

Mustangs overcome mistakes to beat Scio



Clint Bellamy makes the tackle on Scio runningback

By Rick Paulius

The Heppner Mustangs avenged a season-opening loss a year ago to defeat the visiting Scio Loggers 29-16 on Friday, Sept. 3. Despite giving away five fumbles and having several penalties, Heppner, ranked 10th in the state, got 102 yards rushing and three touchdowns from junior Craig Scott to pull away from the eighth-ranked Loggers in the second half.

Scio took over at their own 40-yard line after the opening kick-off and the Mustangs' defense held to force a punt. The snap from center was high and senior Michael Schonbachler rushed in to tackle the punter for a loss to their own 22.

On the first play, Scott broke free for a 12-yard gain before getting hit and fumbling the ball.

Scio was forced to punt again, with Scott returning the ball 32 yards to the 20 of Scio. Scott carried for four yards, Schonbachler for two and Scott for eight more for a first and goal at the six. Faced with a fourth and four, Blake Knowles made a diving catch of a pass from Ryan Matteson for the Mustangs' first touchdown of 1999. Knowles' kick was good, giving Heppner a 7-0 lead with 4:43 left in the first quarter.

Michael McCabe hit a deep kick-off, pinning Scio back to their own nine. The Mustangs' defense again held, and, after a penalty on the punt return, took over at midfield.

Schonbachler ran for six yards, then five more for a first down at the end of the first quarter.

The Mustangs then fumbled to give the Loggers the ball at their own 44. Knowles sacked the Logger quarterback for an 11-yard loss to force another punt at their own 21-yard line.

The Mustangs' third fumble gave the Loggers their best field position of the night at Heppner's 26 yard line. The Loggers made the Mustangs pay by moving the ball to the end zone, capped by a two-yard run by Dennis Jackson. Tyler Stillman ran in the PAT to give Scio an 8-7 lead with 8:54 left in the first half.

Scott returned the kick-off 45 yards to the Scio 35 to give the Mustangs good field position. A three-yard run by McCabe and a pass interference penalty gave the Mustangs the ball at the 18-yard line. Scott then carried three straight times, the last for two yards and a touchdown. Schonbachler then caught a deflected pass from Matteson for the PAT to give the Mustangs a 15-8 lead with 6:45 left in the first half.

The Loggers then put together their only sustained drive, taking over at their own 45, and marched to the end zone, capped by a four-yard Stillman run. Stillman ran in the PAT to give the Loggers a 16-15 lead at halftime.

The Mustangs took the second half kick-off, but couldn't move the ball and were forced to punt. A good punt by Levi Geer pinned the Loggers deep and the defense held to force a punt. The Mustangs gave the Loggers back the ball by fumbling the punt at the Logger 45.

The Mustang defense again held and a Matt Baker sack forced the Loggers to punt. Scott took the punt and, getting a good block from Jake Roy, returned it 47 yards to the Scio 21.

Geer ran twice for seven yards and Scott gained five yards to the nine. Scott then took it in for

the touchdown and Matteson ran in the PAT to give the Mustangs a 23-16 lead with 4:32 left in the third quarter.

Scio took over at their own 22 after the kick-off, but the Mustangs' defense, led by Schonbachler, held, forcing a punt. A three-yard punt gave the Mustangs good field position at the 32 of Scio.

Scott ran for 12 yards and Matteson hit Joe Papineau for a 13-yard pass to the seven. Scott then took it in, the last two yards in the air, for his third touchdown. After a long penalty, Knowles' extra point try from 39 yards was no good, but the Mustangs held a 29-16 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The fourth quarter was spent in the Mustangs' side of the field as Heppner's defense didn't give Scio anything. The Mustangs' offense moved the ball, but mistakes and another fumble kept them from scoring.

Michael Schonbachler and Craig Scott led the defense with 30 and 26 defensive points respectively. Levi Geer and Michael McCabe each had 13. Blake Knowles had 11 and Kyle McDaniel and Ryan Matteson each ended up with 10.

Scott led the rushing attack with 102 yards and three touchdowns on 16 carries. Matteson finished four of eight passing for 26 yards and a touchdown.

The Mustangs will travel to Umatilla on Friday, Sept. 10, for their next game. This will be another non-league game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Statistics:
Scio 0 16 0 0-16
Heppner 7 8 14 0-29
First quarter: Heppner-Blake Knowles four yard pass from Ryan Matteson (Knowles kick) 4:43
Second quarter: Scio-Jackson four yard run (Stillman run) 8:54; Heppner-Craig Scott two yard run (Michael Schonbachler pass from Matteson) 6:45; Scio-Stillman four yard run (Stillman run) 2:07
Third quarter: Heppner-Scott nine yard run (Matteson run) 4:32; Heppner-Scott seven yard run (kick failed) .49

Individual stats:
Rushing: Scio-Brag 17-123, Jackson 13-50, Childress 7-9; Heppner-Craig Scott 16-102, Michael Schonbachler 6-20, Michael McCabe 3-16, Levi Geer 5-10
Passing: Scio-Childress 0-3-0-0; Heppner-Ryan Matteson 4-8-0-24
Receiving: Scio-none; Heppner-Joe Papineau 1-13, McCabe 1-5, Blake Knowles 1-4, Geer 1-2

Weather Report

By the City of Heppner

For the month of August			
	High	Low	Precip.
8/1	89	54	.00
8/2	93	56	.00
8/3	96	62	.00
8/4	92	61	.00
8/5	96	62	.03
8/6	85	60	.30
8/7	85	58	.28
8/8	78	52	.00
8/9	82	52	.00
8/10	88	60	.00
8/11	92	66	.00
8/12	82	46	.00
8/13	81	56	.02
8/14	74	48	.00
8/15	70	48	.03
8/16	79	50	.00
8/17	86	56	.00
8/18	93	60	.00
8/19	91	55	.00
8/20	90	57	.00
8/21	91	57	.00
8/22	84	52	.00
8/23	87	54	.00
8/24	93	61	.00
8/25	94	59	.00
8/26	89	56	.00
8/27	92	59	.00
8/28	94	62	.00
8/29	95	63	.00
8/30	82	54	.00
8/31	58	46	.11

W.C.C.C. Golf

WCCC Ladies' Play
Tuesday, August 31

Low gross of the field: Pat Edmundson.

