



Grizzlies denied homecoming win, Mustangs prevail 28-21

Rivalry game comes down to final play

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The rivalry football game between Sunnyside and Prosser, circled by many fans on the schedule as one of the most anticipated contests of any regular season was streamed live, along with the colorful homecoming spirit and dramatic 'March Madness' hype, kept an engaging internet audience watching until the final play.

Once the smoke from the fireworks had cleared, the Mustangs had outperformed the Grizzlies' big play achievements with a distinguished brand of intensity all their own in route to a 28-21 victory on Friday, March 19 at Clem Senn Field.

"We just didn't make a lot of plays. We had opportunities to catch up quick and break the game wide open, and we just didn't do it," SHS Head Coach John Lobbstaal stated.

The Grizzlies scored first in the opening minute of the second quarter on a 31-yard touchdown run by junior running back Myles Newhouse, who rushed for 114 yards on 18 attempts with one TD. He also had 10 receptions for 59 yards. Following the unsuccessful two-point conversion, SHS led 6-0.

Sunnyside's defense would bend but they did not break as they prohibited Prosser's potent offense from establishing its rhythm and moving the ball downfield consistently. They forced the Mustangs' offense to turn the ball over on downs three times and kept them out of the end zone for the first 20:36 of the game.



SHS sophomore defensive back Issaac Alvarez turns up field as sophomore Nehemiah Medrano makes the tackle.

After an illegal man down field penalty stifled a Grizzlies' drive, which had started from their 13-yard line, Sunnyside was forced to punt. Prosser took over at their own 27 with 6:48 remaining in the first half.

Mustang junior quarterback Kaiden Rivera led a well-balanced offensive drive in 3:22, which was capped off by a 12-yard TD pass to senior running back Jacob Chavez. The PAT was good, and Prosser went on top, 7-6.

On the ensuing kickoff, Sunnyside took over at

their 12 and proceeded to move the ball to Prosser's 41-yard line. The Grizzlies faced a fourth down and three with :40 left as junior quarterback Logan Rodriguez dropped back to pass. The tight coverage at the line of scrimmage caused Rodriguez to look off his initial receiver and the oncoming rush wouldn't allow him the time to find another target before he was sacked.

The ball turned over to the Mustangs and Head Coach Corey Ingvalson was not content in running the

clock out without having his offense take a couple of shots downfield.

Rivera locked on to his senior wide receiver Tommy Inions, who was being defended by senior cornerback Julian Sandoval on the right sideline. He attempted to throw open the six-foot receiver. Sandoval broke on the errant pass and outran Inions to the ball for the interception.

Sandoval caught the ball in bounds and before he secured the football, Inions running in stride with him, see **GRIZZLIES**, page B2



SHS seniors Reid Weaver and Joshua Oliver run together and lead the Grizzly boys cross country team to their second consecutive victory during the dual home meet against Davis on Wednesday, March 17.

SHS cross country teams run stronger together

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The driving message, 'you're always faster, together,' resonated loudly with Grizzly runners as the boys' varsity cross country team won their dual home meet against A.C. Davis, while the girls squad ran strong, they were outpaced by the Pirates depth on Thursday, March 17.

"This is the most well-connected team that I've been able to coach here at Sunnyside both the guys and the girls," Varsity Boys Cross Country Head Coach Jeffrey White stated.

Both teams have a solid bond and can push one another in practice and on race days, coach acknowledged. The teams' influential and supportive chemistry provides runners with a confident edge to perform at their personal best when competing in the 5K event.

Senior Kaylee Condie won the girls race with a 20:20 time, while sophomore Jenny Lopez ran 25:57 and finished seventh.

She described the feeling of exhilaration from running strong and injury free. "It's the closest feeling you can come to flying with your feet still touching the ground occasionally."

Her words of cheerful encouragement for teammates and opponents rang loud as she ran around the course's perimeter and voiced, "You've got this!"

Seniors Diana Cardenas and Kendra Gardner, sophomore Elizabeth Kannely and senior Emma Kannely all completed the 3.1-mile course and rounded out the field of 17. Davis defeated Sunnyside, 20-41.

The girls team sported translucent handmade bows with fancy ribbon, which has evolved into a tradition to honor the squad's close-knit bond and last home meet, Condie said.

"On a day like today, we're actually able to race like a team, which is something that we aren't always able to do in an invitational," White conveyed.

In the dual competition,

the top runners can be held back to run and pull along the other three team members. The goal is to achieve better performances from them, according to coach.

