

Mustangs fall to Warriors, 42-22, end season 10-1

By Rick Paulius

The Heppner Mustangs' football season came to an end on Saturday, November 20, at the home of the defending 2A champions, the Amity Warriors, by a score of 42-22. The Mustangs ended their successful season with a 10 and one record, reaching the quarter-finals.

The end also marked the last football game for Mustang seniors: Jake Roy, Michael Schonbachler, Levi Geer, Josh Hill, Clint Bellamy, Corey Miller, Jeff Currin, Mitch Mathews, Matt Van Liew and Chris Bridgmon.

The Mustangs fell into an early 14-0 hole in the first quarter before getting first down on a Michael Schonbachler eight-yard run and a Ryan Matteson two-yard run. Schonbachler picked up nine yards and Michael McCabe ran for a 35-yard gain, but a clipping penalty brought it back and the Mustangs were forced to punt.

Amity came back to score another touchdown and the Mustangs appeared to be moving the ball, but another penalty brought back a 35-yard gain on a pass from Matteson to Blake Knowles. The Mustangs were forced to punt again and the Warriors marched down the field for a touchdown and a 28-0 lead late in the second quarter.

The Mustangs took over at their own 25 and, after the kick-off and a short pass from Matteson to Craig Scott, McCabe took a screen pass from Matteson down the sideline for 67 yards to the five-yard line of Amity. A four-yard run by Scott set up a one-yard touchdown by Schonbachler. The two-point conversion run failed and Amity



Heppner running back Craig Scott heads upfield against Amity

photo by Joyce Hughes

led, 28-6.

The Mustangs got the ball back on a fumble recovery by Matteson just before halftime, but were unable to move the ball.

Heppner came out fired up in the third quarter and, after Schonbachler tackled a Warrior runner for a six-yard loss, Amity had to punt for the first time.

The Mustangs couldn't move the ball, however, and were forced to punt.

Knowles tackled a Warrior runner for a five-yard loss to set up a fourth and long as the Mustangs held and took over at their own 19.

Scott took off on a 28-yard run to get the Mustangs out of a hole, but the Mustangs couldn't move the ball and gave it back to

Amity at mid-field on downs.

The Mustangs' defense again played tough as Jake Roy, Schonbachler and Joe Papineau combined to tackle an Amity runner for a five-yard loss, then Knowles, Schonbachler and Papineau combined to sack the Warriors' quarterback for a nine-yard loss to force a punt.

Scott returned the punt 30 yards to the Warrior 30-yard line. Scott then made a great catch on a pass from Matteson for an 11-yard gain. Matteson then hit Stefan Matheny for a 19-yard touchdown pass. McCabe then took a pass from Matteson for the two-point conversion to cut the lead to 28-14 late in the third quarter.

Amity then put the game out of reach, marching the ball for two consecutive touchdowns to take a 42-14 lead.

The Mustangs wouldn't quit as they took over at their own 28 for their final drive of the season. Scott ran three times for 13 yards, then took a hand-off and threw a pass back to Matteson good for 15 yards. On a double hand-off pitch back to Matteson, Matteson, just as he was getting hit, launched a pass to Knowles good for 41 yards. Scott ran for one, setting up Schonbachler's second touchdown of the game on a one-yard run. McCabe ran in the conversion to make the final score 42-22.

The defense was again led by Schonbachler and Clint Bellamy with 32 and 21 points respectively. Knowles ended up with 19 and Scott had 14. McCabe and Matheny each

ended up with 11 points.

Scott had 10 carries for 38 yards and McCabe had five carries for 32 yards. Schonbachler rushed seven times for 24 yards and two touchdowns.

Matteson ended up completing six of 17 passes for 141 yards and a touchdown.

McCabe had two receptions for 62 yards and Scott had two receptions for 24 yards.

