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### HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Tough night in the valley



RICHLAND	50
LEWISTON	7
RAYMOND	14
MOSCOW	34
PULLMAN	29
CHENEY	26
EAST VALLEY	35
CLARKSTON	0
KAMIAH	28
CLEARWATER V.	20
TROY	52
GENESEE	6
TIMBERLINE	20
KENDRICK	66
PRAIRIE	64
LAPWAI	18
LAKESIDE	6
POTLATCH	52
BONNERS FERRY	0
OROFINO	14
ASOTIN	0
GRANGEVILLE	49
WILDER	0
SALMON RIVER	45
COLFAX	28
SPRINGDALE	6
COLTON	64
GAR-PAL	22
ST. JOHN-END.	16
POMEROY	26

Lewiston's Koby Thrasher (lower left), Brandon Berlik (middle left) and Reece Baldwin (behind ballcarrier) wrap up Richland's Anthon Galat in first-quarter action. The Bombers blasted the Bengals 50-7 in a Homecoming game Friday night at Bengal Field.

## Bombers spoil Homecoming with 50-7 blowout win over Lewiston

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The Richland Bombers searched far and wide for an opponent that would challenge them mentally and physically, and they thought they'd found such a foe when they scheduled a road contest at Lewiston — on the Bengals' Homecoming night, nonetheless.

Richland coach Mike Neidhold said he personally scheduled this contest last winter, because "I

wanted to find the toughest opponent I could find."

Perhaps he should have looked a little harder.

The Washington school blew out the Bengals 50-7 during a non-league bloodletting Friday at Bengal Field.

"We got manhandled," said Bengals coach Shawn Nilsson, whose team failed to score an offensive touchdown. Part of Lewis-

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## Bantams can't get going, bow to East Valley 35-0 in GNL opener

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The Bantam marching band performed a halftime rendition of Harry Potter, but that was the only act of magic Bantam fans would witness during Clarkston's league opener, a 35-0 loss to East Valley on Friday.

The visiting Knights were the only wizards on Adams Field in a lopsided contest that saw Clarkston torched by big play after big play.

East Valley quarterback Connor Ramm and his twin-tower receivers exploited the Clarkston cover zero defense early on, scoring just three minutes into the game when Ramm and J.T. Phelan connected for 56 yards.

"Phelan is just a tall guy, very athletic," Clarkston coach Dave Curtis said. "Offensively, they just came out and threw the ball very well. They made some plays."

Phelan's next reception went

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ton's offensive struggles could be attributed to the absence of starting QB Drew Melton, who was out with a concussion absorbed last week.

The Bengals struggled all night receiving the snap, and a fumbled snap led to Richland's first score of the game on a safety.

"Our kids got outplayed. We were not ready to play," Nilsson said.

"I don't know if it's for the fact that Drew's not playing or what, but that's a poor excuse for our kids," added Nilsson, who had no comment on the Bengals' difficulties taking snaps. "Our kids did not show up ready to play football today."

With just over a minute left in the first quarter, the Bombers' quarterback, Taylor O'Toole, found Mason Nelson from 12 yards out.

The visitors carried that 16-point difference into the second quarter, when Richland's running back Anthony Galat continued to put up fantasy football-type numbers. He ran for two more scores in the second quarter, and finished the half with four TDs.

"We want, by design, to have our four (running backs) have 10 carries apiece," Neidhold said. "We could have at the end of the season most yards rushing in the league, but we won't have one guy who's all conference."

With less than two minutes remaining before the half, Galat charged for his final score from 1 yard out to give the visitors a 30-point halftime lead, and the Bengals started the second half inauspiciously, losing the first of



two squib kicks to the Bombers, who recovered another kick later in the half.

"Our kids were unemotional," Nilsson said. "I could see it in the locker room before the game and it was real disappointing."

"I'm not sure what you take from this game. Obviously we need to look at ourselves as coaches and do a better job getting things prepared."

On its final score of the game, Richland took a page from Lewiston, and botched the snap.

But in the theme of the night, things still went the Bombers' way when quarterback O'Toole simply picked up the ball and ran into the

end zone from 1 yard out.

"We were trying to get the ball to (Ryker Mackey), because he hasn't scored a touchdown in his life," Neidhold said, describing his team's strategy on its final score. "We got the ball down there, and called his number again, but then we had a bad snap."

While Lewiston came away from the contest searching for answers, since the Bengals will take to the road next week for an important 5A Inland Empire League tilt against Coeur d'Alene, the Bombers found the game cathartic.

"We played horrible last week and our whole thing this week was, 'Richland's not on

our schedule,' we can't keep doing these things to ourselves," Neidhold said before explaining one of his team's previous bugaboos. "Throwing the ball to the bad guys all the time, last weekend we had six interceptions and we can't function like that."

"We had to get back to what we do, and things worked out for us tonight."

Richland	23	14	6	7-50
Lewiston	7	0	0	0-7
Richland	—	Safety		
Richland	—	Anthony Galat 4 run (Damian Ruiz kick)		
Lewiston	—	Tyler Eberhardt 92 kickoff return (Andres Nunez kick)		
Richland	—	Galat 8 run (Ruiz kick)		
Richland	—	Mason Nelson 12 pass from Taylor O'Toole (Ruiz kick)		
Richland	—	Galat 3 run (Ruiz kick)		
Richland	—	Galat 1 run (Ruiz kick)		
Richland	—	Nathan Perry 4 run (kick failed)		
Richland	—	O'Toole 1 run (Ruiz kick)		

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Lewiston's Tyler Eberhardt makes a dash for the end zone past Richland's Damian Ruiz in the first quarter. Eberhardt rambled 92 yards for a touchdown on this kickoff return, but that was the Bengals' only score in a 50-7 loss Friday.