

## Ferris quarterback having a great season

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**LEWIS AND CLARK**

It's a blustery Friday night in Joe Albi Stadium. The lights are blaring and the spirited crowd, oblivious to the cold, chants Ferris cheers.

The Saxons are confident as ever, and rightly so, with Connor Halliday helming the quarterback spot.

Dropping back to pass he finds his league-leading receiver, Aaron Roberts, in the corner for another first down. This has been the story for Mr. Halliday this season and because of this he's gained the attention of many scouts from top schools across the country.

The Ferris varsity quarterback has had a breakout season throwing for 1,033 yards in only one hundred attempts so far this season. With this success comes offers from powerhouse football schools.

Halliday said that schools such as Stanford, Idaho and Boise State have contacted him. Halliday says he's quite sure he sees himself playing at Boise State, saying "My dad went there and it's just a place I'd like to play football."

For most people an air of arrogance would accompany this kind of success. However, Halliday seemed to have his feet on the ground, attributing much of his success to his teammates.

"I got great receivers all around me ... watching [game] film and studying defense has really helped me," he said.

Thinking about each game and not over-confidently overlooking a team has also been key.

When asked what his most satisfying win was he modestly stated that it will "hopefully [be] tonight" against the well-respected Central Valley squad, but when prodded further he admitted that Ferris' win against Mount Spokane earlier this year was his favorite, "they had beaten us last time and it was a game we needed."

Halliday's transfer from Lewis and Clark to Ferris was somewhat controversial, as the 2009-2010 school year now looks bleak for Lewis and Clark football as their starting quarterback, Taylor Eglet, who led them to a state title last year, will be graduating after this season.

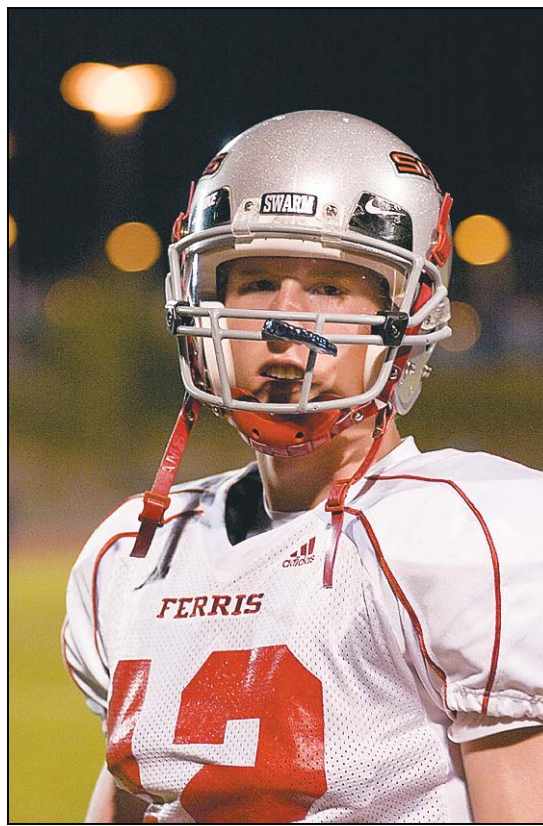
Although some were upset over Halliday's decision he said that his move "wasn't one hundred percent football related, but it was somewhat football related."

If he would not have changed schools he most likely wouldn't have gotten to start until his senior year, something that would sadden most high school football fans.

He feels it was the right decision however, and based on his success it's hard to disagree. "I love LC, I had so much fun there. They didn't do anything wrong, it's just that Ferris is a better fit for me," he said.

But amidst all that the coy quarterback definitely has a bright future ahead of him with college football only two years away.

What's to come after that not even he fully knows, but you can be sure that it will be glittering with success.



Courtesy of Mark Mulhien  
Connor Halliday looking toward the sideline before a play.

## Title IX: What's a first down again?



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Big, broad-shouldered boys are the one and only thing I care about when it comes to football.

Our team could be losing, and I wouldn't care. The other team could take our star quarterback and while at first I'd cry because what stud with golden curls will I salivate over now, I really wouldn't care as long as the wide receivers are running down the field.

The cheerleaders could totally collapse tragically while attempting a pyramid, the senior captain laying under a heap of pompoms, her ankle twisted haphazardly, and I really just wouldn't give a flying hoot.

