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Navigators continue hot start with rout

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OCEAN SHORES – Ben Connor and Steven Dunn combined to score five touchdowns in Northwest Christian’s 35-7 victory over North Beach on Friday night.

For the first time in the program’s five years, the Navigators have won three of their first four games.

“We’re all excited,” Northwest Christian coach Pete Fulton said. “It was a fun game. All the kids got to play, and there were no injuries.”

Northwest Christian built a 21-7 lead at halftime, and Conner scored his first touchdown on a 59-yard keeper on the first play of the second half to make it 28-7.

Connor rushed for 120 yards on 12 carries, and Dunn had 12 carries for 75 yards.

“They’re two very gifted athletes,” Fulton said. “And the defense played really well.”

Timberline 33, Peninsula 17: The Blazers’ offense exploded in the second half after leading 7-3 at halftime against the Seahawks. Timberline (2-2) scored 26 second-half points and got a big spark from Douglas Sudberry, who took a kickoff return 92 yards for a touchdown that gave the Blazers a bit of breathing room with a 27-17 lead and just 8:15 left in the game.

“It was one of those deals that we shot ourselves in the first half,” Timberline coach Nick Mullen said. “In the second half, we made big plays.”

Kevin Russell was 13-for-15 for 184 yards and threw three touchdown passes – all to Junior Chaney. Chaney finished with four catches for 118 yards and had three carries for 35 yards.

Timberline, which has won two straight games, opens 3A Narrows League play next week.

“We knew the first four (games) would be tough,” Mullen said.

River Ridge 32, Black Hills 28: The Hawks prevailed in a back-and-forth battle that went down to the final minute.

River Ridge scored twice in the fourth quarter, with the go-ahead score coming on an Adam Walker pass to Jeremy Camacho for a 10-yard touchdown on fourth-and-3.

River Ridge improved to 4-0 overall, and 1-0 in 2A Evergreen Conference play.

“It was a good high school football game,” River Ridge coach Steve Schultz said. “The defense in the fourth quarter gave us a chance to win that game.

Javier Gonzalez made a big catch down the sideline to set up the eventual winning score on third-and-35.

The Hawks led 18-14 at halftime.

Capital 14, Enumclaw 13: Capital coach J.D. Johnson admitted that his team didn't play up to how it had performed in the previous three weeks, but the fourth-ranked Cougars escaped with a one-point win on the Hornets' home field.

Tyler Sundberg ran for 222 yards on 24 carries and scored one touchdown. Quarterback Alex Everson was 3-for-11 for 60 yards, with one touchdown pass and two interceptions.

“It was us not playing well, and them doing some good things,” Johnson said. “We told them this team (Enumclaw) was going to come play. And they brought it.”

Capital (4-0) scored all of its touchdowns in the first half, including the first score of the game.

The difference in the game was a blocked extra-point kick after Enumclaw scored its final touchdown to pull within 14-13 three minutes into the fourth quarter.

Chehalis 42, Aberdeen 13: The fifth-ranked Bearcats built a big halftime lead – 35-0 – and rested many of their starters in the second half en route to the victory over the Bobcats on the Harbor.

Quarterback Mitch Gueller threw three touchdowns passes, each one to a different receiver.

Brennan Casteel ran for two touchdowns in the first quarter, including a 22-yarder that capped a 5-play, 68-yard drive toward the end of the first quarter.

A big spark in the second half came from Bryce Hanson, who intercepted a pass on fourth down and ran it back 95 yards for a touchdown that increased the Bearcats' lead to 42-0 near the halfway mark of the third quarter.

Centralia 46, RA Long 14: The ninth-ranked Tigers jumped out to a 27-0 lead in the first half against the Lumberjacks, thanks to three touchdowns by Zack Baldwin.

His longest touchdown came on the first score of the game, a 49-yard pass from Ryan LeDuc. Centralia also got touchdowns from Kole Braaten, Mason Musselman, Andrew Pullin and Connor Knudsvig.