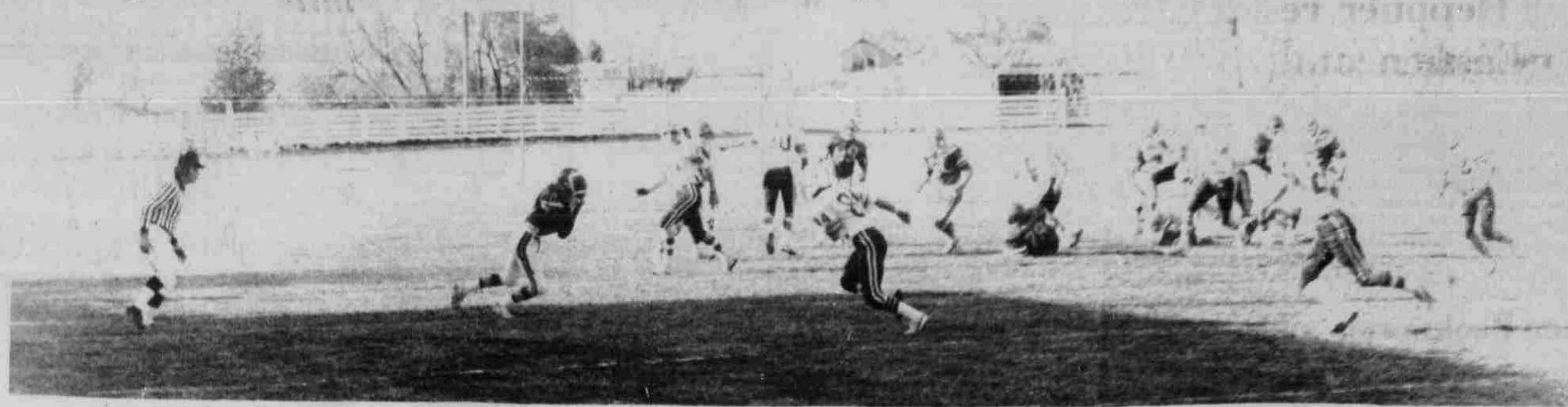


# Mustangs move one step closer in quest for state championship



Cliff Dougherty handles a pass during second half action of the Mustang-Elgin game Saturday

By VANNE MURRAY

The Heppner Mustangs had vengeance in their eyes as they jogged onto the football field, Saturday Nov. 14. The Mustangs wanted to prove themselves against the Elgin

Huskies, who had previously put the Mustangs out of the running for a state championship the past two years in a row.

The Mustangs were really up for this game and it really paid off. The Mustangs buried the Huskies 34 - 6.

"Fundamentally, this was our best game of the season. Everyone performed well and there were very few missed assignments," commented Heppner Coach John Sporn.

Quarterback Doug Holland capped off the Mustangs' first scoring drive with a 15 yard sneak that ended in the end zone. The Mustang defense took over when running back John Murray was out. Earl Hammond picked up the pieces and rushed 24 times for 132 yards.

Holland came back in the third quarter to scramble three yards into the endzone. Holland struck once again but this time in the air as he hit Robert Bier for an 11 yard touchdown. Bier's touchdown put the Mustangs ahead 20 - 0 at the end of the third quarter.

The Mustangs weren't quite finished scoring, so proved by Murray, who returned on defense in the second half. Murray proceeded to intercept a pass and then he rambled 21 yards into the endzone.

Holland came back for the finishing touches as he aimed for Cliff Dougherty, but somehow Mike Currin made it into the endzone with the ball. Holland was just as effective on the ground as he was in the air. He rushed for 58 yards on 10 carries and completed seven of 11 for 107 yards and two touchdowns.

Murray rushed 44 yards on six carries.

In the defensive category, Lee Rice led the Mustangs with a game high of 28 points according to the Heppner coaches' defensive rating system. Murray and Holland were close seconds, each had 21 points. Tom Huston followed just behind with 19 points, including his interception in the fourth quarter.

Bier and Dougherty both were in double digits with 12 and 10 respectively.

Next week the Mustangs, ranked third in the state, will take on the Oakridge Warriors, ranked second in the state.

"Oakridge will be a completely different kind of game," said Sporn of next week's game. "They are smaller but quicker and execute great. The key to the game will be whether or not we can adjust to their quickness."

The game will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday Nov. 21.

Scoring summary:  

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Elgin	0	0	0	6	6
Heppner	7	0	13	14	34

 Heppner: Holland 15 yard run (Farrar kick).  
 Heppner: Holland three yard run (Farrar kick)

Heppner: Bier 13 yard pass from Holland (kick failed)  
 Heppner: Murray 21 yard interception return (Farrar kick)  
 Heppner: Currin 23 yard pass from Holland (Farrar kick)  
 Elgin: Follett 24 yard pass from Herron (pass failed)

## Cards handed defeat in quarter final game

By MICHELLE LARUE

The lone Cardinals traveled to Cove for a quarter final game in State B eight man football, on Saturday, November 14. The Cardinals were handed a disappointing loss to the Cove Leopards, 20 - 6.

