball

#### 1B

SS Christian Knights ..... Champs  
Yakama Tribal Eagles ..... Second

#### 2B

Kittitas Coyotes ..... Champs

#### 1A

Zillah Leopards ..... Champs

#### 2A

Selah Vikings ..... Second  
Clarkston Bantoms ..... Fourth  
Pullman Greyhounds ..... Fifth

### Girls State Basketball

#### 1B

SS Christian Knights ..... Fourth

#### 2B

Tri-Cities Prep State ..... Champs

#### 1A

La Salle Lightning ..... Champs  
Cashmere Bulldogs ..... Third

#### 2A

East Valley Knights(Spo.) ..... Second  
Clarkston Bantoms ..... Third

#### 3A

Kamiakin Braves ..... Third

### Boys State Wrestling

#### 1A

Granger Spartans ..... Second  
Zillah Leopards ..... Fifth  
Royal Knights ..... Seventh  
Connell Eagles ..... Thirteenth

#### 2A

Toppenish Wildcats ..... Champs  
Othello Huskies ..... Fourth  
Selah Vikings ..... Seventh  
Ephrata Tigers ..... Eighth  
Ellensburg Bulldogs ..... Twelfth  
Prosser Mustangs ..... Thirteenth

#### 3A

Kamiakin Braves ..... Fifth

#### 4A

Chiawana Riverhawks ..... Champs  
Sunnyside Grizzlies ..... Third  
Pasco Bulldogs ..... Fifth  
Davis Pirates ..... Seventh  
Moses Lake Chiefs ..... Eleventh

### Girls State Wrestling

Hanford Falcons ..... Third  
Sunnyside Grizzlies ..... Fifth  
Granger Spartans ..... Seventh  
Kennewick Lions ..... Seventh  
Toppenish Wildcats ..... Twelfth

# Eastern Dominance

## The 509 Captures All Six Small School Championships

**B**igger is not always better and every dog has their day.

The number of schools on the west side of the state far out-number the east side.

Their championship dominance is seen at the upper levels as several schools from the west side win state titles (or trophies) in several sports. This is largely due to the higher percentage of programs who get a chance to make the playoffs.

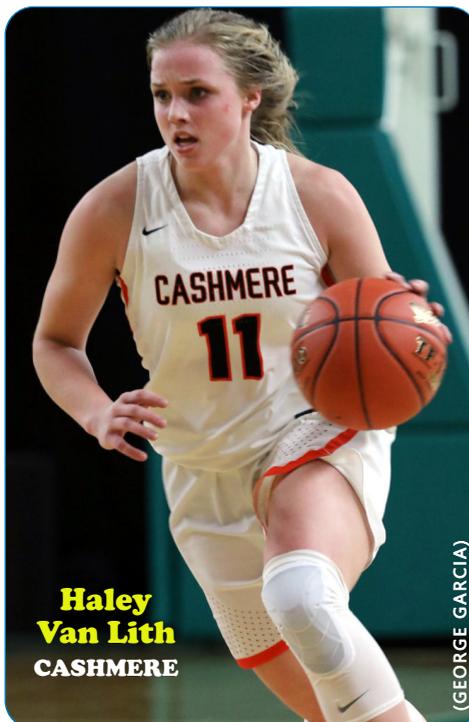
For example, 65 out of 96 playoff teams this year came from the west side of the state.

At the 4A level, they received 12 of 16 berths and at the 3A, 14 of 16. 2A tallied 13 spots for the west side, three for the east.

As the classification drops, it becomes more even, yet the west still outnumbers the east with 26 playoff allocations to 22.

So, when the state championships were earned this past March, it was a surprise that Eastern Washington swept the west six trophies to nothing at the small-school level. (1A, 2B, 1B).

That would not have



**Haley Van Lith**  
CASHMERE

(GEORGE GARCIA)

This year, the pairing received three teams and the 2A NWC (Lynden, etc.) received four. Next year, those two will flip/flop with the CWAC/GNL getting four and the NWC three.

That leaves some pretty good teams out of the post-season, especially in Eastern Washington. For example, this year, the GNL dominated the CWAC in basketball in the cross-overs.

The Selah boys got an automatic bye into the sweet 16 with their district championship win, but both Pullman and Clarkston ran roughshod over their CWAC opponents.

How did the three teams do? Selah finished second, Clarkston fourth and Pullman got fifth at state.

That's a pretty impressive percentage. Only 18.75% of the final 16 came from the east but three of the six trophy winners came from the three teams the CWAC/GNL sent to state.

Here's an idea; let's split both sides of the state and have the east side play the west side for a state title. ♦

happened if the smaller schools were given fewer playoff berths like the larger schools.

