

BLEACHER SEATS



With Robb Rush

Team A; Coaches A; Fans A; Writer moving up 15-8, Mustangs stampede the Vikings!
Not much of a stampede you say? Well that depends on how you look at it. The game was definitely not a run-away with the Mustangs winning by 20 or more points. A lot of people think that in order for a game to be a smashing success the winners have to really steamroll the opposition. Not true!

The game at Umatilla was an example of why. The Mustangs played a very steady, solid game. The offense did what it had to do—put more than one touchdown on the score board. When that happens it allows the "Zoo" to do its thing, which is not allow the opposition more than one touchdown in regulation game time.

On defense the Mustangs played a tough, steady ballgame. Jim Parker and Joedy Marlatt were all over the field ripping the Viking ball carriers and Dale Holland's defensive end play put a lot of pressure on his counterparts across the line.

Dale's tough aggressive play almost stopped the Vikings from even trying to run on his side of the field.

Another very dependable aspect of the Mustang defense played very well. The "Ball-Hawks" were out in force Friday afternoon. The Viking quarterback had a field day completing four passes to the Mustang defensive backs. I don't have the official statistics, but the Mustangs have to be leading the league in interceptions. Dennis Peck picked off two aeriels and Lionel Wood (he was short of his promised two) grabbed one along with Bryan Marlin (I hope Lionel is saving the one he was short for Wahtonka).

The Heppner offense doesn't have to take a back seat to anybody this week. They played a hard, steady ballgame against a pretty stiff defense. Umatilla looked to be about as unyielding as our own and the Mustangs took it to the Vikings to the tune of 15 points. Fifteen points! Why that is two 6-pointers, a successful 2-point conversion and a much improved 1-for-1 in the kicking department—a good example of a solid performance.

The passing game had some success in Umatilla with John Bier showing more patience and poise each week and Dale Holland came up with a leaping catch in the midst of Viking defenders to keep a drive alive.

And just because neither Dennis or Bryan cracked the 100-yard barrier don't think the running game was shut completely off. Don't think it for a minute. Last week against Sherman, Perry Cooper, foot in a cast and on crutches, could have gained 50-60 yards because the offensive line was blowing the Huskies off the line of scrimmage so far. The Vikings were much tougher and the Mustang line still played a good hard game but the big holes just were harder to come by. Sometimes a back can play a better game gaining 70-80 yards than he does picking up 120-30 yards. A solid performance.

Perhaps the most significant example of the steady play of the Mustangs was the absence of the drive-killing penalties; the off sides, the motion calls, and the holding penalties that have hurt the team up until the last two games.

When you add up the offensive performance and the fervor of the "Zoo" combined with a relative penalty free performance, you get an effort that will stand up to any team in the league.

The fans get a good grade again this week. Quite a few of the "Dyed in the wools" showed up at 2 p.m. in Umatilla. The team must know they are not alone. It is too bad the Mustang Cheerleaders couldn't get the yells organized.

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Wahtonka back in league?

Mustangs stampede Vikings; remain at top of CBC

The Mustang defense took the spotlight last Friday, as Heppner held onto a first half lead to overcome Umatilla by a 15-8 margin.

Heppner defensemen limited Umatilla's total offensive effort to 170 yards, compared with the Mustang's 239. The Mustang defensive unit also picked off four Umatilla passes, returning them for a total of 27 yards. Umatilla did not appear on the scoreboard until the final two minutes of the game.

Heppner's scoring began in the first quarter, when John Bier lunged over the goal line from one yard out. Dale Holland picked up two conversion points on a pass from Bryan Marlin.

In the second quarter, Marlin broke loose on a 46-yard scramble that ended in a second Mustang touchdown. Freshman Doug Holland booted the extra point, ending Heppner's scoring at 15 points.

The game remained at 15-0 until the closing minutes of the fourth quarter, when Umatilla quarterback Matt Davis connected with receiver Mark Bradley. The play was good for 20 yards and a TD. A successful aerial conversion attempt made it 15-8.

The Vikings had a shot at tying or winning the game, when they regained control of the football with just over one minute left, on the Mustang 45

yard line. But Marlin put an end to the drive before it started, picking off a Davis pass and running it back five yards.

