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Heppner's Mason Lehman stiff-arms Grant Union's Jordan Hall in the Mustangs' 47-14 win against the Prospectors on Friday in Heppner.

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By BRETT KANE
East Oregonian

Strong play on both sides of the ball powered the Heppner Mustangs to a 47-14 home win over the Grant Union Prospectors on Friday night.

Heppner locked up the 2A-Special District 6 title with the victory.

Jayden Wilson led the Mustangs with 118 yards through the air and two touchdowns. He also rushed for 64 yards. Mason Lehman rushed 109 yards and one touchdown. He also had five catches for 75 yards and a touchdown.

Gavin Hanna-Robinson scored three times for Heppner — two on the ground and one in the air. He ended the game with 67 yards rushing on 10 carries along with two receptions.

The Mustangs held the Prospectors scoreless until late in the game. Russel Hodge scored Grant Union's first touchdown with less than 5 minutes left in the fourth quarter on a 7-yard run. Hodge ended up with 79 yards rushing on 15 attempts.

Jordan Hall intercepted a Heppner pass and ran it back 63 yards for the other score with about 2:25 left in the contest.

"It was a game where we made good plays, but also need to clean things up," said Mustangs coach Greg Grant. "The offensive line



Heppner quarterback Jayden Wilson leaps over Grant Union's Quinton Hallgarth on Friday.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

came up and blocked real hard. (Grant Union) scored late - our defense did a good job. We need to look at tonight's film and work hard and push each other at practice. I want to get better at everything."

Grant is excited about his team's performance not only against Grant

Union, but for the season as a whole. "I'm very pleased with our progress," he said after their Friday night win. "The kids have come a long way. I'm excited to see where they go."

The Mustangs are 6-2 overall and 3-0 for the 2A-SD6. Friday

night's game marked the Mustang's sixth consecutive win. They have one more league game scheduled for Oct. 26 when they'll travel to Stanfield (1-6, 1-2) to close out the season. Grant Union (4-4, 2-1) wraps up district play against Weston-McEwen at home on Oct. 26.

PREP FOOTBALL



Hermiston
42



Hanford
35

Dawgs stay in playoff hunt

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

The Mid-Columbia Conference playoff picture was murky before Friday night's games. Hermiston made it even muddier with an overtime win on the road.

Wyatt Noland scored four touchdowns and ran for 117 yards, including the game-winner, as Hermiston knocked off Hanford 42-35 at Fran Rish Stadium in Richland.

"That was one hell of a game," Noland said. "I knew we would have to come out and battle. We knew this would be the game."

The win put the Bulldogs at 5-2 in the MCC and 6-2 overall. They finish the regular season next week in a must-win game against Kamiakin at Kennison Field.

"Our kids are unwilling to quit," Hermiston coach David Faeteete said. "Tonight, they decided to be a playoff team. Now, we have to prepare for a good Kamiakin team."

Chiawana leads the MCC at 6-1, while Hanford and Richland also are 5-2. All four teams are 6-2 overall.

Hermiston led 35-28 late in the fourth quarter, but Hanford came down and scored as Jared DeVine ran for his fourth touchdown of the night with 53.4 seconds left on the clock.

Faeteete said there was no question who would get the ball when the Bulldogs had first-and-goal at the 7 in overtime.

"We wanted to take a shot right away," Faeteete said. "Andrew's will power got the first down, and Wyatt was able to run back to the right side. Football players make big plays, and he's a heck of a player."

After Noland gave the Bulldogs the overtime lead, Hanford had its shot. DeVine was stopped on first

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Aguilar, Brewers force a Game 7

By JAY COHEN
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Ryan Braun slid across home plate and raised his arms in sheer joy.

A big lead, a bruising bullpen and a boisterous crowd have the Milwaukee Brewers all set up for Game 7.

Jesus Aguilar sparked Milwaukee's slumping lineup with three RBIs on a pair of two-out hits, and the Brewers beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-2 on Friday night to even the NL Championship Series at three games each.

Game 7 is Saturday night in front of the same frenzied crowd that booed Manny Machado vociferously after he tangled with Aguilar while the series was in Los Angeles. Dodgers rookie Walker Buehler faces journeyman Jhoulys Chacin, with well-rested relief ace



Milwaukee Brewers' Ryan Braun celebrates with Lorenzo Cain after scoring on a double by Jesus Aguilar during the first inning of Game 6 of the National League Championship Series on Friday.

AP Photo/Matt Slocum

Josh Hader looming in the bullpen for Milwaukee after a surprise day off.

It's the first Game 7 for the Brewers since losing to St. Louis in 1982 in their only World Series appearance. The Dodgers dropped Game 7 of the World Series last year to Houston.

David Freese led off this Game 6 with a home run that quieted Miller Park — but just for a moment.

Backed by raucous fans waving yellow towels that read "ONE TOUGH CREW," Milwaukee rebounded from consecutive losses

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Bucks win big on road but lose top ranking

Pendleton will face No. 1 Wilsonville next Friday

By ANNIE FOWLER
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PREP FOOTBALL



Pendleton
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Benson Tech
18

Cooper Roberts threw for three touchdowns and ran for another to lead Pendleton to a 61-18 victory over Benson Tech in Special District 1 play Friday night in Portland.

The Bucks, who improved to 8-0, will play at No. 1 Wilsonville at 7 p.m. next Friday for the league title.

"I think it will be a great gauge as to where we are as a title contender," Pendleton coach Erik Davis said of next week's game. "Wilsonville has been one of the top teams in 5A for a while. We will see where we stand."

Despite the win, the Bucks dropped to No. 2 in the poll, while Wilsonville moved into the top spot with a 57-20 win over Wilson. Pendleton and Wilsonville are the only remaining undefeated 5A teams.

"With the strength of schedule, we knew that would hap-

pen," Davis said.

Both Pendleton and Wilsonville will go on to the playoffs after the league title game. Pendleton hasn't won a playoff game in more than a dozen years, Davis said.

Roberts shared time at quarterback with Trent Sorey, who threw one touchdown pass.

"We wanted to get him some good reps," Davis said of Roberts.

The Bucks were creative with their scoring on the night.

Blake Davis scored on a 55-yard punt return, and caught a 35-yard touchdown pass.

Willie Camp returned a kick-off 55 yards for a touchdown, and also caught a scoring pass.

The Techmen, who are 0-8, have given up 505 points this season while scoring 92.