

Mustangs take important victory over Stanfield



Tim Dickenson (2) scored two touchdowns in the win over Stanfield.

photo by Joyce Hughes

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs won an important game last Thursday night (Oct. 9) 30-14 over the Stanfield Tigers.

The Mustangs had fallen behind in the third quarter but rallied behind the passing of quarterback Shane Matheny and the receiving of junior Tim Dickenson to make it a happy homecoming.

After Stanfield received the opening kick off, senior Travis Wilhelm caused and recovered a fumble at the Mustangs' own 43-yard line. After Wilhelm ran for four yards, Matheny hit junior Casey Evans for 30 yards to the 24-yard line of Stanfield.

The Tigers held from there and on fourth down Matheny just missed a diving Evans in the end zone.

The Tigers moved the ball out to the Mustangs' 49-yard line where senior Caleb McDaniel recovered a fumble.

Matheny hit Wilhelm for a 20-yard pass and Wilhelm ran 12 yards to the 17-yard line. After two incomplete passes and an offside penalty on Stanfield, the Mustangs had fourth down and three yards at the 10-yard line.

Matheny ran eight yards to the two-yard line and a first down and goal to go. Matheny then ran three consecutive times, finally getting into the end zone for a touchdown with :45 left in the first quarter.

The two-point try was good as junior Derek Gunderson passed to Wilhelm and Heppner led the Tigers, 8-0.

After Stanfield punted the ball to the Mustangs, Gunderson broke loose for 23 yards out the 50-yard line. However a bad snap out of the shotgun gave the ball back to Stanfield at the Mustangs' 34-yard line.

The defense held from there

and the Mustangs took over at their own 17-yard line with 3:47 left in the first half.

After a clipping penalty put the ball back to the nine, Matheny hit Gunderson for 15 yards and ran for another 10 and a first down at the 40-yard line.

After Dickenson caught a pass just out of bounds, Stanfield intercepted a pass at the goal line to end the first half with Heppner still in front 8-0.

After the halftime homecoming festivities, Heppner received the second half kickoff and took over at their own 41-yard line.

Unable to move the ball, Heppner punted to Stanfield at the 26-yard line. The Tigers then moved the ball effectively down to the Mustangs' 11-yard line.

A holding penalty moved the ball back the 21, but the Tigers moved right back down to the six-yard line. But on fourth down Dickenson broke up a pass and Heppner took over with 5:43 left in the third quarter.

The Mustangs failed to get first down and had to punt the ball away.

Stanfield took over at the Mustangs' 49-yard line and ran the ball down to the first yard line. Travis Calhoun took the ball in from there and, after Curtis Blankenship ran in the two-point conversion, the game was tied at 8-8 with 3:03 left in the third quarter.

Stanfield then recovered an outside kick at Heppner's 40-yard line. After a five-yard run, Blankenship hit Judd Nolan for a 35-yard touchdown. The extra point try failed and all of the sudden Stanfield led 14-8 with 2:13 left in the third quarter.

The Mustangs came right back with a good return by Gunderson out to the 41-yard line. A Matheny nine-yard pass to Gunderson and a 15-yard face mask penalty gave the Mustangs

a first down at the Stanfield's 35-yard line. After a one yard run, Matheny hit Dickenson for a 34-yard run. Matheny then passed to Dickenson for the two-point conversion and, with 1:03 left in the third, Heppner led, 16-14.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, Stanfield had a 69-yard touchdown run called back on a holding penalty. An unsportsmanlike penalty was tacked on also to move the ball back to the 15-yard line.

The Mustangs' defense held from there and took over at the Stanfield's 46-yard line.

After a short run Matheny again hit Dickenson for a touchdown pass of 43 yards. Matheny passed to Wilhelm for the two-point conversion and, with 11:13 left in the fourth quarter, Heppner led 24-14.

The Mustangs then recovered an outside kick of their own at the 46-yard line of Stanfield.

The Mustangs then moved the ball down to the 26-yard line with Gunderson rushing for 17 of the 20 yards. However a fumble gave the ball back to the Tigers with 8:57 left.

The Tigers moved the ball down to the Mustangs' 35 before Evans made a tackle behind the line of scrimmage for a four-yard loss. The Mustangs defense held from there and they took over at the 39-yard line with 4:18 left.

Matheny kept the ball for 21 yards and a first down at the 40-yard line of Stanfield. Wilhelm then ran for five yards and Matheny for six yards and another first down.

After two penalties moved the ball back to the 38, Matheny hit Gunderson for 31 yards to the seven-yard line. Schonbacher then carried the ball for four yards and for three yards and a touchdown. The extra point failed and with 1:08 left in the game, Heppner led, 30-14.

