

Riverhawks roll over Bombers

Highly touted Singleton turns in big game in 42-7 MCC rout

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Let the record show that Chiawana's Deion Singleton officially announced his presence in the Tri-Cities at approximately 7:16 on Friday, Sept. 20.

The dynamic wide receiver who transferred from Florida last spring ran under a beautiful throw from quarterback Joey Zamora for a 59-yard gain on Chiawana's second offensive play.

It set up the first Riverhawks touchdown as they hammered Richland 42-7 in a Mid-Columbia Conference game at Edgar Brown Stadium.

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It was one of seven receptions for Singleton, who finished with 159 yards and two touchdowns. He also intercepted a pass and returned it 98 yards for a score in the final minutes to put the cherry on top of the rout.

"It was one of my best games," said Singleton, who is being recruited by LSU, Miami and TCU. "The first couple of passes, me and Joey were on. The game plan was to catch anything that was thrown to you and run your routes hard."

Singleton certainly caught anything that came his way.

His touchdowns came in a big second quarter, where he had six of his receptions. He caught a pass in the left flat and showed his tremendous speed, outracing the defense to the end zone for a 17-yard score and a 21-0 lead.

Chiawana's Isaiah Richie then picked off Richland quarterback Zach Whitby.

Six plays later, Zamora read the defense, nodded to his star receiver and threw a jump ball that Singleton climbed the ladder to bring down with three defenders in the area.

It was good for a 28-yard touchdown and a 28-0 lead.

"The game plan was to get back at them (for last year)," Singleton said of Richland's 21-14



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Chiawana's Clifton Lozano (1) leaps up for a touchdown catch in front of Richland's Anthony Galat (42) and Brock Whitby (37) in the first quarter of Friday's game at Edgar Brown Stadium. See a photo gallery at tricityherald.com.

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victory in 2012. "I wasn't here for that game, but they told me it was tough and we didn't want to lose to them again."

Singleton's final touchdown came with a little help from his head coach Steve Graff.

Graff was walking off the field after tending to an injured player and he told Singleton to expect the slant route.

Sure enough, backup Richland quarterback Taylor O'Toole threw to the right side and Singleton stepped in front of the receiver and took it to the house untouched.

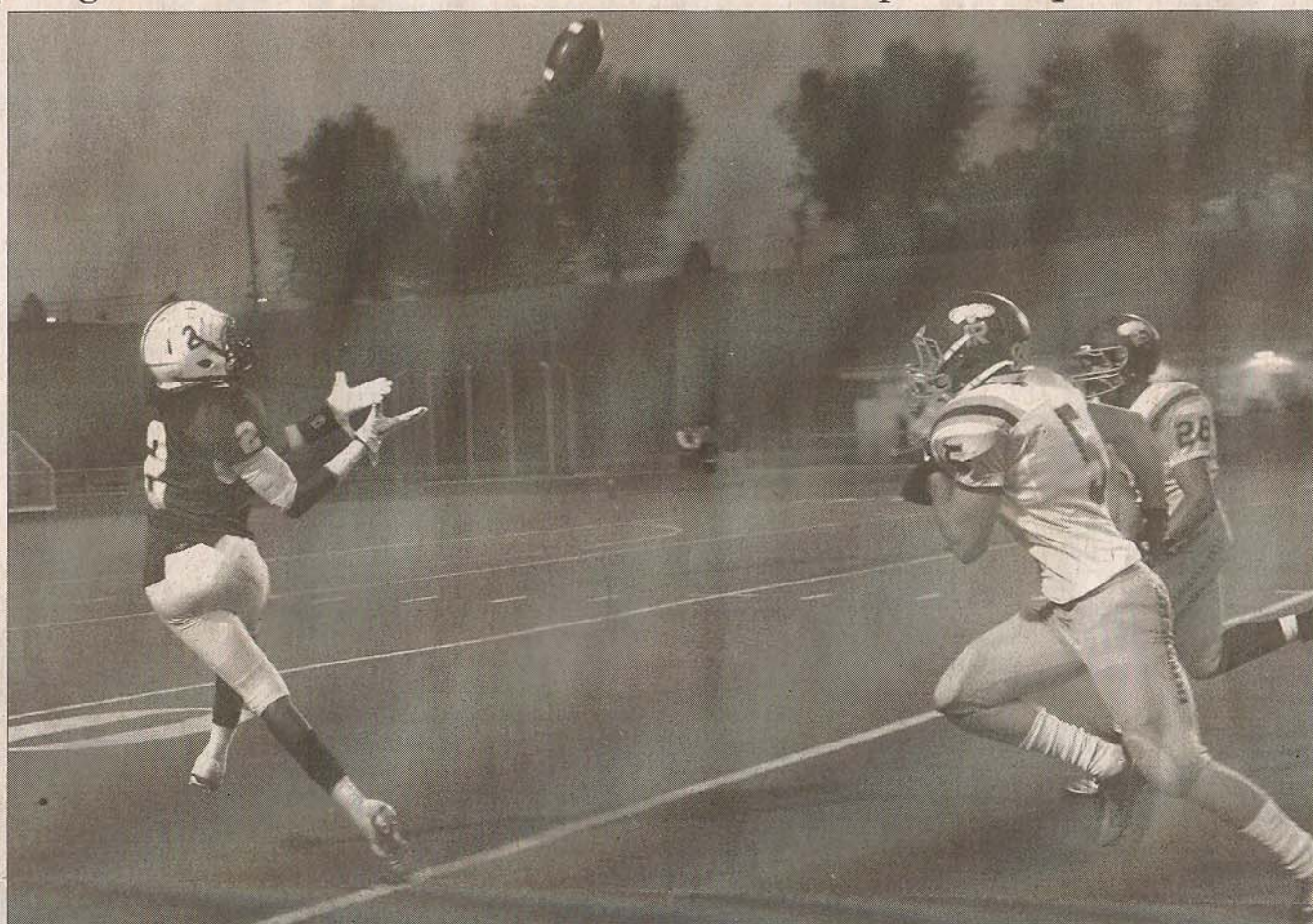
"They are a good team, well coached," Graff said. "We played really well. We've got to fix something on the penalties (141 yards). I think we can get better. There are little things we can fix."

