

## Mustangs blank Pine Eagle, 21-0



Heppner's Michael McCabe (40) takes the handoff from quarterback Ryan Matteson (3) during last Saturday's quarterfinal game against Pine Eagle. Next up for Heppner is Amity here this Saturday.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs moved to the quarterfinals of the OSAA State 2A football playoffs with a 21-0 shutout of the Pine Eagle Spartans on Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

The road gets a lot tougher as the two-time defending state champion Amity Warriors come to Heppner on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. The Warriors knocked the Mustangs out of the playoffs last year in the quarterfinals played at Amity.

In the Mustangs' game against Pine Eagle, the Mustangs took over at their own 45 after forcing a Spartan punt in their opening possession. Michael McCabe went for three and Stefan Matheny went for three more, then broke free for 15 and a first down at the Pine Eagle 33. Craig Scott went for nine, then Ryan Matteson hit Matheny in stride for a 24 yard touchdown. Blake Knowles kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead with 8:09 left in the first quarter.

On the Spartans' next possession, Chuy Elguezabal picked off a deep pass and returned it to the Mustangs' 46 yard line. McCabe went for three then caught a 16 yard pass from Matteson for a first down. Matheny ran for four, Pine Eagle jumped offsidelines and McCabe went for two and a first down. Scott went for eight but the drive came to an end when the Spartans recovered a fumble at the 18.

The Spartans drove to the Mustangs' 43 where Brad Adams made a tackle for a two yard loss to set up a fourth down and seven. The Spartans pulled off a fake punt for a first down at the Mustangs' 26. The Mustangs' defense forced another fourth and seven but the Spartans completed a pass for a first down at the 15. Brandon Young shot through the line to make a tackle for a two yard loss on first down and the Spartans were faced with another fourth down at the 10. This time the Mustangs' defense held as Adams broke through, making the tackle for a loss and giving the ball to Heppner at the 11.

McCabe went for nine, then Knowles took a pass from Matteson to the Pine Eagle 46 for a 34 yard gain. The Spartans held on though, taking over at their own 44, then started going backwards as Travis Bellamy made a tackle for a two yard loss and a clipping penalty took it back to the 20. Bellamy then sacked the quarterback for a 10 yard loss to force

a punt which Scott returned to the Spartan 33.

Scott went for one, Adams three and McCabe, eight, and a first down at the 21. Matteson went for eight and Scott picked up a first down at the nine. McCabe ran twice to the one where Matteson took it in for the touchdown. Knowles' kick was good and the Mustangs led 14-0 late in the second quarter.

On the Spartans' next possession, a pass into the flat went to McCabe, who took it back 61 yards for a touchdown. Knowles' kick was good and the Mustangs took a 21-0 lead into halftime.

The teams traded punts to open the second half, with the Mustangs taking over at their own 23 on their second possession. Matteson kept on the option for 17, McCabe went for one, then Adams ran twice for 12 yards and a first down at the Spartan 48. A holding penalty took the ball back to the 39. Scott ran for four, then McCabe took a screen pass from Matteson for 22 yards and a first down at the 34, McCabe went for seven and Scott took a pitch on the option for 13 and a first down at the 15. However, a clipping penalty took the ball back to the 36 and the Spartans ended up taking over at their own 31 on downs.

After forcing a punt, the Mustangs took over at their own 29. The Spartans picked off a pass and took it back to the Mustangs' 36, but on a third and eight McCabe made a tackle for a six yard loss on a screen pass and Knowles had a sack for a 13 yard loss to give the Mustangs the ball at the 49.

The teams traded possessions as neither team could get anything going. On Pine Eagles' last possession, Sam Van Liew had a quarterback sack for an eight yard loss to kill the drive and give the Mustangs the ball. The Mustangs ran out the clock to get the hard-fought win.

Scott led the Mustangs with 84 yards on 13 carries with McCabe getting 48 yards on 13 carries. Matheny had 26 yards rushing and 28 yards receiving on two receptions. McCabe had two receptions for 38 yards.

Matteson completed six of 12 passes for 100 yards with a touchdown and one interception. He also rushed for 25 yards and one touchdown.

Scott was the top scorer on defense with 24 defensive points. McCabe picked up 20. Joe Papineau had 18 points, followed by Matteson and Elguezabal with

16 points. Bellamy and Adams each had 13 points.

Statistics:  
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Heppner-7 14 0 0 - 21

First quarter: Heppner-Stefan Matheny 24 yard pass from Ryan Matteson (Blake Knowles kick) 8:09.

Second quarter: Heppner-Matteson one yard run (Knowles kick) 1:34, Michael McCabe 61 yard interception return (Knowles kick) :23.

