





2A COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE

An exceptional senior class led to an exceptional season for Stanfield in 2016, winning the CBC title and earning a trip to the 2A state championship game. But expect the Heppner Mustangs to be back on top of the league this year, with Weston-McEwen right behind them.

Projected Finish

-  Heppner Mustangs
-  Weston-McEwen
-  Stanfield Tigers
-  Culver Bulldogs

2016 Final Standings

	Conf.	Ovr.
 Stanfield*	4-0	11-2
 Heppner*	3-1	8-3
 Weston-McEwen	2-2	3-5
 Culver	1-3	2-6
 Pilot Rock	0-4	0-8

*-made postseason

Returning All-League

Heppner — Wyatt Steagall, sr.; Coby Dougherty, sr.; Beau Wolters, sr.; Kevin Smith, sr.; Gavin Hanna-Robinson, so.
Stanfield — Justin Keeney, sr.; Brody Woods, sr.; Adrian Renner, sr.; Makiah Blankenship, sr.
Weston-McEwen — Brett Speed, sr.; Travis Hendley, sr.; Jake Speed, sr.; Weston Phillips, jr.; Garret Shell, sr.

Weston-McEwen TigerScots

Head coach: Travis Glover, 2nd year
Assistant coaches: Tim Reger, 4th year; Tony Glover, 10th year; Palmer Proffitt, 1st year; Mark Fehrenbacher, 2nd year.
Returning starters: Brett Speed, QB, sr.; Jacob Speed, RB, sr.; Dylan Cain, FB, jr.; Garrett Shell, OL, sr.; Weston Phillips, OL/DL, jr.; Travis Hendley, WR, sr.; Zach Mann, OL, jr.
Other returning lettermen: Logan Bates, OL, sr.; Bill Muilenburg, OL, jr.; Calvin Papineau, OL, soph.; Ethan Ezell, OL, jr.; Parker Munck, RB, sr.; Hadden Ball, RB, soph.; Anthony Flores, OL, soph.; Andrew Gambill, TE, jr.; Justin Humble, WR, sr.
Other seniors: Max Webster, OL; Cody Caldwell, OL; Zack Thompson, OL.



On offense: It is no secret that Weston-McEwen likes to run the football, utilizing a run-first option offense that runs through senior QB and three-year starter Brett Speed and senior RB Jacob Speed. The TigerScots return a lot of depth along the offensive line, too, which should mean a lot of points scored in 2017.
On defense: Playing in a run-first league, the TigerScots deploy a rare 5-3 defensive formation that loves to swarm to the football. Just like the offensive line, the TigerScots have a lot of depth in its front eight, and should be a formidable unit this season.

Glover's key to the season: "Hard work and health."

2017 Schedule

Sept. 1	vs. Grant Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Imbler	2 p.m.
Sept. 14	vs. Mac-Hi	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	vs. Heppner*	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Stanfield*	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Amity	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Culver*	7 p.m.

*-league game

2016 Results

Week 1	at Grant Union	L 26-0
Week 2	vs. Imbler	W 33-6
Week 3	at Burns	L 30-12
Week 4	vs. Union	L 8-6
Week 5	at Heppner	L 49-6
Week 6	vs. Stanfield	L 74-26
Week 7	at Pilot Rock	W 13-8
Week 8	vs. Culver	W 27-12

Heppner Mustangs

Head coach: Greg Grant, 28th year

Assistant coaches: Les Payne, 41st year; Kevin Payne, 12th year; Jeremy Rosenbalm, 8th year; Robert Wilson, 1st year.

Returning All-CBC: Wyatt Steagall, OL/DL, sr.; Coby Dougherty, RB, sr.; Beau Wolters, LB, sr.; Kevin Smith, QB, sr.; Gavin Hanna-Robinson, LB, so.

Other returning starters: Derek Howard, OL/DL, jr.; Dakota Howard, OL/DL, jr.; Jason Rea, OL/LB, so.

Other seniors: Payton Lehman, WR/DB.

On offense: Heppner has a variety of offensive formations in its playbook, choosing which fits against what opposing defenses give them. Improvement from QB Kevin Smith should help

the Mustangs' pass game, and all-league RB Coby Dougherty should keep the Mustangs run game going strong.

On defense: Heppner has the versatility to run various defensive schemes depending on their opponent, but the common theme is a style where each player has specific responsibilities in formations. Physicality up front is key to put pressure on QBs when they drop to throw, as well as stop the run game, and they have the personnel to do that starting with all-state lineman Wyatt Steagall.

