



A Look Back . . .



YEAR	W	L	PF	PA	Finish
2024	10	0	630	62	TBD
2023	13	0	597	55	1st
2022	12	1	548	109	1st
2021	14	0	741	47	1st
2020	5	0	270	32	(Covid)
2019	14	0	754	68	1st
2018	12	1	702	64	3rd
2017	14	0	696	72	1st
2016	13	0	515	114	1st
2015	14	0	734	70	1st
2014	10	2	469	172	
2013	8	4	301	195	
2012	13	1	693	166	2nd
2011	9	3	447	236	
2010	8	3	416	196	
2009	8	3	407	200	
2008	12	1	645	162	3rd
2007	14	1	737	146	1st
2006	12	2	652	112	
2005	14	0	688	129	1st
2004	12	0	691	101	1st

The team also placed 2nd in 2002 and won the **state title** in his second year, 2000.

Winningest Coaches 200 Wins

NAME	W	L	%
1. Wiley Allred	297	28	.914
2. Monte Kohler	390	64	.859
3. Tom Moore	241	41	.855
4. Don Anderson	269	63	.810
5. Curt Kramme	243	61	.803
Jeff Nelson	232	57	.803
7. *Glenn Rickert	269	72	.789
8. Steve Graff	203	59	.775

All-Time Wins

1. Sid Otton	394	132	.749
2. Monte Kohler	390	64	.859
3. Bob Ames	332	168	.664
4. Terry Jensen	315	103	.754
5. Wiley Allred	297	28	.914



A Royal Dynasty

The Knights Have Won 7 of the Past 8 1A State Titles

When discussing the greatest high school football programs of all time, the first name mentioned is Bellevue.

They have won 12 championships, the most in state history. Others like Lynden (10), Skyline (7), Tumwater and Prosser (6) and several others have quite a few as well.

But, perhaps the greatest football program in the state lies in the middle of nowhere, far away from any major media outlets.

Nestled next to farming fields, sagebrush and rolling hills is Royal City.

A community of around 1,900 residents, it was founded in 1956 and incorporated in 1962. Originally called, "Royal Flats," it sits on the Royal Slope in Grant County.

About the time they were incorporated, a baby was born to the Allred family. Blessed with six boys and one girl, one of those sons would make his mark on the gridiron.

During the late 70's, Wi-



Wiley Allred's Royal Knights have won over 90% of the games he's coached since he took over from the legendary Bob Nielsen in 1999.

ley Allred was a multi-talented quarterback who would later play college football as a safety at Walla Walla.

Ironically, his college roommate, and backup, was a Sunnyside High grad who would start the next season when Allred went to WSU.

Steve Graff would go on to Eastern Washington but it is mind boggling to think these two would accumulate over 500 career wins between them.

Graff, who later led Pasco and Chiawana to four state titles admitted that neither was thinking about coaching back then.

"He was a skinny kid and I was a lot bigger," Graff laughed. "I used to tease him that I was the better player."

Despite the kidding, the two formed a strong bond that would serve them well throughout their careers.

Graff said that when he was still teaching and coaching in the Tri-Cities, that Allred would stop by during the winter when he was picking up a piece of farming equipment.

The two would, "Swap stuff, discuss strategies, etc."

"Steve was a great teammate and a lot of fun to be around," said Allred. "I think we both became football junkies."

"In our playing days we had to – because when we got to college, it was pretty obvious there were more talented players."

With both wanting to play, (See page 6)



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...Jimmy Johnson

Bet You Didn't Know

In 1973, the Baltimore Colts decided to re-do their roster. They shipped off old aging veterans and drafted promising young rookies.

They ushered out Hall of Famer Johnny Unitas along with 11 starters. The result was a last-place finish (4-10-0).

Within two years, (1975) they went from 2-12-0 to first place (10-4-0) under a quarterback named Bert Jones, whom they drafted first in 1973.

The MVP in 1976, Jones took the Colts on a three-year run into the post-season. He was regarded as one of the best talents to ever play and could throw the ball a 100-yards.

Before that 1975 season, the Colts hired a 23-year-old special assistant coach who still raves about the "Ruston Rifle."

Comparing him to John Elway, that young coach went on to have a very rewarding career as a head coach. He often points back to that season and the leadership and charisma that Jones possessed. Using that blue print, he forged a great career.

The name of that coach? Bill Belichick.



Jeff Place

Editor's Column

The new Week 10 play-off system is in the books. Looking back, it gave a lot of programs incentive.

No matter where you might be in the standings, there was hope. During the final two weeks of the regular season, there were several teams in play for the post-season.

There were also some mini-playoff games to determine a regions final berth.

If anything, the Round of 32 eliminated a lot of pretenders and made a solid group of contenders.

