

## WEEK 3 PREP FOOTBALL PREVIEW

# Hanford looking for key win vs. Chiawana

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It's one week down and six to go in the MCC football schedule, and Friday night's slate will feature some of the league's up-and-coming squads trying to upset a couple of the traditional powers.

A pair of 2-1 teams get top bill-

ing this week as Hanford (1-0 MCC) hosts Chiawana (0-1) at Fran Rish Stadium. The Falcons and Riverhawks come into this Week 4 meeting riding vastly different waves, as Hanford handled Walla Walla 42-6 last week, and Chiawana lost a double-overtime heartbreaker to reigning Class 3A champion Kamiakin, 26-20.

Now, obviously, there's a pretty big discrepancy in the strength of those two opponents — Walla Walla is 0-3 so far, Kamiakin is undefeated — and the one common opponent these teams have faced this year (Moses Lake) Chiawana beat 24-14 at home in the season opener, and Hanford fell to

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Hanford quarterback Garrett Horner drops back to pass during a 2016 game against the Kamiakin Braves at Fran Rish Stadium.

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31-7 in Moses Lake the following week.

But these Falcons are a much more complete team this year than the ones who went 4-6 in 2016 and got smoked by Chiawana 49-14. Junior quarterback Garrett Horner is completing a higher rate of passes (66 percent) and has cut down on interceptions (two in first 88 attempts); Thomas Kitchens and Dmetri Kennedy-Woody have effectively led a deeper receiving core; Jared Devine has piled behind an improved offensive line to give the Falcons the No. 2 rushing offense in the league, while averaging a whopping 153.7 yards from scrimmage per game; and the defense has been phenomenal, ranking second against the run (allowing 121.3 yards per game) and pass (104.7 ypg), and in points allowed (13.3 per game).

Don't sleep on the Riverhawks, though. For all the struggles their touted offensive line has faced this season, Tayden Jenkins still leads the league with 374 rushing yards and six touchdowns on his 43 carries, and Ethan Garcia has been effective running the ball as well. Quarterback Enoch Vargas rose to the occasion last week against Kamiakin, throwing for 205 yards and picking up his first career touchdown pass, proving the team can effectively move the ball through the air. And although the defense ranks in the middle of the pack, that's mostly because of the three competitive teams they've faced this season (30-12 win over West Valley 30-12 in Week 2).

Either way, it should be an entertaining game with Chiawana hoping to bounce back from its Week 3 loss, and Hanford looking to prove it belongs among the ranks of the elite MCC squads.

Here is a by-the-numbers breakdown of that game, and the other Friday night MCC matchups including the second of three double-headers at Lampson Stadium this season, with Southridge hosting Richland at 5 p.m., and Kennewick taking on Walla Walla at 8 p.m. Included is a look at the Selah-Prosser matchup that will go a long way in determining the CWAC South champion.

### CHIAWANA (2-1, 0-1) AT HANFORD (2-1, 1-0)

**When, Where:** 7 p.m., Fran Rish Stadium

**Last year:** Chiawana 49, Hanford 14

**Team offense:** Chi—611 rush (1st in MCC), 422 pass (5th), 344.3/game total (5th), 74 points (5th). Han—479 rush (2nd), 695 pass (4th), 391.3/game total (1st), 90 points (3rd).

**Team defense:** Chi—331 rush (4th), 623 pass (7th), 318/game total (5th), 52 points (4th). Han—364 rush (2nd), 314 pass (2nd), 226/game total (2nd), 37 points (2nd).

**Key players:** Chi—RB

Tayden Jenkins (43-374, 6TD); QB Enoch Vargas (40-64-2—411, 1TD); RB Ethan Garcia (47-219, 2TD); WR Daylen Storaci (15-163, 1TD); DB/WR Riley Cissne (5INT); K Ryan Lowry (8XP, 2FG); OL/DL Ford Powers; OL/DL Josh Alvarez; OL/DL Julian Benitez; OL/DL Joey Aikala; DL Nelson Cardenas. Han—QB Garrett Horner (57-90-1—694, 8TD); RB Jared Devine (51-332, 2TD rush; 17-144 rec); WR/DB Thomas Kitchens (12-196, 2TD); RB/LB Drezdyn O'Daol-Lyons (21-142, 1TD); LB/FB AJ Wiegand; WR/DB Dimitri Kennedy-Woody.

**Last week:** Kamiakin def. Chiawana 26-20 (2 OT); Hanford def. Walla Walla 42-6

**Next week:** Kennewick at Chiawana; Hanford at Kamiakin

### KAMIAKIN (3-0, 1-0) AT PASCO (0-3, 0-1)

**When, Where:** 7 p.m., Edgar Brown Memorial Stadium

**Last year:** Kamiakin 56, Pasco 6

**Team offense:** Kam—414 rush (3rd), 723 pass (3rd), 379/game total (3rd), 110 points (2nd). Pas—395 rush (4th), 397 pass (6th), 264/game total (6th), 53 points (7th)

**Team defense:** Kam—303 rush (2nd), 525 pass (4th), 276/game total (4th), 39 points (3rd). Pas—316 rush (3rd), 722 pass (last), 346/game total (7th), 105 points (last)

