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2A Playoff Possibilities

Here's our current guess for the top 16 of the 32-team field. There are several teams still in the running for the Round of 32 as we enter the last week.

1. Tumwater 8-0 EVCO
2. Franklin Pierce 8-0 SPSL
3. Anacortes 7-1 NWC
4. Lynden 7-1 NWC
5. West Valley 8-0 GSL
6. A. Murphy 6-1 NWC
7. Ridgefield 8-0 GSHL
8. Orting 8-1 SPSL
9. WF West 7-1 EVCO
10. Sehome 6-2 NWC
11. Othello 7-1 CWAC
12. Chief Sealth 7-1 METRO
13. *East Valley - Y 6-2 CWAC
14. Bainbridge 6-2 OLY
15. *Steilacoom 6-2 SPSL
16. *Prosser 5-3 CWAC

*Have not qualified yet.

ON THE CUSP:

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|--------------|------------|
| Cedarcrest | 5-3 KINGCO |
| Clarkston | 5-3 GSL |
| North Kitsap | 4-4 OLY |
| Olympic | 6-2 OLY |
| *Toppenish | 5-3 CWAC |
| Woodland | 6-2 GSHL |

QUALIFIERS (Not rated):

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| Washougal | 5-3 GSHL |
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IN THE HUNT (For playoffs):

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| *Deer Park | 5-3 GSL |
| *Eatonville | 5-3 SPSL |
| *Ephrata | 4-4 CWAC |
| *Fife | 5-3 SPSL |
| *Rogers | 5-3 GSL |
| *Selah | 4-4 CWAC |

LAST WEEK:

- Orting 41, Washington 7
 Othello 34, Toppenish 13
 Sehome 42, Squalicum 10
 Steilacoom 42, Eatonville 0
 Tumwater 52, WF West 0
 Washougal 45, Columbia River 6

KEY GAMES THIS WEEK:

- A. Murphy (6-1) at Sehome (6-2)
 Eatonville (5-3) at Orting (7-1)
 Foster (4-4) at Sultan (5-3)
 Mark Morris (3-5) at RA Long (3-5)
 Rogers (5-3) at Deer Park (5-3)
 Selah (4-4) at Prosser (6-2)
 Sequim (4-4) at North Mason (4-4)
 Steilacoom (6-2) at Fife (5-3)

Air Clearing, But Still Foggy

Projecting the State's Top 2A Playoff Teams

There is no doubt who the top 2A football teams are in the state and all have qualified for the Round of 32 week ten playoffs.

Tumwater, the undisputed number one, flexed their muscles against unbeaten WF West last week 52-0. In three EVCO conference games, they have outscored their opponents 169-0.

The state's second ranked team is debatable.

The two top contenders are Franklin Pierce (8-0) and Anacortes (7-1).

The Cardinals, who have outscored opponents 412-51 have come out of nowhere and are this year's biggest surprise.

The leader of the SPSL, they dealt Orting (7-1) their only loss 36-8 and dominated Eatonville (50-0), Fife (58-16) and Steilacoom (44-7).

Anacortes, the defending state champion, lost their first game in three years against Archbishop Murphy 28-34 three weeks ago.

Since then, the Seahawks have out-scored their opponents 79-0. Granted it's not the Lynden and Sehome skill-level they beat earlier, but still...



Franklin Pierce is enjoying their best season since 2-time SPSL MVP, Willie Patterson, was leading the charge back in 2016.

is at Sehome (6-2) and that is one of the marquee matchups this week.

This game is a coin-flip and both clubs not only play in the 2A's toughest conference, but the winner will probably be a top 8 selection. The loser will definitely not be far behind.

West Valley of Spokane (8-0) is always among the state's best and earned the GSL's top seed by beating that region's top teams (Clarkston, Rogers, Deer Park).

Ridgefield, (8-0), also has a tough game this week. They play Woodland (6-2) for the GSHL league title.

The Spudders have outscored their last five opponents 176-29. Meanwhile, the Beavers have won six straight after losing their top two games, both non-league.

Rounding out the top 8 are several candidates:

Chief Sealth is 7-1 and play in a combo league and their most impressive win was 33-7 over 3A Ingraham who is also 7-1.

WF West (7-1), Orting (7-1) and Othello (7-1) are also candidates and each has an argument. No matter how it plays out, this will be an exciting finish. ♦

Perhaps the fourth-best team is Lynden.

One of the most successful teams in football history, they beat Archbishop Murphy two weeks ago, 7-3, in one of the worst weather conditions ever.

They have had some close calls this year, (beating Sehome 31-30 and Squalicum 36-30), but the Lions are always sniffing the finals or semi-finals.

After the top four, it could go several ways.

Archbishop Murphy (6-1)



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Quotable Quotes



"If you win, say nothing. If you lose, say less."

Vince Lombardi

Did You Know?

• Wayne Gretzky is widely acknowledged as the greatest hockey player of all-time.

