

Mustang VB team 8th in state

The Heppner High School Varsity Volleyball team is ranked eighth in the state, according to the Oregonian newspaper October 11.

The Heppner team received 13 votes for the class 2A standings. St. Mary's was first in the 2A league with 54 points; Delphian, second with 46; Amity third with 45; Regis fourth with 44; Gold Beach, fifth with 31; Gervais, sixth with 28; Dayton, seventh with 21; Portland Christian, ninth with 12; and Bonanza and Oregon Episcopal tied for 10th, with 10 votes each.

Oakland received eight votes, Oakridge, three, Corbett, two, Monrow, two and Imbler, one.

CBC standings as of October 12 show the Mustangs on top of the East Division with three wins and no losses. The Weston-McEwen TigerScots were 2-1, the Pilot Rock Rockets, 1-2, and the Stanfield Tigers, 0-3. (The Mustangs lost in three against Weston McEwen on Tuesday, October 12, in a home game for Mustangs.)

On the West side, the Sherman County Huskies were 2-0, the Culver Bulldogs, 1-2, and the Wahtonka Eagles, 0-1.

The Mustangs beat Condon in a non-league game September 16 in two, 15-9, 15-11; Ione in a non-league game September 21 in two, 15-7, 15-13; Ione in a non-league game September 28 in three, 6-15, 16-14 and 15-5; Pilot Rock in a league game in two 15-10, 15-4; Stanfield in a league match-up in two, 15-10, 15-4; and Wahtonka in three, 15-7, 7-15 and 15-9.

Mustang varsity coach Terri Gentry says that the team's high serving percentage contributes a great deal to their wins. The team had a serving percentage of .851 as of Oct. 12.

Mustang Kim Pointer has a .900 serving percentage average in league games with 16 serving points, five kills, five dinks and a receiving percentage of .913. She also had a team-high number of attacks at 39.

Casey Ingraham has a .757 serving percentage, in league games, with 23 serving points, 11 kills, three dinks and a receiving percentage of .862. She had 19 attacks.

Abby Kahl has a .870 serving percentage and 100 percent

receiving and 13 serving points. Amy Papineau has a .938 serving percentage and a .846 in receiving with 10 serving points. Stephanie Clough is .842 in serving and .680 in receiving, with nine serving points. Katie Sherritt has a .889 in serving and 100 percent in receiving. She also made seven serving points. Allison Sykes had 75 percent serving and 80 percent receiving with seven serving points. Trisha Adams had .667 in serving and 75 percent in receiving.

Others with 100 percent serving are Ashley Rop, Amy Drake and Macy Rhea. Rhea and Tracy Rankin were 100 percent in receiving.

Individual game statistics are as follows:

Mustangs vs. Pilot Rock October 5: 100 percent serving-Ashley Ropp, Trisha Adams and Stephanie Clough; 100 percent receiving: Ingraham, Pointer, Kahl, Adams, Sherritt, Papineau and Clough. Pointer made seven serving points. Kahl also had .875 in serving. Sykes had .857 in serving and .800 in receiving. Sherritt was .833 in serving.

In the October 7 game vs. Stanfield four Mustangs had perfect serving-Ropp, Sherritt, Papineau and Amy Drake. Ingraham had 11 serving points. Pointer was .875 in serving; Kahl, .857; and Ingraham, .800. Ingraham also had six kills. Sykes, Pointer, Kahl, Adams, Sherritt and Clough all had 100 percent in receiving. Ingraham was .857 in receiving and Papineau, .833. Pointer had 17 attacks.

In the October 9 game against Wahtonka, six players had 100 percent serving-Ropp, Pointer, Papineau, Sykes, Sherritt and Rhea. Clough had 90 percent serving, Kahl, .875, and Ingraham, .800 with eight serving points. Four had perfect receiving-Kahl, Sherritt, Rhea and Rankin. Pointer had .882 in serves had 22 attacks. She made two kills and five dinks. Ingraham had .824 in receiving. She had five kills and three dinks.

The Mustangs' next game is Thursday, October 14, in Pilot Rock with the C-team beginning play at 5 p.m., followed by the JV and the varsity games.

Mustang JVs

on the year, travel to Pilot Rock on Monday, Oct. 18 beginning at 6 p.m. for their final game of the year.

