

# Hockinson shifts gears to run past Columbia River

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HOCKINSON — The Columbia River Rapids probably left Hockinson on Friday night wondering what team they just played.

It certainly wasn't the Hockinson Hawks they had seen on film.

Hockinson, which averaged 31 pass attempts and 37 rushing yards in its first five games, threw just 10 passes on Friday and rushed for 193 yards in a dominant 28-7 win in a 2A Greater St. Helens League game.

The 193 rushing yards on

Friday exceeded the Hawks' season total in the first five games by 10 yards.

"The last couple of weeks we've really struggled in the trenches," Hockinson coach Clint LeCount said. "And we challenged our young offensive. We said 'We're going to put this on your shoulders. We're going to add a new formation. We going to go man-to-man and let's get after somebody. And let's see what we can do.'"

And the line responded.

Led by senior center Araldo Valencia and flanked by juniors Talen Allsup and Jacob Dark and sophomores

Keegan McAfee and Jayden Sheffield, the Hawks offensive line accepted that challenge this week in practice.

"We had to change our mentality in practice," Allsup said. "In practice, we had to take it more seriously. You practice like you play."

Then they put that practice into action.

"We needed to focus more on driving and hitting hard, and just, like, dominating," McAfee said.

After getting River to turn the ball over on downs on its first possession of the game, Hockinson drove 43 yards on 14 plays — 13

runs and none longer than five yards — to finish with a 1-yard touchdown run by quarterback Andon Stenersen for a 7-0 lead.

On Hockinson's second drive, the Hawks went 75 yards on 11 plays to score on Xavier Maitland's 1-yard run. Hockinson had a 14-0 lead and had only completed one pass to that point.

"That O-line played awesome tonight," LeCount said. "Just driving people off the ball, giving our quarterback and our running back plenty of room. And they controlled the clock. That offensive line won the game."



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Hockinson's Andon Stenersen (17) runs for yardage during the Hawks' 28-7 win over Columbia River on Friday.



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Washougal players celebrate a touchdown against Hudson's Bay at Kiggins Bowl on Friday. Washougal won 55-14

# Washougal win adds to 2A chaos

Panthers rout previously unbeaten Hudson's Bay, 55-14

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In what's been a topsy-turvy 2A Greater St. Helens League football season, chaos continues to reign after another chaos-filled Friday night.

That's just fine with the Washougal Panthers, as a number of players on the sideline stated firmly "#hashtag — We're back" once the seconds winded down of a 55-14 victory over previously-undefeated Hudson's Bay.

While it's hard to never count out a defending league champion and a preseason league favorite,

Washougal (4-2, 2-2) found itself in a must-win situation entering Friday's Week 6 game at Kiggins Bowl. Washougal already had two league losses — both coming at home — on its record, including four turnovers in a 10-point defeat to Ridgefield last week.

In the words of quarterback Holden Bea postgame, "it was do or die."

Do, the Panthers did, scoring touchdowns on seven consecutive scoring drives, while holding a Bay team that averaged 34 points per game entering Friday to two scores.

Tailback Will Cooper, who finished with 87 yards on eight carries and a touchdown, gave a peek into the pregame atmosphere.

"We were nervous," he said. "But once we got onto

that field, we started to work. ... We came in knowing that this was supposed to be a good team, and we were ready to fight for the whole game."

But the offense and defense made for quick work. Perhaps that's a credit to what coach Dave Hajek and his staff decided to implement for the week's practice after suffering two league defeats at home: a back-to-basics lesson.

"When things are going well," Hajek said, "you go back to basics. And that's what we did."

Facing a Hudson's Bay team seeking only its second 6-0 start in program history, it was all Panthers start to finish. Washougal went just six plays, 48 yards and 2 minutes, 59 seconds to score their first of seven

touchdowns.

In fact, it scored on all but one of its offensive series. The only drive it didn't score on was when backup quarterback Kaden Fautt took a knee to run out the clock with 31.3 seconds left in the game to secure the 41-point victory. By that point, the 55-14 lead had been in place since the 3:03 mark of the third quarter.

Bea finished 10 of 12 passing for 207 yards, and accounted for five of Washougal's seven touchdowns. His 55-yard rushing touchdown capped the Panthers' scoring. Seven of Bea's passes went to Sam Myers, who finished with seven catches for 155 yards and two touchdowns.

Aqeel Bauman had both of Bay's rushing touchdowns of 1 and 7 yards Fri-

day.

The craziness of the 2A GSHL continues. Elsewhere Friday, Hockinson's upset of Columbia River means there are now three teams — Columbia River, Hockinson and Washougal all tied at 2-2. Also, another three teams — Ridgefield, Hudson's Bay and Woodland — are tied atop the league standings at 3-1. Four teams make the Week 10 state preliminary round.

Players are well aware of what's been happening around the 2A GSHL, calling it a "rollercoaster." They know the final three weeks will continue to be so, but the Panthers can help control their own destiny with performances like Friday.