His 2,857 points is not only the most ever, but is 936 more than Jaromir Jagr who played 246 more games.

Even if Gretzky would have never scored a single goal, his assists total (1,963) is still more than Jagr's points total of 1,921.

• Baseball great, Babe Ruth, used to wear a cabbage leaf under his cap to keep his head cool. He reportedly had to replace it every two innings.

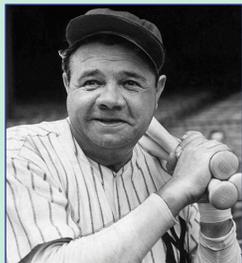
• After an 0-3 start in their 1990 NBA Championship season (They were 61-21.), the Chicago Bulls never lost three games-in-a-row until 1993.

• Michael Jordan was famous for wearing his #23 basketball jersey.

However, one night against the Orlando Magic in 1990, he had to wear #12 because a security guard stole the jersey.

It was later found stashed above the ceiling.

The Bulls lost that night, but Jordan had a good night with 49 points.



Editor's Column

Sorting Out Life Experiences

Gary Staggers, Broadcasting, Coaching & More . . .

It's hard to believe that I am still around doing what I started so many years ago.

I will admit that times have been hard and money scarce.

When I began, the late Gary Staggers was a legend in the Yakima Valley and was still plying his trade on the air waves at KREW in Sunnyside.

Nearly every small town in the region had a local radio station broadcasting their high school games on Friday nights.

Legends like Staggers, Frank Murray and others were the eyes and ears for listeners throughout the region.

As a kid, I remember my grandpa having the radio on in the kitchen and changing the channel to get score updates.

That lit a fire in me and I wanted to follow in their foot steps. I started at KENE in Toppenish doing games for Wapato, and later Toppenish.

It was spawned out of my passion for sports, and at \$35 a game, it was not about money.

I remember when one station offered me \$50 a game and I thought I was getting rich.

However, despite the excitement broadcasting brought, it did not last.

Radio went through changes, local broadcasts



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were dropped and the commitment to local communities faded away.

Today, NFHS and HUDL offer videos of your local high school team and a few others like Zillah and

Royal can be seen on YouTube by local announcers.

I am still broadcasting, but it is old-school audio-only.

I can't do video because of league rules in the CWAC and their agreements with NFHS.

Schools like Grandview and Toppenish not only offer video, but have announcers who do a great job.

It is a changing world and I am not sure how it plays out, but it is fun whether I am broadcasting inside or outside.

Inside, I'm that little kid who still gets a thrill heading down to the sidelines, talking with coaches, athletic directors and players on game day.

• As many of you know, I also love coaching. There have been ups and downs, awards and behind-the-scenes rewards I've experienced.

Like broadcasting, there have been many ups and downs. I have seen scoreboard success, last-place finishes and through it all, growth.

Each year presents new

challenges and I love the experience.

It can sometimes be difficult and not every parent or fan understands the obstacles a head coach faces.

It might be hours working on the facilities, figuring how to raise money for new equipment or helping that young athlete find success. But, there is an adrenaline rush when things are achieved.

I won't lie, you can also be crushed emotionally by things you can't control.

I challenge everyone to be supportive, whether it's a player, coach or official.

High school sports has gotten a little tougher since COVID and even transportation can be challenging.

I know of some teams who get dropped off early, play their game and then wait for a bus driver to finish his normal route and pick them up.

No matter what tomorrow brings, I appreciate the many years I have spent in the arena of sports. I only hope that I've inspired someone along the way.

The next generation is distracted by so many things that I didn't have when I was younger.

The road map is being re-written daily. Remember this: "Sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together."

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Flying High at Tumwater

Tumwater Success Continues But They Acknowledge There is Still Work To Do

Tumwater football is known for two things—winning and the Wing T offense.

That is the legacy Sid Otton developed when he started coaching there in 1974. By the time he retired, he had amassed a state-record 394 wins. (He also coached at Coupeville and Colfax.)

The aptly named T-Birds continued to fly high under former Otton disciple, Bill Beattie, who took over in 2017. They won the 2A state title in 2019, but two years ago, Beattie retired.

During the winter of 2023, Willie Garrow was named the fifth head coach in school history.

Garrow, who did his student teaching at Naches before graduating at Central Washington had been a member of the staff since 2019.

He also had logged three years as the head coach at North Thurston.

Tumwater made it to the 2A state championship game last year, in his first season, and over the past two years, they are 22-1.

“We have a really terrific group of seniors who made a commitment to prepare for the season the right way,” notes Garrow.

“They have continued it each week during the season,” he added.

Garrow went on to note the importance of his, “Incredible assistant coaches



(John O’Leary photo)

Tumwater has played in 13 state championship games, winning seven. They have not allowed a point in EVCO league action and are 8-0.

who also hold the players accountable to very high standards.”

Last week in a showdown for the Evergreen Conference championship, Tumwater dominated unbeaten WF West 52-0.