You can't really blame the WIAA on this one. Most of the bigger schools are not on the eastern side. That is a reason why the Tri-Cities and Spokane joined forces to play in a larger district and earn more playoff chances for their schools.

It is another reason why the 2A CWAC and 2A GNL “Glue” together for the post-season.

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# SPORTS SHORTS

A Brief Look at Stories You May Have Missed



Tim Ravet



Chris Fisk



Ty Kime



Andy Affholter

### COACHING UPDATE

After three consecutive state championships, **Tim Ravet** has retired as the Kittitas boys basketball coach. The past three years, the Coyotes were 78-2 and 95-8 the past four.

Known for his exciting sideline demeanor, he plans on spending more time in the family business (Tarp-It) while watching his younger daughter play school sports and his son, Brock, play college basketball at Gonzaga.

With the departure of Ian Shoemaker, offensive coordinator **Chris Fisk** has been named the new Central Washington University Head Football Coach.

Fisk joined the Wildcats' staff in spring 2016 as the offensive line coach and co-offensive coordinator. His offensive line paved the way for the nation's ninth best rushing attack in NCAA Division II, with 2,999 rushing yards and two separate 1,000-yard rushers.

Fisk takes over the

program after an 8-3 season, in which the Crimson and Black finished 7-1 in GNAC play.

After building Granger into a 1A state girls basketball power, **Andy Affholter** is retiring.

The Toppenish graduate had over 400 wins in just 21 seasons which includes coaching the boys at Mabton.

Eight girls topped 1,000 career points during Affholter's 13 seasons at Granger and his coaching imprint is all over the region.

Naches Valley has named **Matt Keeler** as new head football coach, replacing Ty Kime, who resigned to spend more time with his family.

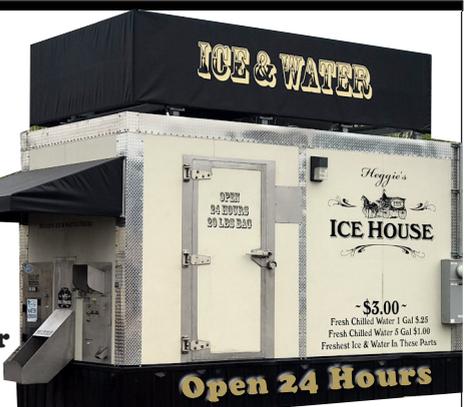
Keeler is a graduate of Ellensburg and has coached the last 12 years at Eisenhower as an assistant to both Dan Eyman and Gary Jimenez.

Kime is a social studies teacher for the Rangers and his daughter, Audrey is a sophomore standout.

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# Quote



**John Madden**

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## Madden Memories



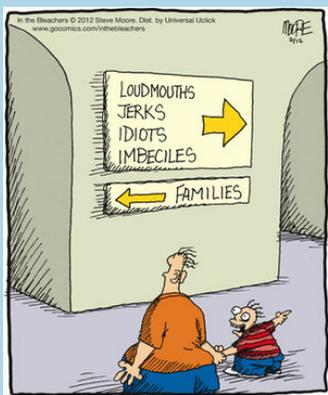
On Hall of Fame QB, Ken Stabler:

“He was the coolest player under pressure I’ve ever seen.”

The reference came after a close, overtime victory over the Baltimore Colts in 1977. During a time out, Madden was going crazy with excitement. Ranting and raving, waving his arms and Stabler said, “Coach?”

Madden thought he had a great play suggestion, but Stabler just looked up in the stands at the crowd and said, “These people are really getting their money’s worth today!”

## In the Bleachers



# Winter is Coming

Complacency is Not a Good Thing & Trouble Will Follow

From the Sidelines • Jeff Place • Editor’s Column

Ok – the headline may seem like it’s a couple months behind.

Or maybe, I stole it from *The Game of Thrones*.

Well, I may have “borrowed” it, and it does seem late, but the fact is, it is a principle I live by, every day.

This may seem sad, but I am always on my guard; understanding that I need to enjoy the good times. Because whenever your feet leave the ground, a reality check is in store.

My perspective on life has changed from when I was 18, 30 and even just five years ago. It is true, all roads led to where I’m at today and the choices I made, whether good or bad, made me the person I am today.

But, if I could change my history, I would.

It seems odd that just four years ago I was a ship without a rudder not sure where I would go and where I might end up.

With my daughter placing her trust in me, I needed to find a home. I preferred the Zillah area but was open to either Prosser or the Tri-Cities.



I wound up getting a break by some caring people that have allowed me to own my own home for the first time in my life.

I often say, “Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together.”

That’s what happened when I was forced to figure out a way to pay bills when my job shut down forever.

Because I am not a person that allows life to destroy me, I sat down and figured out a way to get by.

