

BLEACHER SEATS



With Robb Rush

The grades: Team—A; coaches—A; Fans—A; writer—NO GRADE (I was too excited to tell).

6-1 and alone again, naturally. 14-11—not your conventional football score, but who cares? The Mustangs ended the game on top. I don't know if I saw the game objectively, but I did see it emotionally and what a game it was.

Anyone who missed the game against Wahtonka missed a prime chance to see the Mustangs demonstrate why they are leading the league and are likely to continue in that position the rest of the season. The Mustang game is together and solid. (Good thing the team is: I know some fans that go completely gunny-sack.)

The Mustang offense again this week put enough points on the scoreboard and then turned the game over to the Zoo for safekeeping.

Dennis Peck had an outstanding game, carrying the football for 115 driving, churning, tough yards. Several times Wahtonka defenders had Peck cornered in his own backfield, only to have him break tackles and go on for substantial gains. Dennis has been running with greater authority in recent weeks, which together with Bryan Marlin gives the Mustangs the best backfield tandem in the league.

Did any of you fans notice how Joedy Marlatt runs to the line of scrimmage from the huddle? His enthusiasm has to intimidate the opposing lineman. Anyone that anxious to hit someone must have an effect on the fellow that is going to get hit.

Coaches Sporseen and Conklin let the Zoo out of their cages Friday night and they came to play. The Mustang offense turned the game, win or lose, over to the Zoo several times in the fourth quarter, and the Mustangs were equal to the task. The Mustang defensive unit seems to be the heart and pride of the team. (Dale Holland decided to get into the "Ball Hawk" act, pretty soon).

The Mustang ball hawks played their usual outstanding game. The Wahtonka passing game was probably the best that the Heppner boys have seen so far this year, and the pass defense was up to the task.

The Mustangs added a new member to the ball hawks. Dale Holland showed the Cougar quarterback that defensive linemen do things besides rush the passer and make tackles.

It is now getting to be time to look down the road towards the end of the season. I see the Mustangs as a developing and maturing unit. With the state playoffs a distinct possibility, the team has rounded into a fundamentally sound group with every member contributing his share. If the Heppner Mustangs continue to develop from this point, Heppner fans can look forward to exciting post-season play.

Doug Holland has really developed as a place kicker. His is a 3 for 3 in the last two ball games, and none of the three was a lame duck type. All of them were right on the money. Those one-pointers are very important.

Homecoming week is on the scene. If the Mustangs recall last year's game against Lyle, maybe the Wasco County

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Mustangs trample Eagles; now alone at CBC summit

For the first time this season, the Heppner Mustangs have breathing room at the top of the Columbia Basin Conference championship race.

In action last Friday, Heppner used all but a few seconds of the game clock to wrap up a 14-11 victory over Wahtonka, formerly tied with Heppner for first place.

COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	Won	Loss
HEPPNER	6	1
Condon	5	2
Wahtonka	5	2
Riverside	4	3
Sherman	4	3
Umatilla	4	3
Weston-McEwen	4	3
Pilot Rock	2	5
Wasco County	1	6
Stanfield	0	7

The down-to-the-wire contest once more spotlighted the defensive effort of the Mustangs. Key defensive plays occurred throughout the game, but none were more timely than Bryan Marlin's two pass interceptions in the closing minutes of the game, when the Eagles launched threatening scoring drives. Dale Holland also picked off a pass to break up a Wahtonka goal-line march. Lionel Wood appeared to have bagged an interception, but the pickoff was ruled invalid by officials.

The Mustang offensive attack was formidable as well. Dennis Peck tallied both Heppner touchdowns, on an 11 yard run, and later, on a 13 yard pass play from quarterback John Bier. Peck galloped for a whooping 115 yards in rushing, and caught two passes, worth 34 additional yards. Peck also handled two kickoff returns, good for three yards.

Marlin carried the ball on 11

plays, good for 78 yards. Bier connected on three of six pass attempts, picking up 55 yards, including the Peck touchdown catch.

Wahtonka scored early in the first quarter on a booming 36 yard field goal boot by 225-pound Ron Schmidt. The Eagles' offense flared up again in the final quarter, with Wahtonka scoring a touchdown on a run by fullback Jim Huskey from two yards out. Huskey then caught a two-point conversion pass from Randy Twidwell to bring the Eagles to within three point of Heppner.

The Eagles continued to threaten, aided by a fourth quarter Mustang fumble, until the closing minute of the contest, when Marlin inter-

cepted a Wahtonka pass, allowing the Mustangs to run down the clock.

Doug Holland connected on both Mustang conversion kicks during the Friday night home game.

Heppner's victory over the Eagles removed a large stumbling block from the Mustangs' path to state playoff action. Wins over hapless Wasco County and second-place Condon would assure Heppner of the Columbia Basin crown.

The Mustangs face 1-6 Wasco at 7 p.m. this Friday to climax Heppner's Homecoming activities. The Condon matchup will be the final game of the season, to be played in Heppner the following Friday, Nov. 3.



Fillies to sub-district

The Heppner Fillies volleyball team heads to The Dalles Saturday for their first sub-district playoff game with Wahtonka at 12:15. The Fillies are 12-3 over all and 9-3 for league play. Last week the Fillies downed Ione and Sherman County.

Cards keep perfect record; crush Echo

The Echo Cougars were the latest team to be crushed in the jaws of defeat by the Ione Cardinals in a 62-26 romp, including a 32 point second quarter.

"I think we played pretty good ball, especially in the second quarter; we really woke up," said Ione Coach Gordon Meyers.

It took the Cards a little over a quarter of the game to really

warm up, though they scored once in the first period on a Gregg Rietmann sprint of five yards. Dennis Stefani connected with Robin LaRue for the two-point conversion. The Cougars came back with a passing TD, failing to convert the extra points.

Early in the second quarter, Echo scored again on a one-yard run to boost the score to 12-8. Then the Cardinal

team exploded with four touchdowns in the remaining minutes of the second period.

Kevin McCabe started the rash of points with a 17 yard run, with Stefani running for two. A Stefani-to-LaRue pass put six more on the scoreboard and this time McCabe ran for two. Rietmann again entered the scoring scene with a 35-yard run with Stefani again running the conversion.

"Red hot and rollin'," the Card's Leslie Thompson was next in line to score, picking up a Cougar fumble and dashing 38 yards for the score. Stefani connected with Rietmann for the conversion.

Right out of the locker room and into the second half, Gregg Rietmann continued the scoring momentum on a one yard run, followed by a Stefani-to-Danny McElligott

conversion to boost the score to 48-12. Echo came back to score on a pass and a two-point conversion for a score of 48-20.

Not to be outdone, Stefani connected on a pass to McCabe who then ran 80 yards for another Ione TD. The Cardinal scoring ended with a John Lindstrom interception.

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