That raised their season record to 8-0 as the post-season looms next week.

“Our defense played lights out,” said Garrow. “To hold that WF West team to under 100 yards of offense and zero points was a fantastic achievement.”

“Our defensive coaches put together a great plan,” he added. “Our kids played fast and free and it showed. I am excited to see how they continue to improve as the season progresses.”

The Bearcats, who had

outscored their opponents 297-54 before playing the T-Birds, had an impressive run.

Among their victories included a 40-7 victory over North Kitsap.

“They are a great program,” stated Garrow who added, “There have been some great battles in the past.”

“I think their offense is dynamic and they have shown ways to get the ball to playmakers,” Garrow noted. “They always have little wrinkles or things you haven’t seen on film.”

The Tumwater coach also stated he had tremendous respect for their coach, Dan Hill, who he grew up with in Grays Harbor. “We played some youth baseball together and competed against one another in high school.”

Among individual performers in the victory, Tumwater was led by senior fullback Jaylin Nixon who ran for 190 yards on ten carries and three scores.

Senior Cash Short added 8 carries for 91 yards and was also a standout on defense at linebacker as well. Fellow LB, senior Beckett Wall and Short were also singled out by their coach. “Both were very disruptive to the offense and played really well.”

Garrow also pointed to his entire secondary. “(They) did a fantastic job covering

the passing game and limiting their big plays and completions.”

To be successful at the level Tumwater has been through the years is a combination of many things.

Perhaps the biggest is the guys making Garrow’s job easier.

“Far too often, the head coach is the one who is quoted in the newspaper or gets public acknowledgement,” he explains.

“But, at Tumwater HS, it is the assistant coaches who make everything go,” he continued.



Willie Garrow

He noted that defensive coordinator, Tony Prentice, “Does an incredible job game-planning, preparing the staff along with the defensive players the

right way.”

The co-offensive coordinators, Scott Haury and Dan Hinkle are, “Terrific men who have no ego and share the responsibility of calling plays and preparation throughout the week.”

Garrow stated Tumwater has ten other assistant coaches, “Who are committed to the kids in ways that are uncommon. They care about the program immensely.”

As the post-season looms, Garrow says, “It is not something we take for granted. Hopefully, we can prepare the right way.” ♦



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ROUND-OF-32 EXPLAINED

How will the Round of 32 be determined and how will they be seeded?

The Round of 32 won't have official seeding by committee like the 16-team state tournament does.

But, the seeding committee's and district directors' recommendations will be taken into consideration by Lake Washington School District athletic director, **John Appelgate**.

He will determine the week 10 pairings.

Teams that won their league titles will have preference for home games.

The winners will be reseeded by the selection committee for the normal 16-team state tournament which begins in two weeks.

The largest district representation will be District 3 with 16 schools. They will receive 9 berths.

Four will go to the top four finishers of the SPSL and four more to the Olympic League's top 4 finishers. The fifth place team from each conference will meet for the ninth and final berth.

District 4, with 13 teams will receive seven berths.

The EVCO's top two teams (Tumwater, WF West) get two and the top 4 of the GSHL advance. Aberdeen (The EVCO #3) will meet the GSHL #5 for the 7th berth.

District 2 has 5 berths. Chief Sealth, Cedarcrest and Renton advance with the other two to be decided Friday in play-in matchups.

Allocations - Field of 32

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

Down to the Finale

CWAC, SPSL & Others In a Dogfight for Final Playoff Berths

The Round of 32 has been an exciting addition to the 2024 football season.

Even if a team has a poor start, it doesn't eliminate them.

Take for example, Prosser. They had a brutal early schedule, playing CWAC champion, Ephrata, on the road and then traveling to Toppenish, who was the SCAC West champion last year.

They lost both games (by a combined total of 3 points) and were sitting at 0-2.

Their third game was against East Valley of Yakima, who many considered the most talented roster in the conference.

The Mustangs won (36-35) and even though they righted their ship and are currently tied for second (with East Valley), behind first-place Othello, the bad start didn't cripple them.

There are also several teams who have a chance at making the final 16, that normally don't get that opportunity.

Sehome is one of them. Playing with Lynden, Anacortes, Archbishop Murphy, and in past years, Sedro Woolley, they don't usually make it.

Since 1999, they've only played in the post-season twice.

Renton hasn't made the playoffs since 1998. Both Chief Sealth and Cedarcrest since 1996.

It has also made division races exciting.



The return of junior quarterback, **Brady Hendrick**, kept Ephrata in the CWAC chase with a 34-13 victory over Selah last week.

Although most of the top seeds have been decided, four teams in the Metro/KingCo (D2) leagues are still alive for two spots.

In the SPSL (D3), four teams are still alive for two berths and a play-in game. The nearby Olympic has three teams fighting for one berth and a play-in against the SPSL.

Three teams in the GSHL (D4) are alive for one berth and a play-in game against Aberdeen of the EVCO.

