

# Mustangs move on to quarterfinal Heppner's defense dominates Loggers

by Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs' defense dominated the Scio Loggers in the first round of the OSAA State 2A football championships as the Mustangs pulled away for a 33-6 win.

The Mustangs (10 and 0 overall) move on to the quarterfinal with a game against the defending champion Amity Warriors. The game will be played in Amity on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 1 p.m.

The Loggers received the opening kick-off and got a dose of what to expect the rest of the game as the Mustangs' defense shut them down and forced a punt. The Mustangs took over at their own 28 after Blake Knowles partially blocked the punt.

The Mustangs rushing attack went right to work as Craig Scott picked up 10 yards on his first carry and Michael McCabe swept around right end for 10 yards on his first carry. McCabe then went for 19, but Ryan Matteson was sacked for a nine yard loss. Scott caught a 14-yard pass from Matteson but came up short of a first down and gave the ball back to the Loggers at the Scio 24.

The defense again came through as Michael Schonbachler and Knowles tackled the Scio runner for a two yard loss to set up another punt.

The Mustangs took over at their own 34 but an illegal procedure penalty took it back to the 29. Matteson then hit Knowles in stride on a dunker pass over the middle and Knowles turned on the speed and outran everybody to the endzone for a 71 yard touchdown. Knowles kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead with 4:58 left in the first quarter.

The Loggers were pinned back to their own 15-yard line after a penalty on the kick off return and again the Mustangs defense stopped them cold.

Heppner got the ball at the Scio 39 after a short punt and went right to work as McCabe ran for 12 and Scott picked up 10 more. McCabe picked up seven and Scott ran twice for four yards and a first down at the four. Scott ran for two and McCabe picked up the final two for the Mustangs' second touchdown. The kick was no good and the Mustangs held a 13-0 lead after one quarter.

After the Loggers picked up a first down, their first of the game, the Mustangs' defense went to work as Knowles tackled a Logger back for a loss then McCabe and Jake Roy made a tackle for a loss to set up another punt.

The Mustangs failed to move the ball and were forced to punt.

The Loggers took over at their own 24 after a clipping penalty and put together their only drive of the first half but Stefan Matheny read a pass perfectly, stepping in front of the intended receiver, returning the interception 31 yards to the Scio 25-yard line.

Scott then burst up the middle for a 25 yard touchdown run. Scott ran in the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs a 21-0 lead.

The Loggers took over at their own 35 and Schonbachler tackled the running back for a loss on first down and Scott made a tackle for a three-yard loss to force another Logger punt.

The Mustangs failed to move the ball but a 47 yard punt by Levi Geer pinned the Loggers deep as the first half ended.

The Mustangs dominance was evident as they outgained Scio 155 yards to 18 in the first quarter and 194 to 73 in the half.

McCabe took the second half kick-off back to the Scio 46 to give the Mustangs good field position. The Mustangs moved the ball but a sack set up a fourth and 23. Matteson hit Scott for 20 yards and Scio took over at their own twelve.

The defense held forcing another punt, giving the Mustangs the ball at the Scio 45. After picking up a first down, Matteson was sacked again to set up a fourth and 13. The Loggers intercepted a pass and returned it to the 38 as the third quarter ended.

The defense again stepped up and forced the Loggers into a punting situation.

The Loggers tried a fake punt which didn't work, giving the Mustangs back the ball at the

Scio 46.

McCabe then broke free on a sweep for a 54-yard touchdown run. The conversion pass failed and the Mustangs led 27-0 early in the fourth quarter.

Scio took over at their own 22 after the kick-off. A penalty moved the ball back five yards and Joe Papineau made a tackle for a loss to force another punt. The Mustangs took over at the Scio 37 and McCabe picked up seven yards on a nice spin move for a first down. But Scio ended the scoring threat by picking off a pass at their own nine yard line.