Low net of the field: Lynnea Sargent.

Least putts of the field: Luvilla Sonstegard.

Flight A: low gross Carol Norris, long drive Luvilla Sonstegard.

Flight B: low gross Betty Christman; low net Suzanne Jepsen; least putts Joyce Dinkins; long drive Betty Christman.

Flight C: low gross Lorrene Montgomery; low net Karen Wolff; least putts Della Heidem; long drive Jackie Allstott.

KP: Pat Edmundson #13.

Birdie: Luvilla Sonstegard #10.

Potato virus update slated

Potato leafroll virus will be the point of discussion by Gary Reed, HAREC superintendent, and Pete Thomas, USDA-Prosser, during a lunch meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 21, at Marti's South in Hermiston and on Thursday, September 23, at the Country Gentleman in Kennewick, WA.

Sunday school to begin at Lone UCC

The Sunday School Program at Lone United Church of Christ will begin on Sunday, Sept. 12. Everyone is invited to attend beginning at 9:45 a.m. for an open house at the Christian

Education Building, at Main and E streets in Lone.

Parents are invited to stay for the full hour on the first day. "We will sing together, learn together and hear a quick introduction to the new curriculum, which is called 'The Whole People of God,'" said the Rev. Paul A. Clay, pastor at Lone UCC.

Worship service at 11 a.m. will be for children, youth and adults together, and will continue the celebration of Christian education. The service will be at St. Williams Catholic Church, where the United Church of Christ has been meeting since April of 1998 when the sanctuary was destroyed by a fire. Plans are underway to construct a new building in the coming year.

Members, friends and neighbors are also invited to come to a picnic to celebrate the beginning of Sunday school at

the Lone City Park after worship. Burgers and drinks will be provided by the Christian Education Board; others are welcome to bring salads, chips and desserts to share.

Sunday school will meet every Sunday at 9:45 a.m., unless otherwise announced, with classes for preschool and elementary children and a class for children in sixth grade and up. A confirmation program for youth will begin this fall.

The church will also offer special events for parents and children together throughout the year.

"The Christian Education Program at Lone United Church of Christ is a ministry with families for the purpose of assisting people of all ages to learn about God's love, God's will and God's promise, and to help us all become faithful and caring followers of Christ's way," said the Rev. Clay.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Chamber Manager

While the sun is still shining, leaves are on the trees and the flowers are blooming, now is the time to snap shots of Heppner's downtown and enter them in the Oregon Downtown Associations "Destination Downtown" photo contest.

The deadline is March 2, 2000, with awards presented April 21 in Florence.

Categories are people, places and activities. Our downtown is special and can certainly give some stiff competition. Pull out your camera and give it a whirl before the snow flies.

Be sure to mark your calendars to be on hand at the St. Patrick's Senior Center on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 12 noon or 7:30 p.m. for the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living facility presentation.

Members of the committee have put their heart and soul into this project. Now it's up to the communities.

"Women's Roles In Family Business" is a hands-on workshop being offered in Redmond September 21. Cost is \$75 per person, which includes lunch and business tours and focuses on gender and generations, time management, work environment and succession. To register for this Austin Family Business Program, call 1-800-859-7609.

The Morrow County Tourism Committee is again inviting businesses to participate in the EOVA guide. The attractive 8 x 11 Eastern Oregon visitor's guide reaches thousands of potential visitors.

Members are hoping to feature a half page for Morrow County. Participants will be listed in the ad and in the directory. It's time our county, with much to offer, came out of hiding. Last year 25,000 people requested information from entities listed in the guide. Interested participants should contact your Chamber of Commerce. It's the place to reach visitors.

Thought for the week: "If you want to truly understand something, try to change it."

Garden Club plans tour

The Heppner Garden Club will have tours of yards selected as yards of the month on Monday, Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. Those planning to attend should meet at the senior center. A garden club meeting will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Advertising Deadline
12 noon Tuesday

Lion's Club, HHS students team up for blood drive

The Heppner Lion's Club and the student body of Heppner High School have once again teamed up to sponsor a local blood drive to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Student body President Casey Ingraham said, "The high school is very excited to help again this year, especially since blood is in very short supply in our area," said student body President Casey Ingraham.

Lion's club member Rollie Marshall added, "This is the sixth year in a row that the high school kids have helped man the blood drive. Without their help the Red Cross would not be able to put on this drive. They are a valuable asset to the community and the Lion's Club is very proud to share in this event in order to increase the blood supply in our area."

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New meeting opening: Thursday, Sept. 23
United Methodist Church - Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Other Meeting Locations:

Hermiston

Senior Center - 425 W. Orchard
Mondays 6:30 p.m.

Pendleton

United Methodist Church - 352 SE 2nd
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.



Sue: Y'know, my biggest catering client before the expansion was the Nelson baby shower. Remember?

Pelican: With those oyster canapés shaped like booties? Mmm, how could I forget.

Sue: Thank goodness you guys at the bank saw my potential and gave me that loan.

Pelican: Uh, can we get back to those oysters?

Sue: Sorry, gotta fly. There's a chef in Seattle who's doing exciting things with pickled eel.

Pelican: Pickled eel? I'm right behind you, sister.

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