

# Mustangs break, start string with win over Grant Union Prospectors



T.R. Riehl (45) blocks for running back Chris Dickenson



Quarterback Rick Koffler evades a John Day defender

The Heppner Mustangs broke and started a string Friday night, Sept. 4, as they struggled past the Grant Union Prospectors, 3-0, in the season opener for both teams on the Mustangs home field.

The string they broke was a series of losses to the sports teams from John Day in football, basketball and baseball dating back to the Chuck Starr era in the mid 1980's for their last win. (If hat isn't right, I'm sure we'll hear about it.)

The string the Mustang grid-ders started was a winning streak for this talented and hard playing group of young men.

The score indicated a fierce defensive struggle but there was plenty of offensive fireworks to go around on this crisp autumn night. The Mustangs were intercepted on their first series of downs but held the Prospectors and benefitted from a punt of -1 yards, setting the Mustangs up on Grant Union's 17-yard line. Three plays lost four yards and with 6:09 remaining in the first quarter, junior Len Brittner, out of the hold of Kevin Payne, split the uprights with a 38-yard field goal for the only score of the game.

Both Heppner and Grant Union

moved the ball on their next three possessions each and both came up empty against the defense. The Mustangs had great field position on two of those possessions. Sophomore Chris Dickenson stopped the only real threat from the Prospectors in the second quarter.

After a 15-yard pass completion from Sam Cronin to Jack Holpuch and a 20-yard run by senior running back Brian Zinn got Grant Union in gear, Dickenson stepped in front of a pass and returned the interception 28 yards.

The Mustangs opened the second half with a nice drive. From their own 40-yard line, quarterback Rick Koffler ran the option for a 13-yard gain. He had eight carries for 43 yards on the night. Dickenson gained nine yards on two carries. Koffler bootlegged for nine yards and junior Kevin Payne had a nice gain wiped-out by a clipping penalty and the drive ended with a fumble on a reverse.

Grant Union mounted their only serious drive of the night on its next possession. The Prospectors ran off over eight minutes of the clock on a 16-play drive, all on the ground. Zinn, a 5'10" 198 lb HB, ran the ball 12 times on the drive. He was the leading ground gainer on the night with 97 yards on 21 carries.

The drive stalled on the five-yard line with defensive end

Dwayne Dunaway and tackles Ryan Pence and Ryan Munkers stuffing three running plays. The field goal attempt was wide left. Heppner only had to stop the Prospectors once more in the second half.

A four minute, 31-second drive ran out the clock with the Mustangs inside the Prospectors' 15-yard line when the game ended.

Defensive standouts for the Mustangs included Pence,

Dunaway and Ryan Munkers along with senior T.R. Riehl at linebacker and Dickenson in the secondary.

Senior Scott Coe was hurt in the first half and Dickenson and junior Jim Tellechea ran the ball well for the Mustangs. Payne gained 38 yards on 12 carries.

In the passing department, Koffler overthrew most of his receivers on the night, hitting only one of eight with one interception.

The Prospectors were ranked sixth in the first 2A poll of the season and the Mustangs ranked 11th. Undoubtedly Heppner will move up in the poll.

Heppner steps up in classification this week and travels to Boardman to face the 3A Riverside Pirates. The game, for the bragging rights in the county, will be played September 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Don Hendrix field in Boardman.

## State fair winners announced

The Morrow County Extension office has released the results of the Oregon State Fair. Morrow County blue ribbon winners are:

Vegetables: Phillip SpicerKuhn.

Art: Karen McKendry  
Photography: Donnie Pointer, champion; Shaun Hisler, reserve; Jill Barber, Sara Greenup, Annie Hisler, Shaun Hisler, Jodi Johnston, Rick Worden, Brent Wright.

National 4-H photo exhibit award: Annie Hisler and Jodi Johnston.

Fiber Arts: Andrea Miles.  
Clothing: Kristi Worden, champion; Jessie Bray, RoseAnn Daltoso, Heather Ennis, Lara Fritz, Julie Mason, Amy Drake, Kristi Worden, Jory Crowell, Megan Proudfoot, Abigail Beltane, Elizabeth Hermanns.

Crocheting: Erika Cornejo.  
Knitting: Erika Cornejo, reserve.

Foods: Jessica Krebs, champion; Nikki McElligott, reserve; Katie Kenny, Mindy Qualls, Kelly Rafferty, Phillip SpicerKuhn, Elizabeth Allen, Maci Childers, Jessica Krebs, Angela Drummond, Bridgett, Jake and Mark McElligott, Jeff Cole, Elizabeth Hermanns, April Vice, Andrea Mesteth.  
Food preservation: Andrea Miles.

## Morter earns scholarship

Nancy Morter, 1992 graduate of Ione High School, is one of 14 freshmen entering Washington State University August 24 with a \$2,000 dean's Merit Scholarship from the College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

Morter, the daughter of Kathy and Perry Morter plans to study animal science.

In high school, the young woman was active in varsity volleyball, basketball and tennis among other school activities. She also served as student body secretary and was named to the national honor society.

The scholarships were created in 1991 by Dean Larry Schrader to attract top high school seniors into the 34 majors and options offered by the college.

The scholarships were awarded on the basis of grades, personal interviews, essays and references.

## High school students to meet with college reps

Ione and Heppner high school students will meet with representatives of Oregon's state colleges and universities on September 24 at 1 p.m. at Heppner High School.

This program supplements the guidance program of both schools by giving students first hand information about academic program offerings, admission requirements, student support services, housing, costs to attend, financial aid, scholarships, and other information important to post-high school planning.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the program that will feature individual information sessions with representatives

from Eastern Oregon State College, Western Oregon State College, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, Portland State University, Southern Oregon State College, and the University of Oregon.

The Oregon State System of Higher Education high school visitation program reaches almost all public and private high schools in Oregon. The program's goal is to stimulate good post-high school planning and decision-making by students, and to provide them with an introduction to the educational and career opportunities available through Oregon's state colleges and universities.

## United Methodist plans breakfast

The United Methodist Church will hold their pancake breakfast on Sunday, Sept. 13 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the church basement. The breakfast, prepared and served by the men of the church, is sponsored by the Sun-

day School.  
Classes will commence following the breakfast and will start at 9:30 a.m. Choir practice will be Tuesdays, at 6:30 p.m. for one hour.  
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