

Lady Beavs march to easy wins Eagles prey on Dillon gridders

The Dillon Lady Beavers easily handled Central A opponents Butte Central and Belgrade last week to stretch their season mark to 4-2 and increase the odds that they will be ranked higher than fifth in this week's power poll.

Dillon routed Butte Central 56-42 in Dillon Thursday night in a game which provided Dillon the opportunity to work on bringing the ball up against pressure defense. Butte Central has a short bunch, but they worked hard and Dillon handled the pressure with ease.

Dillon was led in scoring by Mandi Carver with 22 and saw Jen Edwards assert herself on the offensive ends both nights. Versus Central, Edwards hooped 18, and Alison Burlingame added 12. Reserve Lindsey Lalicker had her best scoring game with 9 points and grabbed a team-high eight rebounds.

Dillon off guard Jamie McDowell sat the game out with a knee problem giving Laura Scott an opportunity for more playing time.

And that highlighted the weekend as Dillon easily crushed Belgrade, 3-1 going into the game, giving Dillon coach Kami Kennedy more time to work on her bench.

Belgrade featured two six-footers and a zone look on defense. Dillon handled the change in defensive philosophy quite easily in scoring the 73-48 win.

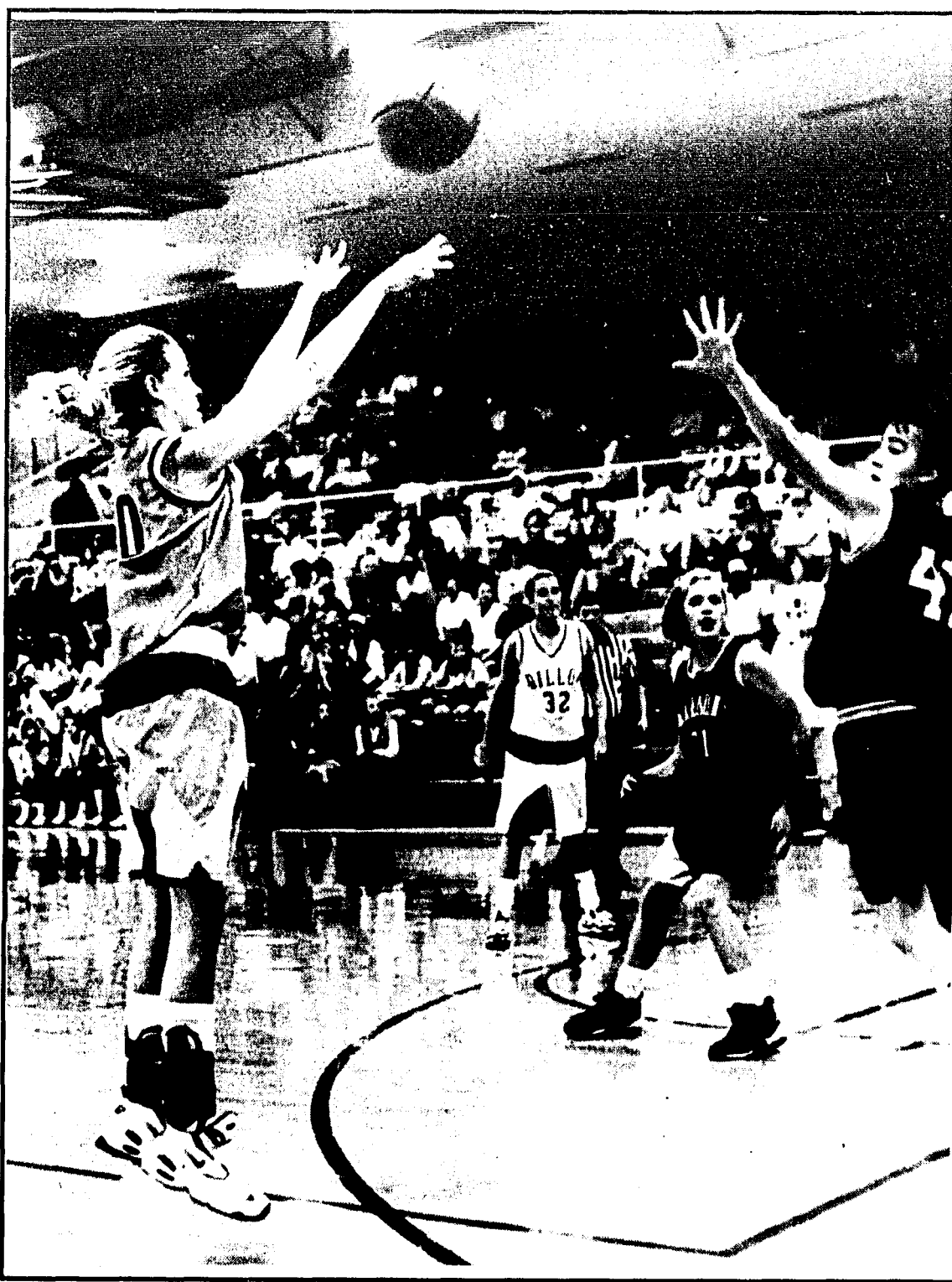
Carver knocked down 19, Edwards 16, Burlingame 12 and Leslie Williams 10 as Dillon worked the ball inside on the zone.