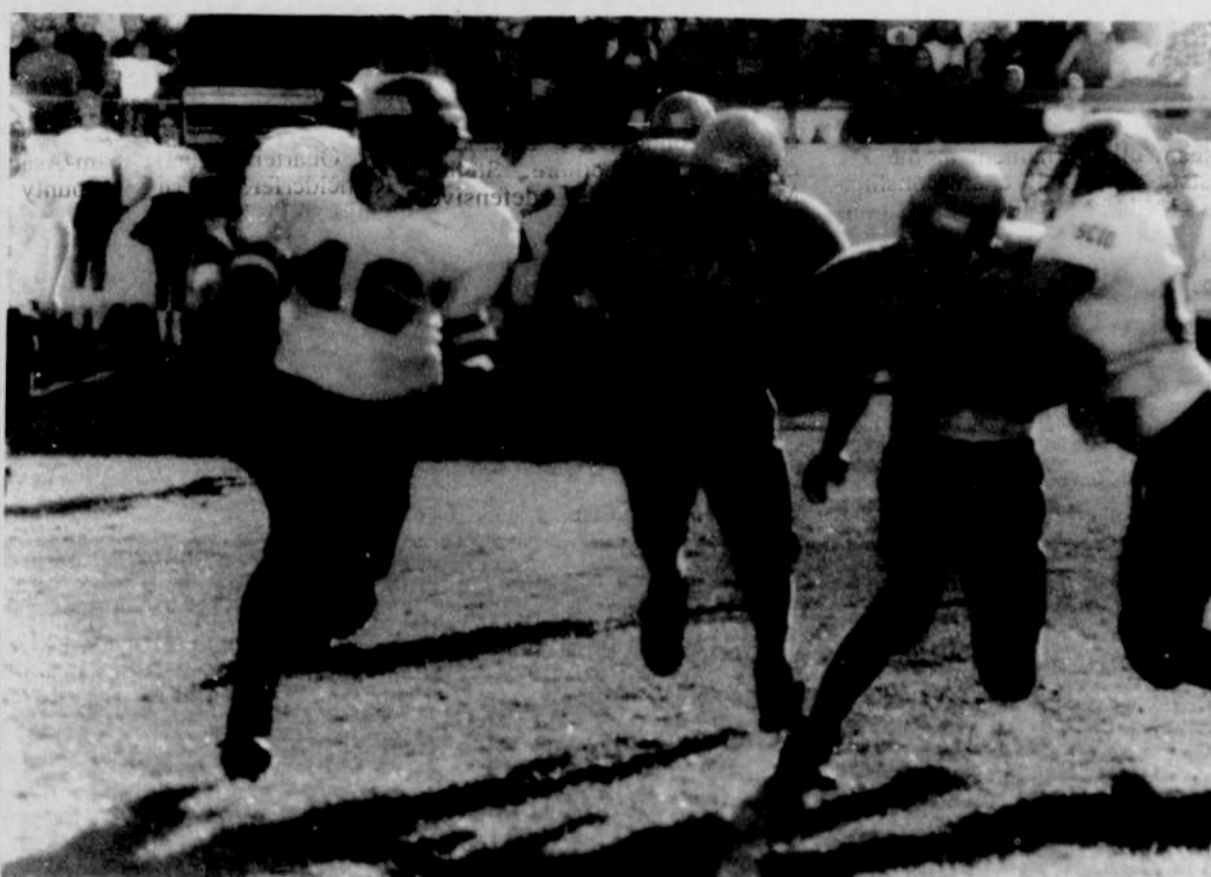
Travis Bellamy and Knowles tackled the running back for a four-yard loss to force yet another punt. The Mustangs took over at the Scio 30 and, on first down, McCabe bounced free for a 19-yard gain. McCabe ran for five, Bellamy for one and Schonbachler picked up three more to the one. Schonbachler then took it in for the Mustangs' final touchdown. The conversion run failed and the Mustangs held a 33-0 lead.

The Loggers moved the ball 80 yards in the final three minutes against the Mustang reserves and got a 16-yard touchdown run from Kyle Braa as the horn sounded. There was no conversion try.

McCabe ended up with 157 yards on 14 carries and two touchdowns. Scott had 12 carries for 65 yards and a touchdown and also caught two passes for another 34 yards.

Matteson ended up five for 12 for 129 yards and a touchdown.

The defense was led by Schonbachler with 32 points. Knowles ended up with 21 and Clint Bellamy had 20. Scott had 14 and McCabe and Matheny each had 11.



Mustang linebacker Clint Bellamy (58) comes after Scio running back Dennis Jackson during Heppner's playoff game Saturday. Another Mustang defender gets blocked out.