The CWAC (D5) is the biggest question mark.

Othello is in but their other three playoff allocations could go one of many ways. (Too many to mention.)

East Valley, Ephrata, Prosser, Selah and Toppenish are still alive.

If East Valley (plays Ellensburg) and Prosser (plays Selah) win, they are both in. Toppenish would be

the fourth team.

However if Selah should beat Prosser, it would eliminate the Mustangs unless East Valley also loses.

Ephrata, with three losses would be out in a normal year. But their 34-13 win over Selah last week helped keep them alive. They need to beat Grandview this week and have Selah beat the Mustangs.

In the GSL (D6), West Valley and Clarkston are both in. The winner of the Rogers-Deer Park game will be earn the third seed.

Overall, 19 teams have qualified for the Round of 32 and 22 other schools are fighting for the remaining 13 positions.

District 1. (4) In: (NWC): Anacortes, Archbishop Murphy, Lynden, Sehome.

D2. (5) In: (KINGCO): Cedarcrest, Renton, (METRO): Chief Sealth. **Still Alive:** Evergreen at Nathan Hale, Foster at Sultan. (Winners advance.)

D3. (9) In: (OLYMPIC): Bainbridge, North Kitsap, Olympic; (SPSL): Franklin Pierce, Orting. **Still Alive:** (SPSL): Steilacoom, Eatonville, Fife, Washington. (OLY): Bremerton, North Mason, Sequim.

D4. (7) In: (EVCO): Tumwater, WF West; (GSHL): Ridgefield, Woodland, Washougal. **Still Alive:** (EVCO): Aberdeen; GSHL: Mark Morris, Columbia River, RA Long. (Aberdeen plays GSHL #5 for 7th berth.)

D5. (4) In: (CWAC): Othello. **Still Alive:** East Valley, Ephrata, Prosser, Selah, Toppenish.

D6. (3) In: (GSL): West Valley, Clarkston. **Still Alive:** Rogers at Deer Park. (Winner advances.)



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2A Standings

A View at the State



2A, 1A and B football teams have players selected to play in the **Earl Barden Classic** all-state game near Yakima each June.

| D1 NORTHWEST CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| *Anacortes | 6 | 1 | 275 | 69 | 7 | 1 | 341 | 69 |
| *Archbishop M. | 6 | 1 | 285 | 109 | 6 | 1 | 285 | 109 |
| *Lynden | 5 | 1 | 187 | 127 | 7 | 1 | 271 | 151 |
| *Sehome | 5 | 2 | 196 | 117 | 6 | 2 | 243 | 142 |
| Burl.-Edison | 3 | 4 | 131 | 184 | 4 | 4 | 152 | 198 |
| Squalicum | 3 | 4 | 182 | 208 | 4 | 4 | 204 | 208 |
| Lakewood | 2 | 6 | 150 | 287 | 2 | 6 | 150 | 287 |
| Bellingham | 1 | 5 | 88 | 210 | 2 | 6 | 112 | 234 |
| Marysville-Pil. | 0 | 7 | 69 | 252 | 1 | 7 | 91 | 265 |

*Qualifier for Round-of-32 Playoffs.

Last Week: (Fri., Oct. 25, 2024)

Anacortes 36, Burlington-Edison 0
 Bellingham 33, Marysville-Pilchuck 6
 Lynden 50, Lakewood 8
 Sehome 42, Squalicum 10
 Archbishop Murphy (BYE)

This Week: (Fri., Nov. 1, 2024)

(Thu. 10/31) Archbishop Murphy (6-1) at Sehome (6-2)
 (Thu. 10/31) Lakewood (2-6) at Toppenish (5-3)
 Anacortes (7-1) at Marysville-Pilchuck (1-7)
 Lynden (7-1) at Burlington-Edison (4-4)
 Bellingham (2-6) at Squalicum (4-4)

| D2 KINGCO LAKE | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| *Cedarcrest | 5 | 0 | 237 | 28 | 5 | 3 | 301 | 139 |
| Foster | 3 | 2 | 176 | 91 | 4 | 4 | 266 | 176 |
| Evergreen | 1 | 4 | 20 | 203 | 2 | 4 | 50 | 228 |
| Lindbergh | 1 | 4 | 56 | 205 | 1 | 7 | 72 | 305 |

D2 KINGCO MOUNTAIN

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|---|----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| *Renton | 1 | 4 | 89 | 260 | 2 | 6 | 127 | 400 |
|---------|---|---|----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|

D2 METRO LEAGUE

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| *Chief Sealth | 6 | 1 | 215 | 74 | 7 | 1 | 225 | 81 |
| Nathan Hale | 3 | 4 | 134 | 90 | 4 | 4 | 177 | 110 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 7 | 22 | 263 | 0 | 8 | 34 | 313 |

D2 INDEPENDENT

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|-----|
| Sultan | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 218 | 149 |
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*Qualifier for Round-of-32 Playoffs.

