

## Are you ready for postseason prep football?

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Ready or not, postseason high school football is here.

And by the looks of things, area teams should fare well in openers. Here's a look at the matchups (all games Friday, unless noted):

### Washington, 4A

**Walla Walla (3-6) at Gonzaga Prep (9-0), 6 p.m.**

**Road to postseason:** WW earned the Mid-Columbia Conference's third seed and Gonzaga Prep captured the Greater Spokane League title.

**Statistical leaders:** WW ranked fifth in the eight-team MCC in offense and fourth in defense. QB Mitch Lesmeister threw for 1,080 yards and 13 TDs. The Bullpups have offensive weapons coming out of their ears. RB Mason Plese returned from emergency appendectomy surgery last week, picking up where he left off. Meanwhile, in Plese's absence, G-Prep developed more depth.

**At a glance:** The Blue Devils are in over their heads. It should be over by halftime.

**Chiawana (6-3) at Central Valley (7-2), 6**

**Road to postseason:** This is a matchup of second-place finishers.

**Statistical leaders:** Chiawana ranked second in offense in the MCC and fifth in defense. RB Andrew Vargas has rushed for 1,723 yards. CV has no gaudy offensive statistics.

**At a glance:** Chiawana runs its I formation sets behind a sizeable but young line, setting up play-action passes. The Bears picked off six passes last week and leader Ben Craig now has seven. CV's strength is defense and that will be the difference against the 2013 state champs.

**Lewis and Clark (5-4) at Richland (8-1), 7**

**Road to postseason:** Richland won the MCC title and LC earned the GSL's third berth.

**Statistical leaders:** Richland ranked first in the MCC in defense. QB Paxton Stevens led the MCC, throwing for 1,401 yards and 11 TDs. LC has no offensive statistics to speak of.

**At a glance:** LC's hopes begin and end with defense. The Tigers must keep Richland under 20 points to have a chance. The Tigers will try to keep Richland's offense on the sideline by taking time off the clock.