Every day is a struggle. But the difference today (from four years ago) is that I have a plan, stuck by it and this year, things began to fall together.

I have had my best year financially, will watch my daughter graduate with honors next month from high school and I anticipate an even better year next fall.

I have been honored during high school games, won the *Washington State Football Coaches’* highest award given to the media and had several other exciting things happen to

me.

But, despite the kudos, I understand that I need to be ready for the hardships that arrive.

Like a home run hitter, slumps will come and the true test of one’s character is not during the good times. It is how you handle and react to the bad.

I must admit, that I still have my days. Sometime I feel on the verge of depression, but after a couple of hours in a dark living room, I walk outside, look at the good things in life and refocus.

I have learned that a driveway full of snow or a day of rain doesn’t last forever.

As I’ve told my son many times, “It will be hard, but it’s not forever.” Bad times last only as long as you let them.

Whether you’re a young parent trying to pay the bills, or a single parent wondering why your next meal is coming from; don’t despair.

The hard times are what defines us and makes us productive adults.

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### JOEL GRANADOS • GRANDVIEW GREYHOUNDS • SOCCER • JUNIOR

One of the great stories includes **Joel Granados**, a junior at Grandview High School. A member of the Greyhound Special Olympics Unified Soccer team, he was recently selected to participate at the Special Olympic World Games (March 14-21) in Abu Dhabi (ah-boo dob-ee), the first Special Olympic World Games ever held in the Middle East/North Africa region.

He was invited to tryout for the squad by a coach from Seattle last July. After passing all those tests, he then worked out for a week in Delaware with the soccer team. He is described as a, "Well-grounded young man," both on and off the field. The junior is proof the ceiling is never too high and anyone can overcome any perceived obstacles in front of them.

### ALYSSA GOINS • LA SALLE LIGHTNING • GIRLS BASKETBALL • HEAD COACH

This past winter, La Salle completed a dream season in which they parlayed a perfect 27-0 record into the 1A girl's state basketball championship. The multi-talented team was led by **Alyssa Goins**, who was named the girl's basketball coach of the year by the *Tacoma News Tribune*.

La Salle beat 1A defending champion, Lynden Christian for the title 56-49. Goins has amassed 241 wins in her 12-year coaching career and this was her second state championship.

During her playing career, she was captain of the Concordia NAIA Division II Women's Basketball Team. She has worked in the insurance industry since 2001. Her husband is John and they have two daughters, Rylee and Peyton.



### COLE NORTHRUP • RICHLAND BOMBERS • BASKETBALL • SENIOR

Richland's basketball history is rich with standout players. This year, they will say goodbye to another memorable one in **Cole Northrop** who finished his career with an Mid Columbia Conference boy's record of 1,601 points. Although the legendary Mike Neill holds the school mark with over 2,000 points, Northrup had a senior year that was special.

He led the MCC in scoring, averaging 23.4 ppg, and helped lead the Bombers to a fourth-place finish at state. The 6-foot-4 guard scored 100 points over four games and put on one of the most impressive shooting performances of the tournament against Kentridge, scoring 36 points on 14-of-20 shooting, including 8-of-12 from the 3-point line.

He also played in the SWX Classic against Yakima and the 4A/3A all-state basketball game.

### ELIJAH PEPPER • SELAH VIKINGS • BOYS BASKETBALL • SENIOR

It was almost the senior season that didn't happen. After three outstanding varsity years, **Elijah Pepper** got every basketball players nightmare when he suffered a torn meniscus last summer. After missing most of the season, he returned on January 18 and gave Selah the boost it needed.

Although they finished second in league (to Ellensburg), Pepper averaged 27.4 ppg the final five games including a career-high of 44 to Ellensburg in the regular-season finale. The 6-foot-4 guard led the Vikings to the CWAC District championship and into the 2A state title game. He had 20 points in the SWX Classic and topped that with a game-high 30 in the 2A/1A all-state game. Pepper is headed to play college basketball at the University of California, Davis (near Sacramento, CA). Pepper finished with 2,157 career points, the third best in Yakima Valley history.



### MIKE RIVERA • SUNNYSIDE GRIZZLIES • TRACK & FIELD • JUNIOR

When Sunnyside's **Mike Rivera** is running, very few people can catch him. Ask any defensive back in football who saw the back of his helmet on the football field last fall. The 5-foot-9 junior led the CBBN in receiving with 52 catches for 1,106 yards (21.3 average) and 13 touchdowns. His speed was instrumental several wins including Prosser and Wenatchee. He was a unanimous all-league selection as well.

This spring, Rivera is burning up the track for the Grizzlies and on Saturday, March 30, he was a standout at the Clay Lewis Invite in Richland, as Rivera swept the 100 (11.29) and 200 (22.81). The nifty and shifty Rivera seems to have that extra gear that serves him well in both sports and last year ran an elite 11.18 100M. He has also participated in both sports since his freshman year.