Dillon outrebounded the tall Belgrade girls 37-26 with Carver hauling in 14.

"We played pretty well over in Belgrade and came out with good intensity and again as in the Butte Central game, I think our defense created a lot of scoring opportunity right from the beginning."

Leading the Dillon defenders were Carver and Lalicker with two blocks each, and Burlingame with seven steals over the weekend.

Dillon forced Central into 18 turnovers and Belgrade into 20.



Outside the arc

Dillon's Laura Scott fires up a three-pointer versus Butte Central during Thursday night's win over the Central A rival. Because of an injury to Jamie McDowell, Scott earned her first varsity start that night. J.P. Plutt photo

The Dillon Beavers hosted Lewistown, a Central A playoff hopeful, Friday night in Dillon and lost 31-19 in a contest determined by Dillon's turnovers and the control of the offensive line of scrimmage by the Eagles.

Dillon, still reeling from key personnel losses the week before in Butte, fell behind 24-6 in the third quarter, rallied for two touchdowns to cut the lead to five points, 24-19, and then were put away on a 63-yard touchdown pass and carry by Lewistown.

The injury bug continued to haunt Dillon on the first play of the game as Luke Pannell was lost for the season with a dislocated knee cap. Pannell plays both the slot back on offense and end on the other side of the ball, costing the Beavers two starters.

"We just didn't have a back-up that plays his position that was physical enough to handle some of the blocking schemes that he does so it really kind of threw us in a little disarray right off the bat," said Dillon coach Terry Thomas.

Pannell provided key blocking on the outside from the slot back position that helped Chad Rice get outside on sweeps and tosses. Without his block, Dillon had to drop the plays from the game plan.

In the Dillon system, the outside run sets up the inside run and vice-versa. They compliment each other and when they're working, the passing game gets going. Pannell's injury put a serious crimp in the Dillon offensive strategy.

On top of that, Lewistown brought one of their best team's in a long time to Dillon. Coach Gary Gebert has 26 seniors on the roster, the most he's had in the ten years he's been at Lewistown. He says they've had success in junior high and subvarsity so it's not surprising the team has playoff aspirations this year.

"They're a pretty confident bunch," said Gebert. "They think they can get the job done this year."

Dillon opened the scoring after recovering a fumbled kickoff. With a short field, Dillon drove 30 yards in three plays, the last being a 24-yard Joe Lucon run to the end zone.

Lewistown gave the majority of the offensive work to fullback Eric Jeidi who would gain 116 yards on 31 carries and score two touchdowns. The key to the Eagle success was their line work, especially that of Dusty Dobbell, a 6-1, 250-pound senior.

"The difference I thought was the offensive and defensive lines," said Gebert. "I thought we had a little more experience up there than we did in the past."

Thomas agreed with Gebert's assessment. "Overall, Lewistown is a real good football team and we give them a lot of credit. They played well on offense, defense and special teams and basically for the most part throughout the evening handled the line of scrimmage."

Compounding Dillon's problems were costly turnovers. The Beavers lost three fumbles and threw two interceptions.

"Lewistown was strong enough up front that they could just hammer the ball in when they had the short field and came away with points and that was probably the difference in the game," said Thomas.

Lewistown's last score in the first half came on a 32-yard field goal by Eric Harrison, a senior who kicked a state record 9 extra points in a game last week versus Browning and for his career has connected on 23 straight extra points and six straight field goals.

Dillon came back strong in the third quarter with a touchdown by Chad Rice from three yards out and a Pete Lucon touchdown reception from Just Humphrey. But the big pass play from Lewistown stole the momentum back.