The ball could be made of pink feathers for all I care. Actually, hold that thought... can we take that into consideration? A few rhinestones would just sparkle as that ball glides across the field. But I guess they might pop off when all of those sweaty boys tackle each other. You would think their mothers would have taught them to share.

You know, it would be so much better if they just gave each team a ball. Then those nasty Bandits from Boise wouldn't have to even worry about our guys, and then our quarterback could strut the halls another day.

Don't get me wrong, I want our team to win. But I couldn't care less if we score a touch up - which reminds me, I hate having that black face paint in big ugly stripes across my face, I always have to run to the bathroom between thirds to do a touch up on my make up. And don't get me started on the poor boys!

They paint themselves with those stupid stripes and then, when they take off their big ridiculous looking helmets, it is dripping down their face and it's only half time!

Which is another thing, why do they have to wear all that junk? They would run so much faster if they were shirtless. But no, of course not. They have to wear those bulky shoulder pads that make the ones in my grandma's old dresses look puny.

I will admit, the tailor that designed football pants did our boys' justice. Big bubble butts of football boys are my weakness, and are the sole reason for my attendance to each of our football games.

At least it would be if I was your "typical" girl. Back in the day, in 1972, it came up that maybe there should be the same female athletic programs at there was male athletic programs. So why, in those thirty some odd years, have high schools yet to encourage female athletes to try out for football? Sure, girls tend to be smaller (and as those with a "superior" thought process believe, are thus weaker), but we are cunning, fast, and have the potential to be extremely quick thinkers.

I will credit the fact that other than football and wrestling, athletic programs are about even. At least, with teams being coached and girls playing. But why is it that a home football game's attendance doubles that of a home volleyball game? Don't volleyball players deserve the same pumped up shouting crowd as the football boys do?

Either way, when it comes to girls and athletics, our abilities, talent, and potential are often dismissed. The reason for our dismissal is often being that we are female and all we care about is if our boys won their game and if they wear those tight fitting pants.

Female or not, don't question our intelligence. I know what a first down is, and not all of us girls need a guy to explain to us that as a wide receiver. You are the burly one that catches the ball to score the game-winning touchdown with great shoulders...

## Spokane Braves: Junior hockey league team is great opportunity for young hockey players

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**NORTH CENTRAL**

When fans think of hockey in Spokane, they think of the Chiefs. Very few actually know about the Spokane Braves.

The Spokane Braves are a member of the Kootenay International Junior Hockey League other wise known as the KIJHL. The KIJHL is known as the premier junior B-league in all of Canada.

The league is composed of 16 teams, Spokane being the only United States team. "We put the I in the KIJHL," assistant coach Todd Ulrich said.

Chase, Castlegar, Nelson, Grand Forks, Beaver Valley, Kamloops, Summerland, Princeton, Revelstoke, Sicamous, Creston Valley, Kimberly, Columbia Valley, Golden and Fernie join Spokane in the KIJHL.

The 2008-2009 season team is comprised of 23 players, 13 of which are in high school, some going to schools in Spokane including Central Valley, University, Gonzaga Prep, Mead, Mt. Spokane, Ferris and Lewis and Clark.

Twelve of the 23 players are local players from Spokane, the others coming from Alaska, Idaho, Seattle, Colorado and Wenatchee. Eight of the 23 are returning players.

Local player Dylan Tappe has been playing hockey for 14 years and is playing in his first year with the Braves. He is a sophomore at Ferris High School. "It keeps your mind off of family and school," Tappe said when asked what he enjoys most about hockey.

"The Braves are a great opportunity for local players who want to be hockey players in the future to develop," Ulrich

said.

The Braves are an affiliate of the Spokane Chiefs and the WHL. Former Brave Sean Zimmerman, now apart of the New Jersey Devils organization, played for the Spokane Chiefs after playing with the Braves.

Spokane's own Derek Ryan was a part of the National Canadian College Championship team, also played with the Spokane Chiefs after playing with the Braves. Seth Compton is currently a member of the Spokane Chiefs team and was apart of the Spokane Chiefs Memorial Cup championship team is also a Braves Alumni.

"Getting to know players and helping them develop into better hockey players and men," third year assistant-coach Ryan Skier said when asked his favorite part about being a coach.

