

Mustangs crush Tiger-Scots



Levi Geer (42) makes a dash for yardage

by Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs went to the air to defeat the visiting Weston-McEwen TigerScots, 34-7, on Friday, Oct 2.

Sophomore quarterback Ryan Matteson passed for four touchdowns to three different receivers for 248 yards. Filling in for the injured Shane Matheny, Matteson completed 15 of 27 passes after a shaky start.

The Mustangs received the kick-off to start the game but were forced to punt, pinning the TigerScots back to their own 16-yard line.

Senior defensive ends Casey Evans and Tim Dickenson combined to sack the quarterback for a nine-yard loss to force a punt by Weston-McEwen. A short punt gave the Mustangs good field position at the TigerScots 26-yard line.

On first down Matteson kept the ball on the option and picked up 12 yards. On fourth down and five from the 10, a screen pass to Derek Gunderson for a touchdown was called back on a clipping penalty. An incomplete pass gave the ball to Weston-McEwen at their 16-yard line.

It was the TigerScots' turn then as they had a long touchdown run called back by an illegal formation penalty. The Mustang defense held and forced a punt, which was returned by Gunderson to the Weston-McEwen 42-yard line. After a short gain on first down, Matteson took the ball around end on the option then pitched to Gunderson for the final 20 yards for the touchdown. The extra point kick was no good and the Mustangs led, 6-0 with 12

seconds left in the first quarter.

The defense held and took over at their own 30 after a TigerScot punt.

Matteson picked up three yards, then Levi Geer ran for four yards and five more and a first down. Geer picked up five yards setting up Matteson's first touchdown pass. Matteson led Gunderson perfectly down the middle and he ran untouched for 55 yards. The conversion pass failed and the Mustangs now led 12-0 with 8:02 left in the first half.

After a short kick-off, the TigerScots took over at their own 46-yard line. Behind the running of Ryan Delph and the aid of a face mask penalty, the TigerScots moved the ball down to the one-yard line. Delph just got in for the touchdown, and Tanner Perrine kicked the extra point to close the gap to 12-7 with 2:29 left in the half.

The Mustangs took over at their own 38-yard line after the kick-off. Matteson then passed to Geer for 11 yards and Gunderson ran for another 15. On a third and 10 from the 20, Matteson hit Gunderson on a screen pass for a touchdown. Matteson then found Gunderson in the back of the end zone for the two-point conversion, giving the Mustangs a 20 to 7 lead at the end of the first half.

The TigerScots took over at their own 45-yard line to start the third quarter and, aided by another face mask penalty, had first down at the Mustangs 14-yard line. Defensive lineman Josh Hill then hit the quarterback in the backfield, knocking the ball loose, which was recovered by Stanley Cutsforth at the 18-yard line.

Matteson completed a third and three pass to Dickenson for 11 yards and the first down. On a second and fifteen Matteson found Jared Eckman for 18 yards and another first down. After a five yard penalty, Matteson hit Craig Scott for 12 yards and Michael Schonbachler ran six yards for the first down. After Geer ran for three yards, Matteson found Eckman again, this time for 36 yards and a touchdown. Gunderson made an acrobatic, juggling catch for the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs a 28-7 lead with 4:02 left in the third quarter.

The two teams traded possessions as the third quarter ended and the fourth started.

Weston-McEwen had the ball at their own 30 when Gunderson picked up a fumble and returned it for a touchdown. The play, however, was called back by a clipping penalty and an unsportsmanlike penalty moved the ball back to the Mustangs own 33 yard line.

After several penalties the Mustangs were forced to punt. Evans made a nice play on the tackle to recover a loose ball at the 44 of the TigerScots.

A couple of short runs set up a Matteson to Gunderson pass completion for 34 yards to the 15. Matteson then hit Scott on a nice pass and catch for a touchdown. The kick was no good, giving the Mustangs a 34-7 lead with 3:03 left.

Weston-McEwen was unable to do anything as Dickenson sacked the quarterback for a five-yard loss and Heppner took over on downs and ran out the clock.

The win improved the Mustangs to 2-0 in league and 3-2 overall. Heppner travels to Culver (2-0 and 3-2) in a crucial Columbia Basin Conference game on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m.

Levi Geer and Clint Bellamy led the Mustangs in defensive points with 18 and 17 points respectively. Derek Gunderson had 15 points and a fumble recovery and Casey Evans matched his number 13 in points and had a fumble recovery. Craig Scott had 10 points and Stanley Cutsforth had eight

points and a fumble recovery.

Gunderson led the rushing attack, carrying the ball five times for 42 yards and Matteson added 33 yards on five carries.