"It was a good win against a great team. We know they had a group of quality kids coming back and had good coaching. We were thankful to make the plays to win," coach Greg Grant said after the game.

The defense was led by Travis

Wilhelm with 19 defensive points. Junior Royal Robinson was right behind with 18 points, and sophomore Levi Geer was next with 15 points. Derek Gunderson and Caleb McDaniel each had 14 points with senior Keith Scott next with 13. Juniors Shane Matheny and Casey Evans each had 12 points. Senior Tim Sumner and sophomore Clint Bellamy each had 10 points.

The offense was led by Matheny who rushed 14 times for 70 yards. He also completed 12 out of 20 passes for 233 yards and two touchdowns with one interception. Matheny also had one rushing touchdown.

Gunderson rushed nine times for 47 yards and caught four passes for 71 yards. Wilhelm caught two passes for 21 yards. Schonbacher ran four times for 10 yards and a touchdown and caught one pass for seven yards.

Tim Dickenson led all receivers with four receptions for 136 yards and two touchdowns.

Statistics					
Stanfield-	0	0	14	0	14
Heppner-	8	0	8	14	30

First Quarter
Heppner- Shane Matheny one-yard run (Derek Gunderson pass to Travis Wilhelm)

Third Quarter
Stanfield- Calhoun one-yard run (Blankenship run)
Stanfield- Nolan 35-yard pass from Blankenship (run railed)
Heppner- Tim Dickenson 34-yard pass from Matheny (Matheny pass to Dickenson)

Fourth Quarter
Heppner- Dickenson 43-yard pass from Matheny (Matheny pass to Gunderson)
Heppner- Michael Schonbacher two-yard run (kick failed)

Individual rushing
Stanfield- Engum 25-134, Calhoun 21-104, Blankenship 1-4.

Heppner- Matheny 14-70, Gunderson 9-47, Wilhelm 5-24, Schonbacher 4-10.

Passing
Stanfield- Blankenship 4-15-0-96
Heppner- Matheny 12-20-1-233

Receiving
Stanfield- Nolan 3-67, Ena 1-20
Heppner- Dickenson 4-136, Gunderson 4-71, Wilhelm 2-21, Evans 1-30

Heppner VB varsity trots away with round robin win

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner varsity net squad trotted over to Umatilla on Tuesday, October 7, to put away Umatilla and Stanfield in round robin play. Although the Mustangs struggled to maintain their intensity against these much weaker teams, they managed to win both matches in two games.

In the first match the Mustangs kicked yet another hole in the Viking ship, winning 15-4, 16-14. Heppner posted a serve success of 83 percent for the match with 100 percent serving seen from Lexi Matteson with 10/10, and Linsey Ropp, 3/3.

In Heppner's second game the Mustangs scatted the Stanfield Tigers, 15-6, 15-10. Constancy was fleeting for the Mustangs as they managed only 73 percent team success from behind the service line. Jill Barber was 100 percent, 3/3, from behind the paint, while Casey Ingraham went 6/7 and Brooke Boyer, 3/4.

In the remaining match Umatilla defeated Stanfield, 15-2, 15-10.

"These wins weren't very pretty, but they were definitely wins," said coach Terri Gentry. "This team is growing stronger and gaining confidence with every game they play."

Cards lose to St. Mary's

By Adam McCabe and Colin McElligott

The lone High School Cardinals lost to St. Mary's in football action at The Dalles on Oct. 3 26-8.

The game started out with lone receiving the football. It was an on-side kick to Mike Radie who could not get a hold of the ball. The fumble turned the ball over to St. Mary's. St. Mary's almost scored, but lone held them on downs.

After lone got the ball back they had to punt. St. Mary's then scored on a drive. Lone received and tried to even up the score. Lone then had to punt again, but this time they tried a fake, which was not successful. St. Mary's took over and scored on a sweep right. Their extra point was unsuccessful.

In the second quarter lone played much like the first. St. Mary's ran lone all over the field and the Cardinals could not get anything to work for them. St. Mary's stopped lone on every drive they had. On one drive of lone's, they tried to punt but the ball was snapped and went right over Brad Burright's head. The Blue Angels recovered the fumble and ran 50 yards for the

touchdown. At half-time lone was losing by a score of 12-0.

In the second half lone made some changes with Cayle and Cameron Krebs running the ball and Brad and Adam Neiffer at guards. Then the game started to turn around for lone. They almost ran the ball in for a touchdown but when it came to the fourth down lone tried to fake a punt for a touchdown, but it was not successful. St. Mary's then got the ball and lone pushed the Angels back for a safety by Adam Neiffer. After the kickoff, lone's defense could not stop the Blue Angels from scoring.

St. Mary's was not able to score again in the third quarter. Lone could not get their offense rolling again until the fourth quarter when they finally got their act together and stopped St. Mary's on this drive.

