

MUSTANGS: Semifinals are in Hillsboro

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follow, you just know you’re doing the right thing and when you pick your guy and see them going for six, it’s amazing.”

The offense did not start the game as dominant, as the Mustangs’ first drive resulted in one first down before they were forced to punt. But on the next drive Heppner was able to get the ball moving and Dougherty finished the possession with a nine-yard run up the gut into the end zone to break onto the scoreboard with just more than one minute left in the first quarter.

Then a quick three-and-out by Grant Union (6-4) and a partially blocked punt gave the Mustangs the ball at the Prospectors 24 with 40 seconds left in the quarter. Heppner only needed two plays to cash in on the field position before Grieb plunged across the goal line for a three-yard touchdown and a 16-0 Heppner lead after the conversion.

Grant Union’s offense started to show some life early in the second quarter and was finally able to move the ball into Heppner territory. But on a 4th-and-6 from the Mustangs 35, Grant Union quarterback Wade Reimer’s attempted screen pass was intercepted by a leaping Jaca, who used every bit of his 5-foot-8 frame to make the snag, and then returned the ball all the way to the Prospectors 27.

“I got let off easy and immediately clicked in my head to read a screen and watched the QB’s eyes and then just jumped,” Jaca said. “I wasn’t sure if I could reach that one. I don’t get those very often so it was an awesome feeling.”

The turnover set up a one-yard touchdown by Grieb which put Heppner up 28-0 at halftime.

Heppner’s defense didn’t have its sharpest performance overall Saturday, but still did enough to earn the team’s first shutout of the season. The Mustangs forced a total of three turnovers



AT LEFT: Grant Union’s Zach Deiter (3) looks for a receiver as Tim Jaca (54), of Heppner, gives chase during Saturday’s state playoff game at Les Payne Field in Hillsboro.

BELOW: Coby Dougherty (24), of Heppner, focuses on getting the ball into the end zone as a couple of Grant Union Prospectors work to hold him back.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



— two interceptions and one lost fumble — and held Grant Union to just 165 total offensive yards.

“It feels awesome,” Murray said of the shutout. “I love defense, we all love defense and we love setting a tone and making a point and when we all come do our jobs and trust each other and play 100 percent it gets done and we did it.”

The defense was tested by the Prospectors on a drive

late in the third quarter as Grant Union started on its own 40 and marched down to the Heppner five with less than one minute to play in the third. But on a 2nd-and-goal play, Grant Union fumbled a hand-off and Dougherty pounced on it. Heppner then responded with a 90-yard drive that was capped off by a 55-yard touchdown run by Beau Wolters to put the Mustangs up 40-0.

Heppner’s final points

came with less than one minute to play when Gavin Hanna-Robinson scampered 51 yards for a touchdown.

The Mustangs will now hit the road for the first time in the playoffs next week when they take on the No. 1 seed Regis on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Liberty High School in Hillsboro. The Mustangs and Rams met in the semifinals last year as well, when the then-No. 2 seed Mustangs beat the No. 3 seed Rams 26-3.

Kick-off is set for Noon. Stanfield will face Kennedy in the other semifinal later in the day on the same field with a 5 p.m. kick-off.

GUHS	0	0	0	0	—	0
HHS	16	12	12	6	—	46
Statistics						
PASSING — GUHS (6-16-2, 76) W. Reimers 3-10-2, 37; Z. Deiter 3-6, 39. HHS: K. Smith 0-1.						
RUSHING — GUHS (42-90) C. Weaver 12-16; W. Reimers 11-25; Z. Deiter 9-47; D. Stokes 5-10; E. Carniglia 1-1; Team 4-(-9). HHS (43-380, 7 TD) L. Grieb 18-145, 3 TD; C. Dougherty 16-103, 2 TD; B. Wolters 4-62, TD; G. Hanna-Robinson 2-53, TD; K. Smith 2-7; J. Lindsay 1-10.						
RECEIVING — GUHS (6-76) W. Reimers 3-39; D. Stokes 1-15; E. Carniglia 1-14; K. Shelley 1-8.						
FIRST DOWNS — GUHS: 9. HHS: 15.						

College Basketball

Oregon moves up to No. 4

Associated Press

Oregon’s men’s basketball team moved up one spot to No. 4 in The Associated Press college basketball poll while Duke held onto its comfortable lead in the first regular-season poll which was released Monday.

The Blue Devils (2-0) received 58 first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel Monday, keeping their large lead over Kentucky, which was No. 1 on one ballot.

Defending champion Villanova received five first-place votes and moved up one place to third, replacing Kansas, one of three ranked teams that lost last week.

North Carolina moved up to fifth, while Indiana, which beat Kansas 103-99 in overtime, jumped from 11th to sixth. The Hoosiers were No. 1 on one ballot.

Kansas was seventh followed by Virginia, Wisconsin and Arizona, which beat then-No. 12 Michigan State.

EOU: Netters win CCC title

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VOLLEYBALL

EASTERN OREGON 3, CORBAN 2—At La Grande, second-seeded Corban stood only three points from an upset victory in the Cascade Collegiate Conference championship match on Saturday before the top-seeded Mountaineers put their foot down and charged back for a five-set victory 20-25, 25-22, 24-26, 25-20, 15-13.

The win claimed No. 6 EOU’s first CCC Tournament championship in program history.

The turnaround started with strong defense by Malia Mills and Holli Mullins, and the match highlight was Rachelle Chamberlain’s program-record 68 assists. Amanda Miller led them with 20 kills, Madisen Garlie added 14 and Kasaundra Tuma finished with 12.

The win earned them their third-straight berth at the NAIA Volleyball National Championships held in Sioux City, Iowa on Nov. 29-Dec. 3.

The Mountaineers will be the top seed in pool play, which will take up the first three days of tournament play. The top two teams from each pool will advance to bracket play.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

LA GRANDE — The Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) announced

on Monday afternoon that Eastern Oregon senior Donniesha Webber reaped Red Lion Women’s Basketball Player of the Week honors for her play over the weekend.

Webber, a 5-foot-11 guard out of Seattle, averaged 18 points and 5.5 rebounds as the Mountaineers improved to 4-0 with wins over Johnson & Wales, 88-67, and Warner, 85-57.

In four games this season, Webber is shooting 45 percent from the field, tied for second on the team in scoring with 11.8 points per game, and averages nearly six boards per contest.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

EASTERN OREGON 83, SIMPSON 73 — At La Grande, the Mountaineers raced out to a 52-29 half-time lead before holding off Simpson in the second half to win their fifth straight game on Sunday.

Senior guard Kentrell Washington led EOU (5-1) with 21 points, nine rebounds and two assists. Not far behind was freshman Max McCullough who scored 19 points with three rebounds and five assists. Rounding out the list of top scorers was senior wing Travis Meeker who netted 16 points including shooting 2 for 4 from behind the arc while also nabbing five boards and two assists.

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