Last Week: (Fri., Oct. 25, 2024)

Cedarcrest 56, Lindbergh 6
 Chief Sealth 35, Lincoln (Seattle) 20
 Inglemoor 37, Renton 20
 Interlake 31, Foster 15
 Lakeside (Seattle) 43, Cleveland 0
 Sultan 38, Centralia 7
 West Seattle 21, Nathan Hale 14

This Week: (Fri., Nov. 1, 2024)

Chief Sealth (7-1) at Renton (2-6). (Both to Wk. 10)
 Cedarcrest BYE. (Advances to Week 10.)

Winners to Week 10

Evergreen (2-4) at Nathan Hale (4-4)
 Foster (4-4) at Sultan (5-3)

| D3 OLYMPIC LEAGUE | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| *Bainbridge | 5 | 1 | 198 | 61 | 6 | 2 | 227 | 124 |
| *North Kitsap | 4 | 1 | 146 | 68 | 4 | 4 | 185 | 154 |
| *Olympic | 4 | 1 | 144 | 51 | 6 | 2 | 244 | 103 |
| Bremerton | 2 | 3 | 94 | 94 | 2 | 6 | 108 | 169 |
| Sequim | 2 | 3 | 55 | 119 | 4 | 4 | 132 | 188 |
| North Mason | 1 | 4 | 63 | 161 | 4 | 4 | 161 | 189 |
| Port Angeles | 0 | 5 | 38 | 176 | 0 | 8 | 67 | 260 |
| ** Kingston | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 135 | 218 |

*Qualifier for Round-of-32 Playoffs. **Plays in 1A League.

| D4 EVERGREEN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| *Tumwater | 3 | 0 | 169 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 424 | 61 |
| *WF West | 2 | 1 | 96 | 64 | 7 | 1 | 297 | 106 |
| Aberdeen | 2 | 2 | 80 | 116 | 3 | 5 | 127 | 196 |
| Black Hills | 1 | 2 | 62 | 110 | 3 | 5 | 154 | 248 |
| Centralia | 0 | 3 | 20 | 137 | 0 | 8 | 89 | 236 |

*Qualifier for Round-of-32 Playoffs.

Last Week: (Fri., Oct. 25, 2024)

Tumwater 52, WF West 0
 Aberdeen 28, Black Hills 14
 Sultan 38, Centralia 7 (NL)

This Week: (Week Nine)

Aberdeen (3-5) at 1A Tenino (NL)
 Black Hills (3-5) at WF West (7-1)
 Centralia (0-8) at Tumwater (8-0)

| D4 GREATER ST. HELEN'S LEAGUE | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| *Ridgefield | 6 | 0 | 200 | 50 | 8 | 0 | 269 | 75 |
| *Woodland | 6 | 0 | 213 | 74 | 6 | 2 | 228 | 136 |
| *Washougal | 4 | 2 | 144 | 53 | 5 | 3 | 168 | 80 |
| Mark Morris | 3 | 3 | 91 | 130 | 3 | 5 | 109 | 220 |
| Columbia River | 2 | 4 | 78 | 170 | 3 | 5 | 115 | 240 |
| RA Long | 2 | 4 | 104 | 169 | 3 | 5 | 133 | 218 |
| Hockinson | 1 | 5 | 144 | 177 | 1 | 7 | 158 | 252 |
| Hudson's Bay | 0 | 6 | 94 | 245 | 0 | 8 | 111 | 323 |

*Qualifier for Round-of-32 Playoffs.

Last Week: (Fri., Oct. 25, 2024)

Hockinson 50, Hudson's Bay 30
 Ridgefield 35, RA Long 7
 Washougal 45, Columbia River 6
 Woodland 49, Mark Morris 21

This Week: (Thu., Oct. 31, 7PM)

Mark Morris (3-5) at RA Long (3-5)
 Columbia River (3-5) at Hudson's Bay (0-8)

Fri., Nov. 1, 7PM

Ridgefield (8-0) at Woodland (7-1)
 Hockinson (1-7) at Washougal (5-3)

NOTE 9/20: Mark Morris beat Columbia River 14-0
 10/4: Columbia River beat RA Long 31-28

| D6 GREATER SPOKANE LEAGUE | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| *West Valley | 5 | 0 | 222 | 122 | 8 | 0 | 343 | 154 |
| *Clarkston | 4 | 1 | 255 | 156 | 5 | 3 | 261 | 224 |
| Deer Park | 3 | 2 | 137 | 139 | 5 | 3 | 246 | 188 |
| Rogers | 3 | 2 | 142 | 83 | 5 | 3 | 220 | 154 |
| Pullman | 2 | 4 | 105 | 138 | 2 | 6 | 136 | 171 |
| East Valley | 1 | 4 | 61 | 159 | 2 | 6 | 111 | 248 |
| North Central | 0 | 5 | 83 | 187 | 1 | 7 | 179 | 277 |

*Qualifier for Round-of-32 Playoffs.

