

## Big first half carries Mustangs to win



Kelly Paullus heads upfield against the Eagles

photo by Joyce Hughes

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs exploded to a 48-0 lead at halftime and coasted for a 62-12 win over the visiting Wahtonka Eagles in the Mustangs' first home game of the year on Friday, Sept. 29. The Mustangs improved to 2-0 in the Columbia Basin Conference and 3-1 overall.

The Mustangs will play at home on Friday, Oct. 6, against the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots in their next game. The game against Culver the following week has been moved to Thursday, Oct. 12, at 2:30 p.m. in Culver.

Heppner wasted no time getting on the board, taking over at the Wahtonka 45 yard line after a punt. For the second week in a row, Michael McCabe took a hand-off up the middle and broke to the outside going for a 45 yard touchdown. Blake Knowles booted the extra point to give the Mustangs an early 7-0 lead.

The Mustangs got the ball back at their own 43 after a 22 yard punt return by Craig Scott. McCabe went for 11 and Scott ran for six. Ryan Matteson then hit Scott for a 27 yard pass, getting a crushing block from Knowles. McCabe then went for 13 down to the two. Matt Baker then took it in for a the Mustangs' second touchdown. Knowles' kick was good and, with 6:12 left, the Mustangs led 14-0.

The Mustangs got the ball back at their own 31 after a Wahtonka punt and, after a hold, they were moved back to the 24. Scott then broke loose for a 47 yard gain. Matteson hit Stefan Matheny for a 23 yard gain to the six. Scott then took it in for the touchdown. Knowles' kick made it 21-0 with 1:41 left in the first quarter.

Matteson picked off a pass at the five and returned it to the 30 to end an Eagle drive as the first quarter ended.

Scott went for 11, Brad Adams for four, then seven for a first

down. McCabe went for 13, then five, but a fumble on the next play was recovered by Wahtonka at the Eagles' 42 yard line.

Baker then recovered an Eagle fumble on the next play at the 41.

Matteson hit McCabe for a 41 yard touchdown pass. The kick was no good and the Mustangs led 27-0.

The Mustangs got the ball back at their own 45 and wasted no time in scoring another touchdown as Matteson hit Scott in stride down the middle for a 55 yard touchdown. Knowles' kick was good and the Mustangs led 34-0.

The Mustangs got the ball back on the kick-off when Matheny hit the returner, causing a fumble recovered by Matteson.

Kelly Paullus caught a fumbled snap in the air and got a yard. A personal foul penalty on the Eagles took it down to the 14. Paullus then went for 13 to the one and Chuy Elguezabal sneaked it in for the touchdown. Knowles' kick was good to make it 48-0.

The Mustangs got the ball back as Trevor Rhea caused a fumble, recovered by Daniel Jepsen.

A 49 yard field goal attempt was short as the half came to an end.

Elguezabal took the second half kick-off 61 yards for a touchdown, breaking several tackles along the way. Tanner Britt hit Elguezabal for the two-point conversion and a 56-0 lead just 16 seconds into the third quarter.

The Eagles then got on the board, taking the ensuing kick-off 75 yards up the middle for a touchdown. The kick was not good and it was 56-6 just 29 seconds into the third quarter.

That was all the scoring as the teams traded possessions the rest of the quarter. The Eagles missed a field goal, then recovered a Mustang fumble as the quarter ended.

The Eagles drove the ball down the field and scored their second

touchdown on a short run. The two-point try failed and it was now 56-12 early in the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs took over on their own 35 after the kick-off. Britt ran for four, Brad Adams for five, then one and a first down. Donald Adams went for five and Paullus went for 16 to the 34. Paullus went for eight, Brad Adams for nine and Elguezabal hit Paullus for 13 to the five. Elguezabal then hit Connor Kilkenny for a touchdown. The pass failed and the Mustangs led 62-12.

The Eagles were driving and about to score when Paullus caused a fumble which was recovered by Rhea at the one yard line. Brad Adams went for 12 and Donald Adams for 11 as the clock ran out.

The defense was led by Paullus with 29 defensive point and an interception. Matteson had 13 points in the first half with an interception and a fumble recovery. Knowles and Baker each had 12 points in the first half and Elguezabal also had 12 points. Jepsen had 10 points and Brad Adams, nine.

Matteson completed 4-4 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns. Scott caught two for 82 yards and a touchdown.

McCabe led all rushers with 87 yards on five carries and a touchdown. Scott rushed six times for 73 yards and a touchdown. Brad Adams ran 10 times for 68 yards and Paullus had six carries for 45 yards.