The thought of the Riverhawks getting better is a scary thought for the rest of the Mid-Columbia Conference.

Chiawana has scored at least 42 points in each of its first three games, while allowing just 14.

And while the Riverhawks defense gave up 119 yards rushing after only allowing five yards the first two games, but Chiawana didn't break in the red zone while also forcing five turnovers.

Offensively, Chiawana showed its tremendous balance. After the big first half by Singleton, the Riverhawks



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Chiawana's Deion Singleton (2) gets under the ball to set up a touchdown in the first half against Richland's Gibson McGeorge (5) and Josh Phillips (28) on Friday at Edgar Brown Stadium in Pasco. See a photo gallery at tricityherald.com.

switched to a ground and pound approach in the second half.

Running back Clifton Lozano carried the ball 18 times in the second half, finishing with 162 yards on 27 carries overall. He

had a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs and caught a nice over-the-shoulder touchdown from 13-yards out.

"Our offensive line is stepping up right now," Singleton said. "We have a couple of jun-

iors who are playing big. We have one of the best running back groups and they are getting (lots of) yards."

They also have a tremendous quarterback.

Zamora was sharp through-

out the game, finishing 18-for-23 for 283 yards and three touchdowns. He was rarely off on his passes and could have had one or two more touchdowns after some deep balls were dropped.

"It wasn't perfect," Graff said.

"We still have some things to work on. The defense had a couple of lapses, letting them off the hook."

Tight end Grady Graff had six receptions for 74 yards, while Lozano added three receptions for 30 yards and a touchdown.

Whitby finished 12-for-20 for 132 yards with three interceptions.

He threw a touchdown pass to Gibson McGeorge late in the first half. Bennett Peterson had 56 yards on 13 carries, while Garrett March had four receptions for 64 yards.

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Chiawana—Lozano 13 pass from Joey Zamora (Ellsworth kick), 1:31
Chiawana—Deion Singleton 17 pass from Zamora (Ellsworth kick), 4:22
Chiawana—Singleton 28 pass from Zamora (Ellsworth kick), 1:29
Richland—Gibson McGeorge 5 pass from Zach Whitby (Damian Ruiz kick), :29
Chiawana—Lozano 1 run (Ellsworth kick), 8:56
Chiawana—Singleton 98 interception return (Ellsworth kick), 3:14

STATISTICS
RUSHING—Richland, Bennett Peterson 13-56, Anthony Galat 9-43, Whitby 3-11, Nathan Perry 3-6, Josh Phillips 1-3, Chiawana, Lozano 27-162, Alex Weber 8-55, Zamora 3-27, Ernie Sanchez 2-3, Anthony Ramos 1-2.
PASSING—Richland, Whitby 12-20-3-132, Taylor O'Toole 1-4-1-32, Chiawana, Joey Zamora 18-23-0-283.
RECEIVING—Richland, Garrett March 4-64, Galet 3-13, Hunter Chambers 2-55, McGeorge 2-11, Payton Radliff 1-11, Mason Nelson 1-8, Chiawana, Singleton 7-159, Grady Graff 6-74, Lozano 3-30, Blake Bishop 1-17, Dre Dorton 1-3.
INTERCEPTIONS—Chiawana, Dorton 2-13, Isaiah Richie 1-0, Singleton 1-98.
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