Matteson was 15 of 27 for 248 yards passing with four touchdowns and one interception. His favorite target was Gunderson who caught five passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns and two 2-point conversions. Jared Eckman caught three passes for 66 yards and a touchdown. Craig Scott had two catches for 27 yards and a touchdown.

Weston Mc. 0-7-0-0-7
Heppner 6-14-8-6-34

First

Hep - Derek Gunderson 20 yard run (kick failed) :12

Second

Hep - Gunderson 55 yard pass from Ryan Matteson (pass failed) 8:02

WM - Ryan Delph 1 yard run (Tanner Perrine Kick) 2:29

Hep - Gunderson 20 yard pass from Matteson (Gunderson pass from Matteson) 1:32

Third

Hep - Jared Eckman 36 yard pass from Matteson (Gunderson pass from Matteson)

Fourth

Hep - Craig Scott 15 yard pass from Matteson (kick failed) 3:30

Rushing

WM - Delph 14-73, Hungerford 10-19, Raymond 4-10, Lieuellen 4-9, Williams 3-11, Parker 1 (-6) Heppner - Gunderson 5-42, Matteson 5-33, Levi Geer 5-20, Scott 5-18, Michael Schonbachler 5-9.

Passing

WM - Raymond 2-8-0-15, Parker 0-3-0.

Heppner - Matteson 15-27-1-248

Receiving

WM - Delph 1-6, Grimes 1-6 Heppner - Gunderson 5-134, Eckman 3-66, Geer 3-8, Scott 2-27, Tim Dickenson 1-11, Casey Evans 1-2.

IMS defeats Sherman

By Caitlin Orem and Jaysi Bennetto

The lone Middle School Cardinals played both North and South Sherman in girls' volleyball, which resulted in a win-loss situation. This season's opener was held Friday, September 18.

The Cards first took on the South Sherman Mustangs and, within two matches, had a smashing victory over the Mustangs, 15-7, 15-4.

The Cards turned around without rest and fought the North Sherman Cougars. The first match the Cougars came up ahead, 15-11, but the Cards picked up the pace in the second, 16-14, which led to a third match. At the end of the unexpected third match, the Cougars came out ahead, winning the game, 15-9.

"The sixth grade girls did very well for their first game. We could still use some practice and hope to see what happens in the next game at Arlington," commented the eighth graders.

Colts rally to remain unbeaten

by Rick Paullus

The Heppner Colts had to come from behind to defeat WalMart of Hermiston, 20-12, on Wed., Sept. 30, at the fairgrounds.

WalMart jumped out to a 6-0 lead on a 60-yard pass and run play on the first play of the game.

The Colts came back to tie at 6-6 on a 70-yard run by Jode Coil, getting blocking help from Kory Paullus along the way.

WalMart came right back to take a 12-6 lead on a reverse in the second quarter.

Coil stepped in front of a receiver to intercept a pass and take it in for a 30-yard touchdown return. David Flynn kicked the extra point to give the Colts a 14-12 halftime lead.

After a scoreless third quarter, WalMart drove down to the eight-yard line before the defense held and the Colts took over on downs.

On a second and nine from the nine quarterback, J.C. Sherritt took off on a bootleg around the left end and ran to the 22-yard

line of WalMart before being tackled. The Colts then drove down to the two where Tyler Boyer plunged into the end zone for the touchdown. The kick was no good, giving the Colts a 20-12 lead.

The defense held with less than a minute to play but fumbled the ball back to WalMart, giving them a final chance. They were unable to score as the clock ran out, leaving the Colts with a 4-0 record for the year.

The Colts will play Irrigon at Heppner on Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 6:30 p.m.

WalMart 6-6-0-0-12
Colts 6-8-0-6-20

First

WalMart - 60 pass (pass failed) Colts - Jode Coil 70 yard run (kick failed)

Second

WalMart 50 yard run (run failed) Colts - Coil 30 yard interception return. (David Flynn kick)

Fourth

Colts Tyler Boyer 2 yard run (kick failed)

The family of JAMES G. THOMSON would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to the community of Heppner for surrounding us with your love and friendship and extending kindness and care to our father. Special thanks to Donna Schonbachler, who was Dad's Home Health nurse. We sincerely appreciated the care given by Doctor Atkins and Doctor Wenberg. We will be forever grateful to the Home Health staff for helping our Dad to be able to remain at home. We thank relatives, friends and neighbors for their outpouring of love and support and for the beautiful cards and flowers and the generous gifts of delicious food. These warm memories will remain with us always.

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