The varsity boys were led by seniors Reid Weaver and Joshua Oliver, who finished first and second overall. Juniors Jason Jalifi came in fourth and Jacob Martinez sixth, sophomore Luke Weaver ninth, junior Jory Anderson 10th and freshman Caden Condie 12th.

"Both Jason and Jake ran huge PRs (personal records) today and that was the difference for the meet," White stated. The Grizzly boys pulled away from the Pirates in resounding form, 22-34.

Weaver has been running in the district lead since the limited season began on March 3. He's led the Grizzlies' team to two consecutive victories, while earning three individual race victories against Eisenhower, Prosser and now Davis.

He established a new 5,000-meter school record with a 15:28 against Prosser on Saturday, March 13.

The Grizzlies' team has won two consecutive duals and Weaver is looking forward to making his mark at the league championship in Yakima on April 1.

Oliver's prominent impact on the team, along with his ability for running side-by-side with Weaver, has boosted the Grizzlies' competitive drive and team achievements.

"Our goal was to pace some of the other guys, Jason and Jacob, who are our third and fourth runners. So, we started out the first three laps, all four of us stuck together the whole time. Which in years past, I've never had an opportunity to do. Today was a great day for that," Weaver described.

Weaver posted a 16:15 mark and Oliver finished 12 seconds behind as the one-two punch elevated the team to another victory.

"I would say it's really fulfilling. Because the past four years, that's been my goal to help build the program and get it bigger."

SHS girls swim team races with winning freestyle edge

Season ends
Thursday at Lions
Pool, Yakima

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The Grizzlies girls swim team may be small in number but their competitive nature bears witness to a strong collective for individual achievement, united together with a freestyle edge all their own.

Sunnyside's four-member squad: freshman Jesady Siller; sophomores Jessiela Gill and Yazlyn Ramirez; junior J'Naya Siller is coached by Nena Yanez, who was an assistant for two years prior to taking over this fall season.

"I love being the girls swim coach because my two kids that are in high school now, they competed in summer



Sunnyside's Jessiela Gill practices the breast stroke before competing in the 100 yard race against Davis.

league as well," Yanez stated. "I love it because I'm on the summer board. So, I've been around swim for quite a long time."

Most Sunnyside aquatic athletes swim and practice only in the summer as a club member of the Sharks. There is not an indoor area

pool facility, which is open throughout the year to support the development and training of student athletes.

Regular season practice is Monday through Wednesday and on Friday at the Dalrymple's family pool, who own Cliff's Septic see **SWIMMING**, page B2

SHS GIRLS SWIMMING

MARCH 11 RESULTS

LIONS POOL

Dual meet: West Valley 90, Sunnyside 17

50 freestyle: Jessiela Gill 31.51, first place, 6 points, Yazlyn Ramirez 35.89, fourth, 2 pts.

100 free: Yazlyn Ramirez 1:22.66, third, 3 pts.

100 breast: Jessiela Gill 1:27.26, first, 6 pts.

MARCH 18 RESULTS

Dual meet: Davis 86, Sunnyside 27

50 freestyle: Jessiela Gill 31.73, first place, 6 points, J'Naya Siller 31.77, second, 4 pts., Jesady Siller 32.64, third, 3 pts.

100 free: J'Naya Siller 1:15.29, third, 3 points, Yazlyn Ramirez 1:23.67, fourth, 2 pts.

200 free relay: Yazlyn Ramirez, Jessiela Gill, Jesady Siller, J'Naya Siller Disqualified.

100 breast: Jessiela Gill 1:27.39, first place, 6 pts., Jesady Siller 1:40.96, third, 3 pts.



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Football

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
03/26	West Valley (Yakima)	West Valley High School	7:00 P.M.
03/26	West Valley (Yakima)	West Valley High School	7:00 P.M.
04/02	Davis High School	Sunnyside High School	7:00 P.M.

Cross Country

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
02/27	TBD	Sunnyside High School	11:00 A.M.
03/03	West Valley (Yakima)	Sunnyside High School	4:15 P.M.
03/06	Eisenhower	Eisenhower High School	10:00 A.M.
03/11	Eisenhower	Franklin Park	3:30 P.M.
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03/13	Prosser	Sunnyside High School	11:30 A.M.
03/17	Davis	Sunnyside High School	4:15 P.M.

