

Mustangs open with tough loss to Eagles Fort Henrietta Days planned in Echo



Heppner running back Michael Schonbachler (41) picks up some yardage against Joseph.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs opened the 1997 season with a tough 14-12 loss to the Joseph Eagles on a perfect late summer night for football, Friday, Aug. 28.

The Mustangs fought back from a 14-0 deficit but came up short as two extra point attempts failed.

Heppner received the opening kickoff and moved the ball down to the Joseph 37 yard line. Quarterback Shane Matheny hit running back Travis Wilhelm for a 31 yard pass on third down and 14. The drive stalled there and the Eagles took over on downs.

Joseph drove the ball down to the Heppner 15 yard line before Clint Bellamy recovered a fumble. The Mustangs returned the favor, however, with a fumble of their own at the 28 yard line. The first quarter ended 0-0 as both teams' defenses tightened up.

The second quarter started out like the first, with a lot of defense and not much offense. With 8:15 left, the Eagles returned a Tyson Palmtreeer punt 30 yards to the Mustangs' 32 yard line. After a couple of good gains, Chris Noble scored on a one yard run with 6:23 left in the quarter. The extra point kick was wide right and Joseph was ahead, 6-0.

The Mustangs got a break on a fumbled snap on a punt at the 38 yard line of Joseph, but Matheny's pass on first down was intercepted at the seven yard line. The Eagles ran out the half and went into the locker room with a 6-0 lead.

Joseph took the opening kickoff of the third quarter and drove the ball down the field, using their size advantage to run the ball effectively. Kyle Couch broke free for a 42 yard touchdown and after Rodney Smith ran in the two point conversion, Joseph owned a 14-0 lead.

The Mustangs came right back with a nice drive of their own, however. Taking over at the 35 yard line, Heppner started running the ball effectively, with Matheny making two first downs on quarterback sneaks.

Matheny then hit Tim Dickenson on a nice pass for 29 yards down to the Eagle eight yard line. Shane Matheny then took the ball around the right end for the Mustangs' first touchdown of 1997. The Mustangs went for two, but the pass attempt was broken up by an Eagle defender. The

third quarter ended with Joseph up by a 14-6 margin.

The Mustangs' defense held Joseph and, after a punt, took over on their own 30 yard line. The Mustangs drove the ball down to the Eagles' four yard line, aided by a third down and 12 roughing the passer penalty. During the drive, Levi Geer ran 16 yards for a first down and Matheny hit Dickenson on a third down pass play for a first down.

After three unsuccessful tries, the Mustangs were faced with fourth down from the six yard line with 5:33 left in the game. After a time out, Matheny hit Casey Evans in the end zone for a touchdown to bring the Mustangs to 14-12. The extra point try failed, however, and the Mustangs still trailed the Eagles.

Heppner got the ball back with 3:27 remaining, but an intercepted pass on fourth down dashed all hopes of a Mustang victory.

Coach Greg Grant thought it was a "good learning experience for the young players. It showed what they need to work on, which is fundamentals, and when they get the fundamentals down, we'll be all right."

The Mustangs offense was led by the running and passing of Shane Matheny. The junior completed eight of 20 passes for 120 yards, with a touchdown and two interceptions. He also ran 11 times for 38 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore Michael Schonbachler ran four times for 28 yards. Junior Derek Gunderson ran eight times for 22 yards.

Heppner gained 134 yards on the ground and 110 through the air. Joseph statistics were unavailable.

The defense was led by Travis Wilhelm, with 17 defensive points. Brian Burnside had 16 points, including a 10 point loss on a quarterback sack late in the fourth quarter. Casey Evans had 15 points and Royal Robinson had 14.

The Mustangs will look for a win next Friday night at the fair and rodeo grounds against 3A Grant Union. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Joseph 0 6 8 0 -14
Heppner 0 0 6 6 -12
Second quarter: J-Chris Noble one yard run (kick no good).
Third quarter: J-Kyle Couch 42 yard run (Rodney Smith run); H-Shane Matheny eight yard run (pass failed).
Fourth quarter: H-Matheny 36 yard pass to Casey Evans (pass failed).
INDIVIDUAL: Joseph unavailable.
Heppner-Travis Wilhelm 9-17, Shane Matheny 11-38, Michael Schonbachler 4-28, Derek Gunderson 8-22, Levi Geer 3-19.
PASSING: Joseph unavailable.
Heppner-Matheny 8-20-2, 110 yards.
RECEIVING: Joseph unavailable.
Heppner-Gunderson 2-22, Tim Dickenson 4-55, Evans 1-6, Wilhelm 1-31.

St. Patrick's plans religious ed classes

St. Patrick Catholic Church announces the return of religious education classes next month. This year's directors of religious education, Mike and Kim Armato, have a staff of volunteer teachers ready to work with the students in a program recently chosen for study, one produced by the Daughters of St. Paul.

Registration for the classes, grades kindergarten through eighth, has begun and will continue on Sunday, September 7, at the church. Classes will begin on September 14 and will be held on Sundays, from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. High school registration and classes will soon follow, and plans are also being developed for an adult discussion group that would meet during the students' class time on Sundays.