The season consists of 52 games (26 home and 26 away), which started on Sept. 12 and will end on Feb. 21.

The goal is the Cyclone Taylor Cup, which the greatest teams from the Pacific Interior Junior Hockey League, the Victoria Junior Hockey League and the Kootenay International Junior Hockey League, compete for.

All of the Braves home games are replayed at Eagles Ice Arena in North Spokane. "From a community stand point players and coaches help out the minor hockey association which is made up of 400 families and the minor hockey association helps the Braves out as well," Ulrich said.

Boulder Colorado native Alex Lelwica, the Braves captain is playing in his third season with the Braves, being one of the four twenty year old players.

After playing in his final season with the Braves Lelwica hopes to play division three out east or go to school.



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Alex Lelwica bringing the puck down the ice.

## North Central cross country boys can't be outrun

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**EAST VALLEY**

Imagine: Number one in the nation. Few teams can claim such an honor, and yet, the North Central Cross Country Team takes it all in stride.

Each week, the North Central runners methodically beat their opponents with a varying race strategy that, according to Coach Jonathon Knight, "teaches kids the components of good racing" without "micro-managing their race strategy."

At practice, North Central runners work more off of a Bowerman system than a Lydiarn system, which focuses more on quality than on quantity.

These runners also run twice a day, year round, and according to Knight, "[take] care of the little things that [really] add up."

A strong commitment to the team keeps runners motivated and ensures that they will give it their all--week in and week out. At North Central, "motivation is intrinsic" Knight said. Each runner inherently knows to give his all for the good of the team. Being the best helps too because after all, winning becomes easier once you get in the habit of it.

Sound race strategy, quality practice methods, and a strong motivation to the team have facilitated North Central's rise to the number one 3A cross country team in the nation.

Defeating opponents week in and week out, NC cross country runners are fun to watch, and they give their community a team to be proud of. However, being number one does come with its drawbacks. As Knight said, "being number one has a lot of pressure. We feel an obligation to do our best for our school and community."

North Central is lead by Andrew Kimpel, Leon Dean and Jeff Howard. At the Richland Invitational, one of the most competitive races of the 2008 season, Kimpel won the race with a time of 14:57. Dean and Howard got third and fourth place with times in the low 15's.

Overall, North Central took first place in the meet, beating its closest opponent by 43 points.

North Central's top three will be hard to replace. However, Knight is confident that he has "some excellent young runners (to) fill the big shoes" left by Kimpel, Dean and Howard.

North Central is once again a favorite at state this year. Kimpel, who took second at state last year, is this year's favorite to win state.

After the state competition, Nov. 8, North Central will compete in the regional meet in Boise. If the Indian runners can place in the top two, they will advance to nationals, where Knight hopes for, barring injury, "a top four finish at the national meet."

## Megan Lindsay leads Bullpups

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**GONZAGA PREP**

Passion. Commitment. Heart. The key elements of soccer are expressed through Megan Lindsay, forward for the Gonzaga Prep varsity soccer team.

Lindsay, varsity player for four years, has led the GSL in goals scored for the past two years. "She scores goals- it's her number one talent," Prep's varsity soccer coach Christian Birrer said.

Lindsay is the all-time leading scorer in Spokane with over thirty goals credited to her since her freshman year.

"I really like the moment where our team scores the winning goal...but I really love the celebration after with my teammates," Lindsay said. "[I've played] ever since I could walk, basically.

Probably since I was five." But this soccer star is not just a one-sport player. Lindsay is involved in track in the spring months. She is involved in the 100, 200 and 400 meter and the 4x400 relay team.

Last season, the 4x4 team Lindsay competed on was able to place fourth in state.

Even with two hours added on to each day at the beginning and end of the school year, Lindsay was able to maintain a 3.5 grade point average her junior year, working on homework three to four hours every night.

On top of her already busy school-week, Lindsay travels to Seattle to play club soccer every weekend in the spring.

Although this is Lindsay's last season of school soccer, she has verbally committed to Seattle Pacific University. Pacific's soccer team currently has a record of 11-1.

"She's not done growing as a player. She hasn't reached her full potential as a player yet, so it will be exciting to see how far she goes," Birrer said.



Megan Lindsay, senior at Gonzaga Prep, gains control of the ball.

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