

Sports

AROUND THE MCC SUNNYSIDE AT RICH-

LAND: The No. 3 Bombers (10-0) may have played their most complete game of the season last week as they beat Central Valley 37-0 while dominating the Bears in all three phases.

Offensively, Richland quarterback Paxton Stevens shook off two first-half interceptions to pilot the team for 341 yards and 31 points. Defensively, the Bombers intercepted quarterback Conner DeGeest four times and held Braedon Orrino, one of the top backs in the state, to 93 yards on 19 carries. And on special teams, Gaven Brasker returned a punt 90 yards for a touchdown and Adam Weisenfels blocked a field goal attempt.

While Richland is a common fixture in the state tournament field — made it to the Class 4A semifinals last year — the Grizzlies (8-2) are making their first appearance since the beginning of the Reagan administration.

Sunnyside was one of the biggest surprises of the season when it jumped out to a 6-0 start. But consecutive losses to Big Nine champ Moses Lake and state powerhouse Camas have chilled the Grizzlies' momentum.

Richland and Sunnyside haven't played since 1963, a 30-0 victory for the Bombers, according to Bomber-Football.org. The last time the Grizzlies beat the Bombers was an 18-7 affair in 1948.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday at Lampson Stadium.