Anyone interested in the religious education program is invited to become involved. Students, parents, and individuals who wish to volunteer may call 676-9462 with questions about the program.

Dance, tumbling classes to begin

Registration for fall ballet/jazz and tumbling classes has begun. For more information on ballet/jazz, call Joyce, 422-7191; for information on tumbling classes, call Cindy, 989-8514.

The town of Echo will be a mix of old and new during the 14th annual Fort Henrietta Days Celebration and Rendezvous planned Sept. 6-7.

The town, located 20 miles west of Pendleton and eight miles south of Hermiston, will be alive with the sounds, smells, sights and tastes of the fur-trader era. During the celebration, the Fort Henrietta Park, a National Historic Oregon Trail site, which is located along the Umatilla River, will be filled with the tipis of mountaineers and Black Powder enthusiasts. The Sagebrush Freetrappers, a Hermiston-based Black Powder club, organizes the rendezvous competitions and activities. Over \$600 of prizes will be awarded in events such as the Tomahawk Throw, Rolling Pin Toss, Frying Pan Throw, Fire Start, Bean Spitting Contest, Spear Throw and Seneca Run.

Entertainment will begin Saturday, Sept. 6, with the Roundup City Cloggers. The Cloggers will

perform on Main Street beginning at 9:30 a.m. prior to the parade. Following the parade, at approximately 10:40 a.m., the scene will shift to the George Park behind the City Hall. First on the schedule is Pendleton fiddler Dan Emert.

Bill and Darleen Nelson of Ir-rigon will provide a diverse set of songs from country to folk to old rock and comedy from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., and again at 2 p.m. Billy Nichols will make his ninth Fort Henrietta Days appearance at 12:50 p.m. with a blend of ballads, folk, cowboy and country songs, and comedy.

Straight from performing at the Umatilla county fair is the final group, Five Minus Two. They will perform a wide variety of country selections from 3-4:30 p.m.

Modern traders will offer their wares at the Craft Market in the city park and at the vendor booths along the street. Wooden toys and doodads, bird houses, needle-

work, clothing and painted saw blades are just a few of the offerings normally found at the market.

New this year is a scarecrow contest which offers a \$100 grand prize and a \$50 second prize. Among reported entries will be Elvis, a volleyball player and the Big Bad Wolf and Three Little Pigs. The entries will be placed along Main Street.

A popular attraction, the Echo Booster's Pie Sale, begins Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Echo Fire Hall. Pies will be sold until they run out.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the parade should be in line for judging by 8:30 a.m. Trophies are awarded for first place.

The quilt and art shows will be held in the Masonic Lodge on Saturday and Sunday. The art show is judged and cash prizes are awarded in five categories, plus Best of Show. A special display this year will be a collection of antique quilt tops and blocks. The boosters are sponsoring a contest to name the most block patterns correctly. The quilt display include several that date from before 1900.

Other events include a golf tournament, VFW Breakfast Bazaar, children's pet show on Sunday, and games Saturday, plus 5K, 10K and mile runs.

For more information, contact the City of Echo, P.O. Box 426, Echo, OR 97826, or call 376-8411, fax 376-8218.

Gardens tour set in Heppner

The Heppner Garden Club is sponsoring a tour of local gardens beginning on Friday, Sept. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the St. Patrick Senior Center.

The gardens including those at the homes of Chandra Arbogast, Jan Stroeber, Jerri Sly, and Rene Ledbetter and the commercial Rawlins Dahlia Garden.

Following the tour, the group will return to the Senior Center for their September meeting. The study program, titled "Preening" will be presented by Jerri Sly. Refreshments will be served.

The public is invited to attend.

Too much iron can kill children

If you have children under six years of age in your household and you keep iron supplements or multi-vitamins with iron in the house, be aware that accidentally swallowing too much iron can kill a child.

As of July 15, a new warning label will appear on all supplements with iron, says Carol Michael, Oregon State University Extension home economist in Morrow and Umatilla counties. The label will read:

"Accidental overdose of iron-containing products is a leading cause of fatal poisoning in children under six. Keep this product out of reach of children. In case of accidental overdose, call a doctor or poison control center immediately."

Products that can cause poisoning include over-the-counter multivitamin and mineral pills and high-potency iron supplements for pregnant women. Poisoning can occur with as few as five tablets, according to Ellen Schuster, OSU Extension nutrition and foods specialist.

Here are some tips to prevent your child from accidentally swallowing iron pills:

-Keep all pills with iron tightly closed and out of your child's reach. This includes children's supplements which are sweet like candy.

-If your child has swallowed pills with iron, immediately call your doctor or the nearest poison control center. The telephone number for the Oregon Poison Center is 1-800-452-7165. It is also listed in the front of your telephone book.

The warning signs of iron poisoning are nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. However, sometimes symptoms do not appear right away and delaying treatment can be dangerous.

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The Morrow County Arts Council is pleased to sponsor art classes by the artist Jonna McKay-owner of Mountain Studio in Condon. She will teach mixed media visual arts classes in 10 week sessions in Heppner. Classes are for ages 4-high school. Adult classes if enough interest. Class cost will range from \$30-\$45. To register for classes or additional information, call Barb Orwick at (541) 989-8459.

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