Last Week: (Fri., Oct. 25, 2024)

Clarkston 28, Pullman 6
 Deer Park 41, 1A Riverside 14
 Rogers 41, East Valley (Spokane) 7
 West Valley 57, North Central 21

This Week: (Fri., Nov. 1, 2024)

East Valley (Spokane) (2-6) at West Valley (8-0)
 North Central (1-7) at Clarkston (5-3)
 Pullman (2-6) at 1A Riverside
 Rogers (5-3) at Deer Park (5-3)



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

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

DS SOUTH CENTRAL ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

| *Othello | 6 | 1 | 181 | 77 | 7 | 1 | 223 | 94 |
|-------------|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|
| East Valley | 5 | 2 | 250 | 112 | 6 | 2 | 300 | 112 |
| Prosser | 5 | 2 | 233 | 113 | 5 | 3 | 241 | 165 |
| Toppenish | 5 | 3 | 130 | 137 | 5 | 3 | 130 | 137 |
| Ephrata | 4 | 3 | 117 | 133 | 4 | 4 | 134 | 157 |
| Selah | 4 | 3 | 130 | 91 | 4 | 4 | 137 | 119 |
| Ellensburg | 2 | 5 | 100 | 121 | 2 | 6 | 110 | 143 |
| Grandview | 1 | 6 | 87 | 177 | 1 | 7 | 107 | 225 |
| Quincy | 0 | 7 | 46 | 325 | 1 | 7 | 70 | 337 |

*Qualifier for Round-of-32 Playoffs.

Last Week: (Fri., Oct. 25, 2024)

East Valley 53, Quincy 0
Ephrata 34, Selah 13
Othello 34, Toppenish 13
Prosser 49, Ellensburg 20

2B Tri-Cities Prep 48, Grandview 20

This Week: (Thu., Oct. 31)

Selah (4-4) at Prosser (5-3), 7PM

East Valley (6-2) at Ellensburg (2-6)
Ephrata (4-4) at Grandview (1-7), 6PM
Lakewood (2-6) at Toppenish (5-3), 6PM (NL)

Fri., Nov. 1, 7PM

Othello (7-1) at Quincy (1-7)



Orting, (5-1, 7-1) whose only loss is to Franklin Pierce, have ran for 1,708 yards through 8 games. But, despite a potent offense, their defense is also strong. They not only held Washington to 7 points (after scoring 40+ the week before), they had seven sacks against the Patriots.

Sehome 42, Squalicum 10

The Sehome Mariners secured the final playoff spot in the Northwest Conference with a 42-10 victory over Squalicum at Civic Stadium in Bellingham.

The Mariners (5-2, 6-2) opened the game with an 11-play touchdown drive on their way to six scores overall. Utilizing a balanced attack, a key was the passing combination of Nolan Wright to Andre Watson.

This week, Sehome, (5-2, 6-2) hosts Archbishop Murphy (6-1).

Othello 34, Toppenish 13

In a key CWAC clash, the Othello Huskies secured a position in the Round of 32 with a comeback against the upstart Wildcats.

Tied 13-13 in the third quarter, Othello scored 21 unanswered points for the win. They play winless Quincy this week which should give them the CWAC championship.

Toppenish finishes their league season at 5-3 and are still alive for the post-season. Wins by both Prosser and East Valley will give them the fourth CWAC seed.

A loss by Prosser could put them in a mini-playoff situation along with Selah or possibly Ephrata.

Orting 41, Washington 7

Carson McCall highlighted a ground attack that amassed 223 yards in a key SPSL game. The 6-foot-2, 210 pound junior ran for 92 yards on nine carries for two scores.

The Cardinals (5-1, 7-1) the #2 seed from the SPSL finish the regular season Wed., Oct. 30 at home against Eatonville.