The 2A District 3 (SPSL/Oly) which would have had four berths this year, received nine.

After this weekend's contests were done, five teams from that region made the sweet sixteen.

Without the new concept, the Northwest Conference would have had only two playoff allocations.

That meant the three-way tie for first would have eliminated either Anacortes, Lynden or Archbishop Murphy. Sehome, the fourth-place team would have been like the little boy looking out the window and wanting to play, but couldn't.

All four schools made the final round of 16 and

Ride the Lightning

Analyzing the New 32-Team Format

all four are seeded in the top eight.

That proves the argument for conferences like the NWC who often said they had teams in their league who better than those who made the playoff field.

Perhaps the biggest surprise was the CWAC (D5).

They sent 3 of their 4 teams into the field of 16 and you could probably argue two of the teams that didn't make it (Selah, Ephrata) might have been better than some who did.

Selah won their week 10 non-playoff cross-over against the GSL's North Central 43-7. Meanwhile Ephrata issued Ellensburg their only shutout this weekend 29-0.

Grandview at 2-8 narrowly lost the East Valley (Spokane) 21-20.

But, then the Northwest Conference might fire back. Lakewood, who beat play-off-bound Toppenish 38-28 in week nine was only 4-6. They also beat 3A Mount Vernon 45-29 in a week ten non-playoff game.

Back to the CWAC.

East Valley of Yakima, at 8-2 knocked off Olympic co-champion North Kitsap 30-13. It was the first time since 2013 the Vikings weren't in the state playoffs.

If there was no round of 32, EV's season might have

been over. The CWAC only would have had two playoff allocations and their losses to both Othello and Prosser would have kept them home.

Their only hope might have come from the Greater Spokane League (GSL).

The new District 6 would have received only one allocation. That means there probably would have been a 'glue' situation.

Othello of the CWAC would have been in automatically because D5 had the most berths. East Valley then would have played at West Valley in a cross-over and Clarkston would have traveled to Prosser.

One, possibly two teams that are playing next weekend would have that chance without the expanded format.

The region that was hurt by the round of 32 was the Greater Saint Helen's League of D4. None of their teams made it out of the round.

Their top two schools, league champion Woodland and runner-up Ridgefield both lost. Washougal, Mark Morris plus Columbia River were also eliminated.

District Two (Metro/KingCo) saw their top representative (Chief Sealth) get blasted by Sehome 48-10 and Renton 70-8 by Tumwater.

Four of their five teams were eliminated. (See page 3)

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News and Notes



Several 2A schools who moved up to the 3A level made the Round of 32. Enumclaw (9-1) beat Southridge 77-0 but Sedro Woolley (7-3) lost to Central Valley 47-20.

Think how much tougher the SPSSL or NWC would have been with those two!

White River, Shadle Park and Interlake all had pretty successful years as well.

Definitely the Round of 32 2A would have looked a lot different if those schools were still around.

- **Ryken Craber** (Sr.) of Clarkston set a **Bantam** career receiving record of 2,350 yards (just 19 games). It erased the mark of **Tru Allen** (2,230) who set in in 2019.

Only playing in 8 games this year, Craber's 1,072 yards is third-best in school history. Last year, he set the record with 1,131 yards.

- **John Applegate**, who directed the Round of 32 bracketing is the brother of Prosser assistant football coach, **Jeff Applegate**.

- One of last weekend's biggest upsets came when **Cedarcrest** beat back-to-back GSHL champion, Woodland 34-14.

After an 0-3 start, the Red Wolves are 6-0 and out-scored their opponents 271-42.

- **Kennedy Catholic** has a running back with an intriguing name — **Indiana Jones**.

The Lancers' RB ran for 102 yards and three touchdowns on 13 carries in their playoff win over Mount Si last week. He also had 4 catches for 102 yards.

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Cedarcrest is the lone survivor, traveling to Woodland and upsetting the two-time GSHL champion, 34-14.

Their win was another argument for the strength of District 1 football teams.

The Red Wolves won the D 2's KingCo Lake league with a perfect 6-0 mark this fall.

But, until this year, the school from Duvall, WA was a member of D1.

Originally in the D1 Wesco Conference, they dropped out and played an independent schedule in 2021.

Because they weren't affiliated with any league, they had to be unbeaten to make the post-season cross-overs for D1.

Despite an 8-2 finish, they couldn't achieve that lofty status.

This last February, they were granted admission into D2 and their win, on the road, this weekend, affirmed their decision.



It really is a good story. In 2020, they were 1-4, 2021 was 1-9. Two years ago, they went 7-3.

Overall, most of the weaker teams were eliminated.

Because the 16 winners would be reseeded, you probably had some teams scoring more points than they normally would have.

