

HALL OF FAME NIGHT

Ladies and Gentlemen, tonight, in addition to a great football game, is the Weston McEwen Hall of Fame induction night. We will be inducting 3 individuals and one team, and we will be doing it in two stages. The three individuals will be inducted at half time and the team prior to tonight's game.

You will notice on the field tonight a number of individuals who are players and coaches of that 1996 TigerScot Football Team. The roster included 41 players, and were coached by head coach Randy Waite, with assistant coaches John Huntsman, Travis Zander, and Dean Bebb.

The team marched through the regular season undefeated, and were the Columbia Basin Conference Champions. The league at that time consisted of Umatilla, Pilot Rock, Wahtonka, Stanfield, Heppner, and Sherman County.

They entered the 2A playoffs with a 6-0 league record, and 8-0 overall. The first playoff game played on their home field, Weston McEwen faced the Imbler Panthers, which they defeated 34-18, and advanced to quarterfinals.

Their opponent, the Lost River Raiders, traveled to Athena for the quarterfinal game. With many big plays on both sides of the ball, the TigerScots prevailed on a hard-fought game 17-14, and moved on to the Semifinals.

This game was played at Autzen Stadium at the University of Oregon, against the always tough Scio Loggers. With 2 minutes and 20 seconds left in game, Scio scored taking a 16-14 lead. Weston McEwen took the

ensuing kickoff and marched down the field and scored, with a pass from quarterback Casey Perkins to Ben Maney. Final score WM 28, Scio 23.

The dream season ended the following week, with their only loss, in the state finals game to another undefeated team the Dayton Dragons.

With an 11-1 record, this team is the only WM football team, to date, to have played for the state championship. This great team of athletes and coaches are being inducted tonight into the Weston McEwen Hall of Fame.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the 1996 Weston McEwen TigerScot Football team.