W.M. 6 6 7 14 - 33
Heppner 0 0 0 6 - 6

First quarter
WM 1 yard run (pass failed) 4:48

Second quarter
WM 25 yard run (run failed) 1:48

Third quarter
WM 1 yard run (kick good) 1:37

Fourth quarter
WM 37 yard run (run failed) 8:43
Hep Travis Bellamy 4 yard run (run failed) 5:26
WM 53 yard pass (pass good) 2:53

Ponies run over Tigers, 34-0

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Ponies ran their record to 4-0 by easily defeating the Stanfield Junior High Tigers, 34-0.

Chuy Elguezabal got the Ponies going with a 28 yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter. Tyler Boyer caught the two-point conversion pass from Elguezabal to give the Ponies an 8-0 lead.

A 22 yard pass from Elguezabal to Luke Murray set up a seven yard Elguezabal run for the Ponies' second touchdown. The pass failed and the Ponies led 14-0 early in the second quarter.

Kyler Lovgren recovered a Stanfield fumble at midfield to give the ball back to the Ponies. On fourth down, Elguezabal threw a strike to Justin Botefuhr good for a 50 yard touchdown. The kick failed and the Ponies led 20-0.

On the Ponies' next possession, Botefuhr got behind the defense again and Elguezabal found him again, this time good for a 71 yard touchdown. David Flynn's kick was good to give the Ponies a 27-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

Jode Coil intercepted a pass to end a Stanfield drive just before halftime.

On the Ponies' first possession of the third quarter, Lovgren broke through the middle and rambled 54 yards for the touchdown. Flynn's kick was good and the Ponies led 34-0 early in the second half.

The rest of the game was a defensive struggle as both teams would make good gains, only to lose the ball or turn it over on downs.

In the fourth quarter on two separate possessions, Coil threw a 20 yard pass to Adam Wight and a 28 yard pass to Aaron Griffith. Flynn also intercepted a pass to end a Stanfield drive.

The Ponies' last game of the year will be against Columbia at Heppner on Friday, Oct. 15, time to be announced.

On Friday, Oct. 1, the Ponies traveled to Pilot Rock and won, 34-0. Five different Ponies scored touchdowns as Chuy Elguezabal, Tanner Britt, Kyler Lovgren, Luke Murray and Justin Botefuhr all scored.

Statistics
Stanfield: 0 0 0 0 - 0
Heppner: 8 19 7 0 - 34

First quarter: Heppner-Chuy Elguezabal 28 yard run (Tyler Boyer pass from Elguezabal) 3:03

Second quarter: Heppner-Elguezabal seven yard run (pass failed) 6:55; Justin Botefuhr 50 yard pass from Elguezabal (kick failed) 6:04; Botefuhr 71 yard pass from Elguezabal (David Flynn kick) 3:22

Third quarter: Heppner-Kyler Lovgren 54 yard run (Flynn kick) 6:45

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Mustangs run over Culver Bulldogs 33-6



by Rick Paullus

No. 42 Levi Geer is back in action at running back, while Joe Papineau (90) and Matt Baker (52) do the blocking.

The fourth-ranked Heppner Mustangs completely dominated the visiting sixth-ranked Culver Bulldogs in the first half en route to a 33-6 homecoming win. The Mustangs outgained the Bulldogs 265 yards total offense, 202 on the ground to just 39 total yards in the first half to take a 27-0 lead that easily could have been larger.

The win moves the Mustangs record to 6 and 0, 3-0 in the CBC, with a big game coming up on Friday, Oct. 16, at Sherman County beginning at 3:30 p.m.

The Mustangs took the opening kick-off at their own 47-yard line and effectively began moving the ball as Craig Scott rushed for six, eight and three and Ryan Matteson kept the ball on the option for 14 more to the 21 yard line. The drive stalled and Culver took over on downs at their own 12-yard line.

Jake Roy made a good hit on the bulldog ballcarrier, causing a fumble that Levi Geer recovered at the 14.

After an offside penalty moved the ball to the nine, Michael Schonbachler ran for four to set up a five-yard Michael McCabe touchdown run. Blake Knowles kicked the extra point and the Mustangs led 7-0 midway through the first quarter.

The Bulldogs took over at their own 43 following the kick-off and, on the first play, Scott intercepted a pass at the Mustangs' 43 yardline.

