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Mustangs run to quarterfinals



Heppner's Beau Wolters finds a hole during Saturday's Class 2A First Round playoff game against Neah-Kah-Nie in Heppner. Wolters helped the Mustangs pile up 286 rushing yards as the team won its ninth consecutive playoff game at home.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Saturday Prep Roundup

Locals run well at state cross country meet

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EUGENE — The 2017 cross country season came to a close on Saturday afternoon as all classifications ran in the state championship meet at Lane Community College.

In the 3A/2A/1A boys championship, Heppner's Hunter Nichols squeezed onto the podium with an eighth place finish in the race with a time of 16 minutes, 50 seconds. Nichols' and Heppner's district foe, the Union Bobcats, won the team championship with 42 points and a huge cushion over second-place Bandon (124). Union's Alex Graf-funder claimed the individual title with a time of 15:33 and teammate Tim Stevens was second place with a time of 15:48, the only two sub-16 minute times of the race.

In 5A girls, Hermiston's team finished its final OSAA championship race eighth place with 235 points. Freshman Amanda Nygard capped off her standout debut season as the Bulldogs' top finisher, coming in 29th place with a time of 20:13 and senior Melany Solorio was 43rd with a time of 20:31. Rounding out Hermiston's competitors were Julianna Joyce in 56th (20:48), Sidney Tovey 71st (21:34), Sheila Solorio 72nd (21:41), Morgan Hancock 78th (22:00) and Faith Barch in 91st (23:05).

The Summit Storm won the team title in blowout fashion, as the Storm finished with six runners in the top nine spots. Summit's Taylor Vandernorn won the individual title with a time of 18:28.

In 5A boys, Hermiston's Isaac Sanchez ended his career as one of the top runners in school history with a 25th place finish after running a time of 16:34, and fellow Bulldog senior Emanuel Ibarra came in 74th with a time of 17:57.

Crater's Andy Monroe won the individual title with a blazing-fast time of 15:19, helping his Crater team win the team title as well.

And in the 4A girls race, Mac-Hi sophomore Mekenna See PREPS/2B

Heppner rolls over Neah-Kah-Nie, wins 9th straight home playoff game

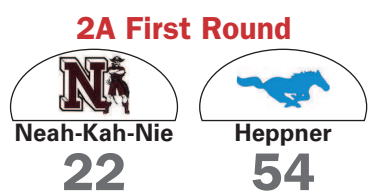
By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

HEPPNER — In what has become a yearly tradition in Heppner, the Heppner High football team hosted a first round 2A state playoff game at Les Payne Field on Saturday afternoon.

It marks the sixth consecutive year of opening up the playoffs at home, and this year the No. 8 seed Mustangs welcomed the No. 9 seed Neah-Kah-Nie Pirates to town and the game played out to a familiar result. Heppner dominated both sides of the football and earned a 54-22 victory, the team's sixth consecutive victory overall and ninth consecutive home win in the postseason.

"It feels absolutely great," Heppner senior Wyatt Steagall said of the win. "It feels amazing to win for our fans. This is a football town and we love winning for our fans. It's pretty awesome."

"Being able to have this for four years is great and I love it," senior



Coby Dougherty added. "There's no other place I'd rather be right now than in Heppner, Oregon."

The win moves Heppner (6-2 overall) into the quarterfinals next weekend for a rematch with No. 1 St. Paul, a team that handed the Mustangs a 40-0 defeat at home in Week 1. Mustang players said after the game that they are excited for the rematch.

"We're a lot better than we were back then," Steagall said. "We've made a lot of changes and I think it's going to be one heck of a game to be honest."

Heppner's first offensive drive resulted in a quick three-and-out, but the Mustangs made adjustments and thrived. Heppner piled up 321 yards of total offense and



Heppner's Coby Dougherty find a hole during Saturday's Class 2A First Round playoff game against Neah-Kah-Nie in Heppner.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

forced four turnovers on defense to help put the Pirates (7-2) away. All but 35 of those yards came on the ground, as the Mustang

offensive line continually opened up holes for running backs Coby Dougherty and Beau Wolters and See HEPPNER/2B

Pro Football

Short week gives Seahawks little time to lament their growing list of issues

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Maybe it's best the Seattle Seahawks don't have time to dwell on what went wrong.

By the time Monday afternoon rolled around, the Seahawks were trying to put

the mistakes of Sunday's 17-14 loss to Washington behind them, knowing they had barely 72 hours to prepare for Thursday's divisional game at Arizona.

But it was hard to ignore such a sloppy performance by the Seahawks that featured 16 penalties, two turnovers,

three missed field goals and Washington scoring with less than a minute remaining to walk out of Seattle with an unlikely victory.

"We've got some real serious stuff we've got to get better at," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Carroll was not in the best

of moods Monday, with the continued penalty problems at the top of the list. But he also was irritated by Blair Walsh's three missed field goals, quarterback Russell Wilson sometimes escaping the pocket too early, and his defense surrendering two big See SEAHAWKS/2B



Seattle Seahawks kicker Blair Walsh (7) walks off the field after Sunday's game against Washington in Seattle.

AP Photo/Stephen Brashear

Sports shorts

Stafford helps Lions snap losing streak with win in Green Bay

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Matthew Stafford passed for 361 yards and two touchdowns to Marvin Jones, and the Detroit Lions snapped a three-game losing streak with a 30-17 win on Monday night over the offensively challenged Green Bay Packers.

Stafford was 26 of 33, including 12 of 14 in the first half with a 25-yard touchdown pass to Jones. Ameer Abdullah added a 4-yard touchdown run for Detroit (4-4).

Green Bay (4-4) finally got in the end zone on Brett Hundley's 1-yard quarterback sneak with 9:52 left.

The Lions answered with Stafford's 11-yard touchdown pass to Jones with 8:06 remaining, putting the game out of reach with a 17-point lead. Jones had seven catches for 107 yards.

The Packers have lost three straight games.



Stafford

"We would stay at the team hotel, and then players are allowed to go back home, get what they need and then go to the game.

So I'd leave the hotel early morning, go home, eat breakfast, do my little ritual, whatever it may be, some weed, some alcohol and then go to the game."

— Josh Gordon

Cleveland Browns WR in a story from GQ magazine saying that he used drugs or alcohol before every NFL game he played. Gordon was recently reinstated to the NFL after serving more than a year suspension.

EOU women's soccer defeats Northwest to claim CCC title

SPRINGFIELD — With the 2017 Cascade Collegiate Conference's regular season title already in its back pocket, the Eastern Oregon women's soccer team added the CCC tournament title to its haul on Monday.

The Mountaineers pitched their third shutout in the last four days to defeat Northwest 2-0 to capture the title.

CCC Newcomer of the Year Taylor Boyer and freshman Morgan Farrington each netted goals in the game for EOU (13-3-2), with sophomore goalkeeper Cydni Cottrell making five saves to notch her 11th shutout.

The win advances EOU to the NAIA Championships, which starts on Nov. 18. The Mountaineers will find out their seeding during the NAIA Women's Soccer Selection Show on Nov. 13 at 9 a.m.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2007 — Dallas center Mike Modano breaks Phil Housley's NHL record for career points by an American-born player with two quick goals in the opening minutes of the Stars' 3-1 victory against San Jose. Modano, with 1,233 points and 511 goals in 1,253 regular-season games, does it in 242 fewer games than Housley.

2010 — Peyton Manning starts his 200th consecutive game, a 26-24 loss for the Colts at Philadelphia. Manning joins Brett Favre as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to start 200 consecutive games.

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