The Cardinals lost the coin toss and had to open the game by kicking-off to the Leopards. Jeff Hams kicked off to the one yard line, where the ball stalled on the edge of a hold and rolled out of bounds.

The Leopards fumbled on their first possession in the game and Ione recovered it but the ball was blown dead, even though the ball carrier was not tackled. This turned out to be a bad break for the Cardinals as the Leopards went on to score. Chris Page

ran in for a 17 yard touchdown, the extra points were no good.

The Cardinals couldn't seem to gain any ground as they were forced to punt on their first series of the game. The Cardinals held the Leopards, forcing them into a punting situation. The score showed the Leopards on top 6 - 0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Leopards were the first to score in the second quarter as quarterback Kenny Wells hit Randy Abbott on a seven yard touchdown pass. The run for the extra points failed.

The Cardinals scored their only touchdown of the game as Tim Patton intercepted a Leopard pass and ran it back 79 yards for a touchdown. The pass for the extra points was

no good. The Cardinals went into the locker room behind the Leopards 12 - 6. The last touchdown of the game came in the third quarter on a 14 yard run by Chris Page for the Leopards. Virgil Frank ran in for the extra points to finish the scoring at 20 - 6.

The fourth quarter turned into a defensive battle as neither team was able to score. The final score was 20 - 6, eliminating the Cardinals from the state play-offs.

Cardinal quarterback Denny Starr suffered a broken arm in the third quarter. That forced the Cardinals to put their star running back, Jeff Hams into the quarterback position. This slowed down the Cardinals' rushing attack. The Cove Leopards played a

six man line almost all day and because of their quickness they beat the Cardinals off the line of scrimmage. Their quickness bottled up the Cardinals rushing and passing attack.

Coach Meyers didn't feel his team played as well as they could have and he doesn't know why but nobody seemed ready for the game. Meyers said he was very happy with the season and the Cardinals went further than anyone including himself thought they would.

Ione	0	6	0	0	6
Cove	6	6	8	0	20

Cove: Page 17 yard run. Pass failed.

Cove: Abbott seven yard pass from Wells. Run failed.

Ione: Patton 79 yard interception return. Pass failed.

Cove: Page 11 yard run. Frank run.

## What's Your Opinion?



Question: "How do you feel about Morrow County having its own jail?"  
 "I don't see why they shouldn't," said Jim Hayes, Sr., of Heppner.

## Bowling News

Sparetimers  
 November 10, 1981

Won - Lost	
S & J Market	26 - 14
Coast to Coast	22 - 18
Sears	21 - 18
Central Market	20 - 20
Peterson's	20 - 20
Les Schwab	18 - 22
Gardner's	17 - 23
Mo. Co. Grain Gr.	16 - 24

Splits converted: Tonya Jones - 5 - 10 and LoRayne Bowman - 6 - 7 - 10  
 High Game: Linda Schultz - 189  
 High Series: Chris Limanen - 517  
 Sears' team bowled high team game for this season with a total of 1013 which includes handicap.  
 Also, Scott and Jeannie Adkisson of S & J Market

donated a turkey for the person bowling the most pins over their average in any one game. Chris Lovgren won the turkey by bowling a game that was 61 pins over her average.

Thursday Night Ladies  
 November 12, 1981

Won - Lost	
Gateway	25 1/2 - 14 1/2
Kinzua Corp.	23 - 17
Columbia Basin	22 - 18
Bucknum's	22 - 18
M & R	20 1/2 - 19 1/2
LeBush	16 - 24
Ray Boyce Ins.	16 - 24
B & C Repair	15 - 25

Splits Converted: Leann Rea - 5 - 6 - 10  
 High Game: Joyce Winter and Marie Boor - 188  
 High Series: Kay McRoberts - 516.

Koffee Kup Keglers  
 November 12, 1981

Won - Lost	
Gutter Dusters	27 - 13
Three Holers	22 - 18
Wearly Wives	21 - 19
Hi Ho's	21 - 19
Newcomers	19 - 21
Three L's	18 - 22
The Dregs	17 - 23
The Pytts	15 - 25

High Individual game: Billie Doherty - 193  
 High Individual series: Billie Doherty - 497  
 High team game: Three Holers 603  
 High team series: The Dregs - 1632  
 Splits: 5 - 10 - Marget Dubuque, 4 - 5 - Roxie Lovgren, 5 - 7 and 5 - 10 Hilda Yocum.

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