Team's biggest strengths: According to Grant, Heppner's attitude, work ethic and camaraderie are the team's best qualities, which are essential qualities of every Heppner squad.

2017 Schedule

Sept. 1	vs. St. Paul	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Grant Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	vs. Cascade (WA)	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	vs. Toledo	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	vs. West.-McEwen*	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	vs. Culver*	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Stanfield*	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	vs. Corbett	7 p.m.

*-league game

2016 Results

Week 1	at St. Paul	W 22-18
Week 2	vs. Grant Union	W 36-20
Week 3	at Cascade (WA)	L 14-6
Week 4	vs. Imbler	W 26-8
Week 5	vs. West.-McEwen	W 49-6
Week 6	vs. Pilot Rock	W 52-20
Week 7	at Culver	W 22-2
Week 8	vs. Stanfield	L 14-0
1st round	vs. Gold Beach	W 55-20
2nd round	vs. Grant Union	W 46-0
Semifinals	vs. Regis	L 27-6

Stanfield Tigers

Head coach: Davy Salas, 3rd year (6th overall)

Assistant coaches: Travis Reeser (co-offensive coordinator), 3rd year; Michael Garcia (wide receiver/defensive back coach), 1st year; Efrain Nunez (offensive/defensive line), 2nd year.

Returning starters: Makiah Blankenship, RB/LB, sr.; Brody Woods, WR/DB, sr.; Justin Keeney, RB/DB, sr.

Other returning lettermen: Shayne Keltz, LB/TE, sr.; Mario Sanchez, G/DE; Rene Sanchez, T/DT, sr.; TJ Smith, G/DT, sr.

Impact newcomers: Kenny Bevan, T/DT, sr.; TJ Smith, G/DT, sr.

On offense: Stanfield's goal is to run teams to death, operating with Wing-T and pistol formations. However the Tigers do have tall

receiver Brody Woods that can find ways to get open and pick up chunks of yards when the Tigers need it.

On defense: The Tigers are a bend-don't-break defense with a main goal of stopping the run and making the opposing team beat them in the passing game. Stanfield runs a 4-4 base scheme to control the gaps up front.

Team's biggest strengths: According to Salas, the team's biggest strengths are its experienced backfield, the group of linebackers, and a "tough" defensive line.

Salas' key to the season: "For us, it is to develop our young team slowly. Most importantly stay healthy with having limited experienced kids who saw varsity action last season."

2A INDEPENDENT

Pilot Rock Rockets

Head coach: Mike Baleztena, 2nd year
Assistant coaches: James Price, 4th year; Joe Byrnes, 3rd year; Shane Munkers, 2nd year.

Key returners: Chris Weinke, sr.; Cade Munkers, jr.; Sean Simmons, jr.; Logan Weinke, soph.; Deontae Johnson, jr.

2016 season: 0-8 overall, 0-4 CBC.
Season outlook: The Rockets drop to a 2A independent this season where they will play 8-man football due to insufficient number of players to compete in the CBC and the 11-man level.

2017 Schedule

Sept. 1	vs. Elgin	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	at Echo	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Union	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Sherman	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Enterprise	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	vs. Perrydale	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Dufur	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	vs. Arlington	7 p.m.

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Echo Cougars

Head coach: Rick Thew, 7th year
Returning starters: Devan Craig, QB, jr.; Zack Gehrke RB, sr.; Ty Mulder, WR, sr.; Morgan Marcum, sr.; Bob Lowrance, sr.; Damian Curiel, sr.

Season outlook: After getting a sniff of the postseason in 2016, Echo wants more in 2017. The Cougars lost a big part of its defense in Klay Jensen, but returns all offensive weapons to a unit that averaged more than 36 points per game.

2017 Schedule

Sept. 8	vs. Pilot Rock	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	vs. Crane* (at Powder Valley)	4 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Pine Eagle*	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Wallowa*	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	vs. Powder Valley*	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	vs. Joseph*	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	at Cove*	7 p.m.

*-denotes league game

2016 Results

Week 1	at Siletz Valley	L 42-28
Week 2	vs. Ione	W 34-28
Week 3	vs. Pine Eagle	L 24-22
Week 4	vs. Wallowa	W 52-26
Week 5	at Powder Valley	L 54-6
Week 6	at Joseph	W 52-28
Week 7	vs. Cove	W 52-6
Week 8	vs. Jordan Valley	W 52-6
Playoff	at North Douglas	L 50-28

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