

Lyle blasts Mustangs

With only 13 seconds elapsed on the clock, the Heppner Mustangs found themselves behind by eight points and slapped with a five yard illegal procedure penalty without ever having touched the ball.

From there it got worse as an uninspired Heppner team increased its string of Homecoming defeats to the tune of a 42-14 shellacking by Lyle, Wash.

Hurting at several key positions, the Mustangs gave up 332 yards in the game as Lyle quarterback James Hilzer completed seven of 14 passes for 140 yards and Trojan runners carried for 182 yards.

Since they were forced to play catch up football from the outset, Heppner unveiled a nearly forgotten passing game with quarterback Jerry Cutsforth completing 12 of 33 attempts for 138 yards. Tight end Dale Holland was on the receiving end of nine of the throws for 70 yards and one touchdown. Seniors Jim Wishart and Gordon Hoffnagle split the running duties for Heppner with Hoffnagle gaining 63 yards on 18 carries and Wishart picking up 49 yards on 17 runs.

Hilzer, the leading scorer in the state of Washington coming into the game, added to his cause by hauling the opening kickoff 86 yards for a touchdown. Randy Kamp carried for the two point conversion and Lyle had an 8-0 lead that was never challenged.

When Heppner finally got a chance to put the ball in play, Cutsforth completed the first of his passes to Holland but the Mustangs were stopped short of a first down. Following a punt by substitute punter Jim Parker, Eric Clow intercepted Hilzer's second down pass and returned it into Lyle territory. Hoffnagle and Wishart alter-



Senior halfback Gordon Hoffnagle takes handoff from Jerry Cutsforth and follows the block of running mate Bryce Powell. The Mustangs found the going tough in the 42-14 loss to Lyle.

nated for yardage up the middle until Cutsforth was intercepted when his arm was hit on the release.

Lyle pushed the ball to the 10 where Wishart covered a fumble to end the drive. After Wishart carried for a first down, the Mustangs were able to stay on the attack when Chris Wright recovered a fumbled punt near midfield.

Despite the break, Heppner lost the ball on downs and Hilzer found Andy Schlagen for 45 yards to set up the Trojan's second TD.

Following the kickoff, the Mustangs coughed up the ball again—this time inside their own 25. Lyle drove the ball in for their third score and the conversion made it 22-0 with six minutes to go in the half.

Heppner mounted its only scoring drive of the half from their own 30 as Holland, Hoffnagle and Wishart all contributed first down plays. Cutsforth hit Hoffnagle on a 35-yard scoring pass and Bob Smith's extra point closed the gap to 22-7. Lyle wasted no time in regaining its 21 point advantage as Hilzer notched the visitor's fourth TD with 11 seconds to go in the half.

The Mustangs came out throwing in the second half—Cutsforth hit Holland and Bryce Powell for good yardage. An interference call gave Heppner a first down at the Trojan eight and Cutsforth found Holland in the endzone for the score. Lyle posted its next points in short order aided by Randy Kamp's 30-yard gain and a pitch to Jeff Kamp for 10.

On Heppner's next possession, the Lyle defense held and a bad snap to the punter was recovered by the Trojans at the Mustang 12. Lyle moved to the one before penalties and a Sam Myers sack pushed the ball out of scoring range. Heppner took over on downs as the third quarter ended.

Punts were exchanged in the fourth quarter until a Cutsforth pass was intercepted and the Trojans marched for a final score. Jeff Kamp broke loose for 38 yards and Hilzer hit two passes before carrying the ball over from four yards out.

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Sporseen, "Good offensive game."

There was still seven minutes left in the first half but the Lyle defensive unit was standing up in front of their bench leading a cheer for their offensive teammates on the field—fully confident that the game with Heppner was in the bag.

The Mustangs didn't do much to change anyone's thinking as they were steamrolled by the Trojans 42-14 Friday in Mustang Stadium. Heppner was never really in the game after Lyle jumped to an 8-0 lead on the strength of an 86-yard return of the opening kickoff.

"This is the first time I've had the opening kickoff run back against a team I've coached," Mustang coach John Sporseen said. "It was just not a good game any way you look at it."

Despite the lopsided score, Sporseen pointed to several interesting statistics in the game. Heppner picked up 17 first downs to the Trojan's 11 while the Mustangs snapped

off 71 offensive plays to Lyle's 55.

Quarterback Jerry Cutsforth's 34 pass attempts was a new high for Sporseen-coached teams and far exceeded the Mustang's output for the previous four games combined.

With two-thirds of the starting backfield out of the lineup, Jim Wishart and Gordon Hoffnagle took up the running slack and Dale Holland pulled in nine Cutsforth passes.

"I'm not disappointed in the offense at all," Sporseen said. "The line play was good and it was probably our best offensive game of the season."

The problem rested with the defense which Sporseen said was simply "not able to get up for a fourth consecutive week".

"It was partly a mental problem, but it was also a physical problem...they've been through three straight tough games," Sporseen said. Starters Dennis Peck and

Bryan Marlin were missing from the Mustang secondary and quarterback James Hilzer was given plenty of protection and time to exploit the inexperience.

Jim Kenny anchored the Heppner defense with 19 points from the coaching staff and Bob Smith, Sam Myers, Bryce Powell and Joedy Marlatt each totaled 17 points.

"They threw more than I thought they would," Sporseen said. "But if we were at full strength I think the teams would be about equal."

Since the loss came in a non-league contest, the Mustangs still face Wasco County and Condon in a possible run for the title. Condon's win last week over Oregon Trail tightened the race to the point where there could be a five-way tie for first place

going into the final week of play.

"There will be plenty of motivation for Wasco, Sporseen said. "We can't overlook them but if we play decent ball I think we'll win and then it will come down to Condon—all or nothing."

Although Wasco is winless, Sporseen said that type of team can be dangerous since they will try just about anything to break the string. "I heard that Wasco is going with a single-wing which we've never seen before so we'll have to be ready," Sporseen said.

Bryan Marlin will return after missing the Lyle game with a virus and Dennis Peck is a doubtful player pending a doctor's report on a broken bone in his wrist.

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