

# Mustang effort blanks Umatilla

## Sporseen, "getting the job done."

Heppner rode Bryce Powell's point producing interception return and Bryan Marlin's stellar punting performance to its third consecutive victory Friday as the Mustangs shut out Umatilla 7-0 at Mustang Stadium.

Powell hooked up with a Viking aerial with nine seconds left in the first half and raced 44 yards for the games only score while Marlin kept Umatilla at bay with his 35-yard average on five punts including a couple of late game boomers. The win boosted the Mustang's season mark to 4-2 and kept alive the team's outside chances of a conference title.

The hard-nosed Heppner defense held Umatilla under 100 yards total offense and limited the Viking's standout runner Blake Cimmiyotti to 67 yards on 25 carries. Powell was the top defensive point man with 22, followed by Joedy Marlatt with 20, Marty Smith with 12 and Marlin with 10.

Heppner's 117 offensive yards all came on the ground with Marlin rushing for 105 yards on 29 carries. Marty Smith was cited by the coaching staff for his offensive line play.

In the first quarter the Mustangs drove deep into Viking territory as Jim Wishart rushed for a first down and Marlin broke loose on a 28-yard run to the Umatilla 18. There the drive stalled and Bob Smith's 30-yard field goal attempt was long enough but wide to the right.

Later in the half, one of quarterback Jerry Cutsforth's



### Double teamed

Marty Smith and Joedy Marlatt nail a Umatilla ball carrier in his tracks as Jim Wishart and Sam Myers look on. Heppner's defense held the Vikings under 100 yards in Friday's 7-0 shutout for the Mustangs.

rare pass attempts was picked off but the Mustangs did not allow a first down after the turnover.

Following an exchange of punts, Powell timed his interception perfectly taking the ball in full stride, cruising into the end zone. Bob Smith continued his string of extra points and the Mustangs led 7-0.

In the third quarter Umatilla moved from their own 35 as Cimmiyotti took off on his only long run of the game. On a fourth and four play, the Viking quarterback scrambled away

from a host of tacklers and wound up with a first down at the Mustang 11. Sam Myers stopped a Umatilla runner in the backfield and Marlin broke up a fourth down pass to give Heppner the ball. Unable to move, Marlin blasted a long

punt which was fumbled at the 25 and downed by Powell. The Mustangs lost the ball on downs but the defense again forced the Vikings into a punting situation.

Punting units for both teams continued their parade on and

off the field until Eric Clow intercepted a Viking pass and returned it to the Umatilla 40. On Marlin's last punt a roughing the kicker flag was thrown, allowing heppner to sit on their lead as the clock ran out.

Before Friday it had only happened once since 1975 but the Heppner Mustangs turned the trick again—they held the Umatilla Vikings scoreless on their way to a 7-0 victory.

Umatilla's only other shut-out came last year in the state finals. Not only did the Mustangs shut them out Friday, but they also held the Vikings to less than 100 yards offense in the game. The Mustangs snuffed out the Vikings passing game limiting them to two completions in 17 attempts for 12 yards and two interceptions.

It was the fifth consecutive game the Mustangs have scored seven points—and on the last three occasions the amount has been enough to win.

"We haven't been overwhelming anyone, but we sure have been getting the job done," Heppner Coach John Sporseen said. "It was definitely a good one to win."

In the narrow victories that Heppner has been subjecting its fans to lately, the importance of a solid kicking game has certainly come to the forefront. Sporseen said his team has that element of the game well under control thanks to the efforts of punter Bryan Marlin and placekicker

Bob Smith.

Marlin boomed five punts for a 35 yard average against the Vikings including late in the game punts of 52 and 44 yards. Smith has been consistent throughout the year on his extra points and he narrowly missed a 30-yard field goal attempt Friday.

"Those guys have saved us on more than one occasion this year," Sporseen said. "They've really come through."

Sporseen said the team did a

good job of containing the Viks Blake Cimmiyotti, one of the league's premier running backs. Cimmiyotti was held to 67 yards on 25 carries.

With the Umatilla win in the record books, Sporseen is now looking to the Mustangs Homecoming clash with the Lyle Trojans.

"We'll have our hands full, I'm sure," Sporseen said. "But if we get by Lyle I don't think we'll lose the rest of the year."

### Fillies take pair

The Heppner Fillies won two matches last week to move into a second place tie in league volleyball standings.

On Tuesday, Heppner hosted Sherman County and topped the Huskies in a three game match. Jackie Mollahan was top scorer as the Fillies recorded wins of 15-10, 8-15 and 15-12. The JV team lost its match in three games with Julie Grieb pacing the Junior Filly scorers.

Then on Thursday, Heppner beat Wasco County in straight games, 15-6 and 15-11. Janice Healy was the leading scorer

and Tammy Lucas was named player of the week for her all around play.

The JV team fell in straight games 9-15 and 12-15 with scoring evenly divided among the girls.

The C team also won both of its matches for the week and were led by Jeanette Piper in scoring.

The Fillies are now tied with Sherman County for second place behind league leading Condon. The top three teams will move on to District play beginning Oct. 29.

### PEERLESS PICKS

Proving that it is sometimes best to leave the predicting to the participants, Mustang football coach John Sporseen topped the field in this week's round of Peerless Picks. Sporseen came through on eight of 11 picks and he shaded G-T staffers Terry Hager and Jim Summers who were led astray by a partisan Bengal Tiger faction situated in the G-T office. Hager and

Summers both came out with 7-4 slates. Mike Sweeney and Robb Rush barely kept their heads above .500, finishing at 6-5. This week Peerless Pick regulars Hager, Summers and Sweeney are joined by lone football coach Gordon Meyers and Heppner Mayor Jerry Sweeney. Check out Mayor Sweeney's picks and take the opposites if you're interested in winning some cash this week.

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### Junior League still needs help

The junior basketball league is still looking for coaches and supervisors before the program can get off the ground this year.

The program is designed for youngsters from the third to

sixth grades and attracted over 80 participants last year.

Three coaches are no longer involved in the program and assistance is badly needed.

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