BCHS Cross country runners stay on road for two meets

The Beavers cross-country teams competed at Butte High's meet at Stodden Park at the Highland Golf Course on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

The B3eavers competed with Missoula and Bozeman AA teams for the first time this year. A Bozeman senior finished first, and Lyle

Weese second with a 15:56. Katie Benzel finished third with a 19:32.

The course, coach Shannon Anderson said, was fast, with a perfect temperature for running. Running on the varsity team for Dillon were

Luke Weese; Kevin Barnhart; Adam Barnhart; Kevin Monaco, Jason Parke,

Nathaniel Kelley and Toby Roscoe.

On the girls' team were Katie Benzel, DanaLynn Thurman, Darann Glaus, Shauna Johnston, Kandis Harrison, Meghan Johnston and Whitney Ward.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the teams ran on a varied terrain in Washoe Park in Anaconda. Once again the weather was perfect and the competition tough. Weese was untouched, running a 16:33, with Benzel at third with 20:03. The teams were the same, except Keith Barnhart ran in the seventh slot and Cyper replaced Ward on the girls' team.

The team travels to Chico Hot Springs Saturday.

Cross Country Meet Anaconda

Boys:
Adam Barnhart: 19:08
Keith Barnhart: 22:09
Kevin Barnhart: 18:15
Cody Benzel: 22:01
Ryan Carpenter: 21:27

Nathaniel Kelley: 20:29
Jason Parke: 19:26
Toby Roscoe: 19:54
Adam Taylor: 21:45
Dustin Thurman: 22:56
John Valach: 22:34
Steven VanMarter: 26:20
Mtt Vinson: 20:36
Lyle Weese: 16:35

Girls:

Katie Benzel: 20:03
AprilCypher: 24:39
Brandy Dingley: 26:33
Darann Glaus: 21:43
Kandis Harrison: 26:26
Meghan Johnston: 23:25
Shauna Johnston: 24:07
Suzy Mock: 26:17
Carla Simonsen: 26:59
DanaLynn Thurman: 23:04
Whitney Ward: 24:15

Repeat the word at P, P, & K

The Dillon Jaycees staging of the NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick competition drew 44 entrants, 44 boys and two girls, to Vigilante Field on Sunday. Each contestant got one practice attempt in each of the three events with accuracy and distance accounting for the scores. Following the practice round, the footballers made one attempt in pass, punt and kick for their official score.

Four of the six champions, Jeff Allen, Torrey Thomas, Tyler Thomas and Tanya Lalicker, were repeat winners from last year. The other two champions were Rachel Landon and Zach McRae. The

champions advance to the sectional meet in Helena, Oct. 19, at 1:00 p.m.

1997 NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick

Boys 8-9 (18 entrants)—1, Zach McRae, 142-7; 2, Nathan Mooney, 136-8; 3, Dana Ori, 129-3.

Boys 10-11 (11 entrants)—1, Jeff Allen, 202-3; 2, Sam O'rey, 193-1; 3, Casey Kelly, 181-9.

Boys 12-13 (9 entrants)—1, Torrey Thomas, 282-11; 2, Kyle Tash, 233-6; 3, Zachery Danelson, 204-11.

Boys 14-15 (8 entrants)—1, Tyler Thomas, 346-9; 2, Dan Martinsen, 346-4; 3, Tyrel Munday, 250-6.

Girls 10-11 (1 entrant)—1, Rachel Landon, 111-3.

Girls 12-13 (1 entrant)—1, Tanya Lalicker, 89-10.

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hear is "quarterback controversy" and Kludt is quick to dispell thoughts of one on the WMC campus. "We're by no means backing away from Byron," said the coach. "He's going to be our starter again next game. But you can see we've got two pretty darn good quarterbacks. One just had a bad day, the other had a good day."

Kludt said Molyneaux earned the starting job in spring ball. Duchien was previously in the program but transferred to Linfield College last year before coming back for this campaign. Duchien is a junior.

"I think ability-wise they're pretty darn equal, confidence-wise they're pretty darn equal, it's pretty hard tough to separate the two."

While Western played two quarterbacks, Humboldt ran three different signal callers in and out of the game in a truly unsettled quarterback situation. They combined for 19 completions on 33 attempts for 176 yards.