**Statistics**  
 Wahtonka: 0 0-6 6 - 12  
 Heppner: 21 27 8 6 - 62  
 First quarter: Heppner-Michael McCabe 45 yard run (Blake Knowles kick) 9:53; Matt Baker two yard run (Knowles kick) 6:12; Craig Scott six yard run (Knowles kick) 1:41.  
 Second quarter: Heppner-McCabe 41 yard pass from Ryan Matteson (kick failed) 9:26; Scott 55 yard pass from Matteson (Knowles kick) 8:02; Chuy Elguezabal one yard run (Knowles kick) 6:39; Elguezabal three yard run (Knowles kick) 4:48.  
 Third quarter: Heppner-Elguezabal 61 yard kick-off return (Elguezabal pass from Tanner Britt) 11:44; Wahtonka-Fernando Alvarez 75 yard kick-off return (kick failed) 11:31.  
 Fourth quarter: Wahtonka-Dusty Long one yard run (run failed) 11:04; Heppner-Connor Kilkenny five yard pass from Elguezabal (pass failed) 6:16.  
**Individual Statistics**  
 Rushing: Wahtonka-Steven Miles 9-17, Erik Velador 15-53, A.J. Long 5-22, Chris Sreze 7-41, Dusty Long 4-6; Heppner-Michael McCabe 5-87, Craig Scott 6-73, Brad Adams 10-68, Kelly Paullus 6-45, Donald Adams 8-24, Chuy Elguezabal 7-20, Tanner Britt 1-4, Matt Baker 1-2, Stefan Matheny 1-0.  
 Passing: Wahtonka-Long 5-11-2-49, Velador 0-1-0-0, Heppner-Matteson 4-4-0-144, Elguezabal 2-4-0-18, Britt 0-1-0-0.  
 Receiving: Wahtonka-Tristan Service 2-16, Cody Herrigues 3-33, Heppner-Scott 2-82, McCabe 1-41, Matheny 1-23, Paullus 1-13, Connor Kilkenny 1-5.

## Colts drop game

By Rick Paullus  
 The Heppner Colts lost a close game at Stanfield, 7-6, on Wednesday, Sept. 27. The loss drops the Colts' record to 0-3 on the year with all three losses being close games. The Colts next play at home on Wednesday, Oct. 4, against Columbia at 6 p.m.

The Colts took a 6-0 lead at halftime on a short touchdown run by Casey Maben. Stanfield scored with two minutes left and kicked the extra point to take the lead and get the win.

## Cards whip Lyle



The scoreboard tells the story following the game

photo by Debbie Radie

Ione was able to take on the Lyle football team and come up with another victory for the Cardinals in pre-season action. Brad Burright, who completed 16 carries for 133 yards, made it to the goal line twice for the Cards.

Adam Neiffer carried the ball for 23 yards, received two passes for a total of 10 yards. Korey

Morgan, a senior for the Cards, ran for eight yards and completed three passes for 33 yards. Til Tullis caught a pass for a 12-yard gain thrown by Brian Gutierrez.

Yards were gained through the hands of Ione's running offense, which included Andrew Rietmann, 28 yards, Brooks Rea, 14 yards, and Mike Radie, one

yard.

Defensively, Ione was unmatched, keeping their cool when Adam Neiffer intercepted a pass.

Ione recovered four fumbles during the game, one by Adam Neiffer, two by Brooks Rea and one by Andrew Rietmann. The final score was 28-8.

## Dufur downs Ione



Fans prepare to welcome back the team with balloons

photo by Debbie Radie

This was a football game Ione knew would be challenging--against the 1A #1 ranked team of the Dufur Rangers.

Ione's top tacklers included Brad Burright with 17, Adam Neiffer with 13, Koby Rea with 13, Korey Morgan with one fumble recovery and Cameron Krebs adding another fumble

recovery. Burright received three passes for 66 yards, Rietmann, one for 17 yards, Morgan, three for 10 yards, and Adam Neiffer, one for eight yards.

Rushing for the Cards included eight carries for 10 yards by Brooks Rea, 10 carries for 72 yards for Brad Burright,

seven carries for 19 yards by Andrew Rietmann, one carry for two yards by Zach Fabian and one carry for two yards by Mike Radie.

The game was well attended by fans from both sides.

The final score was Ione 6, Dufur 40.

## Ione JV team falls to Condon

The Ione JV volleyball team fell to Condon in a three game match, 2-15, 15-10, 11-15 on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Dejah Haskett and Caitlin Orem led the Lady Cardinals with seven points each to their credit. Orem also led the team

with set assists. Tracy Griffith had three points, four hits and two kills. Emily Key had two points, one hit and led the team in serve receives. Meghan McCabe scored four points and Olivia Thompson scored one point toward the Cardinal effort.

## Holly Rebekahs plan card party

Holly Rebekah Lodge will hold the first card party of the year in Lexington this Saturday, Oct. 7, starting at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$3 per person for an evening of cards, refreshments and fun.

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