Slow Pitch Softball

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
03/23	Eisenhower	Eisenhower High School	4:00 PM
03/23	Eisenhower	Eisenhower High School	6:00 PM
03/25	Davis High	Sunnyside High School	4:00 PM
03/25	Davis High	Sunnyside High School	6:00 PM
03/30	West Valley (Yakima)	Sunnyside High School	4:00 PM
03/30	West Valley (Yakima)	Sunnyside High School	6:00 PM
04/01	Eisenhower	Sunnyside High School	4:00 PM
04/01	Eisenhower	Sunnyside High School	6:00 PM

Girls Soccer

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
03/23	Eisenhower	Sunnyside High School	6:00 PM
03/27	West Valley (Yakima)	Sunnyside High School	1:00 PM
03/30	Davis	Sunnyside High School	6:00 PM
04/03	Eisenhower	Eisenhower High School	1:00 PM

Girls Volleyball

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
03/23	Eisenhower	Eisenhower High School	7:00 PM
03/23	Eisenhower	Eisenhower High School	7:00 PM
03/25	West Valley	West Valley High School	7:00 PM
03/25	West Valley (Yakima)	West Valley High School	7:00 PM
03/30	Davis	Davis High School	7:00 PM
03/30	Davis	Davis High School	7:00 PM
04/01	Eisenhower	Sunnyside High School	7:00 PM

Girls Swimming

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
03/11	Davis High School	Lions Pool	3:00 PM
03/18	Davis High School	Lions Pool	3:00 PM
03/25	Davis High School	Lions Pool	3:00 PM

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swiped the ball from his hands around Sunnyside's 20-yard line and sprinted in for the TD with :10 remaining. The extra point was good, and the Mustangs were out in front, 14-6.
"I'm upset with myself. We're all upset with ourselves right now. I mean, we'll bounce back and there's another game. It's just like this our record is zero and zero. Let's keep pushing ourselves," Sandoval expressed.

He spoke about on field accountability, making no excuses on the play and added, "We'll just fix our mistakes and stuff and come back ready to get on the field."

The quick hitting play appeared to dramatically alter the energy of the 'home sweet home' themed event, which left a select few of Grizzly Nation in attendance dazed and momentarily confused on what had just happened.

Prosser received the second half kickoff and efficiently drove down the field to the Grizzlies' seven-yard line. Senior running back Kase Tuttle rambled in for the TD in 1:36. The PAT was good, and the Mustangs increased their lead, 21-6.

The Grizzlies offense answered with a fourth down, 14-yard TD pass from Rodriguez to Sandoval. The two-point conversion was successful, and Sunnyside cut the lead, 21-14 with 7:37 remaining in the quarter.

Needing less than two-minutes to answer with a score of their own, Inions plunged in from the three-yard line for the TD. Following the successful PAT,

Prosser increased their lead, 28-14.

On Sunnyside's next possession, facing a third down and 10 from their own 27-yard line, Rodriguez connected with freshman wide receiver Noah McNair on a bubble screen catch and run for the 73-yard TD to cut the deficit, 28-21 with 4:35 left in the quarter.

"We didn't know that the corner was going to come down for the running back, so the safety came on me and I just made a good play. He tried to tackle me, he missed, and I was gone," McNair explained.

The scoring reception was his second of the season and coming against Prosser made it even, he excitedly said. McNair had 5 receptions for 120 yards and one TD.

Rodriguez completed 31 of 45 passing attempts for 332 yards and 2 TDs without an interception for the second consecutive game. He also rushed 7 times for 15 yards.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Grizzlies offense was on the move. After McNair found a soft spot in Prosser's cover two defense, he brought down Rodriguez's pass in between two defenders. The speedster turned up field and was brought down at the Mustangs' 35.

On the next play, Newhouse sprinted around the left edge and broke into the secondary, dragging the defensive back for 11 yards before he was wrestled down at the 19.

Sophomore wide receiver Brent Maldonado hauled in a short pass and turned up



SHS sophomore running back Devin Escamilla creates an open running lane during the Grizzlies' homecoming football game against Prosser early in the first quarter on Friday, March 19.

field toward the end zone. He was at the 10-yard line when the cornerback stripped him of the ball and Prosser recovered.

The Grizzlies defense would hold their ground and provide the offense with one last series to tie or win the game. With 2:11 remaining in the game, the Grizzlies began from their own 35-yard line. A personal foul penalty by the Prosser defense moved the ball to Mustangs' 40 with :38.

Rodriguez stood tall in the pocket but was quick to move outside the Prosser pass rush and out of bounds to stop the clock. On three consecutive plays, the signal caller under

duress maintained his composure and was able set up the Grizzlies for one last play from the 21 with :04 left.