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**Brock Ravet**  
Kittitas Coyotes

# Mr. 3000 Ring King

Maybe Ravet Can Help Gonzaga Find That Magic, Too

The scoring record stood for 16 years. Then, Brock Ravet of Kittitas not only smashed the mark, but became the first basketball player in Washington prep history to hit the vaunted 3,000 mark. (Finishing with a perfect 3,100.)

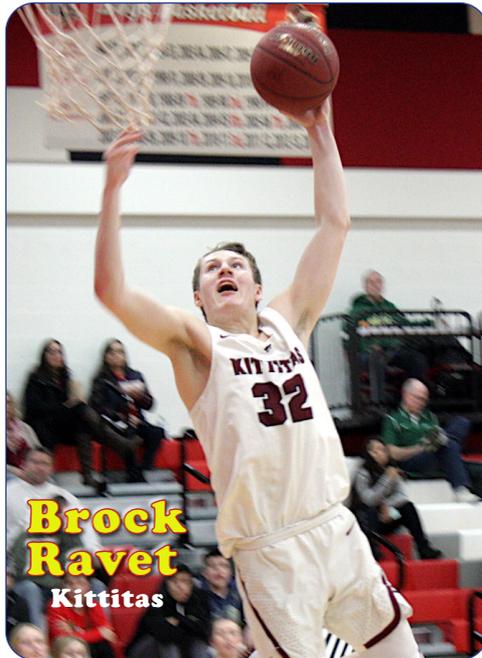
Despite his vaunted efforts, there are three players who have an eye at surpassing him. Ironically, only one is a boy. (Ryan Moffat, a junior at Asotin with 2,399 points while the other two are girls.

Junior Haley Van Lith of Cashmere (2,211) along with soph Talia von Oelhoffen of Tri-Cities Prep.

But, Ravet has done something that only von Oelhoffen has a chance to do. Graduate as the state's all-time scoring leader along with three consecutive state titles.

It's true, the Gonzaga recruit had a solid supporting cast and there is no doubt they would have done well on their own.

But, anyone who watched Ravet play



**Brock Ravet**  
Kittitas

- Record 3,100 Career Points
- 3x State Champion
- 2019 2B Player of the Year
- 2018 Player of the Year (All-classes)
- 2018 Gatorade WA State Player of the Year

expectations entering Kittitas as a freshman, playing through injuries and opponents who used gimmick defenses to slow him down.

Perhaps his growth became complete in the 2B District Tournament at Granger when teammate Caleb Harris was trying to reach the 1,000 point mark.

With Ravet close to the all-time mark and Lance Den Boer (the record holder) in attendance, the Coyote guard did everything he could to get Harris his goal before he assaulted the all-time mark.

That proved his unselfishness and those who watched him or his talented teammates win three straight state titles were in awe.

If you missed him, you get another chance. This time at Gonzaga. ♦

understood why he has won so many awards; (Gatorade Player of the Year, Tacoma News first-team all-state, Class B Player of the Year, etc.).

His ability to score, involve teammates, play tough defense, should make him successful in one of the nation's best NCAA basketball teams in Spokane.

The path to college basketball's highest level was not easy.

There were lofty

## Honor Roll

**Oumou Toure - Sr**  
Kamiakin Braves

Headed to Butler (Indiana) to play college basketball, she was recently named the AP Girls State Player of the Year, all-classes. She scored 2,137 points in her career, best in school history.

**Talia von Oelhoffen - So**  
Tri-Cities Prep Jaguars

The sophomore helped lead the Lady Jags to the 2B state championship. Von Oelhoffen was recently named the AP 2B Girls Player of the Year. She should easily surpass 2,000 career points early next winter.

**Hailey Van Lith - Jr**  
Cashmere Bulldogs

She is on pace for 3,000 career points by the time she graduates next year. The AP 1A Girls Player of the Year is heavily recruited and has drawn the Baylor head coach (Kim Mulkey) to the SunDome the past two years.

**Ross Faber - Sr**  
SS Christian Knights

Faber was recently named the AP 1B Player of the Year for the 3-peat state champions. He was a tough match-up.

**Caleb Harris - Sr**  
Kittitas Coyotes

The unsung Harris graduates with 1,106 points and was a first-team all state selection. The natural guard played the post where he leaping ability was put to good use.

**Antonio Salinas - Sr**  
Zillah Leopards

The key member of the 1A champions, he graduates with 1,413 career points and an AP first-team All-State Selection.



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# March Madness

Record Number of Teams Capture State Titles

Although spring sports is close to their post-season and school is close to a month from being over, this publication would like to look back at the winter state basketball playoffs.

