

Mustangs pull win out of double overtime



David Pedro (33) runs with the football while Joe Taylor (20) blocks Whip Hagen, linebacker for TigerScots.

By Ashley Conklin

Once a year Scott Jones goes hunting and once a year the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots are the victims.

Last season Jones led the Heppner Mustangs to their first victory in two seasons with 72 yards rushing on 14 carries and scored the only touchdown in the game to power the Mustangs to a 6-0 win.

This season, on Friday night, Jones led Heppner back from a 6-0 deficit to a 14-12 double overtime win.

Jones carried the ball 20 times for 94 yards, but gained 60 of those yards in the fourth and overtime periods. Jones' 10-yard jaunt in the second overtime helped Heppner to the 14-12 victory.

The only loss Heppner has suffered in the last two years was to Weston-McEwen earlier this season. Ironically, Jones didn't play in that game because he missed too many practices while he was gone bow hunting. Jones might not have gotten his bull elk, but he certainly got his Tiger-Scots in last Friday's game.

Neither team scored in the first 33:32 until Whip Hager lofted a 10-yard halfback pass to Bill Hansell, putting Weston-McEwen ahead 6-0. The score was set up when Robin Carson recovered a David Pedro fumble on the 12-yard line. However, both teams had their chances to score in the first half.

Heppner's Bryan Padberg intercepted Todd Hanson on the game's opening possession and returned it inside Weston-McEwen's 10. The Mustang offense sputtered forcing Heppner to punt.

Later in the first quarter the Mustangs had another chance to score when Tiger-Scot punter Chris Nash fumbled the snap and Arkie Smith tackled Nash back on the 17.

On third down, Padberg picked up 12 yards and a first down on the 10. A clipping penalty nullified the gain, however, and the Mustangs lost the ball on downs.

Heppner dove inside the Tiger-Scot 30 midway through the second period but were again turned away.

Weston-McEwen took over at its own 25 and gained a first down to the 42 on a Hanson completion to John Shanks.

Two completions to Bill Copenhagen put the ball on the Mustang 38 and John Pike carried to the 34. But on fourth and two with 1:55 left in the half Heppner stopped the Tiger-Scots and took over on downs.

After Hagen's scoring toss to Hansell, Weston-McEwen got the ball back on Copenhagen's inside kickoff and Pike's recovery on Heppner's 46. However, Scott Buschke fell on a Pike fumble on the 30 to end the threat.

The Mustangs had another chance to score early in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Joe Taylor found Troy Hyatt for a 10-yard gain, and, on the same play, Hanson was ejected from the game for spearing Hyatt, moving the ball to the Tiger-Scot 31. But once again Heppner's offense sputtered and the Tiger-Scots took over.

Later in the quarter Weston-McEwen was looking to seal the game when they moved inside the Mustang 30. But on fourth and one from the 23 Hagen was stopped for no gain.

Heppner got the ball back with 4:01 left and a 15 yard penalty put the ball on the 38.

On the first down Taylor was stopped for no gain but another 15 yard penalty on the Tiger-Scots put the ball on the Weston-McEwen 47.

Jones carried two times to the 36 and on second and eight from the 34 gained 16 yards to the 18.

A five-yard penalty put the Mustangs on the 13. A four-yard pass from Taylor to Craig Angell gave Heppner the ball at the nine and Jones carried twice to the three.

A five-yard penalty moved the Mustangs back to the eight. On second-and-goal Taylor lofted a pass to Angell who out-leaped a Tiger-Scot defender for the touchdown with 1:10 left in the game. Jones carried six times for 35 yards on the drive.

On the ensuing kickoff, Heppner got the ball back when Jason Palmer (who missed the extra point) had his kick bounce off Carson and Jones recovered.

However Taylor's pass for Angell was underthrown and Andy Betts returned the interception from the 23 to 43.

The Tiger-Scots still had a chance, but Pedro picked off Hagen's pass as time ran out.

The game went into Kansas overtime with each team getting four downs from the 10 to score.

Heppner won the toss and elected to play defense first.

Weston-McEwen went four downs and gained nothing as Heppner took over.

Jones took off on first down and fumbled the ball at the three. The ball rolled out of the end zone for a touchback and the game went into its second overtime.

The Tiger-Scots elected to play defense but Jones scooted 10 yards to score and put the Mustangs up 12-6.

Angell, who was lined up to kick the extra point, received the snap from center and hit Pedro for the extra points and a 14-6 lead.

On Weston-McEwen's first play Hager ran 10 yards for the touchdown and made the score 14-12.

Forced to go for the two-point

conversion, the Tiger-Scots opted to have Betts, taking over for Hanson, throw the ball. But Dick Devin tipped the ball and then Taylor knocked it away to preserve the Mustang victory.

"We played a lot better in the second half and came out with our spirits up after halftime," Heppner coach Tim Birkby said. "I was glad to see we didn't have a big letdown after Weston-McEwen scored."

Weston-McEwen was led by Copenhagen, Hagen, and Hanson offensively.

Heppner received a big score in the fourth quarter when starting center and outside linebacker Kevin Curnutt suffered a severe neck injury and was taken to St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton. Curnutt was reported in good condition though late Friday night.

The Mustangs (2-1 in Columbia Basin conference play) will host the 1-2 Sherman County Huskies at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night.

