HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: STATE SEMIFINALS

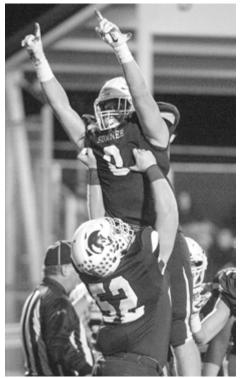
Class 4A

No. 7 CENTRAL VALLEY BEARS (10-1) vs. No. 1 RICHLAND BOMBERS (12-0)

1 p.m. Saturday, Edgar Brown Stadium, Pasco About the Bears: Who would have thought this was the team out of the Greater Spokane League to make a deep postseason run? What makes it even more remarkable is that dual-threat QB Grant Hannan (118 of 184, 1,326 yards, 13 TDs, six INT; 74 carries, 552 yards, 14 TDs) started the season as the backup to Matt Gabbert, who broke his collarbone in the season opener. Hannan runs Central Valley's read-option attack to perfection, and has RB Hunter Chodorowski (118 carries, 693 yards, nine TDs) to take some of the pressure off him.

About the Bombers: This group of seniors is motivated. In 2015, Richland let a fourth-quarter lead in the 4A semifinals slip away to Gonzaga Prep, and lost. And the same thing happened in last season's 4A title game to Camas. First-year starting QB Cade Jensen (198 of 316, 2,855 yards, 41 TDs) isn't the dual threat 2016 standout Paxton Stevens was, but he is a deadly accurate passer. The defense, led by six all-MCC first-teamers, is fast and ball-hawking (nine turnovers in two state playoff wins). This is a school motivated to finish its mission.

TNT pick: Richland, 28-20.



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No. 2 WOODINVILLE FALCONS (12-0) vs. No. 8 SUMNER SPARTANS (10-2)

About the Falcons: Oh yeah, they remember. The last time the 4A KingCo champions lost was nearly a year ago — to this same Sumner squad in the 4A quarterfinals (16-13). This might be the most complete defense in the state, led by DLs Quinn Schreyer (14 sacks) and Jake Baillie (12 sacks), who are fast pass rushers off the edge. QB Jaden Sheffey (147 of 241, 1,705 yards, 18 TDs; 505 rushing yards, 12 TDs) is a difficult playmaker to corral, and he has two reliable inside runners in RBs Brett Acsimus (108 carries, 889 yards, 11 TDs) and Matt Jones (139 carries, 881 yards, 11 TDs).

5 p.m. Saturday, Sparks Stadium, Puyallup

About the Spartans: Is this the Sumner team of destiny? With all of their playoff-tested contributors, the third-place 4A SPSL finishers are back in the state semifinals in back-to-back seasons. And you won't find a better rushing tandem than RBs Ben Wilson (160 carries, 1,167 yards, 21 TDs) and Tre Weed (136 carries, 1,082 yards, 14 TDs; 46 receptions, 701 yards, 13 TDs). A lot will be asked of both seniors to try and dent this Woodinville defense, enough to set up playaction opportunities for QB Luke Ross (140 of 231, 1,986 yards, 27 TDs, 12 INT).

TNT pick: Woodinville, 22-17.