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Richland's McClain Elgin (28) stretches across the goal line for a touchdown during Friday night's game against Kamiakin at Fran Rish Stadium in Richland. Kamiakin defender Logan Smith (8) pursues the play. See a photo gallery at tricityherald.com

Richland 'D' forces 5 turnovers, shuts down Kamiakin offense

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It's the eternal question for science aficionados around the world.

What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object?

Friday night was a case in point when the vaunted Kamiakin Braves offense met the daunting Richland Bombers defense at Fran Rish Stadium.

The Bombers forced five turnovers — two fumbles and three interceptions — and proved every bit worthy of their No. 6 ranking with a 27-14 home victory. If Richland continues to play like it did Friday, it could climb a lot higher in the state rankings.

What it also did Friday was assert itself as the frontrunner for the Mid-Columbia Conference championship — its first league title since 2008 — with a dominating effort that left Kamiakin fans and players shaking their heads in frustration.

Richland's top-ranked defense held Kamiakin's top-ranked offense to just 226 yards, all but 76 of that coming in second half after the Bombers had built a 20-0 lead.

Richland's offense wasn't too shabby, either, piling up 211 rushing yards — 101 of it from Lakota Wills and 90 from Kyle Whitby — and 187 passing yards from quarterback Paxton Stevens.

But the Richland defense was definitely the star, giving the Bombers short fields to work

with while giving Kamiakin quarterback Zach Borisch the longest night of his marvelous season. Borisch finished 10-for-22 for just 71 yards and a touchdown. He also threw three interceptions and lost a fumble to set up Richland's second score.

Actually, the ball wasn't lost as much as ripped away by Bombers lineman John Hardy, who ran 49 yards to the Kamiakin 36-yard line to set up a 38-yard field goal by Ryan Wolski that made it 10-0 Richland.

Whitby made a big statement, too, with his play at running back and linebacker. The 5-foot-10 senior intercepted a second-quarter pass to set up Wolski's second field goal and lat-

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er capped a 98-yard, 15-play drive with a 3-yard touchdown run.

Kamiakin had several chances to make a game of it, but turnovers became the Braves' worst enemy.

When it looked like they might finally break through on their first drive of the second half, Brecken Galliher picked off Borisch's pass at the Bombers' 2 to end the threat. After the Braves punched in their first score — a 54-yard run by Gavin Crow to cut the lead to 20-7 — they had a chance to cut the lead to six points, driving inside the red zone late in the third quarter.

But a sack by Wills and a fourth-down interception by Alex Chapman in the end zone stomped those hopes.

Chapman also scored Richland's final touchdown, a 30-yard catch-and-run slant that put it up 27-7.

Kamiakin put one final touchdown on the board in the fourth quarter when Borisch found Darreon Moore for a 13-yard score.



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Kamiakin's Jace Navejas (21) intercepts a pass intended for Richland's Griffey March during Friday game.

WEEK 8 PREP FOOTBALL

MCC

	Lg	All
Richland.....	6-0	7-1
Kamiakin.....	5-1	6-2
Chiwana.....	4-2	5-3
Hanford.....	2-4	4-4
Kennewick.....	2-4	3-5
Southridge.....	2-4	3-5
Walla Walla.....	2-4	3-5
Pasco.....	1-5	1-7

Friday, Oct. 23

Chiwana 42, Kennewick 35
Richland 27, Kamiakin 13
Southridge 28, Pasco 21
Walla Walla 42, Hanford 34

Thursday

Richland at Southridge, 7 p.m.

Friday

Kennewick at Hanford, 7 p.m.
Pasco at Chiwana, 7 p.m.
Walla Walla at Kamiakin, 7 p.m.

Kamiakin	0	0	7	7	-	14
Richland	7	6	7	7	-	27

SCORING PLAYS
R - McClain Elgin 8 run (Ryan Wolski kick)
R - FG Wolski 38
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R - Kyle Whitby 3 run (Wolski kick)
K - Gavin Crow 54 run (Garrett Paxton kick)

R - Alex Chapman 30 pass from Paxton Stevens (Wolski kick)
K - Damien Moore 13 pass from Zach Borisch (Paxton kick)

RECEIVING - K. Moore 3-30, Crow 2-2, Champ Grayson 1-13, Benson Smith 2-15, Isaiah Brimmer 2-8, R. Griffey March 5-103, Rhett Levin 2-38, Chapman 3-57, Wills 1-4, Whitty 1-25, Wolski 1-6.

STATISTICS
RUSHING - K. Jathro Questad 15-65, Borisch 15-90, Crow 3-60, R. Wills 8-101, Elgin 7-52, Whitty 1-50, Stevens 8-minus 121.
PASSING - K. Borisch 10-22-9-71, R. Stevens 12-29-167.

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