

Title clash

Mustangs bow, 21-0 to "better" team

Heppner's attempt to shove Umatilla's Vikings out of the driver's seat last Friday fell way short.

The Mustangs bowed to the league leading and probable league champions, 21-0. Umatilla has to lose its next two contests to Pilot Rock and Riverside to either Heppner or Sherman County to have a chance.

While a tough Vik defense held Heppner to less than 100 yards, the Umatilla offense



rolled up 263 total yards.

Heppner Head Mentor John Sporseen said the "best team won." Sporseen said Umatilla was "25 per cent better than Sherman County. If they (Umatilla) lose, he said, "I'll be absolutely amazed."

Sporseen was impressed with the Vik defense and admittedly said he "should be." The Viks held the Mustang backfield to 42 yards on the ground and 31 through the air.

Steve McLaughlin paced the ground gainers, carrying 10 times for 25 yards. Bruce Young was four for 10 for all 31 yards. Jerry Cutsforth missed on seven passes.

On the other side of the fence, Umatilla was piling up 161 yards on the ground, paced by senior quarterback, Mike Brown. Heppner stopped Watson with 72 yards, far less than the junior back has averaged this season, but Brown got

loose. Brown carried 10 times for

80 yards and Watson carried 29 times for 72 yards to lead the Vik attack. Brown hit on four of 13 passes for 72 yards, including one fluke touchdown pass.

Umatilla jumped on the board twice in the second period after a scoreless first period. The second TD came on a strange play that people will talk about and remember for a long time.

Brown hurled a pass up for grabs toward the Vik goal line. Three Heppner defenders and Umatilla's Jim Bailey all were in contention for the grab. But in the end, the wrestling match for the ball was won by Bailey, who turned and jogged six yards into the end zone while the Mustang defenders watched.

The first mark for the Viks came on a four yard plunge by Watson. A broken pass play forced Brown from the pocket but the fleet QB scrambled 33 yards into deep Mustang territory to set up the score.

A scoreless third period followed the 14-0 halftime score before Umatilla scored its final TD in the fourth quarter.

The third touchdown came after a 50 yard drive. Watson hit Brown with a counter pass after a pitch, and slipped past Mustangs ten yards to paydirt.

Heppner's offensive penetration didn't break the 35 yard line barrier.

Heppner faces Pendleton's junior varsity at Pendleton tonight (Thursday) in a non-conference tilt. They come back next week at home with Wasco County.

Mustang coaches cited Carl Christman as Player of the Week for his defensive efforts. Christman had 20 defensive

points, getting six assists and seven unassisted tackles. He also broke down Vik interference.

Tim Daly had 16 points with six unassisted tackles, Jim Kenny had 15 with seven unassisted and John Schiller, Mark Parker and Marty Smith each had 12 points.

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S P O R T S

Mustang tight-end Dale Holland charges forward with a screen pass but gets tied up by a Viking defender

Homecoming win

Cards slap Cascade Locks for victory

They did it and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Ione's Cardinals celebrated their homecoming with the first win of the season last Friday, bouncing Cascade Locks, 28-14.

"We played much better," Del LaRue, Card assistant coach, said. "Stefani had lots of time to throw the ball and the receivers had time to get open," he said.

Dennis Stefani steered an offense that piled up a season high, 424 yards. Stefani hit on 11 of 16 passes for 186 yards and Kevin McCabe hurled one pass worth ten yards.

The Cards churned for 228 yards on the ground, behind McCabe's 98 yard performance, and an outstanding effort from the offensive line.

The Cards set the pace early in the game. On the first play from scrimmage, Ione used a triple reverse pass play to fluster the Cascade Locks

defenders. McCabe took the snap from between Stefani's legs, handed off to Todd Sherer, end, who handed off to Stefani, who threw a pass to Robin LaRue. LaRue raced with the pass, 69 yards to the nine yard line.

McCabe took it in on the next play from the nine.

Still in the first quarter, Stefani ran four yards to paydirt following a 48 yard drive.

Cascade Locks bounced back with a score of their own to move to within a touchdown before halftime. McClure threw to Alan Rush for the 12 yard gainer.

But later in the second period, Stefani went to work again. He hit Scott Sherer on a 26 yard pass for the TD and a lead that the Cards would never give up.

In the third quarter, Stefani used a quarterback sneak and broke to the outside for a 35

yard jaunt to the end zone after a 39 yard drive.

Cascade Locks' Anastasio, a quick sophomore, raced 45 yards in the fourth period with the final TD.

Lori Childers, crowned queen of the 1976 homecoming, watched as McCabe rushed for 98 yards on 23 carries. Terry Siarr added 40 yards and Stefani, 45.

Anastasio rushed for 102 yards on 14 carries for the losers.

Stefani intercepted two passes and blocked two others as a standout on defense. He was joined on defense by Gari Gaustad, who had nine unassisted tackles, McCabe, who also had nine, and Starr, with six.

Ione faces Arlington this week. The game set for Dufur next week was called. Dufur was forced to cancel their remaining games after disciplinary action was taken.

JVs drop Condon, 28-14

Heppner's junior varsity Mustangs dropped their final game of the season to Condon Tuesday afternoon, but bounced out of the year with a still respective, 4-2 record.

The Mustangs fell to Condon's Blue Devil machine, 28-14, giving up three touchdowns.

Heppner drew first blood, scoring on the first play from scrimmage when Bryce Pow-

ell rambled 65 yards with the football.

But in the remainder of the first period, Condon came up with a pair of scores to take a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

The first Blue Devil tally came when the Condon QB found a receiver and pumped the football for a 45 yard aerial touchdown. The second score came on the same play, from 15 yards out.

That 12-6 first period score was quickly changed when Condon drove 60 yards in the second period and punched the ball over from short yardage to cap the drive.

Trailing 20-6, the Mustangs scored again in the third on a defensive play. Sam Myers, cited along with Jody Marlatt for fine defensive effort, blocked a Condon punt, scooped it up and pranced 30 yards

to paydirt.

Condon scored their fourth and final touchdown in the fourth period in the same pass play that was effective for them in the first period.

The game was the season ender for the Mustangs, who complete the season at 4-2.

Kegler's Korner

Central Market took four from Morrow County Grain Growers to knock them out of first place this week. Peterson's Jewelry won 3-1 from Coast to Coast to move into a tie with Central Market for the top spot.

Standings

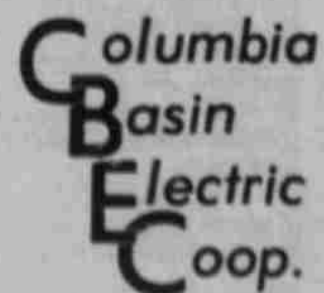
Central Market	15-9
Peterson's Jewelry	15-9
Morrow County Grain Growers	13-11
Fiesta Bowl	13-11
Gardner's Men's Wear	11-13
Coast to Coast	5-19
High Game—Jo Pettyjohn; Judy Rickert-179	
High Series—Inetta Cantin-89	



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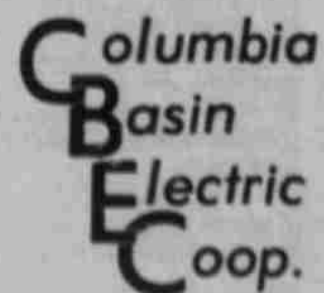
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