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Hanford's Jalen DeVine, center, scores a touchdown in the first half against Richland on Friday at Fran Rish Stadium in Richland. See a photo gallery at tricityherald.com

Hanford roughs up Richland

Falcons keep postseason hopes alive with 31-14 rout of Bombers, who clinched playoffs

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For years, the Richland football team has been able to taunt the Hanford Falcons with one simple fact.

When it comes down to a territorial dispute at Fran Rish Stadium, we've always gotten the better of you.

Until Friday night, that is, when Hanford used its massive offensive line to roll up nearly 300 rushing yards — 215 of them by Jalen DeVine — against a stout Richland defense in a 31-14 win over the Bombers.

"There was definitely a chip on our shoulder," Hanford two-way lineman Joe Douglas said after scoring a touchdown off a fourth-quarter fumble recovery that put the Falcons up 24-14. "We've been putting the pieces together all year long."

Mid-Columbia scoreboard

Kamiakin 35, Walla Walla 33
Kennewick 41, Pasco 0
Hanford 31, Richland 14
Chiawana 17, Southridge 14

DeVine had 136 yards by halftime and finished with three touchdowns, the last a 30-yard romp around right end that sealed Richland's fate.

"Our offensive line is amazing," DeVine said. "They've been kicking everyone's A-star-star all year. I couldn't do anything without them."

Hanford fullback Austin Taylor added 11 rushes for 75 yards.

The Falcons fell behind 14-7 in the second quarter after Sheldon Liikala hauled in a 5-yard slant from Zack Whitby for a touchdown.

Whitby made life tough on the Hanford defense, completing 25 of 41 passes for 208 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

But despite the fireworks in the air, the Falcons shut down Richland in the second half, as the defense limited the Bombers running game to just 29 yards overall. Richland was missing half of its two-headed rushing attack, however, as Cameron Simpson was in street clothes on the sideline.

Josh Phillips handled most of the

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carries out of the backfield, gaining 37 yards on 12 carries.

Richland's defense made an impressive goal-line stand, trailing 17-14 with just over four minutes left in the game. DeVine and Taylor were both stopped with just a yard to go, giving the ball to the Bombers with 99 yards ahead of them.

Whitby completed a 10-yard pass to Phillips for a first down at the Bombers' 11, but Phillips fumbled on the next play, and Douglas was there to pick up the ball and cruise in for his first-ever touchdown.

Hanford coach Rob Oram also praised quarterback Austin Forsyth for managing the game well.

"I thought his poise and composure was terrific, and his game-management was critical," Oram said after the 6-foot-1 junior completed 4 of 5 passes for 54 yards, including a key 30-yard completion to tight end Zack Gaston on Hanford's go-ahead drive in the third quarter.

"When he needed to make plays, he did," Oram said.

Richland 7 7 0 0 - 14
Hanford 7 3 7 14 - 31

Scoring plays
H—Jalen DeVine 6 run (Will Bishop kick)
R—Cody O'Toole 6 pass from Zack Whitby (Kevin Garza kick)

R—Sheldon Liikala 5 pass from Z. Whitby (Garza kick)
H—FG Bishop 27
H—DeVine 2 run (Bishop kick)
H—Joe Douglas 5 fumble return (Bishop kick)
H—DeVine 30 run (Bishop kick)

Individual statistics
RUSHING—R. Josh Phillips 12-37, Mason Baird 14-minus 5, Z. Whitby 2-8, H. DeVine 38-215, Austin Taylor 11-75, Austin Forsyth 34-minus 19, Bishop 2-19, Malik Slack 1-3.
PASSING—R. Z. Whitby 25-31-1-208, H. Forsyth 4-5-54.

RECEIVING—R. Spencer Wheeler 1-11, Hayden Whitby 1-12, Deric Samples 8-65, Liikala 4-62, Garrett March 2-28, O'Toole 2-17, Phillips 3-38, Anthony Galat 2-11, Gibson McGeorge 1-11, H. x.

FIRST DOWNS—R 14, H 18, FUMBLES-LOST—R 2-1, H 1-0. PENALTIES—R 7-51, H 7-65.

