

Mustangs blast Wasco

Heppner got back on the winning track with a convincing 32-0 shutout of Wasco County Friday—keeping alive the Mustangs hopes for a Columbia Basin Conference title.

Bryan Marlin scored three touchdowns—one on a 59-yard punt return—to lead the Heppner attack. Jim Wishart contributed six points on a two-yard run and Bryce Powell added the final score on a 37-yard interception return.

Marlin led the Mustang rushers, picking up 164 yards on 25 carries while Jim Kenny gained 40 yards on two attempts and Wishart carried seven times for 30 yards. All but three of Heppner's 206 offensive yards came on the ground although quarterback Jerry Cutsforth completed half of his six passes.

In limiting the Red-sides to 86 yards rushing and 26 yards in the air, standout Heppner defenders included Marlin with 18 defensive points, Powell and Marty Smith with 15 and Wishart with 13. The Mustangs held Wasco to only two first downs in the game and forced two interceptions—by Marlin and Powell and one fumble—recovered by Kenny.

Heppner took the opening kickoff in for a touchdown as Marlin



Looking ahead

picked up good yardage and carried for the score on a sweep from 16 yards out. The defenses took over for the rest of the quarter forcing several punts.

In the second quarter, Kenny broke loose on a 34-yard run to set up the Mustangs second touchdown—a 17-yard run by Marlin. Later in the quarter, the Mustangs drove from their own 30 with Marlin and Wishart carrying to the two-yard line where Wishart punched the ball over

Heppner ball carrier Bryan Marlin turns the corner and looks for an opening in the Wasco defense as Steve Marlatt (44) and Joedy Marlatt (58) help Marlin on his way. The Mustangs win set the stage for an important final game clash with Condon Friday.

for a 19-0 lead.

Heppner recovered an onside kick and moved to the Wasco 30 as the half ended.

In the second half, a Heppner drive ended with an interception but the defense held and forced one of Wasco's seven punts in the game. Action was confined between the 30s until Kenny recovered a fumble at the Heppner 25 near the end of the third quarter.

With five minutes remaining in the game,

Marlin gathered in a Wasco punt and returned it all the way for the Mustangs fourth score. Bob Smith's extra point upped the margin to 26-0. On the Red-sides next possession, Powell stepped in front of a Wasco pass and carried it into the endzone for the final score of the game.

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Sporseen, "Must win by 10"

The Mustang defense checked back in after its Homecoming vacation and the result was goose eggs across the board for Wasco County as Heppner recorded CBC win number five, 32-0.

Heppner coach John Sporseen said he was generally pleased with his team's performance, although at times the play was "a little ragged".

"Everybody got some game time and experience," Sporseen said. "That's important in a game like this."

Sporseen cited the good play of non-regulars Scott McEwen, Phil Johnson and Steve Marlatt as encouraging signs in the game. He also said Ray Miller did a good job filling in for starter Chris Wright at center.

Although the Wasco

game was a must win for the Mustangs, the team's title hopes now hinge on the final contest of the season against Condon. Heppner now sits in a three-way tie for second place with Oregon Trail and Condon—all 5-3—while Sherman leads the pack at 6-1.

Heppner still holds a slim chance for an outright conference crown but the numbers seem to be against the Mustangs. Under the tiebreaker system used in the Columbia Basin Conference, Heppner needs at least a ten-point margin of victory

over Condon coupled with a five-point Oregon Trail win over Sherman to give them the championship and advance the team to district play.

"If Oregon Trail wins by less than five, Sherman wins the title, if they (O-T) wins by more than five its Oregon that takes the title," Sporseen said. "But we

worry too much about the O-T-Sherman game, we've got to concentrate on beating Condon by ten."

Even if the Magic five doesn't turn up and Heppner doesn't advance to the playoffs, the Mustangs can still claim a share of the championship.

"The odds aren't too good that Oregon Trail will win by five but we can still finish tied for the league and that's not a bad accomplishment," Sporseen said.

Sporseen figures the Mustangs will have their hands full at Con-

don trying to contain Marion Weatherford, one of the league's leading rushers.

"The off-tackle play has given us trouble all year and I'm sure they'll run it a lot against us," Sporseen said. "When you look at comparative scores, there's no doubt it will be a close game. It's just going to be a case of who gets psyched up and it has to be us if we want to get in on the championship."

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Hoop meeting Nov. 10

An organizational meeting for anyone interested in playing city league basketball this year has been scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 10, at 8 p.m. in Room 7 of Heppner High School. League play will be similar in format to last year with games slated for Sunday evenings in the high school gym.

Anyone interested in playing but unable to attend the meeting should contact the Gazette-Times office prior to Nov. 10.

PEERLESS PICKS

Big Billhaus—er—Bill Bighaus, Hermiston Herald Sports Editor, who can usually be found immersed in his musty collection of football cards, came out on top of the heap in last week's Peerless Picks contest. Bighaus' 10-1 mark edged G-T staffer Jimbo Summers who finished at 9-2. PP regulars Terry Hager

and Mike Sweeney finished with so-so 7-4 slates along with Mark Murray. This week, Hager, Sweeney and Summers are joined by CBEK Manager Dave Harrison and Pioneer Memorial Hospital respiratory therapist Craig Cooley.

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Clemson at North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	Clemson	Clemson
Nebraska at Missouri	Nebraska	Missouri	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska
Syracuse at Navy	Syracuse	Navy	Navy	Navy	Navy
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Wyoming at Arizona State	Wyoming	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona	Wyoming
Colorado at Iowa State	Iowa State	Iowa	Colorado	Iowa	Colorado
Brown at Dartmouth	Brown	Dartmouth	Dartmouth	Brown	Dartmouth
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1. Readers should look to advertiser's boxes for games, predicting winner by writing prediction on appropriate numbered line.
2. Score must be given for tie-breaker game.
3. Entry forms must be received at the Gazette-Times by Friday at 5 p.m.

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