

A LOOK AT THE FOOTBALL POSTSEASON PICTURE

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MID-COLUMBIA CONFERENCE 4A

Playoff spots: 2

Clinched: None

Still alive: Richland 3-2 league, Chiawana 2-3, Walla Walla 1-4

Eliminated: Pasco 0-5

Breakdown: Richland is in the driver's seat, needing a win or a Walla Walla loss to lock up a spot in the regional playoffs against a Greater Spokane League team. The Bombers play at Hanford tonight and host winless Pasco in Week 9. ... Chiawana and Walla Walla have tough matchups tonight, and then they face off at Edgar Brown Stadium in Week 9. A Chiawana win tonight and a Walla Walla loss sews up a playoff spot for the Riverhawks. The Blue Devils need help to make next week's game have any meaning, or they will need to upset Kamiakin.

GREATER SPOKANE LEAGUE 4A

Playoff spots: 2

Clinched: None

Still alive: Gonzaga Prep 7-0, Ferris 6-1, Mead 6-1, Central Valley 6-2

Eliminated: Lewis & Clark 3-4

Breakdown: Prep controls its own destiny, needing a win and a Ferris or Mead loss to clinch a playoff spot. The Bullpups host Mt. Spokane (1-6) tonight. ... Ferris and Mead meet in Week 9 with a possible playoff spot on the line. The Saxons are at University (3-4) tonight, while the Panthers are at Rogers (0-7). ... Central Valley needs to beat Gonzaga Prep next week and hope for either Ferris or Mead to get upset tonight.

CBBN

Playoff spot: 1

Clinched: None

Still alive: Eastmont 5-1, Eisenhower 4-2, Moses Lake 3-3, Wenatchee 3-3

Eliminated: Davis 0-6

Breakdown: With just the league winner advancing to the playoffs, there is still a lot to play for over the next three weeks.

MID-COLUMBIA CONFERENCE 3A

Playoff spots: 2

Clinched: None

Still alive: Southridge 4-1,

Kamiakin 4-1, Hanford 3-2, Kennewick 3-2

Eliminated: None

Breakdown: Remarkably, all four Class 3A schools still have a shot at the playoffs. Southridge and Kamiakin both have one loss, meaning they could clinch tonight if Kennewick and Hanford lose. If either Kennewick or Hanford wins, then it will come down to the final week of the regular season. In Week 9, Hanford plays at Southridge, and Kamiakin and Kennewick have a showdown. It seems likely — especially with Kennewick facing winless Pasco tonight — that the Class 3A playoff qualifiers will not be decided until Week 9. ... The two playoff teams will face the top two GSL teams in the regional playoffs Nov. 2-3.

GREATER SPOKANE LEAGUE 3A

Playoff spots: 2

Clinched: None

Still alive: Shadle Park 3-5, University 3-4, Mt. Spokane 1-6, North Central 1-6

Eliminated: Rogers 0-7

Breakdown: Technically, Mt. Spokane and North Central are still alive, but a loss or a win by Shadle Park and University sews up the two playoff teams with just seeding left to determine.

CWAC 2A

Playoff spots: 2

Clinched: None

Still alive: Othello 6-0, Prosser 5-1, East Valley 5-1, Ellensburg 4-2, Ephrata 4-2

Eliminated: West Valley 2-4, Selah 2-4, Toppenish 1-5, Grandview 1-5, Wapato 0-6

Breakdown: With only two playoff berths on the line this season, half the league already has been eliminated. ... The winner of tonight's Prosser-East Valley game will have the inside track to one of the top two spots. ... Othello needs two wins to clinch its playoff spot. ... In the past, the CWAC has had three playoff spots, with the top team receiving a bye and the No. 2 and 3 teams facing off against GNL teams in pigtail games to make the state playoffs. But District 5/6 was allocated only two playoff berths by the WIAA this season.