**Key players:** Kam—QB Payton Flynn (48-98-8—708, 10TD); WR/DB Champ Grayson (13-227, 4TD); WR/DB Colten Chelin (16-223, 1TD); WR/DB Benson Smith (15-214, 5 totalTD); RB/LB Talmage Jacobson (46-249, 3TD); RB Tuna Althair (19-125, 2TD); LB Dillon Crawford; DE Chase Kissell; K Kaden Shymanski (14 XP). Pas—QB Kashon Tate (34-82-5—397, 2TD); RB/LB/P Efrain Farias (55-327, 5TD); WR Isaiah Gomez (17-232); Davion Pruitt OL/DL; WR Brandon Scott; WR Matt Millet.

**Last week:** Kamiakin def. Chiawana 26-20 (2 OT); Southridge def. Pasco 39-27

**Next week:** Hanford at Kamiakin; Walla Walla at Pasco

### RICHLAND (3-0, 1-0) AT SOUTHRIDGE (2-1, 1-0)

**When, Where:** 5 p.m., Lampson Stadium

**Series history:** Richland has won 4 in a row, including a 26-10 win last year

**Team offense:** Rich—320 rush (6th in MCC), 815 pass (2nd), 378.3/game total (2nd), 128 points (1st). SR—203 rush (last), 886 pass (1st), 363/game total (4th), 83 points (4th).

**Team defense:** Rich—410 rush (6th), 178 pass (1st), 196/game total (1st), 35 points (1st). SR—565 rush (last), 454 pass (3rd), 339.7/game total (6th), 76 points (T-5th).

**Key players:** Rich—QB Cade Jensen (49-79-1—800, 9TD); WR/DB Josh Mend-

za (6-100, 4 totalTD); RB Jarred Whitby (17-116, 1TD); RB Parker McCary (19-64, 5 totalTD); WR/DB/K Adam Weissenfels (10-129, 2 totalTD, 12 XP); DL Jax Lee; LB Victor Strasser (injured shoulder in Week 1, hasn't played since); OL/DL Aric Davison; WR/DB Sammy Cervantes (13-143, 1TD). SR—QB Mason Perez (62-114-4—879, 10TD; 16-60 rush); WR/DB Peyton Monson (32-386, 6TD); WR/DB/P Eric Stayrook (13-250, 3TD; 11-469 (42.6 ave.) punt); RB/DB Jake Newbry (31-80); C/LS Flynn McPheron; DT Sergio Midili; LB Hayden Brimberly.

**Last week:** Richland def. Kennewick 48-7; Southridge def. Pasco 39-27

**Next week:** Pasco at Richland; Southridge at Walla Walla

### WALLA WALLA (0-3, 0-1) AT KENNEWICK (1-2, 0-1)

**When, Where:** 8 p.m., Lampson Stadium

**Last year:** Kennewick 41, Walla Walla 40 (OT)

**Team offense:** Ken—273 rush (7th in MCC), 198 pass (7th), 157/game total (last), 66 points (6th). WW—386 rush (5th), 151 pass (last), 179/game total (7th), 6 points (last).

**Team defense:** Ken—253 rush (1st), 549 pass (5th), 267.3/game total (3rd), 76 points (T-5th). WW—550 rush (7th), 572 pass (6th), 374/game total (last), 97 points (7th).

**Key players:** Ken—QB Tim Gee (19-46-3—178, 2TD); RB AJ Templeton (Injured ankle in Week 1, hasn't played since); RB Cedric Riel (14-65); DE/TE Moses McAninch; RB/LB Isaac Ruiz; WR/DB Talon LaFontaine; WR/DB Tucker Newman. WW—QB Nickolas Zehner (14-37-6—110; 23-82 rush); RB Darin Ongers (24-117, 1TD); QB Keldan Swant (4-11-2—41); LB Jahmal Mangarero; WR Mason Knowles; WR Dalton Thompson.

**Last week:** Hanford def. Walla Walla 42-6; Richland def. Kennewick 48-7

**Next week:** Walla Walla at Pasco; Kennewick at Chiawana

### SELAH (2-0, 1-0 CWAC) AT PROSSER (2-1, 0-1)

**When, where:** 7 p.m., Fiker Stadium in Prosser

**Last year:** Selah 39, Prosser 36

**Key players:** Selah—QB/DB Zak Donato, WR/DB Cameron Ditter, RB Jake Weber. Prosser—QB Will Weinmann, RB JR Coleman, WR/S Jordan Garcia, WR/S Levi Vermulm, MLB Moses Yanez, WR Will Thompson.

**Last week:** Selah def. Ellensburg 42-35; Othello def. Prosser 34-13

**Other small school matchups:** Othello at Quincy; Grandview at East Valley (Yakima); Selah at Prosser; Warden at Connell; Columbia-Burbank at Kiona-Benton; College Place at Royal; River View at Wahluke; Tri-Cities Prep at Dayton-Waitsburg; Liberty Christian at DeDales; Touchet at Odessa (3 p.m.); Hermiston at Summit; Umatilla at Portland Christian