To defeat the Huskies, Heppner must stop the explosive quickness of running backs Mark Baskins and Gary Eaton.

| Statistics | | Heppner | | Weston-McEwen | | |
|--|--------|---------|--------|---------------|-----|-----------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | TOT | F |
| Heppner | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 |
| Weston-McEwen | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Weston-McEwen - Hanson 10 pass from Hager (kick failed); Heppner - Angell 9 pass from Taylor (kick failed); Heppner - Jones 10 run (D. Pedro snap from Angell); Betts, 9-1-0-0. | | | | | | |
| First Downs | | | | | | |
| Heppner | 8 | | | | | 10 |
| Weston-McEwen | 47 | 122 | | | | 43-133 |
| Passing | 8-12 | 14-3 | | | | 7-17-81-2 |
| Total Offense | 134 | | | | | 214 |
| Return Yards | 28 | | | | | 36 |
| Fumbles lost | 5-3 | | | | | 4-3 |
| Penalties - Yards | 6-60 | | | | | 11-125 |
| Points - average | 7-28.6 | | | | | 4-37.5 |
| Receiving: Heppner - Jones, 20-94; D. Pedro, 15-27; Padberg, 1-12; Taylor, 11-111; Weston-McEwen - Hagen, 25-83; J. Shanks, 4-27; Pike, 7-23; Betts, 2-7; Hanson, 2-3; Nash, 1-10. | | | | | | |
| Passing: Heppner - Taylor, 4-11-11-1; Angell, 1-1-3-0; Weston-McEwen - Hanson, 6-13-71-1; Hagen 1-3-10-1. | | | | | | |
| Rushing: Heppner - Angell, 2-12; D. Pedro, 2-4-0; Heath, 1-10; Weston-McEwen - Copenhagen, 4-42; J. Shanks 1-17; Pike, 1-12; Hansell, 1-10. | | | | | | |
| CBC Standings | | | | | | |
| League | | | | | | |
| Wins | Losses | Wins | Losses | | | |
| Wahatonga | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| Steele | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Heppner | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Weston-McEwen | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| Umatilla | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Riverdale | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| Sherman County | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | |
| Wasco County | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | |

Named Players of the Week

By Ashley Conklin

For their roles in Heppner's 14-12 double overtime victory over Weston-McEwen last Friday night, Scott Jones and David Pedro were named by Mustang football coach Tim Birkby as offensive and defensive Players of the Week.

Jones led the Mustangs offensively with 94 yards rushing on 20 carries.

On Heppner's fourth quarter drive to tie the game at 6-6, Jones rushed six times for 35 yards and picked up

three important first downs.

Then, in the second overtime, Jones dashed 10 yards for the go-ahead touchdown to help the Mustangs to the victory.

Pedro, from his outside linebacker position had 20 defensive points on 10 tackles, a fumble recovery, and an interception.

Pedro's interception in the fourth quarter stopped the Tiger-Scots last chance of a victory in regulation.

Players of the Week

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| <p>Offensive</p>  <p>Scott Jones #25 5-8", 140, TB-CB Junior</p> | <p>Defensive</p>  <p>David Pedro #33 6'0", 180 lbs., FB-LB Senior</p> |
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After 6 years Cards shut out Honkers



Kevin Ball (20) heads for the endzone.

By Ashley Conklin

For the first time since 1979, lone's football team came away victorious over the Arlington Honkers last Friday afternoon by a 30-0 count. The game was the season opener for each team and improved the Cardinals' record to 2-1 overall.

"The win meant a lot to the entire community and I'm glad to be a part of it," lone head coach David Presley said.

lone's first touchdown came on a broken option play in the first quarter when quarterback Kevin Ball scampered 12 yards for the 6-0 lead.

Tailback Chris Rea, returning to the starting lineup after injuring a knee a week earlier, rambled three yards for the next Cardinal score to increase lone's lead to 12-0.

The next two Cardinal touchdowns came when quarterback Kevin Ball handed the ball off to Ken Snider and then Snider threw the ball back to Ball for scores. The passes covered 25 and 50 yards respectively.

Rea capped the scoring later in the fourth period on a 30-yard jaunt.

lone used a good balance of rushing (161 yards) and passing (163 yards) for a total output of 324 yards.

Snider (14 attempts for 73 yards) and Rea (6 rushes for 51 yards) spearheaded the Cardinal rushing attack. Meanwhile Ball and Snider combined to complete 7 of 11 passes for 163 yards.

Still, Presley was not happy with what he saw. "We had a lot of offensive problems," Presley said. "We had backs going the wrong way and a lot of other mistakes."

Defensively, lone was led by Snider, Brian Ball, and Tim Beeson. "Ken and Brian had a lot of tackles up the middle because all Arlington did was run up the middle," Presley said. "I was really disappointed that our defensive line didn't attack Arlington's line. I guess the linemen had the Long Creek game in the back of their mind. I was really disappointed at our interior defensive line.

"We never really felt threatened on defense because all Arlington would do was run up the middle," he added. "They only threw one pass and Ken intercepted that. I was kind of disappointed that Arlington didn't throw more because I wanted our defensive secondary to get some more work."

The Honkers gained all of their 118 yards on the ground. Leading

the attack was Mike Ohler with 88 yards on 21 carries.

| Scoring | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | F |
|--|--|---|---|---|----|----|
| lone | | 6 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 30 |
| Arlington | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| lone-K. Ball 12 run (run failed); lone-K. Ball 25 pass from Snider (run failed); lone-K. Ball 25 pass from Snider (run failed); lone-K. Ball 50 pass from Snider (run failed); lone-K. Ball 30 run (run failed). | | | | | | |



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