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SOCCER

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Spokane. But, he said, it's been good. He said the team's been training hard and it's paid off with an undefeated start to the season.

Othello head coach Bernie Garza said his team kept the pressure high in the first half, looking to take advantage on the scoreboard before dropping back a bit to protect the lead in the second.

Garza said playing in what he said is one of the toughest leagues in the state for boys soccer, the Central Washington Athletic Conference, every season has helped his team adjust to facing off against a completely new set of opponents and play style.

"It's nice playing in the GSL because you see different teams, different strategies, but we've come to realize they play more of an aggressive, physical, 'I'm gonna run you over' type of soccer," Garza said. "We're more

ROUNDUP

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Sanchez gave up just one hit to Quincy Tuesday afternoon in addition to tossing 10 strikeouts. Chenoa Louie finished 3-4 from the plate for Royal with three RBIs, a double, triple and home run. Randi Allred added three RBIs as well. Five Knights players finished the game with two or more RBIs. Other scores

Ephrata 16, Wenatchee 8

Othello 10, Clarkston

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Wahluke 8, Chelan 1 Almira/Coulee-Hartline 21, Waterville 5 of a ticky-tacky, ticky-tacky style and then get our goals. We still play physical, but not as physical as them."

Garza expressed hope the physicality his team has learned can carry over to the CWAC next season. He said it's a huge benefit having a strong program, with more than 60 players between C team, junior varsity and varsity.

With no season last spring, he said last year's JV kids have stepped up in a big way on varsity this season. Garza said he expects next year's

crop to do the same.
"We just reload,"
Garza said. "Next year,
we've got a good group
of kids coming up, so it's
never-ending."

Thirteen Othello seniors played their final regular season home game on Thursday afternoon. Garza said he's been coaching most of these players since they were little and added they've been a great group of seniors to coach.

Next for Othello is a match on the road against Rogers High School Tuesday at 4 p.m.

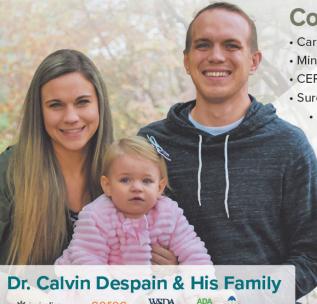


Juan Diego
Lauriano fires
in a cross
from the side
of the field in
the first half
for Othello
High School
in the win
over Pullman
Thursday
afternoon.

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