2A RPI RANKINGS THRU 8 WEEKS

| Team | League | WL | PF | PA | LW |
|--------------------|---------|-----|---------|------|----|
| 1 Tumwater | EVCO | 8-0 | 424-61 | +363 | |
| 2 Franklin Pierce | SPSL | 8-0 | 412-51 | +361 | |
| 3 West Valley | GSL | 8-0 | 343-154 | +189 | |
| 4 Anacortes | NWC | 7-1 | 341-69 | +272 | |
| 5 Ridgefield | GSHL | 8-0 | 269-75 | +194 | |
| 6 Lynden | NWC | 7-1 | 271-151 | +120 | |
| 7 *Clarkston | GSL | 5-3 | 261-224 | + 37 | |
| 8 Orting | SPSL | 7-1 | 270-121 | +151 | |
| 9 Othello | CWAC | 7-1 | 223-94 | +129 | |
| 10 Archbishop M. | NWC | 6-1 | 285-109 | +176 | |
| 11 Sehome | NWC | 6-2 | 243-142 | +101 | |
| 12 WF West | EVCO | 7-1 | 297-106 | +191 | |
| 13 Chief Sealth | METRO | 7-1 | 225-81 | +144 | |
| 14 Bainbridge | OLY | 6-2 | 227-124 | +103 | |
| 15 Olympic | OLY | 6-2 | 244-103 | +141 | |
| 16 Steilacoom | SPSL | 6-2 | 210-146 | + 64 | |
| 17 Woodland | GSHL | 6-2 | 228-136 | + 92 | |
| 18 East Valley - Y | CWAC | 6-2 | 300-112 | +188 | |
| 19 Prosser | CWAC | 5-3 | 241-165 | + 76 | |
| 20 Eatonville | SPSL | 5-3 | 219-225 | - 6 | |
| 21 Rogers | GSL | 5-3 | 220-154 | + 66 | |
| 22 Fife | SPSL | 5-3 | 281-144 | +137 | |
| 23 Deer Park | GSL | 5-3 | 246-188 | + 58 | |
| 24 North Kitsap | OLY | 4-4 | 185-154 | + 31 | |
| 25 Toppenish | CWAC | 5-3 | 130-137 | - 7 | |
| 26 Washougal | GSHL | 5-3 | 168-80 | + 88 | |
| 27 Cedarcrest | KINGCO | 5-3 | 301-139 | +162 | |
| 28 Squalicum | NWC | 4-4 | 204-208 | - 4 | |
| 29 Sequim | OLY | 4-4 | 132-188 | - 56 | |
| 30 Burlington-Ed. | NWC | 4-4 | 152-198 | - 46 | |
| 31 Ephrata | CWAC | 4-4 | 134-157 | - 23 | |
| 32 Sultan | D2-Ind. | 5-3 | 218-149 | + 69 | |
| 23 Selah | CWAC | 4-3 | 137-119 | + 18 | |
| 34 Nathan Hale | METRO | 4-4 | 177-110 | + 67 | |
| 35 Mark Morris | GSHL | 3-5 | 109-220 | -111 | |

* Clarkston actually has a 5-3 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 5-3 actual record, they drop to around 20th.

Steilacoom 42, Eatonville 0



Drew Macdonald

In a key SPSL matchup, the Eatonville Cruisers (3-3, 5-3) hosted the Steilacoom Sentinels (4-2, 6-2) on senior night.

The Cruisers opened by driving the ball to the Steilacoom 15 yard line but a 32-yard missed field goal set the tone for the night.

Senior quarterback, **Drew Macdonald** passed 401 yards and 4 TD's for Stelly, finding sophomore target Austin Mazzone 10 times for 163 yards. Senior Alex Kemp had 4 receptions for 84 yards and a score while junior Evan Dipetrillo added 4 catches for 57 yards and 2 TD's.

Steilacoom's leading rusher, Shon Nelson had one carry for 61 yards and a score.

The Sentinels had 511 total yards while the Cruisers were held to just 80.

A highlight for Eatonville was fallen senior **Jason Naro**, who was represented by his little sister, Natalie, as the captains took the field.

Both teams are in the thick of the SPSL playoff chase as games are moved to Wednesday this week because of possible tie-breaker games being needed on Saturday.

Records Are Deceiving

In District 3, **Aberdeen** (the EVCO #3) will play the Greater St. Helen's #5 for the seventh and final playoff berth for that region.

It will be a modified pig-tail game on Tues., Nov. 4 featuring two 12-minute halves. The game will be played at an EVCO site this year while the GSHL will host the game next year.

The five teams who have already qualified for the Round of 32 includes Tumwater and WF West of the EVCO, Ridgefield, Woodland and Washougal of the GSHL.

There are currently three teams fighting for the two GSHL opportunities. Mark Morris is 3-3 in league, while Columbia River and RA Long are 2-4. River plays at winless Hudson's Bay but Morris plays Long. If the Monarchs win, they secure the fourth seed at 4-3 and River becomes #5 due to their win over RA Long.

But if Long upsets Morris and River wins, it's a three-way for fourth. That would set-up a contest between the three teams (Saturday?).

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1A News & Notes

RPI RANKINGS

1. LaCenter..... 8-0
2. Royal..... 8-0
3. Seton Catholic..... 8-0
4. Nooksack Vly. 6-2
5. Lynden Christian... 5-3
6. Cashmere..... 7-1
7. Kalama..... 6-2
8. Montesano..... 5-3
9. Life Chr. Academy. 6-1
10. Meridian..... 5-3
11. King's..... 5-3
12. King's Way..... 5-3
13. Zillah..... 6-2
14. Cascade Christian . 6-2
15. Castle Rock..... 5-3
16. Tenino..... 5-3

LAST WEEK:

La Center 41, Kalama 6
Lynden Chr. 30, Meridian 19

KEY GAMES THIS WEEK:

Lakeside at Colville
Nooksack Vly. At Lynden Chr.
Seton Catholic at La Center

Montesano 34, Nooksack 28

Montesano scored 17 unanswered points in the second half to upset top-rated Nooksack Valley 34-28.