KENNEWICK 41, PASCO 0: Devven Ramos rushed for 264 yards on 17 carries and scored four touchdowns as visiting Kennewick routed Pasco in Mid-Columbia Conference play at Edgar Brown Stadium.

Ramos scored the Lions' first four TDs, all on big runs.

He scored from 15 yards out, then 94, 69 and finally 21.

Bodie Simpson added a 22-yard



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TD run, and Kade Julian finished the Kennewick scoring with a 17-yard interception return.

Luis Murillo paced the Bulldogs with 154 yards rushing on 19 carries.

Kennewick 14 7 13 7 - 41
Pasco 0 0 0 0 - 0

Scoring plays
K—Devven Ramos 15 run (Josh Kutzke kick)
K—Ramos 94 run (Kutzke kick)
K—Ramos 69 run (Kutzke kick)
K—Ramos 21 run (Kutzke kick)
K—Bodie Simpson 22 run (kick failed)
K—Kaden Julian 17 interception return (Kutzke kick)

Statistics
RUSHING—K. Ramos 17-264, Gabe Rivera 11-52, Simpson 2-16, Cody Albertin 2-7, Jess Salazar 1-6, Jeremiah Sprague 1-4, Dylan Tennencour 2-minus 5, P. Luis Murillo 19-154, TJ Faameusili 5-13, Sean McNeil 7-5, Angel Gutierrez 1-4, Kirby Kiloy 1-4, Roger Ingram 1-minus 3, Daniel Haug 1-minus 4.
PASSING—K. Tennencour 5-9-0-37, P. McNeil 9-23-3-

116; Kiloy 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—K. Salazar 2-16, Simpson 2-12, Sprague 1-9, P. Austin Clarke 3-51, Ingram 3-31, Spencer Caldwell 2-20, Kendall Lee 1-14.

FIRST DOWNS—K 14, P 12, FUMBLES-LOST—K 1-0, P 0-0. PENALTIES-YARDS—K 8-48, P 8-74.

KAMIAKIN 35, WALLA WALLA 33: Walla Walla failed to convert a 2-point conversion with 20 seconds left in the game as Kamiakin escaped with a Mid-Col victory at Borleske Stadium.

With the win, the Braves have sole possession of first place in the Mid-Col standings, while the Blue Devils were eliminated from postseason play with the loss.

Kamiakin had a 35-13 lead after

three quarters, but Wa-Hi rallied in the fourth with three touchdowns, including a 7-yard score by Jonah Hoe with 20 seconds left in the game.

The Blue Devils needed to convert the the 2-point conversion to tie, put the pass fell incomplete.

Hoe, the Mid-Col's leading rusher, finished with 203 yards and two touchdowns.

Kyle Robertson led the Braves, rushing for 122 yards and two scores. He also threw for 143 yards and one TD.

Kamiakin 14 7 14 0 - 35
Walla Walla 7 0 6 20 - 33

Scoring plays
K—Johnny Jansen 3 run (Connor Shymanski kick)

K—Umid Ramizov 43 run (Shymanski kick)
WW—Jonah Hoe 74 run (Dean Atkinson kick)
K—Kyle Robertson 6 run (Shymanski kick)
K—Hunter Shauers 9 pass from Robertson (Shymanski kick)

WW—Damell Handcock 29 pass from Dakota Turner (kick failed)
K—Robertson 58 run (Shymanski kick)
WW—Paul Gilmore 31 pass from Turner (Atkinson kick)
WW—Handcock 1 pass from Turner (Atkinson kick)
WW—Hoe 7 run (pass failed)

Statistics
RUSHING—K. Jansen 16-63, Ramizov 11-91, Robertson 11-122, Gutierrez 1-minus 1, WW, Hoe 32-203, Zach Olvey 3-7, Turner 7-34.

PASSING—K. Robertson 12-17-0-143, WW, Turner 13-22-0-204.

RECEIVING—K. Jansen 1-8, Jim Fowler 2-19, Brandon Larsen 3-48, Shauers 6-68, WW, Handcock 7-90, Gilmore 3-55, Atkinson 2-41, Jake Grandstaff 1-18.

FIRST DOWNS—K 19, WW 20, FUMBLES-LOST—K 1-1, WW 0-0. PENALTIES-YARDS—K 8-57, WW 7-64.