

HEPPNER
Heppner downs Regis, advances to final

Heppner's Logan Grieb breaks through a hole in the Regis line in the Mustangs' 26-3 win against the Rams on Saturday in Hillsboro.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Mustangs score 26 unanswered after trailing early

By SAM BARBEE
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HILLSBORO — The No. 2 Heppner Mustangs and the No. 3 Regis Rams entered halftime separated by just three points. The Rams, who beat Heppner in the semifinals two years ago, were making life difficult for the Mustangs.
Or was it the other way around? At the end of the second quarter, Heppner's offense began to hit its stride, and the Mustangs scored 26 unanswered points to advance to its second straight 2A football state championship game with a 26-3

win over Regis at Liberty High School on Saturday.
"Our coach does a good job of making sure that we always keep our mental focus sharp a know to never give up," senior Patrick Collins said.
It took Heppner some time to get going. Head coach Greg Grant said his team was pressing, "trying too hard."
"They care so much," he said. "But sometimes when you care so much you get so amped and so excited, I think that's what we saw."
Kaden Clark threw his second interception of the game with about a minute left in the first quarter, and Regis moved easily to the Heppner 8-yard line on a 10-play drive. But the Mustangs came up with a stop when Rams backup quarterback Adam Wiltsey's pass was nearly
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PENDLETON
T-Wolves cement legacy



The Blue Mountain Community College volleyball team celebrates after beating Clark 25-20 in the fourth set of the NWAC Championships final on Sunday at Greater Tacoma Convention Center. The win capped a 4-1 victory for BMCC, which won its fourth-straight NWAC championship and fifth in six years.

Blue Mountain volleyball caps best run in NWAC history

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TACOMA, Wash. — The Blue Mountain Timberwolves polished off their historic fourth-straight NWAC title with a four-set win over Clark on Sunday at Greater Tacoma Convention Center.

The T-Wolves became the only team in NWAC history to top the bracket four seasons in a row and the only team to win five titles in six seasons by taking the final three sets from Clark.
"It doesn't hit you," sophomore Klaree Hobart said of the historical significance. "I don't think it will

for a while."
The Penguins opened with a 25-23 win, but BMCC took the rest 25-17, 25-22, 25-20.
"They had us down a couple of times and then all of a sudden we were playing like we were tight and they were playing like they had nothing to lose," said BMCC coach

Dave Baty. "I told the girls, 'It's go time. Let's pick things up. Stop trying to win the whole set on one swing and win one play at a time.'
"They were attacking gaps, they weren't trying to go to the pins, and we saw that and made an adjustment. And that's when we really started to tighten things down and

made a big momentum change."
Freshman middle blocker Kristin Williams, of Pendleton, took home Tournament MVP honors for her outstanding play throughout the week and finished the championship match with eight kills and five blocks (one solo, eight assists).
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STANFIELD
Stanfield's historic run ends
Kennedy capitalizes on Tiger mistakes
"We gave them everything we had. The mistakes just killed us."

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

HILLSBORO — It had been 58 years since Stanfield had played in state championship football game, and soon it'll be 59.
The Kennedy Trojans used a brutal rushing attack and an opportunistic defense to beat the Tiger 34-20 Saturday night in an OSAA Class 2A

football semifinal at Liberty High School in Hillsboro.
"That was a great game," Stanfield first-year head coach Davy Salas said. "We gave them everything we had. The mistakes just killed us tonight."

Those mistakes cost Stanfield dearly.
After quarterback Brett Traeger hit Jack Suing for a 17-yard touchdown pass to take a 28-20 lead
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— Davy Salas,
Stanfield head football coach after his team's 34-20 loss to Kennedy in the state semifinals.



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Stanfield's Thyler Monkus attempt to break free from Kennedy's Angel Mendez as he tries to strip the ball in the Tigers' 34-20 loss to the Trojans on Saturday in Hillsboro.