

Bombers take down Riverhawks 21-14

Richland QB rebounds from early INTs, throws last-minute winning TD

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Zack Whitby could have imploded after his second interception of the day, an underthrown curl route mid-way through the fourth quarter that could have given the Richland Bombers their first lead of the day.

Instead, the junior quarterback kept his cool, coming back to throw one of the biggest touchdown passes of his young career in the Bombers' 21-14 win over Chiawana on Friday at Fran Rish Stadium.

"We had to have a little conversation on the sideline — actually, it was more of a monologue — about staying flat," Richland coach Mike Neidhold said after his team's second consecutive comeback victory. "To Zack's credit, he made a couple of big throws."

The biggest turned out to be a 43-yard scoring pass to Deric Samples on first down from just inside the 50 with just over a minute remaining in regulation.

"We thought the guy open would be No. 11 (Sheldon Liikala), but the safety got caught in the middle of the field and Deric was there," Neidhold said.

Whitby uncorked a long throw to Samples, who was open by a good 10 yards, and the 5-foot-11 senior receiver casually hauled it in and cruised in for the score to break a 14-all tie with 1:02 left.

"We were hoping for a first down," Whitby said.

The Riverhawks, who fell to 0-3, showed some signs of a healthy offense on their first drive, completing a 13-play, 80-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run by Clifton Lozano. The junior running back, a transfer from Pasco who recently won the starting role over Terro Bell, finished with 139 yards on 35 carries.

The Bombers (2-1) evened the score with 4:05 left in the second quarter, as



Richland's Deric Samples fights for yardage Friday during the Bombers' 21-14 win over Chiawana at Fran Rish Stadium in Richland. Samples went on to catch the 43-yard, game-winning touchdown.

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Whitby lofted a ball to the deep corner for 6-7 wideout Nathan Streufert, who outleaped the defense for the ball and a 6-yard score to even things up at 7.

Chiawana went ahead just before the half, as Joey Zamora connected with tight end Grady Graff on a slant, and he took it to the house to make it 14-7.

"Chiawana is much better than 0-3. They're a very physical football team," Neidhold said.

But it was the Bombers' running game that seemed to wear down the Riverhawks down in the second half. Cameron Simpson and Josh Phillips combined for 148 rushing yards on 30 attempts, and Simpson scored the touchdown that tied the game at 14 with 9:02 left in the game.

Chiawana's junior-led squad showed

some signs of youth, committing a few costly penalties and a coverage error that led to the game-winning TD.

"We juniors have never been a part of a losing team," 'Hawks linebacker Alex Weber said. "Coming into this year, we had a lot of responsibility, and we didn't have anybody to fall back on."

"It's not easy to step up and be a leader."

Chiawana	7	7	0	0	-	14
Richland	0	7	7	7	-	21

Scoring plays

C-Clifton Lozano 3 run (Isaac Mitz kick)
R-Nathan Streufert 6 pass from Zack Whitby (Kevin Garza kick)
C-Grady Graff 23 pass from Joey Zamora (Mitz kick)
R-Cameron Simpson 1 run (Garza kick)
R-Deric Samples 43 pass from Whitby (Garza kick)

Individual statistics
RUSHING-C, Lozano 35-139, Weber 1-5, R, Josh Phillips 13-58, Simpson 17-90, Whitby 4-6, Baird 1-2, Derek Redden 1-4.
PASSING-C, Zamora 9-16-0-131, R, Whitby 12-21-2-138.
RECEIVING-C, T.J. Avery 4-57, Christian Penny 1-19, Graff 2-41, Dre Dorton 1-5, Terro Bell 1-9, R, Redden 1-0, Deric Samples 3-53, Sheldon Liikala 2-8, Simpson 2-13, Streufert 1-6, Keith Knebl 1-12, Gibson McGeorge 1-26, Phillips 1-20.
FIRST DOWNS-C 16, R 18, FUMBLES-LOST-C 1-1, R 1-0, PENALTIES-C 7-41, R 4-30.

WALLA WALLA 28, DAVIS 18: Jonah Hoe rushed for all four of the Blue Devils' touchdowns in a nonleague road win over the Pirates.

Hoe finished with 276 yards rushing on 36 carries.

Walla Walla	7	7	7	7	-	28
Davis	6	6	0	6	-	18

SCORING PLAYS

WW-Jonah Hoe 3 run (Dean Atkinson kick)
D-Carlos Perea-Villar 90 kick return (kick blocked)
WW-Hoe 3 run (Atkinson kick)
D-Nikhil Lizotte 18 pass from Elias Moctezuma (pass failed)
WW-Hoe 9 run (Atkinson kick)
WW-Hoe 2 run (Atkinson kick)
D-Perea-Villar 4 pass from Moctezuma (time expired)

STATISTICS

RUSHING-WW, Hoe 36-276, Dakota Turner 7-(minus 20), Zach Gilvey 2-1, Stuart Gillin 6-52, D, Lizotte 1-23, Alex Sifuentes 4-4, Jackson Lewis 6-16, Moctezuma 7-(minus 31), Alex Perez 2-(minus 4).
PASSING-WW, Turner 7-9-0-32, D, Moctezuma 19-29-1-246, Perea-Villar 0-1-0-0, Lizotte 1-3-0-6.
RECEIVING-WW, Hoe 2-3, Paul Gilmore 2-6, Jake Grandstaff 1-15, Gillin 1-5, Gilvey 1-3, D, Perea-Villar 6-55, Kristian Sanders 1-8, Lizotte 7-131, Sifuentes 4-34, Lewis 2-23.
FIRST DOWNS-WW 19, D 18, FUMBLES-LOST-WW 2-2, D 1-1, PENALTIES-YARDS-WW 9-109, D 7-55.

HANFORD 24, PASCO 16: Jalen DeVine ran for

188 yards and one touchdown, and Austin Forsyth threw for 164 yards and one TD to lead Hanford over Pasco at Edgar Brown Stadium.

Luis Murillo ran for 101 yards and a touchdown for Pasco, but the Bulldogs fell to 0-3 on the season.

Hanford	14	0	3	7	-	24
Pasco	0	8	0	8	-	16

SCORING PLAYS

H-Zack Gaston 14 pass from Austin Forsyth (Malk Slack kick)
H-Jalen DeVine 81 run (Slack kick)
P-Austin Clarke 6 pass from Sean McNeil (Calveard pass from McNeil)
P-Luis Murillo 48 run (McNeil run)
H-FG Will Bishop 30
H-Austin Taylor 51 run (Slack kick)

STATISTICS

RUSHING-H, Forsyth 7-5, Taylor 3-54, DeVine 21-188, Bishop 6-19, P, McNeil 7-7, Murillo 13-101, Kwane Tate 5-42, TJ Faamausili 7-41, Miguel Torres 5-9.
PASSING-H, Forsyth 8-17-0-164, P, McNeil 12-27-0-145, Brady Ritale 0-2-0-0.
RECEIVING-H, Jake Oram 5-108, Taylor 1-28, DeVine 1-14, Zack Gaston 1-14, P, Murillo 2-18, Eric Orange 3-59, Torres 4-47, Julian Figueroa 2-25.
FIRST DOWNS-H 12, P 19, FUMBLES-LOST-H 3-0, P 2-1, PENALTIES-YARDS-H 10-82, P 7-70.