Western offensive guard Dan Perina went down in the second quarter with a strained knee. Kludt was unsure of the timetable, but felt the 6-4, 300 pound sophomore would soon return.

WMC golfers compete at Missoula

The Western Montana College women's golf team completed the Grizzly Fall Classic at Missoula Country Club sixth place versus Big Sky Conference opponents in action that concluded Tuesday afternoon.

The home standings University of Montana won the meet with a three round total of 940, topping runner-up Eastern Washington by 14 strokes. Western, in their first year of competitive golf, trailed the field with a 1,208 stroke count on the par 72, 5,865 yard course.

The Lady Bulldogs brought up the rear in the individual standings as well, placing 28th through 33rd. Only Allyson Bowers of Gonzaga finished lower than any

of the WMC golfers, with a 343 stroke count and 34th place finish.

Kori Brown led WMC with a 293, with Janell Taylor just one stroke back. Linda Jordan, a new face on the team, placed 32nd with a score of 332.

Grizzly Fall Classic at Missoula Country Club Team results—University of Montana 940, Eastern Washington 954, Cal State Northridge 979, Portland State 1,006, Gonzaga University 1,030, Western Montana College 1,208. Medalist—Brenda Hall, Eastern Washington, 78-75-73—226.

WESTERN MONTANA COLLEGE (1,208)—Kori Brown 103-93-96—293; Janelle Taylor 101-97-96—294; Kim Dolan 109-93-104—306; Natalie Nield 105-102-110—317; Linda Jordan 114-100-118—332; Chrissy Engellant 114-121-105—340.

all the way around," said WMC coach Ole Else of the women's team. "There's sure some bright spots. We came back real tough, but it just didn't happen in the short go."

"We got skunked. There's no other way to put it."

Western made the trip to Glendive with 47 contestants and 36 horses. They left most of the horses back east since they return this Thursday for a double rodeo in Miles City. Tate Woodard is a WMC rodeo club member and the horses were left at his families feed lot in Glendive.

"His mom, Jimmi Lou, is keeping them all exercised, so she's a saint," said Else.

potential," said WMC's Sharon Redding. "We had four breakout ropers that came back in the short go and one back in the short go for goat tying. Tali Nelson tipped a barrel to win the long go in barrel racing, so it was just the luck of the draw and the way things happen. We had some bad luck."

The women did have bad luck, but as Redding explained, team members were in position to score points. Nelson timed 17.1 in the barrel racing and 17.3 won the round, but the penalty for tipping a barrel put Nelson out of the short go. So there were a lot of potential points there just as there were in the other events for the women.

"We just had a real tough rodeo



Rambling

Twin Bridges running back Cody Atkins burst through the Arlee line during a game last Friday. Twin crushed Arlee, 36-0.

Twin surprises; Sheridan, Lima fall

If you were at the Twin Bridges versus Arlee game you would have thought Arlee had an awful good chance of winning with their 6-5 quarterback and six players over 200 pounds.

And after getting pounded by Phillipsburg the week before, Twin had doubts of their own. Then the game started and Twin started hammering away at those big boys and at the end won the game 36-0.

"We were questioning ourselves before that game after what happened in Phillipsburg," said Twin Bridges coach Rob Lott. "So it was a pleasant surprise for me and I'm proud of the team for the way they came and played."

Mark Stonebraker led the way offensively and defensively. The running back started the route carrying the ball for Twin's first three touchdowns and he also led a fierce defensive attack with 15 tackles.

On the defensive side, Elex McAlear had 14 tackles and Cody Atkins had 13. Lott felt the play of the defense was the key to the win. Stonebraker rushed the ball 11

for 73 yards, Cody Atchison added 40 yards on 10 carries and McAlear totaled 10 times for 10 yards.

Brooks Todd added an interception return for a touchdown in the third period, one of three Twin interceptions.

Sheridan hosted Harrison/Ennis and just couldn't get the passing game untracked in the 54-8 loss. Four interceptions and a couple fumbles led to the lopsided score.

Sheridan managed 83 yards through the air and 89 on the ground with Don Hanni and Justin Maddison carrying the ball, Mike Burke throwing it, and Mark Troyer, Mike Walters and Greg Leary catching it.

Lima ran into one of the top six-man team's in the state at Reedpoint and felt it in a 70-25 loss. Caleb Ballard didn't finish the game because of injury, but before he left he carried the ball for 226 yards, made 18 tackles, recovered a fumble for a touchdown and ran for two touchdowns.