Anacortes beat Foster 77-12; Lynden downed Nathan Hale 66-7 and Franklin Pierce outscored Columbia River 76-14.

Archbishop Murphy beat Bremerton 59-7 and WF West downed Sequim 56-3.

Those games also featured running clocks because of the score.

Olympic and Sehome also won big large margins.

Othello, West Valley, Orting and Prosser all moved on but their games were a lot closer.

Four upsets happened (meaning the visitor won). Cedarcrest, Fife over Ridgefield (34-7), East Valley and Bainbridge (38-26) over Clarkston.

Just looking at the 2A, it was an exciting time with a lot of speculation in the waning weeks.

Maybe the only thing the Washington State Football Coaches Association needs to get approved by the WIAA next year, is allowing each District their regular playoff allocations (as in the past) and then doing at-large berths.

That could really spice things up. ♦

Swiss Army Knife



Brady Beaner

Brady Beaner has been a jack-of-all trades for Anacortes this fall.

In the 77-12 victory over Foster, he passed for 268 yards and 3 TD's while rushing for 141 yards.

A starting receiver last year, he has caught 22 passes for 323 yards (14.7) while scoring twice this fall as well.

"Brady has actually played QB most of his life so he's not new to the position," explains Seahawk coach, Justin Portz.

"Starting every play with the ball in his hands probably keeps defensive coordinators up at night trying to figure out how to defend him," he adds. "Brady adds another element to what we do offensively but whether he's at QB, RB or WR he's always a big part of our game plan."

Last year, Beaner ran for 341 yards (8.1) average while catching 27 passes for 395 yards.

His twin brother, **Brock**, is also a load for opponents. The leading rusher for the defending state champions, he is also one of the top track sprinters in the state.

What's That You Say?

- **Franklin Pierce** ran for **454 yards** in their 76-14 victory over Columbia River.

On the season, they have rushed for **3,840** yards on 357 carries (10.8 average) and scored 59 touchdowns.

They don't throw much though, through ten games, they've only attempted 28 passes for 463 yards and seven TD's.



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Central Wash. Athletic Conf. • D5							
Othello	1029	7	1	9	1	306	104
Prosser	655	6	2	7	3	340	221
East Valley	796	6	2	8	2	371	125
Toppenish	744	5	3	5	5	164	197
Ephrata	664	4	4	5	5	147	186
Selah	858	4	4	4	5	201	174
Ellensburg	729	2	6	2	8	117	213
Grandview	853	2	6	2	8	166	259
Quincy	697	1	7	1	8	73	400

CWAC ROUND OF 32 RESULTS

East Valley 30, North Kitsap 13
 Othello 20, Rogers (Spokane) 7
 Orting 24, Toppenish 6
 Prosser 51, Steilacoom 35

WEEK 10 NON-PLAYOFF GAMES

Ephrata 29, Ellensburg 0
 East Valley (Spokane) 21, Grandview 20
 Selah 43, North Central 7

THIS WEEK (Sat., 11/16)

East Valley (8-2) at Franklin Pierce, (10-0) 4PM
 Sehome (7-3) at Othello (9-1), 2PM
 Prosser (7-3) at West Valley (10-0), 3PM

Evergreen Conference • D4							
Tumwater	840	4	0	10	0	562	69
WF West	702	3	1	9	1	410	156
Aberdeen	697	2	2	4	6	155	210
Black Hills	525	1	3	3	6	161	305
Centralia	740	0	4	0	9	89	385

EVCO ROUND OF 32 RESULTS

Tumwater 70, Renton 8
 WF West 56, Sequim 3

WEEK 10 NON-PLAYOFF GAMES

Columbia River 7, Aberdeen 6 (32 Rd. Play-In)
 Lakewood 45, 3A Mount Vernon 29

THIS WEEK

Fri: Cedarcrest (6-3) at Tumwater (10-0), 7PM
 Sat: Olympic (8-2) at WF West (9-1), 1PM

Greater Saint Helen's League • D4							
Woodland	487	7	0	7	3	256	177
Ridgefield	887	6	1	8	2	283	123
Washougal	719	5	2	6	4	209	142
Mark Morris	684	4	3	4	6	166	248
Col. River	843	3	4	5	6	153	325
RA Long	696	2	5	3	6	140	269
Hockinson	498	1	6	1	8	178	287
Hudson's Bay	887	0	7	0	9	114	336

**Final 2A
 Football Standings**

A View Across the State



LEGACY PHOTO. This blast from the past shows that even the toughest of injuries don't slow determined players down. (This archived photo is courtesy of North Kitsap football.)

