

Prep roundup

Heppner rocks homecoming with big win against Irrigon

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HEPPNER — Mason Lehman scored four touchdowns — three rushing and one receiving — and the Heppner Mustangs ran away with a 38-2 homecoming night win over Irrigon on Friday.

A safety was the only thing that got Irrigon on Heppner's scoreboard in the nonleague game. Heppner quarterback Jayden Wilson was 4-7 for 142 yards, threw for one touchdown, and rushed for another, and Lehman ran for 100 yards.

Irrigon running back Josue Auilera ran the ball 17 times for 59 yards.

"It was a typical homecoming game," said Mustangs coach Greg Grant. "There was lots of energy and a lack of focus."

Heppner (4-2, 1-0) will resume league play next Friday when they host Weston-McEwen, while Irrigon (3-3, 0-1) travels to Vale.

BURNS 38, UMATILLA 12 — Umatilla suffered a home loss to Burns on Friday night.

Quarterback Andrew Earl lead the Vikings, passing for 233 yards and two touchdowns. Running back Ramiro Alvarez hauled in three passes for 59 yards and caught one touchdown.

"The kids keep improving on passing and running," said Umatilla coach Dan Durfey. "We stopped Burns' ball in the second half up until the last two minutes, when they put two touchdowns past us. We wait till we're down to

come alive."

Umatilla (1-5, 0-2) will have a bye week before hosting Vale on Oct. 19.

ECHO 39, MCKENZIE 19 — The Cougars rallied from a 19-13 half-time deficit to hand the host Eagles their first loss.

"It was awesome," Echo coach Rick Thew said. "It rained the whole night, but it was fun."

Mason Smith ran for five touchdowns for the Cougars (4-1), while Devan Craig scored at the end of the game, taking the ball out of an opponent's hands at the 1-yard line, and running 99 yards for a touchdown.

Defensively, Mychael Pointer was tasked with containing McKenzie's Daniel Quirk.

"He played amazing," Thew said of Pointer. "His job was to make sure he didn't get loose."

McKenzie (5-1), which was averaging 67 points a game, was held scoreless in the second half.

GRANT UNION 32, STANFIELD 8 — The Tigers led 8-6 at the half, but the second half belonged to the Prospectors (3-3, 1-0) in the Special District 6 matchup.

"We played good, and were putting together good drives, but we had some penalties and turnovers at the worst time," Stanfield coach Davy Salas said. "We were playing good defense and moving the ball in the first half."

AJ Keeney scored for the Tigers, who dropped to 0-2 in league play and 0-6 overall.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton's Beau Skinner wraps up La Salle quarterback Ethan Edergerly in the Bucks' 62-14 win against the Falcons on Friday in Pendleton.

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scored his third touchdown. La Salle answered with a 31-yard rushing touchdown from running back James Menor.

With 34 seconds left in the second quarter, Sorey launched a 43-yard pass to Yeager in the end zone to give the Bucks a 48-14 half-

time lead.

Pendleton scored their final two touchdowns in the third quarter — a 15-yard rush from Patterson, and a rushing score from Yeager.

With the win, the Bucks improved to 6-0 for the season.

"Every win feels great," said coach Erik Davis. "This was an opportunity to play a

quality team. The kids dominated up front and didn't let the weather dictate them. Trent took care of the football, and our defense just flies around."

Sorey rushed for 111 yards, passed for 106, and scored two touchdowns. Patterson rushed for 92 yards and four touchdowns. Yeager scored three times, and

rushed for 112 yards.

"There weren't a whole lotta flaws tonight," said Sorey, who was crowned homecoming king during halftime. "I just want to stay healthy with a full crew going into playoffs. We're ready."

Pendleton will push for 7-0 when they host Parkrose (3-2, 3-1) on Thursday.

DAWGS: Hermiston can't score in second half

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22-yard touchdown. The PAT failed, giving Hermiston a 7-6 lead.

In the second quarter, the Riverhawks scored two touchdowns in a span of 14 seconds.

After Vongphachanh returned an Andrew James interception for a touchdown, and converted the 2-point conversion for a 14-7 lead, Chiawana forced a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and returned the ball to the Hermiston 1-yard line.

Vine plunged over the goal line for the touchdown and a 21-7 lead.

"That helped," Graff said of the two quick scores.

"We've had that done to

us. I know what that feels like."

Navarrete kicked a 25-yard field goal with 40 seconds remaining in the first half to pull the Bulldogs within 21-10.

The Riverhawks would score twice in the second half, while holding the Bulldogs scoreless.

"I thought the kids battled hard," Faaeteets said. "A lot of the kids don't have the experience playing in big games like this."

James threw for 127 yards — 55 of them going to Jordan Ramirez.

Ryan Arnold finished with nine tackles, while Cash Campbell and Cody Thacker had quarterback sacks, and Broc Remmer an interception.

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Facing pass-happy Washington State on Saturday means Oregon State's harried run defense might get a break.

But the Beavers will still have to deal with Gardner Minshew.

The Cougars (4-1, 1-1 Pac-12) rushed for no net yards — that's zero — last week against Utah. Instead, Mike Leach's team relied on Minshew's arm.

The graduate transfer threw for 445 yards and three touchdowns in the 28-24 victory over the Utes, including an 89-yard touchdown to Easop Winston in the fourth quarter that essentially won it for the Cougs.

Which is good and bad news for the Beavers, whose rushing defense is ranked 127th among FBS teams (303.4 yards per game). But they're ranked 88th nationally for pass defense, allowing 240.2 yards a game.

Leach wasn't concerned about Washington State's one-dimensionality against the Utes. He said lots of players contributed and that's what he wants.

He scoffed at the idea that teams need a 50-50 attack.



AP Photo/Young Kwak

Washington State quarterback Gardner Minshew II throws a pass while under pressure from Utah defensive back Marquise Blair during the first half of an NCAA college football game Sept. 29 in Pullman, Wash.

"That's 50 percent stupid," Leach said. "There is nothing clever about that."

Coach Jonathan Smith fully expects the Cougars to run it more against the Beavers. Oregon State (1-4, 0-1) allowed Arizona State 396 rushing yards last weekend in a 52-24 loss. Eno Benjamin ran for a school-record 312 of those yards and was named the Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week.

"They do have some backs that can do some things. And they throw the ball to the backs — so there's some weapons there," Smith

said. But in all likelihood it's not the running backs the Beavers will need to key in on: It's Minshew, who has had five straight games with at least 300 yards passing.

Minshew is the national leader among quarterbacks with averages of 398.4 yards passing and 37 completions per game. So far he's thrown for 14 TDs.

The Beavers pass-rush could use some help, too, Smith acknowledged.

"It's a work in progress. It's not where we want it," the coach said. "We've had

some flashes of putting more pressure on."

Other things to know as Oregon State hosts Washington State:

PIERCE BACK?: Oregon State running back Artavis Pierce was listed as probable going into Saturday's game. That's good for the Beavers. Pierce broke out for a pair of long TD runs in the opener before an elbow injury in the second week. He'll rejoin freshman Jermar Jefferson, who leads the Pac-12 with an average of 145.4 rushing yards a game.

But the Beavers will likely be without senior quarterback Jake Luton, who is still recovering from a high ankle sprain.

FAMILIAR FOE: Leach is certainly not unfamiliar to Smith, who was an assistant to Chris Petersen at Washington before becoming head coach at Oregon State.

THAT 'STACHE: Leach thinks the attention paid to Minshew's mustache is a bit overblown.

"The poor guy came in with a mustache and all of a sudden the mustache took off," Leach said.

He suggested that Cougars mascot Butch might want to sport a mustache.

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