

Mustang offense crushes Huskies



Heppner tailback Scott Buschke (29) tries to elude Sherman County Husky on route to 25-13 Heppner win. photo by Tom Fleck

with 13 and 12 tackles respectively. Riehl led the Mustangs with 18 total defensive points, followed by Devin and Lancaster with 13 points apiece. Try Hyatt also had 10 defensive points and two quarterback sacks.

Fields completed five of nine passes for 89 yards, but was sacked three times and intercepted once. Eaton (15 carries, 130 yards) and Lohrey (16-54) keyed the Sherman County ground attack.

The Mustangs will travel to Umatilla on Friday afternoon for a 2:30 p.m. contest.

The Vikings are 1-2 in CBC play after consecutive losses to Stanfield and Wahtonka.

To defeat Umatilla, Heppner must stop the high powered Viking offense led by senior quarterback Russell Richards. Before last Friday night's game, Umatilla had averaged 28 points and 323 yards a game, but were held to 0 points and 73 yards against Wahtonka.

Statistics	1	2	3	4	F
Sherman County	0	0	7	8	13
Heppner	7	4	8	8	25
Heppner D. Pedro 4 run (Palmer kick); Heppner Taylor 9 run (kick failed); Heppner Jones 6 run (kick failed).					
Sherman County Eaton 26 run (S. Peters kick); Sherman County Eaton 17 pass from T. Fields (kick failed); Heppner Angell 23 pass from Taylor (kick failed).					
Sherman County					
First Downs	13	11			
Rushes - Yards	45-284	40-236			
Passing	5-40-89-1	1-7-23-0			
Total offense	273	239			
Returned Yards	65	90			
Fumbles - Lost	2-1	4-1			
Penalties - yards	2-30	3-25			
Points - Average	5-30	2-40			

Named players of the week

By Ashley Conklin

For their contributions in Heppner's 25-13 victory over the Sherman County Huskies last Friday night, Craig Angell and Gene Lancaster were awarded by Head coach Tim Birkby as offensive and defensive Players of the Week.

Angell, the Mustangs starting split end, caught quarterback Joe Taylor's only completion of the night. However, the pass went for 23 yards and gave Heppner a crucial touchdown in the fourth quarter, giving the Mustangs some breathing room in the hotly contested game.

Lancaster, now one of Heppner's starting defensive tackles, had his finest game of the season.

The 6'3", 270 lb. junior had 12 tackles for 13 defensive points.

CBC Standings	League		Points	
	Win	Loss	Win	Loss
Wahtonka	4	0	4	0
Stanfield	3	1	3	1
Heppner	2	1	2	2
Riverside	1	1	1	2
Winston-McEwen	1	2	3	2
Umatilla	1	2	2	3
Sherman County	1	3	1	3
Pine Rock	0	3	0	3
Wasco County	0	3	0	4

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Heppner

By Ashley Conklin
"Offense, what's that?" the Heppner Mustangs answered that question last Friday night with a 25-13 Columbia Basin Conference win over the Sherman County Huskies.

The Mustangs, tied with Stanfield for second place in the CBC with a 3-1 conference record, set season-highs in points scored (25), rushing yards (216), total offense (239 yards), and first downs (11).
Leading the Heppner offensive at-

tack was quarterback Joe Taylor and three Mustang running backs.

Scott Jones, seeing limited playing time due to a pinched nerve in his back, rushed five times for 77 yards. Meanwhile, Taylor had 14 attempts for 51 yards and David Pedro ran for 48 yards on nine tries. Scott Buschke, starting in Jones' place, rambled 11 times for 45 yards.

The Mustangs went 67 yards on 12 plays on their first possession, leading 7-0 with 4:57 to go in the 11:00 quarter. The big plays on the drive were turned in by Pedro and Taylor. Pedro carried 15 yards from the Husky 42-yard line to the 27 and on fourth down and 10 from the 27, Taylor turned an option keeper inside to the 17 for a first down.

Pedro then went 11 yards to the six and then dashed in from the six for the score, with Jason Palmer adding the extra points.

In the second quarter, Sherman County moved to the Mustang 18, but failed to pick up a first down from the 22 on fourth and 14.

On Heppner's first play on its possession, Jones went 61 yards to the Husky 17. From there Buschke scooted eight yards to the nine and, on the next play, Taylor went up the middle for the touchdown and a 13-0 lead.

Sherman County came right back up the field and moved to the Mustang 26 on a 16-yard completion from Tracy Fields to Brad Lohrey.

Heppner held the Huskies again when Lohrey lost five yards on fourth and 10 from the 26.

But Sherman County got the ball back when Pedro fumbled on the next play and James Wallace recovered on the 13.

One more time the Mustang defense stopped the Huskies.

Bob Riehl sacked Fields on the 25 to force 3 and 22 and then Dick Devin, tied for the league-lead in interceptions, picked off a Field pass on the three. Heppner still led 13-0 at halftime.

After a Mustang punt in the third quarter, Heppner seemed back in business when Scott Davis recovered a Sherman County fumble on the 22. But an old enemy came back to haunt the Mustangs when they were unable to pick up a first down on fourth and 13 from the 25.

Heppner did come back to score later in the third quarter to up the ante to 19-0. Bryan Padberg returned a Husky punt from the Mustang 44, 56 yards for a touchdown. However the touchdown was called back and put on the Sherman Coun-

ty 15 when the Mustangs were flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct when several overzealous Mustangs entered the playing field on Padberg's return.

From the 15, Pedro carried nine yards to the six. From there, Jones went into the end zone with 3:59 left in the quarter. The Huskies came back to pull within 19-7 after three quarters. On third and four from their own 41, Sherman County sent Gary Eaton on an inside counter that went 31 yards to the 28.

After Lohrey went inside for two yards, Eaton dashed 26 yards on another inside counter to score with 7 seconds left on the quarter clock.

After Padberg's 6 yard kickoff return to the 19, Heppner used Pedro and Taylor to move to the Husky 49 early in the fourth period.

But on third and 10 Taylor's pass fell incomplete and then on fourth down, Sherman County broke through and blocked Palmer's punt, recovering on the 40.

On second down, Eaton sprinted 25 yards to the 13 and then, on second and 13, Fields lofted a 17 yard scoring strike to Eaton. Suddenly Heppner's big lead was down to 19-13.

Jones took to the ensuing kickoff and returned it to 23 yards to the Mustang 45.

Taylor carried twice to the Husky 48, Pedro carried twice to the 33, and Jones carried twice to the 23, before Taylor carried to the 18.

A five-yard penalty put Heppner back on the 23 and the Mustangs needed at least a first down to ice the game with 1:45 left. But Heppner was able to come through when Taylor lofted a 23-yard scoring toss to a wide-open Craig Angell. Heppner now led 25-13.

The never-say-die Huskies came right back.

After Kevin Coelsch's kickoff return gave Sherman County the ball on its own 37, Eaton gained 13 yards to the 50 and 19 more yards to the Mustang 31.

Lohrey then moved the Huskies to the 18 on a 13 yard run and Fields then completed a 15 yard pass to Eaton on the three.

But after Eaton gained two yards to the one, the Huskies ran out of timeouts and time, losing 25-13.

"Our players came out with the attitude that they could move the ball and wanted to prove it to the home fans," Head coach Tim Birkby said.

Sparking the Heppner defensive effort was Riehl and Gene Lancaster

Players of the Week

Offensive **Defensive**

Craig Angell #90
5'10", 150 lbs., E-CB
Sophomore

Gene Lancaster #77
6'3", 270 lbs., T-T
Junior

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