Two programs (Kittitas and Sunnyside Christian), not only won state titles, but earned the trifecta—three straight state titles.

When it came to pressure, nobody had more than Kittitas, (28-1).

Entering high school, people were predicting greatness for both Brock Ravet and his teammates.

It was felt that Ravet (who averaged 30ppg) could surpass 2,500 points and his team had a rare opportunity to win two, possibly three state titles.

Their first championship came as sophomores two years ago and their second last year. They breezed through their league, lined up as many quality



**Tatiana White**  
La Salle with the steal  
(George Garcia)

opponents as they could and saddled up for the playoffs.

This year, they lost two quality transfers, were beaten by St. George's at the Coyotes' home court and faced a tough game against Brewster.

But, when all was said and done, they won their third crown and Ravet became the first player to surpass 3,000 points in state history.

**Sunnyside Christian**, (26-1) meanwhile, also had high hopes but had lost a lot of talent to

graduation.

They were anchored by three key returnees; seniors Ross Faber, Lucas Dykstra and Kyler Marsh, Brennan Rip filled the fourth spot while several other players rounded out the starting lineup.

"It has been an amazing run of titles over the years," stated head coach, Dean Wagenaar, "And I realize how difficult it is to win championships; so

many things must go right!"

"I applaud these seniors for grabbing their opportunity and working their tales off to put them in a very positive position to be successful."

Three other local teams walked away from their last game as champions.

That included **La Salle** (27-0), who beat both Cashmere and last year's 1A state champions, Lynden Christian.

The Lady Lightning parlayed a balanced roster along with tenacious defense

in a perfect record and state title.

**Tri-Cities Prep** (28-1) won the 2B state title featuring one of the best girl's basketball players in the state in sophomore Talia von Oelhoffen.

They dominated nearly every team they played and breezed through Spokane. They won the semi-final game by 15 points, and like Kittitas, got redemption by beating the only team to beat them (Liberty) for the state championship.

It could be argued that **Zillah** (26-1) was simply the best team in the Yakima Valley regardless of classification.

The 1A champions regularly surpassed 80-90 points per game, with a high of 113. In the state title game, they beat King's Way 90-68.

**Selah** (20-6) put together a great run before losing to Lynden for the 2A title.

**Yakama Tribal** had the best finish in boys history and placed second at the 1B level.

## Honor Roll

### Selah Vikings Baseball

They are unbeaten in league heading into the final weekend of the CWAC season. Their only two losses came against Lakeside (19-1) in early April.

### East Valley Red Devils Fastpitch Softball

In the new two-league CWAC, the Lady Red Devils swept Othello and beat upstart Prosser to go 8-1 in league, 11-5 overall. They are eyeing their first title in 13 years.

### Naches Valley Rangers Fastpitch Softball

They got the monkey off their back and swept both Cle Elum and Zillah to pretty much lay claim to the SCAC West league title.

### Naches Valley Rangers Baseball

They are rolling again under former Selah standout, Jake Fife. Their toughest competition has been Zillah, who they have beaten 2 of 3 games.

### Selah Vikings Boys Soccer

They earned their second straight top seed into districts with a 2-1 win over Othello. Although there are co-champions with Toppenish, they get the top seed because of their 2-1 victory over the Wildcats.



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# Field of Dreams



## Zillah Fastpitch Gets Softball Overhaul With A Classy Facility

Unlike football and basketball, spring sports is often overlooked. Case in point – baseball and softball.

They aren't money makers like the sports mentioned above and they don't draw the same fan interest.

Most of the time, people watching the game are parents or relatives.

When it comes to facilities, they also get overlooked, especially at small schools.

Zillah, who has had one of the most successful softball programs in the state (14 consecutive winning seasons, 12 state appearances in 17 years), got a boost when Jim Gauley purchased a home

just outside of Zillah near East Zillah Drive.

Gauley, who has a major interest in the fast-growing FruitSmart plant in Grandview and Prosser, has a love of sports and a daughter who plays for head coach Daniel Robillard.



Jim Gauley

Last year when she was a freshman, the Lady Leopards (and anyone in the Yakima Valley), who wanted to work out in the winter months, could do so.

Gauley built an indoor facility along with a outdoor basketball court and golf putting green at his home. The lights are solar powered and is available, day or night. All they ask is that shut off the power when you're done.

When his daughter, Erin was a freshman last year, Gauley got the idea to help Robillard and the program by making the softball field one of the best in the area.

Using the blue print of West Valley (where his daughter plays summer ball for the Tigers), the new softball field got a complete makeover.

Countless

volunteer hours was spent by Gauley, his family and Robillard along with several parents and others.