Individual Statistics:  
Rushing: Pine Eagle-Judd Wright 14-17, Dan Johnson 20-61, Nathan Skalsky 4-(-22), Shean Lattin 2-(-2); Heppner-Craig Scott 13-84, Michael McCabe 13-48, Stefan Matheny 5-26, Ryan Matteson 5-25, Brad Adams 5-17.

Passing: Pine Eagle-Skalsky 5-13-2-50; Heppner-Matteson 6-12-1-100, Blake Knowles 0-1-0.

Receiving: Pine Eagle-Dan Simpson 3-31, Junior Elguezabal 1-20, Johnson 1-(-1); Heppner-McCabe 2-38, Matheny 2-28, Knowles 1-34, Scott 1-0.

## CBC VB players selected



Marissa McCabe



Shelley Rietmann



Lacey Matteson

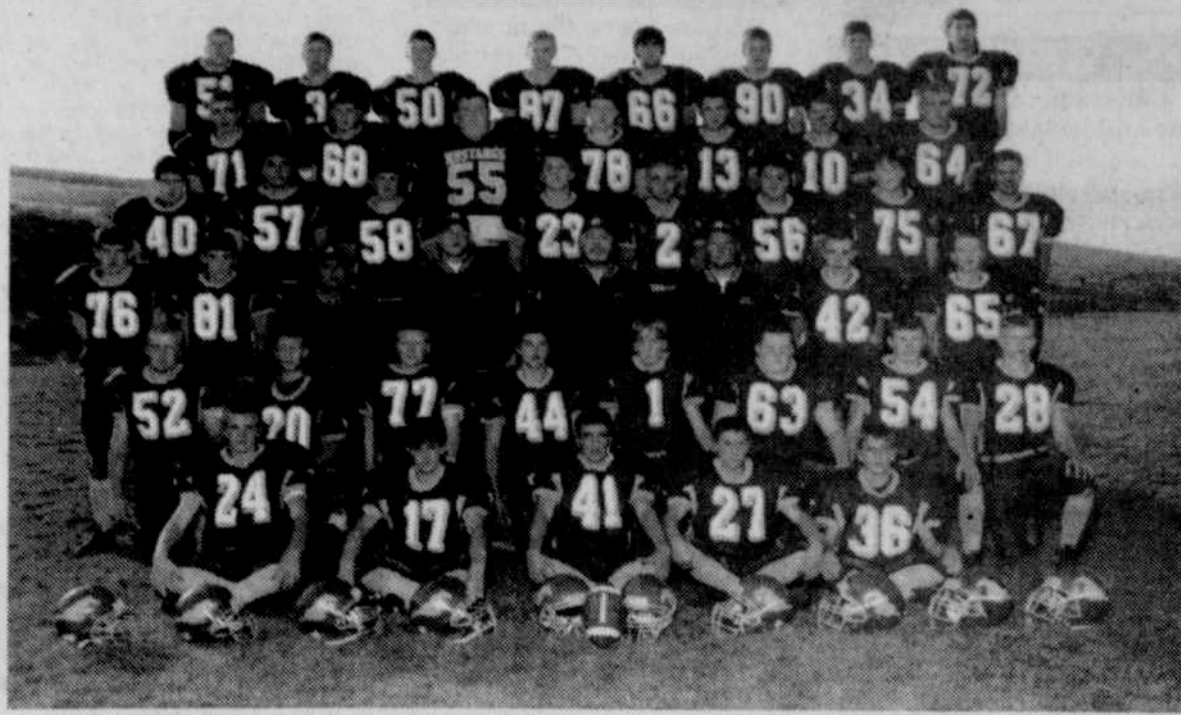
Three Heppner High School volleyball players were named to the Columbia Basin Conference All-League Volleyball Team.

Senior Marissa McCabe earned second team honors. Junior Shelley Rietmann and sophomore Lacey Matteson received honorable mention.

## Weather spotter's class slated

A Severe Weather Spotters class will be given by the National Weather Service on Monday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at Columbia Basin Electric Co-op conference room.

For more information, contact Glo Wright, American Red Cross, at 676-9810.



Heppner Mustang football team CBC League Champions

## 13 Mustang football players named to CBC all-league team

Thirteen Heppner High School football players have been named to the Columbia Basin Conference All-League Team.

The Mustangs took first place in the league and defeated Pine Eagle, 21-0, in the first round of the state playoffs last Saturday, November 11, in Heppner.

Heppner will host Amity, last year's state champs in the quarterfinals this Saturday, November 18, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, beginning at 1 p.m.

Blake Knowles, 200 lb. senior, earned three first-team spots on the all-league team, as receiver, place kicker and defensive end.

Three Heppner players were named to two first team spots. Craig Scott, 185 lb. senior, was selected as a first team defensive back and running back; Stefan Matheny, 165 lb. junior, was named first team defensive back and receiver; and Michael McCabe, 185 lb. junior, was named first team linebacker and running back. He was also named as a second team punter.

