

# Kennewick To Travel, Others Home

Tri-City prep football teams will have light workouts tonight following a week of drills designed to show up weak spots before the tough games ahead Friday night.

And with the halfway point of the season passed, experience is no longer the deciding factor in games. From now on, the team standing the best chance of winning is the one most expert at the fine points.

The preps schedule Friday night calls for Pasco to play Naches at Pasco, Richland to take on Wenatchee at Richland, and Kennewick to travel to Walla Walla for a league game there.

All in all, it means something of a tough weekend slate.

Pasco, by virtue of wins over every team it has played except Walla Walla, will be a heavy favorite Friday night in its game against the Little 10 Yakima valley conference school. However, should the Bulldogs' win streak be snapped, that pre-game margin of superiority would be its undoing.

Once before, after Richland won the valley title two years ago, a Naches team came to town to take on the Southern Division champ, Richland won it by two touchdowns, but came out on top mostly because a last-down-of-the-game Naches' pass went awry.

A back named Wayne Richardson led the attack then. Against Pasco, another Richardson will be in there pacing the Rangers. Then one is Jerry, brother of Wayne, and in many ways considered even a better ball carrier.

At Pasco, coach Dwight Pool ran his team through offensive plays this week, in preparation for the game. Although the jayvee unit knew what was coming in most cases, the varsity backs had little trouble ripping through them.

At Richland high, coach Francis Rish is trying to get the Bombers back on the win trail after successive one-touchdown losses to Walla Walla and Pasco. Wednesday night, he had the boys cracking the blocking dummies in hopes an improvement there will clear the way for his fleet backs.

Wenatchee, as usual, is something of an unknown factor. Because of its geographical location, it is a big A school in a small A conference, and cleans up with regularity. However, against a good Everett team last week, it came out on the short end.

Kennewick, loser last week to Yakima in conference play, will be more than a slight underdog in the game with Walla Walla. However, should the Lions come up with a surprise punch and beat the Blue Devils, it will be an upset of the highest order, and knot the newly formed Big Five Yakima Valley conference standings.

The game should see the strongest pass defense going up against the strongest pass offense in the league.

Kennewick's running game may be slowed because of an injury to Ron Reddin, sophomore back.

Defensively, coach Vern Tucker has had the players working hard at it in hopes of coming up with something to stop the Gene Bates-Brent Wooten combination from Walla Walla.

Game time at all fields will be 8 p.m.