A week after being upset themselves (to league rival Rochester 16-12), the Bulldogs had to continually battle back in this game.

Down at the half and in the fourth quarter, Montesano was led by the passing of 6-foot-1 junior quarterback **Tyson Perry**.

He threw for 362 yards by completing 25 of 37 passes and two TD's.

Junior receiver, **Toren Crites**, was his top target with 12 catches for 172 yards and a score.

The Pioneers were led by 6-foot-2, 220 senior running back, **Colton Lentz** who amassed 172 yards on 29 carries and two TD's.

This week, Nooksack Valley (3-0, 6-2) returns to league action at Lynden Christian (3-0, 5-3) for the 1A Northwest Conference championship.

Montesano (2-1, 5-3) finishes by hosting Elma (2-1, 4-4) in the East County Civil War on Friday, November 1.

2024 SCAC Football Standings & Results

Final Week Winds Down with State Playoffs Looming

| TEAM | * | W | L | PS | PA | W | L | PS | PA | This Week |
|-------------|-----|---|---|-----|-----|---|---|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Royal | 435 | 7 | 0 | 426 | 48 | 8 | 0 | 478 | 56 | Wapato. |
| Cashmere | 390 | 6 | 1 | 324 | 87 | 7 | 1 | 385 | 94 | At Naches. |
| Zillah | 325 | 5 | 2 | 222 | 117 | 6 | 2 | 244 | 127 | At College Place |
| Connell | 447 | 4 | 3 | 234 | 129 | 4 | 4 | 251 | 171 | Wahluke. |
| College Pl. | 361 | 4 | 3 | 226 | 230 | 5 | 3 | 253 | 256 | Zillah. |
| Wahluke | 588 | 2 | 5 | 91 | 235 | 2 | 6 | 99 | 259 | At Connell. |
| Wapato | 649 | 2 | 5 | 127 | 272 | 2 | 6 | 139 | 296 | Royal. |
| Ki-Be | 336 | 2 | 6 | 93 | 311 | 2 | 6 | 93 | 311 | No Game Scheduled |
| Naches Vly. | 298 | 0 | 7 | 40 | 354 | 0 | 8 | 54 | 390 | 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

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 (5-3)

| | | | |
|-------------|---|---------------|-------|
| 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 | W | at Ki-Be | 35-6 |
| Fri Nov 1 | | Zillah | |

CONNELL EAGLES (4-4)

| | | | |
|-------------|---|----------------|-------|
| 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 | W | Wapato | 52-12 |
| Fri Nov 1 | | Wahluke | |

KIONA-BENTON BEARS (2-6)

| | | | |
|-------------|---|----------------|-------|
| 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 | L | College Place | 6-35 |

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 (2-6)

| | | | |
|-------------|---|-----------------|-------|
| 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 | L | at Zillah | 14-50 |
| Fri Nov 1 | | at Connell | |

WAPATO WOLVES (2-6)

| | | | |
|-------------|---|----------------|-------|
| 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 | L | at Connell | 12-52 |
| Fri Nov 1 | | Royal | |

ZILLAH LEOPARDS (6-2)

| | | | |
|-------------|---|------------------|-------|
| 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 | W | Wahluke | 50-14 |
| Fri Nov 1 | | at College Pl. | |

SCAC Highlights

Heading to Round of 24 Playoffs: SCAC: 1. Royal, 2. Cashmere, 3. Zillah. CTL: Omak.

In the Hunt: SCAC: Connell, College Place. CTL: Cascade or Chelan.

The sixth D5 playoff berth will be determined on Monday, November 5 with a Kansas City Tie-Breaker between the SCAC #5 and the CTL #2.

TEAM CAPSULES

Cashmere: Only blemish this year was a loss to top-ranked Royal 55-14.

College Place: Have tough matchup this week with Zillah. But, at worst, plays CTL #2 for Round of 24 spot.

Connell: Winners of four of their last five games, the Eagles will make the Week 10 playoffs with a victory against Wahluke.

Kiona-Benton: The Bears don't have a scheduled game this week.

Naches Valley: After facing Royal last week, they finish by hosting Cashmere.

Royal: The Knights had a monstrous victory last week and play Wapato.

Wahluke: The Warriors have lost six straight and finish at Connell who has won four of five.

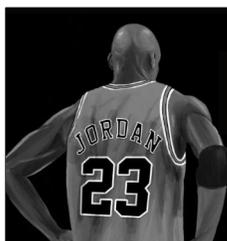
Wapato: The Wolves had a pretty good run winning two of their last three but face powerhouse Royal this week.

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) Last week downed Cascade 40-9 to claim the CTL championship. They will advance to the Round of 24.

Cascade (Leavenworth) (0-1, 4-3). This Friday, they play Chelan for a chance to extend their season.

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



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