

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Hanford has firepower to hang with Kamiakin

BY DUSTIN BRENNAN
dbrennan@tricityherald.com

Losing to Chiawana 26-7 last week was undoubtedly a setback for the Hanford High School football team, but the Falcons are still primed to prove they belong among the Mid-Columbia Conference's elite squads this season.

They'll get another chance to make that case when they take on the defending Class 3A state champion Kamiakin Braves (4-0, 2-0) at 7 p.m. Friday at Lampson Stadium.

Kamiakin blew out Hanford

48-14 last year, but the retooled Falcons (2-2, 1-1) have reason to be hopeful this season with an offense that's added nuance and a defense that's ranked among the best in the conference through four weeks.

A look at what's going right over at Hanford this season:

IT 'RUNS' IN THE FAMILY

Inspiration isn't hard to find for Hanford junior Jared DeVine.

His brother, Jalen, was an All-MCC running back and safety for the Falcons and rushed for a school-record 1,448 yards and 13 touchdowns his senior season in

2012 before heading to play for the D-III University of Redlands.

Now Jared is the team's feature tailback and safety, and he's able to draw on the experiences of his older brother to improve his game.

"He lives at home now, so he's able to give me a lot of tips as a running back," Jared DeVine said. "He was obviously great here at Hanford; he's got all those records."

While DeVine's ultimate goal is to help the Falcons win games, he wouldn't be too broken up if that process involved usurping Jalen in the record books.

"Oh yeah, I trash talk him," he



NOELLE HARO-GOMEZ Tri-City Herald

Hanford wide receiver Thomas Kitchens runs past Chiawana defenders last week. Kitchens is one of quarterback Garrett Horner's favorite targets.

said. "I make sure to tell him, 'I'm gonna break your records.'"

He may be a sibling of one of the greats in program history, but DeVine had to work to get on the field. With Tayvonne Miller, Ma-

teo Valadez and Drezdyn O'Daol carrying the mail last year, he played out his sophomore season on the JV squad and only sparingly

SEE HANFORD, 7B

FROM PAGE 6B

HANFORD

got varsity snaps.

But a summer spent get-

ting stronger and faster shot

him to the top of the depth

Hanford (2-2, 1-1) at Kamiakin (4-0, 2-0)

Last year: Kamiakin 48, Hanford 14

Team offense: Han—529 rush (4th), 834 pass (4th), 340.8/game total (3rd), 97 points (T-4th); Kam—637 rush (2nd), 890 pass (3rd), 381.8/game total (2nd), 169 points (2nd)

Team defense: Han—450 rush (5th), 487 pass (2nd), 234.3/game total (3rd), 63 points (4th); Kam—365 rush (1st), 555 pass (3rd), 230/game total (2nd), 39 points (1st)

Key players: Han—QB Garrett Horner (75-119-1—833, 9TD); RB Jared DeVine (62-351, 2TD rush; 18-145 rec); WR/DB Thomas Kitchens (17-255, 2TD); RB/LB Drezdyn O'Daol-Lyons (29-178, 1TD); LB/FB AJ Wiegand; WR/DB Dimitri Kennedy-Woody. Kam—QB Payton Flynn (56-110-7—889, 13TD); WR/DB Champ Grayson (17-348, 6TD); WR/DB Colten Chelin (18-226, 1TD); WR/DB Benson Smith (15-237, 5 totalTD); RB/LB Talmage Jacobson (61-351, 5TD); RB Tuna Altahir (26-182, 3TD); LB Dillon Crawford; DE Chase Kissell; K Kaden Shymanski (19XP, 1FG).

Kennewick (1-3, 0-2) at Chiawana (3-1, 1-1)

Last year: Chiawana 54, Kennewick 7

Team offense: Ken—251 rush (7th in MCC), 222 pass (7th), 118.3/game total (last), 69 points (6th). Chi—692 rush (1st), 584 pass (5th), 319/game total (5th), 100 points (3rd).

Team defense: Ken—422 rush (2nd), 569 pass (4th), 247.8/game total (4th), 96 points (5th). Chi—383 rush (2nd), 750 pass (6th), 283.3/game total (6th), 59 points (3rd).

Key players: Ken—QB Tim Gee (25-65-5—202, 2TD); RB AJ Templeton (Injured ankle in Week 1, hasn't played since); RB Cedric Riel (36-155, 1TD); DE/TE Moses McAninch; RB/LB Isaac Ruiz; WR/DB Talon LaFontaine; WR/DB Tucker Newman. Chi—RB Tayden Jenkins (54-411, 6TD); QB Enoch Vargas (56-90-2—593, 2TD); RB Ethan Garcia (59-288, 3TD); WR Daylen Storaci (20-184, 1TD); DB/WR Riley Cissne (5INT); WR/DB Tavin Blair (3-64, TD rec; sack at Hanford last week); K Ryan Lowry (10XP, 4FG); OL/DL Ford Powers; OL/DL Josh Alvarez; OL/DL Julian Benitez; OL/DL Joey Aikala; DL Nelson Cardenas.