Scott ran for four, McCabe broke loose for 11, Matteson ran twice for nine yards and Scott picked up nine yards and another first down. McCabe picked up two, Scott for six, then three more and a first down at the 15. Schonbachler went for five and McCabe, seven, to set up a three yard Matteson touchdown run. Knowles' kick was perfect again and Heppner led 14-0 with 2:28 left in the first quarter.

On the Bulldogs' next possession it was McCabe's turn to intercept a pass to give the Mustangs back the ball at their own 47-yard line. Heppner was unable to move the ball and had to punt which gave the Bulldogs the ball at their own 36.

The Mustangs' defense, led by Clint Bellamy, Schonbachler and Knowles, forced the Bulldogs to punt which McCabe returned 19 yards to the Bulldog 46-yard line.

McCabe then got loose around end for a 23-yard gain. Geer ran for two, Scott for eight and a first down. Scott went for five and McCabe for five more and another first down. Geer then took it in from two yards out. The kick was no good and the Mustangs led 20-0 midway through the second quarter.

Neither team moved the ball and Culver took over on downs at their own 48-yard line. Travis Bellamy then intercepted a pass and returned it 18 yards to the Culver 42-yard line.

Matteson then hit Joe Papineau for 25 yards, Geer went for five and McCabe eight more for a first down at the five. McCabe then took it in and Knowles' kick was good to make it 27-0 with 1:27 left in the first half.

Travis Bellamy then got his second interception in a row returning it 18 yards to the Bulldog 23. Matteson hit Geer for an 18-yard pass to the five. A holding penalty took it back to the 22. Knowles caught a pass from Matteson but was stopped just short of the end zone. The Mustangs couldn't get it in as the first half ended.

Culver took the second half kick-off and put together their only sustained drive of the game, capped by a 20-yard touchdown run by Jeremy Benningfield. The pas failed on the two-point conversion and the Mustangs now led 27-6 midway through the third quarter.

The teams traded possessions until the Bulldogs drove down to the Mustang 38-yard line and faced with a fourth and five Clint Bellamy intercepted a pass and returned it to the Bulldog 38-yard line.

After a two yard loss, Matteson escaped a sack and threw a strike to Papineau for a 40-yard touchdown. The run failed on the PAT and Heppner led 33-6 late in the third quarter.

The teams traded possessions throughout the fourth quarter with neither team able to sustain a drive. The Bulldogs did hook up on a long pass and the receiver, Daniel Sosa, appeared to be headed for a touchdown until Scott caught up to him,

stripped him of the ball and returned it to the 13 of Heppner. The Mustangs were able to run out the clock and get the win.

The defense, which played well all game, was led by Michael Schonbachler with 25 defensive points. Ryan Matteson and Travis Bellamy each had 22 points, Clint Bellamy, 19, Levi Geer, 17, and Michael McCabe 13.

McCabe led all rushers with 103 yards on 18 carries and two touchdowns. Craig Scott added 57 yards on 12 carries.

Matteson passed for 104 yards and a touchdown and rushed for a touchdown.

Joe Papineau had two receptions for 65 yards and a touchdown.

Culver 0 0 6 0 - 6
Heppner 14 13 6 0 - 33

First quarter
Hep - Michael McCabe 5 yard run (Blake Knowles Kick) 7:06
Hep - Ryan Matteson 3 yard run (Knowles Kick) 2:28

Second quarter
Hep - Levi Geer 2 yard run (kick failed) 6:26
Hep - McCabe 5 yard run (Knowles Kick) 1:29

Third quarter
Cul - Jeremy Benningfield 28 yard run (pass failed) 7:19
Hep - Joe Papineau 40 yard pass from Matteson (run failed) 1:18

Individual Statistics
Rushing - Cul - Benningfield 19-90, Macy 7-32, Sisco 10-28.
Hep - McCabe 18-103, Craig Scott 12-57, Geer 9-31, Michael Schonbachler 6-25, Matteson 14-17.
Passing - Cul - Macy 6-21-5-108, Carlson 0-1-0.
Hep - Matteson 4-12-0-104.
Receiving - Cul - Sosa 3-91, Carlson 2-11, Adams 1-6.
Hep - Papineau 2-65, Knowles 1-21, Geer 1-18.

Cancer support group to meet

The Pendleton Prostate Cancer support group will meet on Monday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m. at the American Cancer Society office, 342 SW 1st.

The topic will be "high dose rate brachytherapy". The speaker will be Ken Ehlers. The program is free and is open to everyone.

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