When completed, there was a new press box behind home plate which also has a concession stand and storage area.

There is a concrete slab in front that extends to both the home and visitor dugout. On each side are bleachers that allow fans to sit close to the action. The area behind home plate and the hill on the home side also allows people to sit in lawn chairs if they prefer or on blankets.

The field was also given a new covering and the outfield has a new warning track.

There is the traditional yellow plastic tubing on top. "I found out they had orange after I ordered it," said Gauley reluctantly.

There is a windscreen that gives the outfield fence privacy and distance markers down both the left field and right field lines along with center.

Banners (see above



picture) which adorn the outfield wall say. "Zillah Leopards," as well.

It has gotten rave reviews from opponents and everyone who has seen it.

This year, Zillah is very young (only 3 seniors) with a talented freshman class. Robillard is coaching them up and although they have another chance at state, expect bigger things in two years. ♦



A view of the new press box, concession stand and visitor bleachers on the right.



Senior Zillah catcher, Shelby Place catches pitch while veteran umpire, Mas Seto and fans sit close to action in the new bleachers



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# Davis Hires Dumas

Pirates Nab Eastern Assistant for Program



(Photos provided by EWU.)

Dumas (above) coached the receivers while at Eastern. He played football at Washington State.

When a program has success like Eastern did last fall in playing in the FCS National Championship game, other schools become interested in their assistants. They hope maybe some of that successful magic can rub off.

Davis (Yakima) football is one such school.

Rick Clark had done an outstanding job at resurrecting the program but last year, injuries decimated the team.

When Clark stepped down during the off-season, the Pirates reached out to someone who knows the trials the school will face on and off the gridiron.

They hired Jay Dumas, a 1999 WSU grad, who had coached under Clark as the Pirate offensive coordinator along with coaching the quarterbacks and receivers.

After going 0-10 in Dumas' first year at Davis, the offense came alive and the offensive record books were rewritten with back-to-back winning season in 2010-11.



Jay Dumas

Dumas moved onto Central Washington as their receiver's coach and Davis earned back-to-back state playoff berths.

But the Pirate program fell on hard times the past three years with 1-9 marks.

Dumas plans on a new rebuild of the program from the ground up which reaches as far as the Grid Kids.

Although he feels the task may feel overwhelming at times, he is committed to make Davis football relevant again.

He would like to reach out to the youth, get the parents heavily involved again and get the community involved. "Whatever the wins and losses, that's where we can always win, in the community," he told Scott Spruill of the *Yakima Herald*.

Dumas has also coached at Western Washington and Montana State. All his experience and enthusiasm should serve him well and having engaged with alumni like Cooper Kupp of the NFL will only help his efforts.

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# Vikings Gets Grant

## Both Mabton & White Swan Get Mariners Grant for Softball Improvements

Wins aren't always measured in the win/loss column.

Such is the case of the Mabton Vikings varsity softball team. Last month, they dedicated their new softball field before a non-league contest with Sunnyside Christian.

Located next to the high school gym, it is easily accessible from the parking lot and very cozy.

Former players Cassandra Ruiz and Makaylaw Castellanos, along with Mabton teacher Jennifer Harris and head coach, Ron Rutz all wrote letters to the Seattle Mariners to get a grant for the improvements.

McKenzie Mitchell from Mariners Care, the Mabton School District Maintenance team plus Doug Hansen and Simpson Family Farms were instrumental in getting the field renovated.

They also received money from Yakama Legions Casino.

"I would like to thank everyone who helped us achieve our goal of having a place to play," Rutz noted,



Ron Rutz

"That the girls, school and community can be proud of."

The improvements included a new backstop, enclosed dugouts and several other field improvements including new fencing.

Another school who will be getting a boost is the White Swan softball program.

Helen Haggerty, the Cougar head coach the past 18 years is excited just like Rutz was.

There haven't been any improvements yet, but equipment and other

important items have been ordered.

On April 18, Bob Christopherson, the head grounds keeper of the Mariners came out to White Swan. He brought two of his vendors, Mark Albin from AM Landscapers in Spokane and Tim Lambert from Ewing Irrigation.

They all came up with

a plan to improve White Swan's softball field.

They will fix a hole at the pitcher's mound, replace the pitching rubber, plus even out the home plate area along with a new home plate.

They also came up with a plan to eliminate the goat heads that seem to take over the field.

The Mariners Care grants are given to 10 high school baseball and softball teams.

Last year was the inaugural year and when the new baseball field is built at Prosser, (Their high school will eliminate their current facility), they are rumored to be getting a grant as well. ♦



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Located just south of the Gap near Parker, their facility can be seen from I-82 and when they have a big race, the asphalt is packed with campers, trailers, racers and fans.