Pasco (0-4, 0-2) at Richland (4-0, 2-0)

Series history: Richland has won 7 in a row (47-0 last year), and is 43-42-4 all-time against Pasco

Team offense: Rich—416 rush (6th in MCC), 1138 pass (1st), 388.5/game total (1st), 191 points (1st). Pas—462 rush (5th), 438 pass (6th), 225/game total (6th), 53 points (7th).

Team defense: Rich—430 rush (4th), 370 pass (1st), 200/game total (1st), 50 points (2nd). Pas—537 rush (7th), 901 pass (last), 359.5/game total (T-7th), 164 points (last).

Key players: Rich—QB Cade Jensen (68-107-1—117, 11TD); WR/DB Josh Mendoza (8-301, 4 total TD); RB Jarred Whitby (24-141, 4TD); RB Parker McCary (26-130, 7 total TD); WR/DB/K Adam Weissenfels (14-170, 2 total TD, 19 XP); DL Jax Lee; OL/DL Aric Davison; WR/DB Sammy Cervantes (14-156, 1TD). Pas—QB Kashon Tate (40-96-5—438, 2TD); RB/LB/P Efrain Farias (66-347, 5TD); WR Isaiah Gomez (17-232); Davion Pruitt OL/DL; WR Brandon Scott; WR Matt Millet.

Southridge (2-2, 1-1) at Walla Walla (1-3, 1-1)

When, Where: 7 p.m., Borleske Stadium

Last year: Southridge 26, Walla Walla 20

Team offense: SR—223 rush (last in MCC), 1078 pass (2nd), 325.3/game total (4th), 97 points (T-4th). WW—555 rush (3rd), 171 pass (last), 181.5/game total (7th), 26 points (last).

Team defense: SR—661 rush (last), 777 pass (7th), 359.5/game total (T-7th), 139 points (7th). WW—528 rush (6th), 596 pass (5th), 281/game total (5th), 100 points (6th).

Key players: SR—QB Mason Perez (81-153-6—1071, 11TD); WR/DB Peyton Monson (40-436, 6TD); WR/DB/P Eric Stayrook (19-365, 4TD); RB/DB Jake Newbry (42-124); C/LS Flynn McPheron; DT Sergio Midili; LB Hayden Brimberry. WW—QB Nickolas Zehner (15-41-7—130; 46-179, TD rush); RB Darin Ongers (27-136, TD); LB Jahmal Mangarero; WR Mason Knowles; WR Dalton Thompson.

chart on both sides of the ball.

"He's one of the hardest workers in the program, and when you've got a hard worker with some athletic talent, you know at some point they're going to develop," Hanford coach Brett Jay said. "He's been been running (hills at) Carmichael (Middle School) with a weighted vest on all summer long, and I think it's helped his speed."

Whatever he's doing, it's paid off so far. In addition to locking down the back end of the Falcons' defense — which ranks second in the MCC with 121.8 passing yards allowed per game — DeVine is the league's second leading rusher with 351 yards and two touchdowns on his 62 carries, and he's gained the most yards from scrimmage, 496, through four weeks.

The production out of the backfield, which was almost non-existent last season (114.9 yards/game average was second to last), has helped the offense control the ball and keep defenses honest, to the tune of 340.8 yards and 24.3 points per game.

"We love the backers having to stay balanced, having to stay true," Jay said. "Them not being able to get depth in their drops is huge."

MATURITY IN THE PASSING GAME

The receiving core is one of the deepest in the league, and second-year quarterback Garrett Horner is having plenty of success finding his friends in purple.

Thomas Kitchens (17 rec., 255 yards, 1TD) and Dmetri Kennedy-Woody (9-136, 4TDs) have been the leaders of the group, but Daunte Blackwell, Moises Galindo and Brett Cowen got in on the act with Kennedy-Woody sitting out because of injury last week.

And the junior QB has taken some big steps forward since his sophomore campaign.

With the emergence of DeVine — spelled by O'Daol — in the run game, Horner hasn't had to shoulder the entire offense this season, so he ranks fourth in the league in passing yards (833) and touchdowns (nine). But the smaller volume has come with an increase in efficiency, as he's completed 63 percent of his passes (second in MCC) and has thrown just two interceptions in his first 119 attempts (12 picks on 309 passes last year).

"This year's going to be a step for him," Jay said. "He's more efficient, and that's what you care about is that efficiency, not having to throw more, but making sure the ones we do throw, we hit on them."

Dustin Brennan:
509-582-1413,
@Tweet_By_Dustin