D4 GSHL ROUND OF 32 RESULTS

Cedarcrest 34, Woodland 14
 Fife 34, Ridgefield 7
 Franklin Pierce 76, Columbia River 14
 Olympic 42, Washougal 6
 West Valley 21, Mark Morris 6

Greater Spokane League • D6							
West Valley	653	6	0	10	0	391	179
Clarkston	548	5	1	6	4	329	277
Rogers	1167	4	2	6	4	253	186
Deer Park	515	3	3	5	5	272	241
Pullman	656	2	4	3	6	150	179
East Valley	715	1	5	3	7	151	295
No. Central	1130	0	6	1	9	201	362

GSL ROUND OF 32 RESULTS

Bainbridge 38, Clarkston 26
 Othello 20, Rogers 7
 West Valley 21, Mark Morris 6

GSL WEEK 10 NON-PLAYOFF GAMES

East Valley 21, Grandview 20
 Ferris 27, Deer Park 19

THIS WEEK (Sat., 11/16)

Prosser (7-3) at West Valley (10-0), 3PM

KingCo Lake • D2							
Cedarcrest	680	6	0	6	3	335	153
Foster	655	3	2	5	5	337	243
Evergreen	754	1	4	3	5	94	269
Lindbergh	943	1	4	1	8	98	327

KingCo Mountain • D2							
Renton	902	1	5	2	8	209	469

METRO LEAGUE • D2							
Chief Sealth	850	7	1	8	2	277	160
Nathan Hale	829	3	4	5	5	227	182
Cleveland	656	0	7	0	9	40	351

Independent • D2							
Sultan	466	0	0	4	5	231	185

DISTRICT 2 ROUND OF 32 RESULTS

Cedarcrest 34, Woodland 14
 Lynden 66, Nathan Hale 7
 Sehome 48, Chief Sealth 17
 Tumwater 70, Renton 8

THIS WEEK (Fri., 11/15)

Fri: Cedarcrest (6-3) at Tumwater (10-0), 7PM

Northwest Conference • D1							
Anacortes	575	7	1	9	1	489	81
A, Murphy	311	7	1	8	1	400	130
Lynden	675	6	1	9	1	368	165
Sehome	834	5	3	7	3	305	255
Squalicum	873	4	4	5	4	243	228
B. Edison	837	4	4	4	5	159	229
Lakewood	628	2	6	4	6	233	340
Bellingham	830	1	6	2	8	159	306
Marysville PC	910	0	8	1	8	91	342

ROUND OF 32 RESULTS

Anacortes 77, Foster 12
 Archbishop Murphy 59, Bremerton 7
 Lynden 66, Nathan Hale 7
 Sehome 48, Chief Sealth 17

WEEK 10 NON-PLAYOFF GAMES

1A Blaine 33, Bellingham 27
 Lakewood 45, 3A Mount Vernon 29

THIS WEEK (Sat., 11/16)

Bainbridge (8-2) at Anacortes (9-1), 2PM
 Fife (7-3) at Lynden (9-1), 2PM
 Sehome (7-3) at Othello (9-1) 2PM
 Orting (9-1) at Archbishop Murphy (8-1), 1PM

Northwest Conference Notes

Last weekend, the NWC went 4-0, outscoring their opponents 250-43 in the Round of 32 playoffs.

In non-playoff action, the NWC was 1-1 scoring 72 points and giving up 62.

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Olympic League • D3

Bainbridge	885	5	1	8	2	308	163
No. Kitsap	771	5	1	5	5	236	191
Olympic	873	5	1	8	2	334	115
Sequim	589	3	3	5	5	170	251
Bremerton	891	2	4	3	8	140	290
No. Mason	495	1	5	4	5	168	241
Pt. Angeles	744	0	6	0	9	73	308
*Kingston	453	0	0	2	8	154	262

*Kingston is a member of 2A D3, but played in a 1A league.

ROUND OF 32 RESULTS

Tue: Bremerton 26, Washington 24 (Play-In Game)
 Archbishop Murphy 59, Bremerton 7
 Bainbridge 38, Clarkston 26
 East Valley (Yakima) 30, North Kitsap 13
 Olympic 42, Washougal 6
 WF West 56, Sequim 3

THIS WEEK (Sat. 11/16)

Bainbridge (8-2) at Anacortes (9-1), 2PM
 Olympic (8-2) at WF West (9-1), 1PM

South Puget Sound League • D3

Fr. Pierce	899	7	0	10	0	540	71
Orting	680	6	1	9	1	355	163
Fife	856	4	3	7	3	345	178
Steilacoom	719	4	3	6	4	272	227
Washington	798	3	4	3	7	221	320
Eatonville	460	3	4	5	4	355	290
Clover Park	971	1	6	2	7	151	359
Foss	452	0	7	1	9	92	369

