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With his team 3-0, you'd think Richland football coach Mike Neidhold would be brimming with confidence.

You'd be wrong.

"I just wish we'd played cleaner tonight," Neidhold said after his team defeated Evergreen of Vancouver 31-12.

Richland was penalized 10 times and had two touchdowns called back because of penalties.

While the Bombers might have been inconsistent on offense generally, at least two Richland players had a career night against the stubborn Plainsmen from southwestern Washington.

Elijah Gardaya caught eight passes for 142 yards, including 113 in the first half alone. The 5-foot-7 senior made two spectacular plays on short passes from Colter Quick to set up Richland's second touchdown.

Also, Cameron Simpson filled in for injured starter B.K. Robinson with a career high 162 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 21 carries.

"Cameron did a good job filling in for Robinson," Neidhold said. "Our offensive line played well too."