Marlin was the game's leading ground gainer, carrying for a total of 85 yards in 15 possessions. Dennis Peck was next with 64 yards.

Wingback Scott Groshens capitalized on his two carries of the contest, racking up a total of 19 yards.

Mustang quarterback John Bier connected on three of eight passing attempts for 75 yards. Marlin, who boomed out a 35.9 yard average in punting during the Umatilla contest, proved that he was no slouch at returning Viking boots. He returned one punt for 22 yards.

"It was a good defensive game," commented Coach John Sporseen. "We made a few mistakes in the second half, and we should have scored a couple more touchdowns."

Heppner's win kept the Mustangs at the top of Columbia Basin Conference standings, tied with Wahtonka at 5-1.

Wahtonka, previously considered ineligible for official CBC status, now appears certain to become a full-fledged component of the league.

The school, located in The Dalles, had been declared ineligible earlier this year, since its enrollment exceeded



200 students, disqualifying it from Class A competition. However, last week the State Department of Education accepted amended enrollment figures from the school, plac-

ing average enrollment at 198.7 students—just below the 200-student cutoff point between Class A and Class AA.

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Cutting the corner

Mustang fullback Bryan Marlin finds daylight in a field of Umatilla defenders during Heppner's 15-8 victory over the Vikings last Friday. Marlin was the leading ground gainer during the contest, rushing for 85 yards.

Cards still undefeated

Redbirds rout Wheeler Co. 48-8

The Cardinal team showed great versatility in a 48-8 romp Thursday night against Wheeler.

Fans saw everything from Jeff Hams to Dennis Stefani to Danny McElligott at quarterback, to Stefani-Hams-Tim Key-Leslie Thompson and on, as kickers. Although McElligott's short stint at quarterback wasn't as successful as the other two, he connected on one of three passes. The one being an interception to the Falcon's Mike Pemberton who ran 38 yards for their only touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

"They just don't have very many kids," explained lone Coach Gordon Meyers. "Wheeler has just 12 kids and you can't do much with that few." Lone boasts a roster of 20 players.

Lone dominated the ballgame from the beginning. Early in the first quarter Jeff Hams sprinted 11 yards for the first points of the game. Shawn LaRue added two with a three-yard run. Several plays later another LaRue, Robin, sprinted 4 yards to the goal for six more.

Momentum stayed with the Cards as they scored twice

more before the half. Both times it was the teamwork of Dennis Stefani's passing action to Danny McElligott. First for 22 yards and then for 18. Stefani sweetened the glory both times with a field goal kick—fast becoming a Cardinal favorite—and a real oddity in 8-man football.

The third quarter found the Cards leading by a comfortable 28-0 margin, when Shawn LaRue entered the scoring picture with a 4-yard TD run. Stefani booted the pigskin for the extra point. The Cards hardly needed more at 35-0, but when the opportunity

came knocking Robin LaRue answered. He unleashed an 18-yard run for another Cardinal touchdown.

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Contact: John Alberthal, BPA Area Manager, Room 201, 919 N.E. 19th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97208, 503-234-3361, extension 4551

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Contact: Ladd Sutton, BPA District Manager, Room 206, 211 East Seventh Street, Eugene, Oregon 97401, 503-345-0311

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Contact: Harold Cantrell, BPA Area Manager, West 101 Poplar, Walla Walla, Washington 99362, 509-525-5500, extension 701

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Place: Intermountain Science Experience Center Auditorium, 1776 Science Center Drive
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Place: City Hall, Chelan Avenue and Yakima Street
Contact: Joseph Anderson, BPA District Manager, Room 314, 301 Yakima Street, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4377, extension 379

Seattle, Washington; Monday, November 13
Place: Blakely Room, Seattle Center
Contact: George Tupper, BPA Area Manager, Room 250, 415 First Avenue, North, Seattle, Washington 98109, 206-442-4130

Spokane, Washington; Tuesday, November 14
Place: Terrace Rooms A and B, Ridpath Hotel, West 515 Sprague
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