

Showdown: 'We are looking forward to a great game'

Continued from Page B1

Grant said. "I think people mature as a team. Experiences, good and bad, help you. They have had an opportunity to work on things that didn't go well. Every team is a new team right now. They grow and you see different things get better."

The same goes for the Mustangs, who are 10-0 this season.

"We are just more familiar with what we are doing and have identified what we are best at," Grant said. "Systematically, the kids understand the schemes better. We are able to do a few more things with more diversity than in the past."

TigerScots coach Kenzie Hansell, whose team reached the quarterfinals with a 20-14 win over Toledo, said his team is excited for Saturday.

"We are looking forward to a great game," he said. "Playing football in November, playing in Heppner, and a quarterfinal game in Eastern Oregon. The players have earned it. Our fans have followed us all season. It will be a treat for all of us."

That's all well and good, but Hansell knows his team will be facing a team that is ranked No. 1 for a reason.

"One of our team goals is to get better every week," he said. "We feel we have done that throughout the season. Knowledge is confidence. This is our third time in the last nine months to play Heppner. They have great tradition. Coach Grant has a program that is successful and his players continue to compete at a high level. We are excited to play Heppner. We have great respect for them."

The Mustangs, who toppled Regis 43-8 in the first round, have a pretty balanced offense with quarterback Landon Mitchell throwing for 956 yards and 16 touchdowns. The run game has been a little more productive with 2,063



Robert McLean/ R.A. McLean Photography
Weston-McEwen's Theo White (15) runs the ball for a touchdown Nov. 6, 2021, during a 20-14 win over the Toledo Boomers in Toledo. The TigerScots travel Saturday, Nov. 13, to Heppner to face the Mustangs.

yards as a team.

Brock Hisler leads the ground attack with 1,005 yards on 128 carries and 11 touchdowns, followed by Jace Coe (326 yards, 3 TDs) and Caden George (302, 2).

And, it all starts behind an offensive line anchored by center Toby Nation, guards Kegan Steagall and Conor Brosnan, and tackles Jake Lentz and Tucker Ashbeck.

"It's all how well you block together as a unit in a coordinated manner," Grant said of his line. "As things start to develop late in the season, that's where you see their improvement. I hope we have developed. It's about every kid being involved one way or another and being adaptable to our strengths and to their (opponent's) weaknesses."

The TigerScots (8-1) know full well the force the Heppner offense brings. The Mustangs ran for 249 yards

and four touchdowns in their last meeting.

"I think our teams' maturity on defense, with 10 of 11 being seniors, is important," Hansell said. "They are playing for something bigger than themselves. We rotate players in. We created an atmosphere that is extremely competitive. We film every practice for the competitive nature. We are playing in November, and that has to do with effort and attitude."

W-M is no slouch when it comes to their offensive game plan. The TigerScots are averaging 28 points a game, led by quarterback Blane Peal, who has thrown for 1,185 yards and 13 touchdowns. Levie Philips leads the rushing attack with 694 yards and 11 touchdowns, and Theo White is Peal's favorite receiver.

Not only will the TigerScots have to operate on all cylinders, they will have to be

smart with the ball. In their game on Oct. 1, W-M was held to 51 yards of offense and it turned the ball over four times.

"We need to take care of the football and limit our mistakes and sustain drives," Hansell said. "We need to give our defense more rest by sustaining drives and moving the ball. Penalties and turnovers are two huge factors we have worked on a lot as the season has progressed."

Heppner's defensive game plan is simple, and has allowed just 7.3 points a game.

"It really is a team game," Grant said. "If everyone does their job, you can usually have an opportunity to win. Everyone is accountable to each other and doing their job."

At the end of the day, it's still a game, one that both coaches enjoy.

"It's an honor to be

the head football coach at Weston-McEwen," Hansell said. "We are not big physically, but we play with a lot of heart, emotion and play for something bigger than ourselves."

In his 30-plus years in Heppner, Grant says every team is different, and that he had enjoyed them all.

"They are a mature group in some aspects and they understand what is going on," he said. "There are some egos that need to be checked and we have fun with it. Everything from the locker room, to practice, and working hard together at something is enjoyable. It's always nice to see the results go your way, and it's gratifying that we still get to do this. They really enjoy football, and they should. They have the privilege of being supported by a loving, supportive community."

ON THE SLATE

SATURDAY, NOV. 13

Prep football
2A quarterfinals:
Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 1 p.m.

College football
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 14
College men's wrestling
Eastern Oregon at Mike Clock Open, Forest Grove, Oregon, 7 a.m.

College women's wrestling
Eastern Oregon at Mike Clock Open, Forest Grove, Oregon, 7 a.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 18
Prep girls bowling
Kamiakin at Hermiston, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 19
College cross-country
Eastern Oregon at NAIA National Championships, 10:30 a.m.

College men's wrestling
Simpson at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.


College women's wrestling
Simpson at Eastern Oregon, 5 p.m.