Scio 0 0 0 6 -6  
Heppner 13 8 0 12 -33

**First quarter**  
Hep - Blake Knowles 71 yard pass from Ryan Matteson (Knowles kick) 4:58  
Hep - Michael McCabe 2 yard run (kick failed) 1:00

**Second quarter**  
Hep - Craig Scott 25 yard run (Scott run) 4:37

**Fourth quarter**  
Hep - McCabe 54 yard run (pass failed) 10:25  
Hep - Michael Schonbachler 1 yard run (run failed) 3:04  
Scio - Kyle Braa 16 yard run (no attempt) 0:00

**Individual stats**

**Rushing**  
Scio - Braa 13-62, Tyler Stillman 19-53, Todd Sibernagel 10-42, Dennis Jackson 7-16, Kyle Childress 2-8.

Heppner - McCabe 13-157, Scott 12-65, Schonbachler 3-6, Travis Bellamy 1-2, Levi Geer 3-1, Matteson 5-(-13).

**Passing**  
Scio - Childress 0-3-1-0  
Heppner - Matteson 5-12-2-129

**Receiving**  
Heppner - Scott 2-34, Knowles 1-71, Schonbachler 1-15, Stefan Matheny

**School closed for Thanksgiving**

School will be dismissed early, at 12:45 p.m., on Wednesday, Nov. 24, and there will be no school on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 25-26, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## 1999 Class 2A Championship Playoffs

Playoffs Nov 12th, 13th	Qtrs Nov 19th, 20th	Semi's Nov 26th, 27th	Finals Dec 4th	Champion
3- 2 Scio #8 (7-2) 6	Heppner #2			
X Sat				
7- 1 Heppner #2 (9-0) 33				
2- 2 Amity #4 (8-1) 55	X			
X Fri	Amity #4			
4- 1 Monroe #13 (7-2) 6				
6- 2 Bonanza #9 (7-2) 0	Glendale #3			
X Sat				
5- 1 Glendale #3 (9-0) 41				
8- 2 Nyssa #15 (6-3) 34	X			
X Sat	Nyssa #15			
1- 1 Portland Christian (6-3) 14				
5- 2 Yoncalla (5-4) 6	Dayton #1			
X Sat				
2- 1 Dayton #1 (8-0) 34				
1- 2 Vernonia (5-3) 0	X			
X Sat	Regis #12			
3- 1 Regis #12 (7-2) 40				
7- 2 Sherman County #7 (8-1) 40	Sherman County #7			
X Sat				
8- 1 Enterprise #5 (8-1) 11				
4- 2 Oakridge #6 (8-1) 38	Oakridge #6			
X Sat				
6- 1 Lost River #10 (7-2) 21				

1). Northwest	2). West Valley	3). Tri River	4). Trico
1). Portland Christian Royals (6-4)	1). Dayton Pirates (9-0)	1). Regis Rams (8-2)	1). Monroe Dragons (7-3)
2). Vernonia Loggers (5-4)	2). Amity Warriors (9-1)	2). Scio Loggers (7-3)	2). Oakridge Warriors (9-1)
5). Big Fir	6). Southern Cascade	7). Columbia Basin	8). Wapiti
1). Glendale Pirates (10-0)	1). Lost River Raiders (7-3)	1). Heppner Mustangs (10-0)	1). Enterprise Savages (8-2)
2). Yoncalla Eagles (5-5)	2). Bonanza Antlers (7-3)	2). Sherman County Huskies (9-1)	2). Nyssa Bulldogs (7-3)

Bottom records included playoffs games. X = Home games. # = Last poll rankings dated Thursday Nov. 4th.

## Local woman does well at National Finals



Shirley Martin on Cholla at the Senior Finals Rodeo

Shirley Martin of Heppner did quite well at the recent Senior national Finals rodeo held in Reno.

Martin split third and fourth in the final average in barrel racing. The Senior finals includes participants from the US and Canada, and you must be in the top 30 point earners to qualify. The tour goes on all year.

Martin rode her 13-year-old gelding Cholla at the finals.

## Heppner student joins society

Eastern Oregon University's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi recently welcomed 28 new student members to the prestigious honor society.

Chung-Chin Liu business/economics major from Heppner, was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi at Eastern Oregon University on Oct. 30.

Those elected to membership in the honor society include the upper five percent of last term juniors and the upper 10 percent of seniors, along with outstanding graduate students, faculty and alumni.

Established in 1897, The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi is a century old non-profit organization dedicated to the recognition and promotion of academic excellence in all disciplines of higher education.

One of the oldest and most respected academic honor societies, Phi Kappa Phi boasts more than 900,000 members from across the globe and 282 chapters on university campuses throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Philippines. The EOU chapter, founded in 1997, is one of the newest in the nation.

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