ROUND OF 32 RESULTS

Bremerton 26, Washington 24 (Play-In Game)
 Fife 34, Ridgefield 7
 Franklin Pierce 76, Columbia River 14
 Orting 24, Toppenish 6
 Prosser 51, Steilacoom 35

WEEK 10 NON-PLAYOFF GAMES

Cedar Park Christian 48, Foss 6

THIS WEEK (Sat. 11/16)

East Valley (8-2) at Franklin Pierce, (10-0) 4PM
 Fife (7-3) at Lynden (9-1), 2PM
 Orting (9-1) at Archbishop Murphy (7-3), 1PM



Keep 'Em Guessing

Headed to Eastern Washington University, talented QB, **Gage Brumfield** of WF West played receiver two weeks ago as freshman Wyatt Hoffman started.

This week, Brumfield was back under center completing 16 of 20 passes for 225 yards and 5 TD's in the first half. He also ran for 72 yards. Coach Dan Hill remarked, "It's just adding tools to the toolbox."

The Stat Geek Page



Hayden Line

Double Trouble

Although their season is over, the Clarkston Bantams had one of the most-dynamic pass catching duos in the state.



Ryken Craber

Last week, senior Hayden Line threw for 357 yards and four touchdowns. "Hayden was a dynamic player for us this season," said Bantam coach, Brycen Bye. "He was an equal threat to run or throw (2,157 yards, 560 rushing) and made our offense go."

His main target was fellow senior Ryken Craber who caught 13 passes for 235 yards and three scores. "He had an incredible two seasons at CHS," noted Bye. "We had rewritten the record books and helped lead our team to two great seasons. Most importantly, did it with high character and as a great teammate to all."

2A Playoff Match-ups

UPPER BRACKET

11 Olympic Trojans	1st	8-2	334	115
6 WF West	2nd	9-1	410	156
14 East Valley Red Devils	3rd	8-2	371	125
3 Franklin Pierce Cardinals	1st	10-0	540	71
10 Prosser Mustangs	2nd	7-3	340	221
7 West Valley Eagles	1st	10-0	391	179
15 Bainbridge Spartans	1st	8-2	308	163
2 Anacortes Seahawks	1st	9-1	489	81

LOWER BRACKET

12 Orting Cardinals	2nd	9-1	355	163
5 Arch. Murphy Wildcats	1st	8-1	400	130
13 Fife Trojans	3rd	7-3	345	178
4 Lynden Lions	1st	9-1	368	165
9 Sehome Mariners	4th	7-3	305	255
8 Othello Huskies	1st	9-1	306	104
16 Cedarcrest Red Wolves	1st	6-3	335	153
1 Tumwater T-Birds	1st	10-0	562	69

Top 2A Performances

1. Tumwater	10	0	562	69	+493
2. Franklin Pierce	10	0	540	71	+469
3. Anacortes	9	1	489	81	+408
4. Arch. Murphy	8	1	400	130	+270
5. WF West	9	1	410	156	+254
6. East Valley	8	2	371	125	+246
7. Olympic	8	2	334	115	+219
8. West Valley	10	0	391	179	+212
9. Lynden	9	1	368	165	+203
10. Othello	9	1	306	104	+202
11. Orting	9	1	355	163	+192
12. Cedarcrest	6	3	335	153	+182
13. Fife	7	3	345	178	+167
14. Bainbridge	8	2	308	163	+145
15. Prosser	7	3	340	221	+119
16. Sehome	7	3	305	255	+ 50

***Statistical Leaders**

LAST WEEK'S TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMERS

PASSING

Drew Macdonald	Sr. Steilacoom	46	29	405	3
Hayden Line	Sr. Clarkston	42	27	357	4
Evan Stacey	Sr. Lakewood	33	25	306	4
Brady Beaner	Sr. Anacortes	18	15	268	3
Jaxon Berg	Jr. East Valley	19	13	240	3
Gage Brumfield	Sr. WF West	20	16	225	5
Jacob Rainer	Sr. Prosser	31	27	220	5
Nate Putnam	So. Bainbridge	28	15	224	4
Landon Debeaumont	Jr. Ridgefield	28	14	171	1
Jason Sanchez	Jr. Toppenish	27	17	144	1

RUSHING

Vadyn Shemedyek	Sr. Fife	10	196	19.6	3
Bryson Allen	Jr. Fr. Pierce	12	171	14.3	2
Brady Beaner	Sr. Anacortes		141		1
Max Assink	Jr. Lynden	9	127	14.1	1
Dylan Hartje	Sr. Cedarcrest	18	110	6.1	1
Slavik Shemedyek	Jr. Fife	4	106	26.5	2
Elijah Anderson	Sr. Woodland	24	101	4.2	1
Luke Thompson	Sr. Cedarcrest	19	100	5.3	1
Junior Teregeya	Sr. Steilacoom	8	108	13.5	2
Autry Hoefler	Fr. Prosser	5	91	18.2	0
Tyler Duncan	Sr. Lakewood	11	90	8.2	1
Brock Beaner	Sr. Anacortes	7	76	10.9	3