Joe Papineau, 170 lb. senior received first team honors as linebacker and was named second team receiver; Travis Bellamy, 205 lb. junior-first team defensive lineman and second team offensive lineman; Kyle McDaniel, 185 lb. senior-first team offensive lineman; and Matt Baker, 205 lb. senior-first team offensive lineman and second team defensive lineman.

Ryan Matteson, 180 lb. senior, was selected as second team quarterback, Brandon Young, 180 lb. senior-second team offensive lineman; Sam Van Liew, 195 lb. junior-second team defensive end; and Brad Adams, 175 lb. sophomore-second team linebacker and honorable mention running back.

Brad Bowman, 190 lb. junior, received honorable mention as a defensive lineman.

A complete list of league selections is as follows:

Defensive backs: first team-Scott, Matheny, both Heppner, John Macy, Culver senior; second team-Seth Christiansen, Pilot Rock senior, Nathaniel Lieuallen, Weston-McEwen senior, Arjuna Strong, Umatilla junior; honorable mention-Jeremiah Bonifer, Pilot Rock senior.

Linebackers: first team-McCabe, Papineau, both Heppner, Jeff Cloud, Culver junior, David Salas, Umatilla senior; second team-Adams, Heppner, Erik Velador, Wahtonka junior, Dustin Herman, Culver junior, Chris Irzyk, Sherman senior; honorable mention-Troy Sampson, Pilot Rock sophomore, Tanner Perrine, Weston-McEwen senior, John Munkers, Umatilla senior.

Defensive linemen: first team-Bellamy, Heppner, Tom Lambert, Umatilla senior, Derek Cisco, Culver senior; second team-Baker, Heppner, William Minthorn, Pilot Rock sophomore, Derek Troxel, Wahtonka junior; honorable mention-Bowman, Heppner.

Defensive ends: first team-Knowles, Heppner, Cheyenne Langston, Sherman senior; second team-Van Liew, Heppner, Anthony Alley, Culver sophomore; honorable mention-Travis Liebschwager, Pilot Rock senior.

Receivers: first team-Knowles, Matheny, Heppner, John Macy, Culver senior; second team-Papineau, Heppner, Jake Perry, Pilot Rock sophomore, Bruno Ybarra, Umatilla junior.

Quarterbacks: first team-Jared Adams, Culver junior; second team-Matteson, Heppner; honorable mention-Tony Villanueva, Umatilla sophomore, David Herbert, Stanfield sophomore.

Offensive linemen: first team-McDaniel, Baker, Heppner, Kory Kock, Sherman senior, Cloud, Culver; second team-Bellamy, Young, Heppner, Perrine, Weston-McEwen, Brian Morris, Umatilla senior, Evan Cornia, Umatilla senior; honorable mention-Erik Mora, Weston-McEwen senior, Joe Irzyk, Sherman junior.

Running backs: first team-Scott, McCabe, Heppner, Langston, Sherman; second team-Christiansen, Pilot Rock, Lieuallen, Weston-McEwen, Salas, Umatilla, Kyle Johnson, Umatilla senior; honorable mention-Adams, Heppner, Strong, Umatilla, Anthony Alley, Culver sophomore, Nick Hagman, Culver sophomore.

Punters: first team-Langston, Sherman; second team-McCabe, Heppner; honorable mention-Jesse Veliz, Stanfield junior.

Place kickers: first team-

Knowles, Heppner; second team-Paul Valle, Umatilla junior; honorable mention-Jose Sanchez, (school unavailable) sophomore.



Kyle McDaniel



Brad Adams



Brad Bowman



Stefan Matheny



Blake Knowles



Travis Bellamy



Sam Van Liew



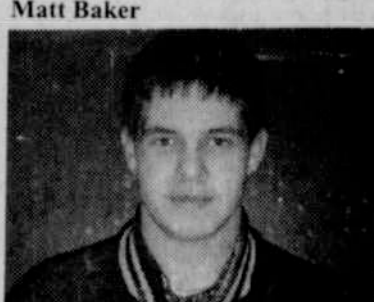
Craig Scott



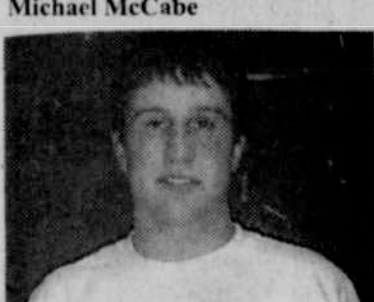
Brandon Young



Matt Baker



Michael McCabe



Ryan Matteson



Joe Papineau

**The Pioneer Memorial Clinic**  
will be **CLOSED**  
**November 23rd - 24th**  
for Thanksgiving