

Mustangs' stingy defense defeats Eagles



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Jeff Botefuhr and Leonard Brittner tackle an Eagle

The Heppner Mustangs used a quick start and a stingy defense to lead them to a 27-6 victory over the Wahtonka Eagles Friday night, Oct. 22 at The Dalles. The win kept the Mustangs tied for the lead in the Columbia Basin Conference at 4-0 with the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

After stopping the Eagles on their first possession, Heppner

went deep with senior quarterback Rick Koffler hitting split end Leonard Brittner with a 48 yard touchdown pass on the Mustangs first play from scrimmage. Brittner added the pat for a 7-0 lead.

Meanwhile the Mustang defense was limiting the Eagles to only 44 yards total offense in the first half. Strong safety, Brittner along with defensive end Jeff Botefuhr and defensive lineman Joe Lindsay led the Mustang charge.

Heppner scored the next two times they had the ball. Koffler hit Kevin Payne with a 10 yard

screen pass to open the next drive and then kept it on the option for an 18 yard gain. Koffler found slot back Chris Dickenson for a 13 yard pick up to the Wahtonka one yard line. Tail back Eric Fournier, an exchange student Quebec, Canada, sprinted into the end zone for a touchdown, much to the delight of the large Heppner crowd. The pat was blocked and it was 13-0 Heppner with 4:17 left in the first quarter.

The Mustangs scored again with only eight seconds gone in the second quarter. Full back Botefuhr banged in from the one yard line for the score. Junior half back Trent Hughes had runs of nine and 15 yards in the drive to spark the Mustangs. Brittner was good for the pat and Heppner took a 20-0 lead into the locker room at halftime. Brittner was three of four on the night.

Each team scored once in the fourth quarter with Kevin Payne scoring from 11 yards out for the Mustangs. Wahtonka scored a meaningless touchdown on a 36 yard run late in the fourth quarter.

Crunch time comes this Friday night, Oct. 29 as Heppner travels to Athena to meet CBC co-leader Weston-McEwen. The TigerScots are 7-0 in the season, and feature strong running backs in Chet Mills and Tony Minkler and a huge line.

Weston-McEwen beat Umatilla 34-20 Friday night Oct. 22 at Umatilla. The winner of the Heppner-Weston-McEwen game will probably win the league title and host a first round OSAA playoff game.

Ione Cardinals lose to Lyle, 32-26

By Anne Morter

After watching last Friday's football opponent, Lyle, Washington, score first, the Ione Cardinals went to work to build a 20-14 halftime lead. But 12 unanswered points by Lyle in the third quarter proved to be too much for the Cards and they lost the game, 32-26.

Brian Holtz accounted for the first two scores with a 33 yard run and a nine yarder. In the second quarter, quarterback Jared Ashbeck connected with Greg Holtz for a 55 yard touchdown pass. After the half, Lyle put three touchdowns on the board before the Cards managed their final score, a two yard run by Ashbeck.

Offensively, the Cards gained 333 yards of total offense, with 188 on the ground and 145 in the air. However, Lyle cranked out 375 total yards. Lyle's Griffith carried for 222 of the total 235 ground yards and they added another 140 yards passing.

Brian Holtz led the Cardinal rushers with 104 yards on 20 carries. Greg Holtz added 50 yards and Ashbeck had 38. In the passing department, Ashbeck completed seven of his 12 passes for 145 yards with one interception. Leading receivers for the Cards were Jason Proudfoot with 65 yards and Greg Holtz with 57.

"We made a few defensive mistakes that allowed them to

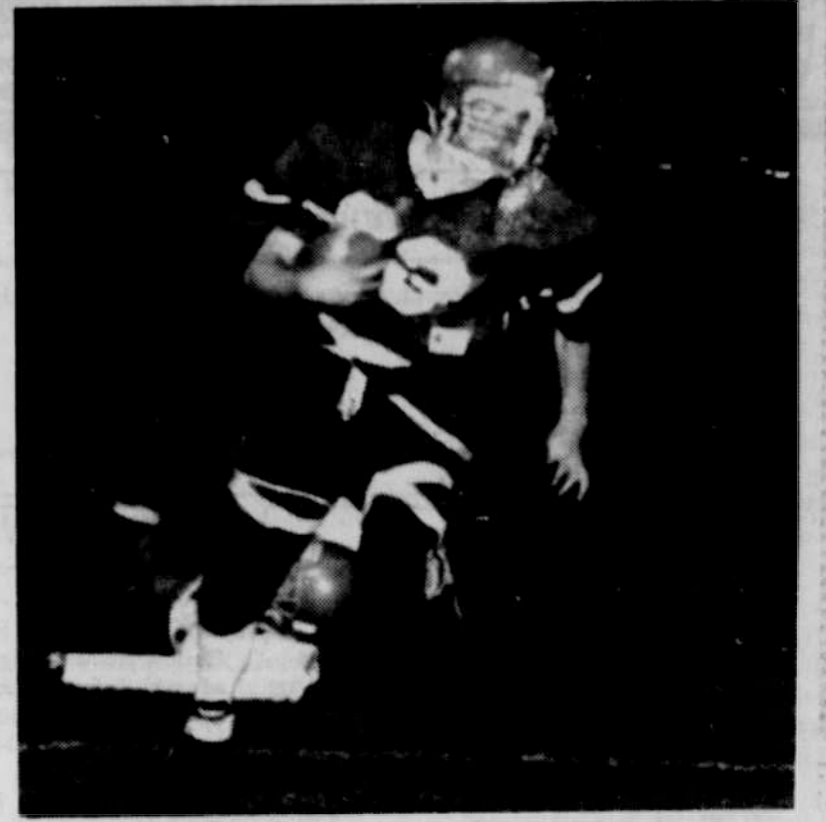


Photo by Wayne Hams

Greg Holtz escapes Lyle tackler

score," said coach Gregg Rietmann. "You can't do that when you're playing against a good team."

The Cards' conference record stands at 3-1 and their season

record moves to 4-3 with this loss to non-conference Lyle. Next up is Wheeler County in the homecoming game to be played in Ione this Friday, Oct. 29 starting at 7:30 p.m.

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Potato feed at Weston-McEwen

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Potatoes will be served with toppings, dessert and beverage for \$3. A half potato, toppings, dessert and beverage will be \$2.

Lady Cards dispatch Helix

By Anne Morter

The lone lady Cardinals had an easy time dispatching Helix last Tuesday, Oct. 19, winning in two games 15-1, 15-7. Coach Greg Likens suited down 13 players, all of whom played and served. The win moved their league record to 8-3.

The Cards served 37 of 42 for 88 percent. Marie Tworek led the way with eight of eight serving, five aces and seven points. With

a limited number of balls being returned by the Grizzlies, the lady Cardinals had only 17 hits in the game.

"It was a whole team effort," commented Likens. "Everyone got to play and everyone had fun."

This week, the Cardinals have three matches on tap. They played Condon on Tuesday, and will play Wheeler on Friday, Oct. 29 and Dufur on Saturday, Oct. 30. With a spot in the district tournament already in the bag, the lady Cards don't need to win but their team goal is to win all three to carry some momentum into the district playoffs. The district tournament is scheduled for November 4 at Hermiston High School.

Mr. L.J. McElligott requests the honor of your presence at the Nuptial Mass at which his daughter Patricia Cecilia McElligott and Francois Zayas will be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, the sixth of November nineteen hundred and ninety-three at two o'clock Saint Patrick's Catholic Church Heppner, Oregon Reception immediately following at the Ione Legion Hall

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