RECEIVING

Ryken Craber	Sr. Clarkston	13	235	18.1	3
Bakary Sonko	Sr. Lakewood	10	110	11.1	1
Landon Bailey	Sr. Prosser	10	83	8.3	3
Evan DePetrillo	So. Steilacoom	9	136	15.1	0
Kai Elwell	Sr. Lakewood	8	106	13.3	1
Rowan Meek	Jr. Bainbridge	6	135	22.5	0
Greyson Stevens	Jr. East Valley	6	150	25.0	3
Rylin Lang	Sr. Anacortes	5	97	19.4	5

SEASON STAT LEADERS

PASSING

Jacob Rainer	Sr. Prosser	70.4	2401	28
Brant Heppner	Sr. Lynden	60.0	2310	19
Drew Macdonald	Sr. Steilacoom	59.5	2202	22
Hayden Line	Sr. Clarkston	70.0	2157	20
Nolan Wright	Jr. Sehome	54.9	2037	24
Jaxon Berg	Jr. East Valley	61.7	1692	21
Jason Sanchez	Jr. Toppenish	54.8	1654	18
Landon Debeaumont	Jr. Ridgefield	57.7	1400	16
Ryan Harrington	So. Anacortes	65.6	1331	13

RUSHING

Bryson Allen	Jr. Fr. Pierce	104	1396	13.4	19
Elijah Anderson	Sr. Woodland	234	1192	5.1	20
Chace Webster	Jr. Olympic	118	1148	9.7	12
Braden Albrecht	Jr. East Valley	172	1056	6.1	8
Riley McCoy	Sr. Olympic	105	1015	9.7	15
Cly Stephens	Sr. Ridgefield	173	1012	5.9	10
Junior Teregeya	Sr. Fr. Pierce	92	913	9.9	4

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Andre Watson	Sr. Sehome	68	1088	16.0	17
Landon Bailey	Sr. Prosser	61	781	12.8	17
Isaiah Oudman	Sr. Lynden	59	975	16.5	11
Ryken Craber	Sr. Clarkston	58	1072	18.5	11
Kai Elwell	Sr. Lakewood	50	645	12.9	9
Aaron Gonzalez	Sr. Prosser	48	720	15.0	6
Greyson Stevens	Jr. East Valley	42	961	22.9	14
Alex Zapien	Sr. Toppenish	41	532	13.0	5
Jack Davilla	Jr. Toppenish	39	569	14.6	7
Ivan Mendoza	Sr. Grandview	38	443	11.7	0
Theo Quiggle	Jr. Sehome	37	549	14.8	4
Austin Mazzone	So. Steilacoom	37	527	14.2	5
Rylin Lang	Sr. Anacortes	36	621	17.3	9

*Stats from several teams were not available.



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From a Rival:

The last time Royal lost a league game in the SCAC was October 18, 2013. It was to Connell, whose coach was **Wayne Riner**.

Riner, who led the Eagles to three state titles, lost the 2007 state championship to the Knights.

“I think we upset them,” he laughed. That’s when things started changing.”

“We had some tough, fought games,” he remarked about the yearly battles the two programs had annually.

“They are just a great football program,” he said. “Wiley and his staff are great coaches plus the kids have bought into their system. They just keep rolling.”

Replacing Riner as Connell’s football coach is **Scott Forsyth** who took over in 2023.

“What impresses me most about their operation is the level of efficiency they produce in every phase of the game,” said the former Tri-Cities football standout.

“Offensively, they are as good as you’ll see in football, regardless of classification.”

Forsyth is also impressed with the Knights’ quarterback play. Each year, Royal has one of the state’s best. “Their quarterbacks are always surgical.”

“Yes, they have great players, but the development of their quarterback is what impresses me most.”

Forsyth also remarked they are technically sound defensively and their DC (Jeremy Scroggins) is, “One of the best in the state.”

“Their players know their jobs and get to the ball.”

He said they also excel in all phases including special teams, calling Allred one of the best HS coaches in the state.

“He has built a top to bottom program. My hat is off to him.”



Steve Graff was a college roommate of Wiley Allred at Walla Walla. Between them, they have won 500 games (and counting).

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they competed hard.

“We both wanted to be on the field and Walla Walla Community College was an instrumental time in my life,” Allred added. “I believe it is a shame that it is not available for more kids today.”

For 17 years, the Royal farmer worked hard as an assistant coach at his alma-mater. In time, he would outdo them all.

