

Heppner Downs Stanfield 19 to 7

Elgin Next On Home Schedule

By James Monahan
 Fighting back from a 7 to 6 halftime deficit, the Heppner Mustangs thundered back to post a 19 to 7 win over a heavily favored Stanfield Tiger team for their second straight league win of the season.

The second of a three-game string of night gridiron tilts at home saw the Mustangs take the field in the second half to push across two touchdowns after injuries had plagued the Heppner lineup.

The most serious injury came on the final play of the first half when guard Steve Green fractured his left collarbone while opening a hole for Al Esches' 47 yard gallop which came within 9 yards of netting Heppner its second touchdown of the game.

After grabbing an early second quarter lead, the Mustang pass defense was surprised when two Tiger touchdowns passes gave them a 7-6 halftime lead.

Initial quarter of play was dominated by the Heppner eleven as they moved up and down the field, but pass interceptions and costly fumbles kept the game at a 0-0 deadlock.

Half-time statistics had the Mustangs leading in every department but the scoring.

The second half attempt to rally back was given a sharp setback when captain Ed Brosnan was given a permanent trip to the sidelines over a disputed call with the referee.

The Tiger's offensive march that got under way at the second half kickoff ground to a complete stop at the Heppner 41. A series of ground plays netted the Mustangs two first downs when an off-tackle play by fullback Dick Ruhl went all the way for 35 yards. A blocked kick left the score 12-7.

Stanfield took the kickoff, but again, their offensive drive was halted and Heppner took over on downs. A pitched battle seesawed back and forth with the Mustangs keeping the top spot.

Nine plays brought the pigskin to the Stanfield 12 yard line. Halfback Ron McCabe took an off guard boundoff and was over for Heppner's final tally of the game. Skip Ruhl smashed over for the extra point.

Going into the final period the Tigers still had a minus total in rushing. A group of 15 yard penalties took the Tigers from their own 25 to the Mustang 25. A pass play brought them up to the Heppner 10 but a hard charging Heppner line spilled the Stanfield quarterback for 15 yards and another aerial thrust into the endzone by the Tiger back was knocked down, but an interference penalty gave the ball to the Tigers on Heppner's 10 yard line with a first and 10. The Heppner secondary turned in an excellent goal line stand to hold Stanfield off.

The Mustang's brilliant last ditch stand seemed to be the big asset in holding the Tigers from another score. Stanfield spent the last seconds throwing passes but the final gun went off with Stanfield till at midfield.

Meet Elgin Friday
 Again Heppner fans are to be treated to another home game which will be played under the lights Friday night with Elgin's Huskies who are currently tearing up the TV-Valley leagues.

Fifteen lettermen ore the backbone of the Husky team which was barely edged out 14-12 by Pilot Rock.

A large turnout of Heppner boosters is expected to be on hand to support the Mustangs.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Noland and daughter of Portland were here Thursday and Friday visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bailey and his father, Cleve Noland.



SKIP RUHL, Heppner high school quarterback, is the team's leading yardage maker. Fans will see him in action again Friday night when the Mustangs tackle Elgin.

Fire Prevention Week Underway; Hazards Are Listed

Fifty-three persons lost their lives in Oregon fires last year and property damage—not including forest fires—totaled a staggering \$10 million which included only those properties covered by insurance.

The reminder that fire struck nearly 12,000 Oregon homes in 1954 comes during National Fire Prevention Week, October 9 to 15, from Oregon State College forestry specialist Charles Ross, who heads the OSC extension service fire prevention program.

Making a seasonal comparison between hazards of fire and hunting, the specialist noted that the number of riflemen who took to Oregon woods this month far exceeded all combatants of the Battle of Gettysburg. "Yet...about five times as many persons die from fires in Oregon as from hunting accidents."

Matches and careless smoking habits again topped the list of causes for home fires. Second among causes were overheated or defective stoves, furnaces, chimneys and flues.

One hazardous practice alone—use of kerosene to quicken fires—takes as many lives in the state as do hunting accidents, Ross reports. Fires started by electricity, defective wiring and appliances were also in the big class.

Fire losses are consistently higher in rural areas than in towns. Fire Prevention Week, says Ross, should be a special reminder for rural home owners to check over the tools they have to fight a beginning fire.

An encouraging note, the specialist says, was a \$500,000 decrease in fire damage to homes between 1953 and 1954. Fire deaths were the same for the two years, but were down sharply from 1951 and 1952.

Ross called attention to a new kind of help Oregon families are receiving in preventing fires. Some local fire departments now send firemen to homes for voluntary inspection for fire hazards. Last year such service was offered in 81 Oregon cities, towns and rural fire prevention districts.

Lennie Loudon left Sunday for a visit of about ten days in Portland.

FHA Girls Attend District Meeting

Nine members of the Heppner high school chapter of the Future Homemakers of America attended the district meeting at Union, Oregon, Saturday, October 3.

More than 250 members, advisors and chapter parents were present from this district which includes Malheur, Baker, Union, Wallowa, Umatilla and Morrow counties.

FHA is a homemaking organization for girls enrolled in home economics or for a girl who has successfully completed one year of home economics.

Girls attending from the Heppner school were Alice Peterson, Laurel Allstott, Mona Howard, Shirley Kononen, Phyllis Quackenbush, Joan Brosnan, Janice Martin, Maria Robison and Carolyn McDaniel. They were driven to Union by Roy Quackenbush and their advisor, Mrs. Homer Hager.

State Traffic Deaths Increase During 1955

Oregon's 1955 traffic death toll has climbed to 286. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry reported today.

September, accidents claimed 33 lives according to a tentative count of reports received to date, and the figure may go higher if delayed reports are received or if persons now listed as injured later succumb, the secretary said.

The September fatality count last year was 38 and the end-of-September toll was 285.

August traffic deaths, reported earlier as 39, now have reached 41 with the receipt of two more August fatality reports. One more death was charged to the Labor Day weekend, raising Oregon's traffic death count during the final three-day holiday of the summer season to seven.

GRANGE TO MEET

The Rhea Creek grange will meet Friday evening, October 14 and Norman Nelson of Lexington will show pictures of his recent European trip, it was announced today by Mrs. Al Lovgren, lecturer.

A potluck supper will be served at 6 p. m. and everyone is welcome.

RETURNS FROM EAST

Mrs. Oma Cox returned last weekend from a two weeks' trip to Virginia where she visited several members of her late husband, Elbert Cox's family. On her return trip she stopped at Nebraska City, Neb., to visit with a sister-in-law.



ED BROSNAN, husky Heppner Mustang team captain, who holds down vital tackle post.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tamlyn returned home Tuesday evening from Portland where they have been while he underwent surgery at the Veterans hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ball had as their guests last week their daughters and families Mr. and Mrs. Roger Steiger, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Flack, Klamath Falls, and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ekstrom and two children of The Dalles.

Harry L. Wilson of Hopewell, New Jersey, arrived last Wednesday for an extended visit with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Taylor.

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