GREAT NORTHERN LEAGUE 2A

Playoff spots: 2

Clinched: None

Still alive: West Valley 4-0, Pullman 3-0, East Valley 2-2, Deer Park 1-2, Cheney 1-2, Clarkston 1-3, Colville 0-3

Eliminated: None

Breakdown: All seven teams are still alive with three weeks left in the regular season.

SCAC EAST

Playoff spots: 4

Clinched: Royal 4-0

Still alive: River View 3-1, Connell 3-1, Kiona-Benton 2-2, Warden 2-3, Columbia (Burbank) 1-3

Eliminated: Wahluke 0-5

Breakdown: Royal has clinched its spot in the regional playoffs against the SCAC West scheduled for the weekend of Nov. 2. Tonight's River View-Connell winner will clinch at least the No. 2 seed, while the loser still will be in a good position. ... Warden and Burbank must win out to have a chance. ... Kiona-Benton needs one win to secure at least a tie for the final playoff spot. ... If games hold true to form tonight, all four spots will be secured if Kiona-Benton beats Warden and Royal best Burbank.

SCAC WEST

Playoff spots: 4

Clinched: None

Still alive: Zillah 4-0, Cle Elum/Roslyn 3-1, Naches Valley 3-2, Goldendale 2-2, Granger 2-2, La Salle 1-3

Eliminated: Highland 0-5

Breakdown: With two weeks left in the regular season, there is still a lot left to play for. Zillah has all but clinched a playoff spot, needing just one win to sew it up. ... La Salle must win out and get some help to remain in the hunt.

SOUTHEAST 2B

Playoff spots: 5

Clinched: Tekoa-Oakesdale-Rosalie 4-1, Waitsburg-Prescott 2-1, DeSales 2-1, Tri-Cities Prep 2-1, Asotin 1-2

Eliminated: Dayton 0-5, Mabton (ineligible)

Breakdown: Remarkably, all five playoff teams are already decided.

All that's left is figuring out the seeding. T-O-R is done with league games and is guaranteed at least a split of the title. It has beaten Waitsburg-Prescott and Tri-Cities Prep, holding tiebreakers over both, and lost to DeSales. DeSales' league loss is to Waitsburg-Prescott. ... The loser of tonight's Holy Bowl between DeSales and Tri-Cities Prep will have a tough time rising above the No. 4 seed. ... The five teams will face off with the top five from District 7 in the regional playoff round Nov. 2, with the winners advancing to the state playoffs.

NORTHEAST 2B

Playoff spots: 5

Clinched: Lind-Ritzville/Sprague 3-0

Still alive: Colfax 2-1, Reardan 2-1, Davenport 1-2, Springdale 1-2, Liberty 0-3

Eliminated: None

Breakdown: L-R/S has clinched a playoff spot with two weeks left in the regular season. Everyone else in the league can also clinch at the next Liberty loss.

SOUTHEAST 1B

Playoff spots: 3

Clinched: None

Still alive: Liberty Christian 4-0, Touchet 3-1, LaCrosse-Washtucna 3-1, Garfield-Palouse 3-1, Sunnyside Christian 2-2, Pomeroy 1-3, Colton 0-4, St. John-Endicott 0-4

Eliminated: None

Breakdown: With just three playoff spots in play this season, there still is much to be decided. Liberty Christian controls its own destiny and, based on scores this season, should have no problems wrapping up the No. 1 seed. ... The winner of tonight's game between Garfield-Palouse and Touchet will have an inside track at a playoff berth, while the loser is in a bit of trouble. ... Pomeroy, Colton and St. John-Endicott are extreme longshots, alive only mathematically. ... Sunnyside Christian faces a must-win tonight at LaCrosse-Washtucna, or it is all but eliminated. ... The playoff teams will face the No. 2, 3 and 4 seeds from District 7 in the regional playoffs the weekend of Nov. 9. The winners go to the state quarterfinals the next weekend.