

Mustangs roll past Weston-McEwen

Heppner rolled past the first of its big three opponents Thursday, slapping a favored Weston-McEwen, 21-6, on the Tiger Scot turf.

The Mustangs were the underdogs according to many papers and were picked to drop their first contest and continue in a tie for second with Weston-McEwen at 4-1.

But it was not to be. The Mustangs were without their starting quarterback and fullback, but still "pounded" a smaller Tiger-Scot squad.

While Steve McLaughlin filled in brilliantly in the backfield, Jim Kenny was pacing a stingy defensive unit to their fifth win in as many outings.

McLaughlin, who has been sharing the backfield responsibilities with Tom Skow, got most of the action when Skow was ill last week.

The senior thundered for 138 yards on 17 carries, including a 60 yard touchdown jaunt that broke any Tiger-Scot bubble that was still inflated.

Small and aggressive Jim Kenny shut off the outside WM attack and proved that he "was ready to play football for us," according to Dale Conklin, assistant coach.

Kenny, a junior defender, had four unassisted tackles, nine assists, dumped the passer once and had one interception. Right next to Kenny was Brian Marlin. Marlin had one unassisted, was in on seven assists and came up with three interceptions. One was nullified by a penalty.

The Mustang defense stopped WM with four turnovers. Although the Tiger Scots had a

little more total yardage, Heppner's turnover policy more than thwarted any WM drive.

The longest drive came in the second period after the Mustangs had scored. The Tiger-Scots moved the ball

down the field and were inside the Heppner five yard line with a first down. WM punched the ball to the two inch line

before being slapped with an illegal procedure penalty on fourth down.

Mustang coach John Sporseen said Heppner just "pounded" Weston-McEwen and "hit harder."

Sporseen called the goal line stand in the second period the turning point.

Heppner scored the first touchdown after a 16 play, 65 yard, time consuming drive. McLaughlin, who scored all three TDs, ripped four yards to top the drive.

The second Mustang score, which put them ahead at the end of the third period, 14-0, was set up by a Bruce Young pass to Wayne Seitz. The 44 yard counter was made up at halftime in the dressing room. Young, who was three for eight, hit Seitz with the bomb, threading the pass into his outstretched arms.

Weston-McEwen came up with their lone score in the fourth period on a long pass of about 45 yards when Charlie Alfred escaped Mustang deep

backs and skipped into the end zone with the pass from Kim Sams.

McLaughlin topped his night's work off with a first down run. The trek went 60 yards, but McLaughlin had to use second effort to get to paydirt. He was hit at the seven yard line, busted that tackle and fell into the end zone with another WM defender on his back for the score.

McLaughlin was the leading ground gainer, keeping a 4.8 yard average. Young passed for 63 yards. The Mustang total offense was just 223 yards.

Christman received one pass for 10 yards, aiding his reception average to 27.5. Dale Holland's average moved to 26 yards per reception though he failed to catch a pass Thursday.

Seitz had two catches for 53 yards.

McLaughlin and Kenny shared the Player of the Week honors this week.



Rebekah Randall explains game strategy in Tuesday's action against Sherman County. Heppner bumped off the Husky girls, 15-11 and 15-9. Vicki Edmunson was named player of the week. (G-T Photo)

Winless Cards thumped

Ione's winless season remained that way after Saturday afternoon's drubbing by two time, defending state champions, Culver, 69-6.

Cards fall

Ione's Cardinal volleyballers suffered a pair of losses Tuesday at the hands of a tough Condon unit. Three McElligott paced the lone netters.

Ione fell in two straight games in the varsity tile, dropping the first game 7-15 and the second, 10-15. Despite the loss, Martha McElligott came up with five points to pace Ione.

In the junior varsity action, Janet and Martha McElligott each scored seven points in a losing cause. The JVs dropped their clash, 11-15 and 9-15.

The loss was detrimental to the Cards and Gordon Myers, Ione coach, blasted the Culver coaching staff for running up the score.

Ione trailed 36-6 at halftime and 50-6 by the end of the third period, yet there were only three players other than starting Culver backs that touched the ball for the Bulldogs offensively.

Those three racked up only 13 yards, a scant amount of Culver's total 502 yards. Myers was disturbed and admittedly angry at Culver coaches for the action they took.

"We must have had them scared with our ten freshmen," Myers said, noting that even on the final series, Culver's starting quarterback was in the backfield and running with the football.

Culver outweighed Ione's front line by almost 50 pounds

per man. "We tried to the end," Myers said, "but it's just frustrating to get pounded, pounded, pounded, consistently...it's just disgusting. A guy like that should quit coaching."

The bright spot for the Cards was the consistent punting effort of McCabe. He booted the ball seven times for 318 yards and kept up a 45 yard average.

For the Cards, the only score came in the first period when Stefani hit Robin La Rue and La Rue pitched to McCabe for the 22 yard run.

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JVs beat OT

Heppner's junior varsity football team slugged out a gruelling, double overtime victory over Oregon Trail Monday, bringing their season record to 4-1.

Dennis Peck scored from 30 yards out in the fourth period to tie the ball game after regulation, 6-6. Two more Peck TDs proved the triumph, 18-14.

Oregon Trail scored first in the opening period, but failed on their point after try. They scored on their first try in overtime as did Heppner on a six yard run by Peck.

The Mustangs held OT in their second attempt and sent Peck across from six yards out for the win.

No individual offensive or team stats were available.

Defensively, Don McEwen, Sam Myers and Steve Marlatt paced the squad with Peck picking off two Blazer passes.

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