Royal football was first led by Dan Verhey who answered an ad in a newspaper. In 1967, Bob Nielsen replaced him and led the team until 1984 when he took a leave of absence.

The first couple years under Jim Hill were good, but by his fourth year, the team finished 2-7.

In 1989, Nielsen returned as Hill’s replacement and the program, which had been strong in the past notched it up a bit.

In the Montana native’s last ten years, they went 93-15 and won the school’s

first state football title in 1996. (70-0 over Toledo, which set a state record).

One of the assistants on that team was Allred and in 1989, he “Threw his hat in the ring and got the job.”

The results have been overwhelming.

They have never lost to a 2A CWAC school, beating Ellensburg, Othello, Ephrata and this year, Prosser.

During the Covid year of 2020, Royal had to play a regional schedule and proved they could win at the 4A level, too.

Finishing 5-0, they dealt Eastmont their only loss (50-10), beat Wenatchee (54-6) and completed the year with a 41-16 victory over Moses Lake.

It all adds up to a pretty impressive dossier.

Eleven state championships (including the last 4) along with two runner-up finishes. His first state crown came in 2000, the same year that Graff took Pasco to his second state title.

Everyone wants to know how does Royal do it?

There are many factors, including dedicated kids, families who buy in and much, much more.

Allred states, “Many people don’t know how supportive our community is of our youth.”

“All activities are generously supported,” he continued. “Our players feel the love of family and community.”

Another reason is his assistant coaches.

“We have a talented and

committed staff,” he notes. “They are top notch mentors and coaches.”

He adds that line coaches Aaron Christensen and Carter Christensen (not related), “Are great.”

Freshmen coaches, Greg Jenks and Dexter Allred are essential to the varsity’s success,” explains Allred adding, “They develop and improve this group every year.”

He points to Kyle Scroggins plus new additions Marcus Culler and James Dykes as, “Being valuable in a myriad of ways besides the coaching part.”

But, he saves his highest praise for assistant, Jeremy Scroggins. “He’s extraordinary!”

“Good luck at finding a more complete defensive coordinator and assistant coach at any level than him.”

“The best part of all is coaching and building relationships with some of the hardest working and talented players each year,” says Allred.

“The players are responsible, respectful and impressive individuals. They continue to impress beyond their playing days at Royal and we are all blessed to be a part of their lives.”

That final statement may be the true secret for Royal’s football success.

It is caring.

From the coaches, through the community, they are not only focused on having a successful football team, but building strong individuals with character. ♦



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4A Playoff Match-Ups

4A State Championship Sat., Dec. 7, 7PM
Seattle's Husky Stadium

UPPER BRACKET

- 11 Mead GSL 2nd 9-1
- 6 Lake Stevens WESCO 1st 7-3 Sat. 2PM
- 14 Puyallup SPSL 3rd 6-4
- 3 Chiawana MCC 1st 9-1 Sat. 4PM
- 10 Bothell Kingco 2nd 5-4
- 7 Skyview GSHL 2nd 7-3 Sat. 2PM
- 15 Kamiakin..... MCC 3rd 8-3
- 2 Sumner..... SPSL 1st 9-1 Sat. 1PM

LOWER BRACKET

- 12 Emerald Ridge SPSL 2nd 7-3
- 5 Gonzaga Prep GSL 1st 10-0 Sat. 1:30P
- 13 Richland MCC 2nd 7-3
- 4 Kennedy Catholic. NPSL 1st 10-0 Fri. 7PM
- 9 Graham-Kapowsin SPSL 4th 7-3
- 8 Arlington..... WESCO 2nd 9-1 Sat. 1PM
- 16 Curtis SPSL 4th 6-4
- 1 Camas GSHL 1st 10-0 Fri. 7PM

3A Playoff Match-Ups

3A State Championship Fri., Dec. 6, 7PM
Seattle's Husky Stadium

UPPER BRACKET

- 11 Central Valley..... GSL 3rd 7-3
- 6 Lincoln PSLN 1st 8-2 Sat. 2PM
- 14 Monroe Wesco 1st 9-1
- 3 Eastside Catholic . Metro 3rd 8-1 Sat. 3PM
- 10 Mount Tahoma PSLN 2nd 6-4
- 7 Decatur NPSL 1st 10-0 Fri. 7PM
- 15 Mercer Island Kingco 1st 10-0
- 2 O'Dea Metro 1st 9-0 Sat. 5PM

LOWER BRACKET

- 12 Federal Way..... NPSL 3rd 8-2
- 5 Roosevelt Metro 5th 6-3 Sat. 2PM
- 13 Seattle Prep..... Metro 4th 6-3
- 4 Lakes PSLNis. 1st 9-1 Fri. 730P
- 9 Enumclaw NPSL 2nd 9-1
- 8 Kennewick..... MCC 3rd 8-2 Sat. 3PM
- 16 Stanwood Wesco 2nd 6-3
- 1 Bellevue Kingco 1st 9-0 Sat. 12P

Trouble in West Virginia

Lawsuits in the state of West Virginia have delayed their football playoffs.

