

Imbler derails Mustang express 28-27



Heppner's Cory Grabeel (3) drags down Imbler ball carrier in Friday's game.

The Heppner Mustangs, needing a tough game to prepare them for the remainder of the league season, got just what they wanted as they ran in to the Imbler Panthers Friday night and came out on the short end of a 28-27 score. The Panthers of the

Wapiti League scored last in the seesaw battle, leaving the Mustangs season record at five wins and two losses. They are still a perfect 3-0 in league play.

The Mustangs, who have been starting quickly in their last few

games, did it again on this crisp, cool night, scoring twice in the first quarter. They drove 89 yards in six plays to score. Bob Krein, the Mustangs quarterback, turned the corner on an option play and outran the defense, going 61 yards for the score. Rick Osmin drilled the pat and it was 7-0 halfway through the first quarter.

The next time Heppner touched the ball they scored again. The 11-play drive covering 60 yards took five minutes. Osmin scooted into the end zone from seven yards out for the score. He added the pat. The Mustangs led 14-0 and some people thought the rout was on.

The Panthers had other ideas. On their first drive of the second quarter, they put the ball in the end zone. Quarterback Steve Smith found Jeremy Martinez in the clear for a 12-yard touchdown pass. Dan Fine booted the pat and it was 14-7.

Cory Grabeel took the next kickoff at the 19-yard line, headed up the middle, cut left and rambled 81 yards for a touchdown. Grabeel, a senior who scored twice on the night, has scored in every game he has played in this year. The pat was perfect and the Mustangs had a 21-7 lead.

The Panthers, with three good running, showed their toughness and determination on the next two drives. Using a full house backfield and power and misdirection, they marched 51 yards in 10 plays with Fine, a junior running back scoring on a 15-yard run. He kicked the pat to make it 21-14.

Imbler tied it up with 40 seconds left in the half on a six-yard blast by senior Russell McDonald. Fine was true again and both teams regrouped with the halftime score, 21-21.

Each team misfired in the third quarter. Heppner fumbled the ball away to the Panthers and then Brandon Pedro intercepted a sideline pass. Each team punted once and then Heppner drove for the go ahead score. Krein, who played his best game of the year, found Pedro alone for a 35-yard pass completion. Doug Devin broke loose on a counter for a 13-yard gain and then, two plays into the fourth quarter, Grabeel scored from the four-yard line to make it 27-21. The pat was blocked but an offside penalty gave Heppner another shot at it. The second pat attempt was also blocked and the Mustangs needed to hold the Panthers.

After trading possessions, Imbler took over on their own 49 yard line with 7:12 left to play. After getting a first down, and facing a third and long, quarterback Smith ran a great bootleg around right end for a 34 yard gain to the Mustang three yard line. Heppner almost pulled off a goal line stand, but Fine scored on third down, kicked the pat and Imbler led 28-27.

The Mustangs were 60 yards from paydirt with 3:42 left in the game. Krein hit Pedro for a 30-yard gain to the Imbler 30-yard line. After three running plays, Krein tried his own bootleg, keeping the drive alive with a first down.

The Mustangs got six yards closer on two runs by Osmin. With 48 seconds left the Mustangs lined up for a 32-yard field goal. Osmin pushed it just wide left. The Panthers ran out the clock and came away with the 28-27 win.

The Mustangs defense was without the services of Jim Kindle, out for one week with a sprained ankle. The defense was anchored by Devin, junior Jason Britt and Krein. The defensive line will have to come to play in the remaining league games for the Mustangs to reach the playoffs.

Heppner is still tied with Umatilla for first place in the Columbia Basin Conference. The Mustangs travel to Athena, Friday, October 26, to face the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots at 7:30 p.m.

The Mustangs can clinch a spot in the playoffs with a win. Weston-McEwen has two league losses, being beaten by both Umatilla and Wahtonka.

Heppner 14 7 0 6 27
Imbler 0 21 0 7 28

	Imbler	Heppner
First Downs	12	14
Rushes-Yards	47-241	42-193
Passing Yards	65	89
Passes	4-9-1	3-7-1
Punts	2-24	2-29
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-63	6-51

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P205/75R-15	B	88.10	LT225/75R-16R/W	D	104.81
P215/75R-15	B	70.84	LT235/85R-16R/W	D	110.81
LT215/75R-15	C	91.29	LT235/85R-16R/W	E	114.42
P235/75R-15	C	78.67	LT245/75R-16R/W	E	116.67
LT235/75R-15	C	95.38	LT255/85R-16	D	127.69
27/8.50R-14	C	83.94	LT265/75R-15	C	115.88
30/9.50R-15	C	97.57	8.75R-16.5B/W	D	104.86
31/10.50R-15	C	108.28	9.50R-16.5B/W	D	117.17
31/11.50R-15	C	115.39	33/12.50R-16.5	D	136.36
33/12.50R-15	C	125.87			

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LT215/75R-15	C	93.23	33/12.50R-15	C	128.61
LT235/75R-15	C	98.05	LT235/85R-16R/W	D	112.54
30/9.50R-15	C	99.68	LT235/85R-16R/W	E	116.84
31/10.50R-15	C	111.22	8.75R-16.5B/W	D	107.11
31/11.50R-15	C	117.87	9.50R-16.5B/W	D	119.70

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P195-75R14

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P205/75R-15	B	69.19	LT225/75R-16	D	103.51
P215/75R-15	B	73.10	LT235/85R-16	E	114.42
P235/75R-15	B	80.33	LT245/75R-16	E	127.49
LT235/75R-15	C	102.10	LT265/75R-16	C	109.10
27/8.50R-14	C	83.46	8.90R-16.5	D	99.50
30/9.50R-15	C	105.68	8.75R-16.5	D	112.68
31/10.50R-15	C	115.26	9.50R-16.5	D	128.14
31/11.50R-15	C	125.17	30/9.50R-16.5	C	108.74
33/12.50R-15	C	135.75	31/10.50R-16.5	D	131.18
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