Heppner 0 6 8 8-22
Amity 14 14 0 14-42

First Quarter
A-Andrew Haley 18-yard run (Mike Berkey kick) 8:59
A-Justin Hubbard 11-yard pass from Ryan Mullins (Berkey kick) 4:46

Second Quarter
A-Tim Isenberg seven-yard pass from Mullins (Berkey kick) 10:28
A-Hubbard three-yard run (Berkey kick) 5:34
Hep-Michael Schonbachler one-yard run (run failed) 4:22

Third Quarter
Hep-Stefan Matheny 19-yard pass from Ryan Matteson (Michael McCabe pass from Matteson) 1:36

Fourth Quarter
A-Hawley three-yard run (Berkey kick) 7:16
A-Hubbard 83-yard run (Berkey kick) 5:43
Hep-Schonbachler one-yard run (McCabe run) 58.9

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Hep-Craig Scott 10-38, McCabe 5-32, Schonbachler 7-24, Matteson 5(-7).
A-Hubbard 22-135, Hawley 17-82, Morris 3-12, Imlah 1-1, Fertello 3(-1), Mullins 3(-4), C. Walker 1(-5).
Passing: Hep-Matteson 6-17-1-141, Scott 1-1-0-15.
A-Mullins 10-12-0-120, Hubbard 1-2-0-19.
Receiving: Hep-McCabe 2-62, Scott 2-24, Blake Knowles 1-41, Matheny 1-19, Matteson 1-15.
A-Hubbard 3-35, Isenberg 3-32, Hawley 2-31, Walker 2-14, Fertello 1-19.

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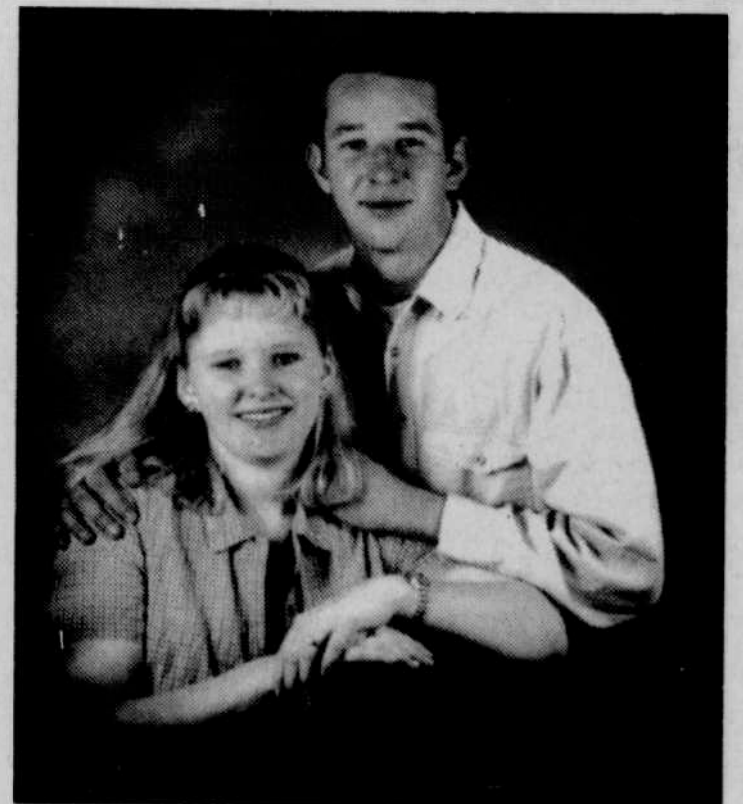
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Katie Kenny and Bret Elithorp

Katie Kenny of Heppner and Bret Elithorp, Medford, announce their engagement to be married.

Katie is the daughter of Joe and Linda Kenny of Heppner. She is a 1998 graduate of Heppner High School and attended Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton. She is currently employed by Devin Oil Company in Heppner.

Bret's parents are James and Barbara Elithorp of Troy, Alabama. He graduated from Oregon Institute of Technology at Klamath Falls in December 1997. He is currently employed by Oregon Bridges Engineering Consultants in Medford as a surveyor.

The couple plan a January 8, 2000, wedding at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

Addition to Veteran's Program

Matthew Van Liew's name was omitted from the Heppner Veteran's Day commemoration program. He played Taps along with Darren Van Cleave.

A flyby scheduled to be part of the commemoration was not held because the planes had already been committed elsewhere.