An injunction was filed this week because of a discrepancy with ratings and playoff points.

The complicated decision was due to

reclassification this past August which affected Class AA & A.

Four schools who would have normally made the playoffs were replaced with four that wouldn't have under the old format.

A decision is expected soon.



1A Playoff Match-Ups

1A State Championship Fri., Dec. 6, 3PM
Seattle's Husky Stadium

UPPER BRACKET

- 11 Omak..... Caribou 1st 6-4
- 6 Montesano..... EvCo 1st 7-3 Sat. 1PM
- Winner vs (#3) La Center (9-1)

- 10 King's..... Em.SC 1st 7-3
- 7 Life Christian Nisq. 1st 8-1 Sat. 2PM
- Winner vs (#2) Seton Catholic (10-0)

LOWER BRACKET

- 12 Zillah SCAC 3rd 8-2
- 5 Nooksack Valley .. NWC 1st 8-2 Sat. 4PM
- Winner vs (#4) Cashmere (9-1)

- 9 Cascade Christian Nisq. 2nd 7-3
- 8 Lynden Christian.. NWC 2nd 6-4 Sat. 1PM
- Winner vs (#1) Royal (10-0)

2B Playoff Match-Ups

2B State Championship Sat., Dec. 7, 11AM
Seattle's Husky Stadium

UPPER BRACKET

- 11 Adna..... C2BW 2nd 7-3
- 6 Liberty Bell..... CW2B 2nd 8-1 Sat. 1PM

- 14 Columbia (Burbank) EWACE 2nd 5-5
- 3 Napavine..... C2BW 1st 8-2 Sat. 4PM

- 10 La Salle EWACW 1st 9-1
- 7 NW Christian - Col NE2B 4th 7-2 Fri. 5PM

- 15 Cle Elum - Roslyn. EWACW 3rd 7-3
- 2 Asotin NE2B 1st 9-0 Sat. 4PM

LOWER BRACKET

- 12 Goldendale EWACW 2nd 7-2
- 5 Freeman NE2B 2nd 8-1 Sat. 1PM

- 13 Newport NE2B 6th 6-4
- 4 Onalaska..... C2BE 1st 10-1 Fri. 7PM

- 9 Toledo..... C2BE 2nd 9-1
- 8 Tri-Cities Prep..... EWACE 1st 8-2 Sat. 1PM

- 16 Friday Harbor NW2B 1st 5-5
- 1 Okanogan..... CW2B 1st 10-0 Sat. 11A

1B Playoff Match-Ups

2B State Title - Husky Stadium - Fri., Dec. 6, 11AM

UPPER BRACKET

- 11 Odessa NE1B 5th 7-2
- 6 Pomeroy SE1BW 1st 9-1 Fri. 7PM

- 14 Moses Lake Chr.... CW1B 2nd 5-4
- 3 Naselle SW1B 1st 9-0 Sat. 1PM

- 10 Garfield - Palouse SE1BW 2nd 5-5
- 7 Entiat CW1B 1st 9-0 Sat. 4PM

- 15 Waterfield/Manson. CW1B 3rd 5-5
- 2 Wilbur-Crest-Keller. NE1B 1st 10-0 Fri. 7PM

LOWER BRACKET

- 12 Wahkiakum SW1B 2nd 8-3
- 5 Neah Bay NW1B 1st 9-1 Fri. 6PM

- 13 Inchelium..... NE1B 2nd 8-2
- 4 Almira-Coulee-HL NE1B 3rd 8-2 Fri. 4PM

- 9 Quilcene NW1B 2nd 9-1
- 8 DeSales SE1BG 2nd 9-1 Sat. 12P

- 16 Ocosta SW1B 3rd 6-3
- 1 Liberty Christian . SE1BG 1st 9-0 Fri. 5PM

From the Extra Files

When putting together the article on Royal, we got a lot of great quotes.



up on game day," he continued. "They are stronger than you."

"Their strength leads to an imposition

of their will. It builds confidence across their whole team. They do it better than anyone."

Another coach who has been impressed with what Royal has done includes Gary Ely of Granger.

The Prosser grad has spent the past 35 years coaching football for the Spartans (32 as head coach) and 33rd as the Track and Field mentor.

"They are a class act," he states. "Wiley is a great guy and it is just unfathomable what he has done with the program."

"That shows



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