On Memorial Day weekend, they have one of the biggest races of the year with the Dee Adams Memorial.

There will be drag races of all different varieties including the Jet Funny Car, which exceeds well over 200 mph.

Derek Snelson, the track promoter earned the *NHRA Division 6 Promoter of the Year* once again for his efforts at bringing some of the best racers to the Yakima Valley.

The District 6 includes 19 tracks, which covers Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alberta and British Columbia.

Snelson, an Alaskan native, who also races a Jet Funny Car "Warhawk," not only brings in the race talent, but secures sponsorship's and can be seen pulling weeds during the week.

He is assisted by Sara Cullen, who was named *National Dragster Contributor of the Year*.



Derek Snelson (left) of Renegade Raceway was named the NHRA Division 6 Promoter of the Year. Sara Cullen was named the National Dragster Contributor of the Year. (Cindy Ruth photo.)

There are also a host of volunteers manning everything that makes the races functional.

Fans can also tour the pit area, visit with the drivers

and see the race vehicles up close.

So grab the ear plugs and buckle in for one of the most heart-thumping experiences ever. ♦

## JOHNNY B GOOD - WAS

Driver Michael Dalrymple of Sunnyside of Johnny B Good Racing Team won the Las Vegas Super Comp Divisional in early April.

His dragster ran a, 9.054, 175.59 (mph) defeating Brian Prezler, of Kennewick who ran a, 9.064, 177.07 (mph).

Dalrymple's family runs Cliff's Septic and you can often see their hauler parked there.



### Schedule

#### May 2019

##### Friday, May 3

Diesel Truck Drags  
Gates Open at 6PM Action at 7PM

##### Friday, May 10

Street Legal Drags, High School Drags, NW Nostalgia Jet Car presented by Pepsi.  
Gates Open at 6PM Racing at 7PM

##### Saturday, May 11

Funny Car Frenzy, Nitro & Alcohol Funny Cars, Box/No Box, Juniors, NW Nostalgia  
Gates Open at 4PM Action at 5PM

##### Friday, May 17

Lights out Grudge Racing, T&T Car Meet.  
Gates Open at 6PM Racing at 7PM

#### MAY 24-26

9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DEE ADAMS MEMORIAL FIRE & THUNDER JET FUNNY CAR.

##### Friday, May 24

Street Legal Drags, T&T Grudge Racing, Jet Funny Car.  
Gates Open at 6PM Racing at 7PM

##### Saturday, May 25

Summit Series, NW Nostalgia, AFX Shootout, SC, SST, Jet Funny Car, LOL  
Gates Open at 12PM Qualifying at 1P

##### Sunday, May 26

Summit Series, LOL, NW Nostalgia, AFX Shootout, SC, SST.  
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# For the Record

## Zenisek Returns to Ellensburg, Cardenas to Lead Granger Girls

**HIRED:** By the Ellensburg Bulldogs to replace Randy Affholter, former Central Washington University football coach, **Jeff Zenisek**.



Jef Zenisek

1995. His quarterback was Jon Kitna.

He compiled a 35-17-1 record there before moving on to Northern Iowa.

Zenisek was also at Thomas Jefferson High (Tacoma)

where he was the *Tacoma News Tribune's* football coach of the year prior to his stint with the Hornets. He also was head coach at Tenino for 13 years.

Affholter, who moves to Kennewick in the same capacity, leaves the program in good hands with Zenisek, who has had a highly successful 33-year coaching career.

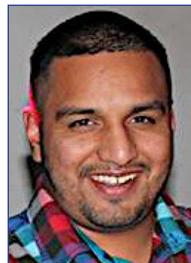
**HIRED:** By the Granger Spartans to succeed Andy Affholter (Randy's older brother); **Robert Cardenas**, who coached the boys program last year.

"We are excited to have him on board to continue the success the girls have had recently," stated Spartan athletic director, Dave Pearson. Raymond

Asher, who split time with the boys and girls programs last year and has agreed to become the Girls JV coach.

"Vanessa Vasquez was the girls JV/C coach last year and she is hopefully returning to be the Girls C coach again this year to complete the staff," he added.

Replacing Cardenas on the boy's side will be **Rolando Zamora** who is



Robert Cardenas

coming to Granger from a small school in Texas where he has been coaching Cross Country, Track and Basketball.

He is also a certified teacher and is in the process of getting his Washington Certificate.

In addition to Rolando, Granger has also hired **Lance Whitney** on as a member on the boys staff.

Whitney is familiar with the SCAC as he played his HS basketball at Connell and also played collegiate basketball at Big Bend Community College.

**Hector Jimenez** was the Spartan JV coach last

year and he is returning to round out the boys coaching staff.

