

Sports

RICHLAND 49, HANFORD 7

Bombers end regular season unbeaten

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The Richland Bombers made a statement last week with a big win over then-No. 4 ranked Chiawana, locking up the Mid-Columbia Conference title and moving one win away from a perfect regular season.

Any thoughts of looking back at the Riverhawks were gone by practice mid-week, as rival Hanford was the last obstacle.

The second-ranked Bombers showed no effects of a hangover from last week and proved they are the best team in the MCC and the city of Richland with an emphatic 49-7 victory Friday night at Fran Rish Stadium.

"This was a statement game for us," senior running back Ben Stanfield said. "We wanted to come out and stay focused."

Stanfield, who rushed for a game-high 119 yards on 16 carries, and the Bombers

(9-0, 7-0) start the playoffs next week at home against Central Valley, the No. 2 seed from the Greater Spokane League. The Bombers reached the Class 4A semi-finals last year before losing to eventual champion Gonzaga Prep.

Meanwhile, Hanford (4-5, 2-5) plays at Ferris on Thursday in a crossover game to close out the season.

Richland has beaten rival Hanford four consecutive times, outscoring the Falcons 164-33 during that stretch.

"This is always a game that will test you," Richland coach Mike Neidhold said. "We made some mistakes early but were able to come back and do a lot of good things."

The Bombers led 42-0 at halftime before the game was shortened by the running clock for the final 24 minutes. Quarterback Paxton Stevens had a big night,

completing 13 of his 20 passes for four TD passes and 240 yards. He spread the wealth to seven receivers.

Richland also took advantage of some big plays, with a 64-yard punt return by Gaven Brasker, a 32-yard run by Stanfield and a 53-yard catch-and-run by Adam Weissenfels — all touchdowns.

Hanford	0	0	0	7	-	7
Richland	14	28	7	0	-	49

SCORING PLAYS

R—Gaven Brasker 27 pass from Paxton Stevens (Adam Weissenfels kick)
R—Josh Mendoza 6 pass from Stevens (Weissenfels kick)
R—Brasker 64 punt return (Weissenfels kick)
R—Ben Stanfield 32 run (Weissenfels kick)
R—Alex Chapman 17 pass from Stevens (Weissenfels kick)
R—Weissenfels 53 pass from Stevens (Weissenfels kick)
R—Jared Whitby 10 run (Weissenfels kick)
H—Drezdyn O'Daol-Lyons 7 run (Woody Page kick)

STATISTICS

RUSHING — H, Jared DeVine 9-37, O'Daol-Lyons 12-42, Mateo Valadez 7-94. R, Stanfield 16-119, Whitby 3-19.
PASSING — H, Horner - 13-31-2-87. R, Stevens 13-20-1-240, Cade Jensen 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING — H, Desmond Samples 5-24, Thomas Kitchens 2-21, Brady White 2-13, O'Daol 2-11. R, Brasker 3-49, Weissenfels 2-66, Kody Kjarro 3-21, Ryan Piper 1-59.

STANDINGS

MCC

	Lg	All
Richland	7-0	9-0
Chiawana	6-1	8-1
Kamiakin	5-2	7-2
Southridge	4-3	5-4
Hanford	2-5	4-5
Kennewick	2-5	3-6
Walla Walla	2-5	3-6
Pasco	0-7	0-9

Thursday

Kamiakin 50, Southridge 10

Friday

Chiawana 14, Walla Walla 12
Richland 49, Hanford 7
Kennewick 46, Pasco 6

CWAC

	Lg	All
Ellensburg	8-0	8-1
Prosser	7-1	8-1
Othello	7-1	7-2
Selah	6-2	6-3
East Valley	3-5	4-5
Grandview	3-5	4-5
Quincy	3-5	3-6
Toppenish	2-6	2-7
Ephrata	1-7	1-8
Wapato	0-8	0-9

Friday

Prosser 27, Othello 14
Grandview 43, Wapato 13
Quincy 29, East Valley 0
Selah 42, Toppenish 7
Ellensburg 56, Ephrata 14

SCAC EAST

	Lg	All
Royal	7-0	9-0
Connell	6-1	8-1
Warden	5-2	5-4
Columbia-Burbank	4-3	4-5
Kiona-Benton	3-4	3-6
Wahluke	2-5	2-7
River View	1-6	1-8
College Place	0-7	1-8

Friday

Royal 79, River View 9

Connell 62, Wahluke 16
Warden 40, Kiona-Benton 28
Columbia-Burbank 47, College Place 0

EWAC

	Lg	All
Dayton-Waitsburg	7-0	8-1
Kittitas	6-1	7-1
Tri-Cities Prep	5-2	7-2
Mabton	3-4	4-5
DeSales	3-4	4-5
White Swan	2-5	2-7
Lyle-Wishram	1-6	2-7
Liberty Christian	1-6	1-7

Friday

Kittitas 26, Tri-Cities Prep 20
DeSales 15, White Swan 6
Dayton-Waitsburg 56, Liberty Christian 12
Mabton 48, Lyle-Wishram 20

SOUTHEAST 1B

	Lg	All
Sunnyside Christian	4-0	9-0
Colton	2-2	6-3
Garfield-Palouse	2-2	5-3
Pomeroy	2-2	5-4
Touchet	2-2	4-4
St. John-Endicott	0-4	0-8

Friday

Touchet 60, St. John-Endicott 6
Colton 42, Garfield-Palouse 22
Sunnyside Christian 70, Pomeroy 40

OREGON 5A SPECIAL DISTRICT 1

	Lg	All
Summit	7-0	8-1
Redmond	5-2	5-4
Hermiston	5-2	5-4
Mountain View	4-3	6-3
Bend	4-3	6-3
Pendleton	2-5	3-6
Ridgeview	1-6	1-8
Hood River Valley	0-7	0-9

Friday

Hermiston 13, Pendleton 12
Summit 38, Hood River Valley 10
Mountain View 21, Bend 20
Redmond 63, Ridgeview 19