In the fourth quarter lone finally scored with a touchdown by Brad Burright. The extra point was unsuccessful and lone lost the game 26-8. "The score did not matter in this game. We did the best we could do," said coach Dean Robinson. "They were just bigger and could do more than us at this time."

lone's next game is Thursday, October 9, at 3 p.m. at Echo.

Mustangs play in Imbler

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner varsity volleyball team traveled to Imbler Saturday, October 11, to participate in a tournament that included 11 northeastern Oregon teams. Teams playing other than Heppner and the hosting Imbler included Enterprise, North Powder, Burnt River, Cove, Union, Joseph, Pine Eagle, Wallowa and Elgin.

The tournament divided the teams into two pools with each team playing every other team in their pool one time to 15 points. Rally scoring was used in pool play with a 17-point cap.

The Mustangs started pool play at 9 a.m. against host team Imbler, with Heppner squeaking out the win, 17-16. In the next game Heppner quickly disposed of Burnt River 15-3.

North Powder managed to get around the Mustangs' attack and

Heppner dropped their third game 13-15. Heppner beat Enterprise in the final pool game, 15-10.

The Mustangs displayed an outstanding 92 percent serving success in pool play. Using a combination of wins and points scored, Heppner won their pool earning a bye in the round of bracket play.

In bracket play Enterprise defeated Cove to advance into the semi-finals to face Heppner. The Mustangs won the first game 15-8, dropped the second 11-15 and, in rally scoring, lost the third game, 12-15, to be eliminated from further play. Enterprise went on to play Elgin for the tournament championship.

"The rally scoring made this tournament interesting," said coach Terri Gentry. "The girls served well and played well."

St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board

There were 68 over the age of 60, 10 under 60 and nine home delivered meals for the Senior dinner Oct. 8. Members of the Methodist Church served. The Senior Center Board met following the meal.

The menu for dinner Oct. 22 will be "company beans", coleslaw, rolls, fruity Jello and cookies. Members of the Lutheran Church will serve.

There were 28 present for the breakfast Oct 10, and three break-

fasts were home delivered. The menu for breakfast Oct. 17 will be sausage and pancakes, hot and cold cereal, orange juice, milk and coffee.

The tenants of the St. Patrick's apartments were saddened by the death of former tenant Darlene Arrington. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family. There will be a memorial service for her at the center Friday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m.

Two tables or pinocle were in play Friday afternoon Oct. 10. There was no Sunday movie.

Dufur manhandles lone

By Adam Neiffer and Brad Burright

The Dufur Rangers vanquished the lone Cardinals, 56-22 in Dufur in 1A league play on Saturday, October 4.

Dufur kicked off first but regained the ball after forcing lone to punt. Lone held the Rangers but was penalized to give Dufur five extra yards as well as a first down, which set up the first six points of the game. Dufur also made the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0. After several more minutes, the first quarter ended with a score of 26-0 in favor of the Rangers.

The second quarter was not quite as brutal as the first. Dufur was contained to only 12 points and Dufur's homecoming court was announced with the scoreboard reading 38-0.

lone came out of the locker-room with a change of heart in the third quarter and scored 14 points, but Dufur tacked on 18 to

their first-half 38, to extend their lead to 56-14.

lone outscored Dufur in the final 12 minutes 8-0 and the game ended, 56-22, with Dufur on top.

Dufur rolled up with an astounding 473 yards of rushing offense in the game.

lone's Jake McElligott caught seven passes, among them two touchdowns, for 130 yards.

The loss dropped lone's record to 0-2 in Big Sky play and 0-5 overall.

Quarter Scores				
Quarter	1	2	3	4
Dufur	26	12	18	0
lone	0	0	14	8

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Dufur-Lindell 10-175, Cobb 21-152, Anthony 8-83, Ben Morris 1-33, Curt Kent 3-4, Paul Taylor 5-26. Total: 48-473
lone- Dan Scott 12-41, J. McElligott 1-17, Jim Sullivan 7-22, Allan Gribskov 6-15, M. McElligott 6-(-37), Morgan 1-2. Total: 33-60

Come Share With Us At
Willow Creek Baptist Church
Worship Service at 3 p.m.
Meeting in the 7th-day Adventist Church
560 North Minor

Happy Birthday From Your Mother & Your Daughter

Time to Renew Your Operating Line of Credit?

Let us custom-design a farm line of credit, loan for equipment purchases, or other ag loan that meets your operation's individual needs.

- Competitive rates
- Local decision-making
- Knowledgeable, prompt service

Call John Moffitt today!!

INLAND EMPIRE BANK
Condon • 384-3040 Boardman • 481-9201
Member FDIC