**RAISED:** By the Prosser Mustangs girls basketball team, \$25,000 at an AAU basketball tournament to help **Jazzy Guillen**, a Prosser varsity soccer and basketball player, who was diagnosed with a rare form of stage 4 cancer.

"This weekend demonstrated the power a community can have when they come together to support a fellow family member," said Lady Mustangs basketball coach, Kyler Bachofner.

Guillen woke up on Feb. 17, 2019 (Sunday morning) for church with severe stomach pain.

Once at the hospital, doctors discovered a cancerous tumor in her lower abdomen which had spread to her liver. She was sent via ambulance to Children's Hospital, and has been there ever since receiving treatment.

Several fundraisers have been planned, all to assist the sophomore and her family in the battle against cancer.

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**Ed Barker Sunnyside**

B: May 5, 1931  
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**State Track Champ  
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NFL #1 Pick  
Air Force  
Lt. Colonel**

A lot of legendary football players have come out of Sunnyside, most notably the Kupp and Linehan families.

Mention the name of **Ed Barker** and you get a, “Who?” reaction.

The Sunnyside graduate was a 3-year letter winner at WSU after setting West Coast and NCAA receiving records.

He graduated with 1,699 receiving yards, an NCAA record. He also earned three letters in track and field. He also finished seventh in the decathlon at the 1952 Olympic Trials.

A #1 draft pick (12th overall) by the L.A. Rams in 1953, he played with the Steelers and Redskins, catching 40 passes in two years before joining the Air Force. (He retired as a Lt. Colonel.) Barker passed away in Zillah and was an avid hunter and loved sports.

# SPORTS TRIVIA

**1** Former Yakima Sun Kings head coach, Paul Woolpert is married to what former West Valley standout athlete?

- A. Teresa Borton
- B. Katie Borton
- C. Nicole Trammell

**2** What NBA Hall of Famer played for Woolpert’s dad at the University of San Francisco?

- A. Jimmy Walker
- B. Bill Russell
- C. Rick Barry

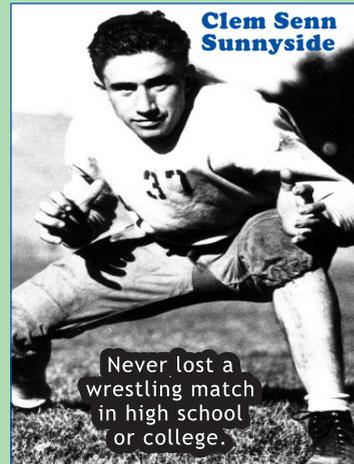
**3** What NFL team did both Sunnyside’s Jake Kupp and Scott Linehan start their playing careers?

- A. New Orleans Saints
- B. Dallas Cowboys
- C. Atlanta Falcons

**4** Where did Sunnyside’s Ed Barker earn multiple varsity letters in both football and track?

- A. Oregon Ducks
- B. WSU Cougars
- C. Idaho Vandals

**5** Glen Bonner was a standout running back with at YVCC and the Washington Huskies during the 1970’s and later played in the NFL



**Clem Senn Sunnyside**

Never lost a wrestling match in high school or college.

with the San Diego Chargers. Where did he go to high school?

- A. Davis Pirates
- B. Ike Cadets
- C. Ellensburg Bulldogs

**6** Ron Howard was the first starting tight end in Seattle Seahawks history. Where did he play high school sports?

- A. Richland Bombers
- B. Prosser Mustangs
- C. Pasco Bulldogs

**7** Michael Jackson was a standout runner for Pasco’s football team. He later played for the Seattle Seahawks where he was a starting

linebacker. Where did he go to college?

- A. EWU Eagles
- B. WSU Cougars
- C. Washington Huskies

**8** Pete Taggares played at Othello and later in the old World Football League (1974). Who was his starting QB with the U of W Huskies?

- A. Chuck Peck
- B. Sonny Sixkiller
- C. Warren Moon

**9** Christian Tollefson was a standout athlete at Toppenish in the 1980’s. What college did he play football for?

- A. WSU Cougars
- B. Idaho Vandals
- C. Oregon Ducks

**10** Dan Doornink was a standout runner for both the WSU Cougars and the Seattle Seahawks. What offensive position did he play at Wapato?

- A. Offensive Guard
- B. Wide Receiver
- C. Quarterback

**BONUS:** Sunnyside’s football field is named after Clem Senn who was also a standout wrestler. He played in the 1931 Rose Bowl for what team?

**ANSWERS:** 1.) Trammell, 2.) Russell, who played for the Boston Celtics, 3.) Dallas, 4.) WSU, 5.) Davis, 6.) Pasco, 7.) Washington Huskies, 8.) Sixkiller, 9.) WSU, 10.) Quarterback, BONUS: WSU.



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