As time expired and the pass rush was bearing down on him, Rodriguez attempted to find Sandoval crossing toward the left hash mark about four yards deep in the end zone. He was forced to let the ball go early and missed the well covered receiver as the Grizzlies fell to 2-1 on the season.

Sunnyside visits West Valley High School, 7 p.m., Friday, March 26

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Service. Most of the girls concentrate on working out their own individual strokes, while practicing technique and their speed, coach acknowledged.

"Last year and this year, has been quite a challenge," Yanez described. Before COVID-19, there were a lot of freshmen from the summer league who wanted to join the team. Once the pandemic hit, the health restrictions put a damper on the program, she explained.

"When the season opened

very quickly, I couldn't get the freshmen in because I couldn't get a hold of them and when I did, they were very hesitant. It was just bad timing," Yanez described.

Her swimmers challenge and hold their own on an individual basis against Columbia Basin Big Nine teams based on the size and number of events swimmers participate in but it's the competition between one another, which brings out the best in them.

"They've got a little spiky

spunk in them," she conveyed.

They swim against league teams weekly on Thursdays at Lions Pool. The limited three-week season began on March 11 and ends on the 25th.

"Overall, in their single events, most of the girls have been coming in first, second or third coach reported. "Most of the time, they want to swim the same events," she reported.

One of the individual events the Grizzly girls make a consistent winning splash

in is the 50-yard freestyle event. They routinely placed swimmers among the top three spots.

"I've told the ladies; I know you want to beat your times and you want to do good in your swim. But right now, let's just go out there and have some fun... to experience the feeling of participating in the sport they love," coach Yanez expressed.

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VALLEY LANES BOWLING REPORT

COFFEE TRIO
March 11, 2021
HIGH SERIES - Ruthie Lynch, 460 (156-170-134); Sharon Thornton, 460 (169-143-148); Linda Goede, 422 (161-136-125) / SERIES OVER AVERAGE - Sharon Thornton, 76 / HIGH AVERAGE - Sue Rice, 160.16

COMMERCIAL WINTER 2020
March 11, 2021
HIGH SERIES - Brad Morrow, 650 (171-235-244); Tanner Schaneman, 622 (190-207-225); Charles Jacobs, 602 (196-183-223) / SERIES OVER AVERAGE - Mario Orozco, 74; Eliud Torrez, 55; Matt Kitzke, 44 / HIGH AVERAGE - Brad Morrow, 207.94

VALLEY LANES JRS WINTER 2020
March 14, 2021
HIGH BOYS SERIES - Pedro Canales, 533 (163-204-166); Reicher Bussert, 446 (116-162-168); Josiah Chavez, 358 (122-112-124) / HIGH BOYS AVERAGE - Pedro Canales, 164.17 / HIGH GIRLS SERIES - Liliana Munoz, 347 (116-95-136); Celeste Garcia, 256 (101-84-71) / HIGH GIRLS AVERAGE - Bailey Hazzard, 151.06

LOWER VALLEY SCRATCH
March 15, 2021
HIGH MENS SERIES - Rob Rice, 830 (184-217-211-218); Brad Morrow, 811

(213-204-203-191); Tanner Schaneman, 785 (211-173-211-190) / HIGH MENS AVERAGE - Rob Rice, 212.62 / HIGH WOMENS SERIES - Steph Luke, 910 (278-241-193-198); Anna Gomez, 677 (217-138-146-176); Cheyenne Bird, 564 (155-139-123-147) / HIGH WOMENS AVERAGE - Steph Luke, 192.95

SUN VALLEY MIXED WINTER 2020
March 16, 2021
HIGH MENS SERIES - Dylan Clampitt, 505 (174-168-163); Juan Pacheco, 492 (163-160-169); Nathan Shipley, 450 (112-135-203) / HIGH WOMENS SERIES - Ellen Curtiss, 489 (194-157-138); Ellen Kastl, 421 (143-141-137); Debbie Mendoza, 411 (126-139-146)

SUPERBOWL
March 17, 2021
HIGH MENS SERIES - Rob Rice, 669 (211-223-235); Jon Peton, 586 (195-157-234); Deland Olney, 578 (168-213-197) / MENS SERIES OVER AVERAGE - Ben Ortiz, 63 / HIGH MENS AVERAGE - Rob Rice, 215.38 / HIGH WOMENS SERIES - Stephanie Luke, 588 (224-158-206); Sue Rice, 486 (168-182-136); Ellen Curtiss, 412 (143-134-135) / WOMENS SERIES OVER AVERAGE - Shelly Colley, 42 / HIGH WOMENS AVERAGE - Stephanie Luke, 185.95

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