"We've got to play hard and to continue to progress," Cooper said.

# Seton's sixth win new high

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It's no longer a secret in the 1A Trico League — the Seton Catholic football team has arrived as a legitimate contender.

The Cougars already put themselves on the map with a 5-0 start, building on two previous promising seasons, but after their 38-27 home win over Trico League foe Castle Rock on Friday, they've ascended to a level the program hasn't reached since its inception in 2012.

Win number six marks a new season high for the Cougars (6-0, 3-0 Trico League), and to get there, they had to go through a Rockets team that had won all nine of the previous matchups.

"We're making history, and every week it's something to remember for the rest of your life," junior running back Jacob Williams said. "The whole team is thankful for each other and thankful for God to give us these opportunities."

Williams rushed for 199 yards and three touchdowns, while junior Joe Callera added two touchdowns, a 25-yard rushing score and an 82-yard kickoff return to open the game.

Thanks to that kickoff return, Seton Catholic played with the lead for the entirety of the game, including a 17-7 lead at halftime after the Cougars forced a fumble and twice turned the Rockets over on downs in the opening 24 minutes.

That defensive trend continued into the third quarter when Callera came up with a tackle for loss on a Castle Rock fourth-down run, once again setting up the Cougars to add to their lead.

# Mountain View in 3A GSHL driver's seat after rout of Prairie

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## ROUNDUP

Heading into the final third of the football season, Mountain View is right where it wants to be.

The Thunder are in the driver's seat in the Class 3A Greater St. Helens League. That's after dominating both sides of the ball in a 48-0 triumph over Prairie at McKenzie Stadium on Friday.

After dropping their season opener to Class 1A title contender Nooksack Valley, Mountain View has rolled off five straight wins, averaging 43 points per game.

At 2-0, the Thunder are the lone undefeated team in the 3A GSHL with two league games to play.

Cash Cook threw for 214 yards and three touch-

downs. Porter Drake, Akili Kamau and Aiden Nicholson each notched two touchdowns.

Thanks to its strong push up front, Mountain View's defense held Pierson Lamah and the Prairie rushing attack in check. The senior entered Friday as the area's leading rusher after a school-record 333 yards one week ago against Kelso. Friday, he had 14 yards on 12 carries.

— Micah Rice

**CAMAS 49, EVERGREEN 21** — Chase McGee hauled in two long touchdown passes as the Papermakers used a 35-point first quarter to

blitz the Plainsmen in a non-league game.

Jake Davidson hit McGee for touchdowns of 50 and 56 yards on the first two Camas drives.

Davidson then found Jack Macdonald for a 18-yard touchdown before Juko Lopez returned an interception 19 yards to give the Papermakers a 28-0 lead.

**RIDGEFIELD 42, MARK MORRIS 0** — Ridgefield turned three turnovers into three first-quarter touchdowns and never looked back in a 2A GSHL rout at home.

On the third play from scrimmage, Brayden Malella intercepted a pass and then threw a 44-yard touchdown to Noah Stromberg on the very next play.

On the next play, Ridgefield recovered a Mark Mor-

ris fumble at the Monarch 29, and Malella hit Stromberg again for a touchdown pass on the very next play. The pair have combined for five touchdowns in the last two games.

— Paul Williams

**KELSO 51, HERITAGE 0** — Aden Mintonye rushed for 145 yards and three touchdowns as Kelso rolled at McKenzie Stadium.

— Micah Rice

**BATTLE GROUND 23, LAKES 0** — Jacob Champine rushed for two touchdowns and the Battle Ground defense notched its most impressive effort of the season in a 23-0 win over Lakes on Friday at District Stadium.

Champine rushed for 87 yards on 28 carries. His

1-yard touchdown run gave the Tigers (6-0) a 7-0 lead in the first quarter.

When Battle Ground drives stalled, Bryland Fick converted three field goals as the Tigers built a 16-0 lead early in the fourth quarter.

— Cody Escott

**UNION 30, STANWOOD 13** — Blake McDonald threw two touchdown passes and Alex Olson rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown as the Titans won a non-league game on the road.

The Titans' bend-but-don't-break defense gave up 181 yards rushing to Silas Turpin, but got the stops when they needed.

**WOODLAND 41, R.A. LONG 0** — Elijah Andersen rushed for 221 yards on 24 carries and scored four touchdowns

as the Beavers rolled in Longview.

With the win, Woodland is now in a three-way tie for first place in the 2A GSHL at 4-1. Woodland faces Hudson's Bay next Friday in a battle for first place.

**KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN 7, COLUMBIA-WHITE SALMON 6** — King's Way Christian stopped a two-point conversion play with nine seconds to play to notch its first win of the season.

Wongani Schlegel scored on a 1-yard run with nine seconds to play, cutting the margin to 7-6. Columbia-White Salmon opted to go for two and the win.

On the conversion play, Landon Castilla jumped over the initial surge, but was stood up before he could cross the goal line.