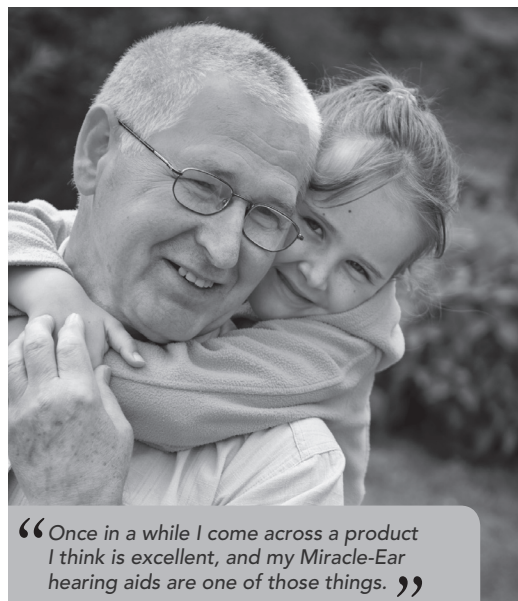
SATURDAY, NOV. 20
College women's basketball
Eastern Oregon vs. Montana Western, Caldwell, Idaho, 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 21
College men's wrestling
Eastern Oregon at Spokane Open, Spokane, Washington, TBA

College women's wrestling
Eastern Oregon at Spokane Open, Spokane, Washington, TBA

Our Quality is Timeless This Price Isn't!

Now Through Nov. 19th Mention Code: 21NovSink  **Miracle-Ear®**
Call for an appointment to avoid waiting! It's ALL FREE!



"Once in a while I come across a product I think is excellent, and my Miracle-Ear hearing aids are one of those things."

Miracle-Ear Quality For \$895. Why Wait?

Hearing is believing! Right now, for a very limited time, you can get a fully digital, genuine Miracle-Ear® hearing aid for less than \$900. This is one of our smallest, most discreet hearing solutions. Complete with Miracle-Ear sound quality, custom fitting and a comprehensive service and warranty program. Don't wait, this special offer ends November 19, 2021

Experience the Brand America Trusts.

At Miracle-Ear, we've been helping people hear better** for over 65 years. So when you visit any one of our 1200 locations across America, you're sure to receive the friendly, professional service and the personalized hearing solutions we're famous for.

Getting Started. It's Free and Easy.

At Miracle-Ear, we make our process comfortable and convenient. We also offer you a variety of valuable services—at no charge.



Services include:

FREE Ear Canal Inspections†

A miniature camera "tours" your ear canal. You may not have a hearing loss, it may be nothing more than earwax.



FREE Hearing Test†

A complete hearing test that reveals where you need hearing help. Recommended annually.

Save on one of our smallest custom digital hearing aids!

Now Only \$895!

HURRY! Offer ends 11/19/21
Valid on model Audiotone® Pro CIC

Valid at participating Miracle-Ear locations only. Limit one coupon per purchase. May not be combined with other offers and does not apply to prior sales. Cash value 1/20 cent. Offer Expires 11/19/21

Another Great Way to Save
Make Your Appointment Today!

BUY 1 GET 1 50% Off

Save on our full line of digital hearing solutions. Don't miss out on this amazing offer.

Hurry offer ends 11/19/21

Good only for participating Miracle-Ear® representatives. One coupon per purchase. No other offers or discounts apply. Discount does not apply to prior sales. Offer valid on ME-5, ME-4, ME-3 and ME-2 Solutions. Cannot combine with any other offers. Cash value 1/20 cent. Offer expires 11/19/21

OUR LOWEST PRICE ON

OPEN FIT TECHNOLOGY

TRY THE ME2175 OPEN
It's incredibly discreet.

Save up to 30% off our full line of open fit technology.



Don't be fooled by the small size. The Miracle-Ear Mirage™ features amazingly advanced and powerful micro-technology, all wrapped up in our tiniest hearing aid ever!

- Perfect for active lifestyles**
- Noisy restaurants
 - Plays, movies, recitals
 - Conversation in the car
 - Cards & board games
 - Recreation around water
 - Talking while exercising
 - And that's just the start!

PLUS RECEIVE THIS HEARING AID CHARGER FREE WITH PURCHASE

- Stays charged all day long
- No more hearing aid batteries. Offered on LI RIC



Hermiston: 955 SE 4th St. Ste. B Hermiston, OR 97838 • (541) 716-5092
Pendleton: 29 Southwest Dorian Ave, Pendleton, OR 97801 • (541) 224-8661

*Audiotone® Pro not included **Hearing aids do not restore natural hearing. Individual experiences vary depending on severity of hearing loss, accuracy of evaluation, proper fit and ability to adapt to amplification.†Our hearing test and video otoscopic inspection are always free. Hearing test is an audiometric test to determine proper amplification needs only. These are not medical exams or diagnoses nor are they intended to replace a physician's care. If you suspect a medical problem, please seek treatment from your doctor. Hearing Aids must be returned within 30 days after delivery for a 100% refund.