

Mustangs overcome turnovers to beat TigerScots

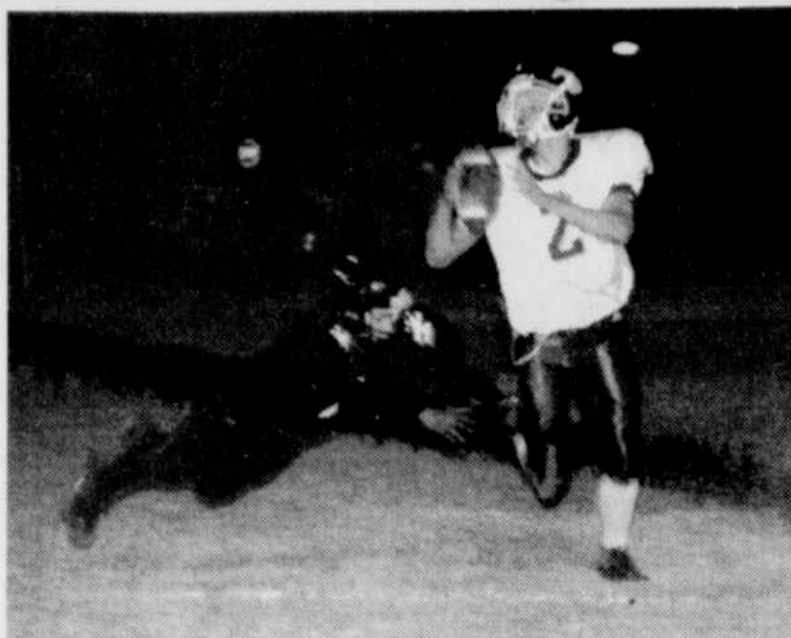


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Mustang quarterback Chuy Elguezabal rolls out for a pass

By Rick Paullus

Despite turning the ball over seven times and spotting Weston-McEwen a 7-0 lead after one quarter, the Heppner Mustangs came back to beat the TigerScots, 34-7, in Athena on Friday, Oct. 5. The win improved the third-ranked Mustangs' Columbia Basin Conference record to 3-0 and 6-1 overall.

The Mustangs host the fourth-ranked Culver Bulldogs in a CBC showdown for first place on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

The Mustangs had their first fumble on their second play and the fired-up TigerScots drove down and scored on an Eric Delph 10-yard run, kicked the extra point and took a 7-0 lead.

The Mustangs took over at their own 21 after the kick-off and Stefan Matheny had a short gain, then broke free around end for 48 yards to the TigerScots' 28-yard line. Tyler Lovgren went for 11, but a fumble on the next play gave the ball back to Weston-McEwen.

The TigerScots drove to midfield before the defense finally held and forced a punt. The Mustangs took over at their own 24, but a 10-yard gain by Matheny was taken back to the 20 on a face mask penalty.

After a loss of three, Michael McCabe ran for 19 yards and a first down. Lovgren ran for two, McCabe for 14 and Chuy Elguezabal went for 24 yards to the 25 as the first quarter ended.

On the first play of the second quarter, Elguezabal hit David Norton for a 25-yard touchdown pass. Elguezabal kicked the extra point to tie the game at 7-7.

The Mustangs got the ball back at their own 40 after the defense held. Lovgren went for four and Elguezabal kept the ball on the option and went for 56 yards and a touchdown. He then added the extra point to give the Mustangs a 14-7 lead.

The defense held again with the Mustangs taking over at their own 26 after the punt. After an incomplete pass, Lovgren ran for nine, McCabe went for 10, then five, and Lovgren went for 31 to the TigerScot 20. After a loss of one, McCabe picked up six to set up a 15-yard pass from Elguezabal to Matheny for a touchdown. Elguezabal's kick was again good to make it 21-7.

The Mustangs' defense again held and they took over at their own 33 after a punt. McCabe picked up nine, Elguezabal ran for four, then passed to McCabe for 14 yards and then 11 more yards. With just 15 seconds left in the half, Elguezabal hit Matheny for 31 yards and a touchdown. The kick was blocked but the Mustangs took a 27-7 lead into the locker room.

Elguezabal was six of seven for 105 yards and three touchdowns

and ran for another in the second quarter.

The Mustangs' defense held to open the third quarter, forcing a punt, but an interception gave the ball back to the TigerScots. Brian Rust recovered a fumble but Weston-McEwen got the ball back on another interception at their own 14.

The defense held with the Mustangs taking over at midfield. Elguezabal went for three and Lovgren for four. McCabe picked up four more and Elguezabal three more to the TigerScot 38-yard line. Matheny ran for 10, then 12, but an interception in the end zone gave the ball back to the TigerScots.

The Mustangs took over at their own 40 after forcing a punt early in the fourth quarter. Elguezabal hit Lovgren for 31 yards and McCabe ran for 13. A fumble lost two yards, but Donald Adams ran for nine and, on fourth and three, Matheny picked up five yards and a first down. McCabe then ran five yards for a touchdown and Elguezabal's kick made it 34-7.

The defense held one more time with the Mustangs taking over at the TigerScots' 48-yard line. Lovgren ran for four, McCabe for 12 and Matheny for 12 more. Tyler Boyer was held to no gain and Lovgren ran for seven, but a fumble gave the ball back to the TigerScots at their own 12 as time ran out.

The defense was led by Travis Bellamy who racked up 26 defensive points. Elguezabal and McCabe each had 17 points, with Adams adding 14. Matheny and Connor Kilkenny each had 11 and Norton and Rust each finished with 10 points.

Elguezabal ended up completing seven of 12 passes for 136 yards with three touchdowns and three interceptions. He also rushed for 58 yards and a touchdown.

Matheny rushed eight times for 104 yards and also caught two passes for 46 yards, both touchdowns. McCabe had 14 carries for 94 yards and caught three passes for 34 yards. Lovgren rushed 13 times for 79 yards and caught one pass for 31 yards.

Statistics
Heppner: 0 27 0 7 - 34
Weston-McEwen: 7 0 0 0 - 7

First Quarter
Weston-McEwen: Eric Delph 10 yard run (Joel Aguilar kick) 7:27.

Second Quarter
Heppner: David Norton 25 yard pass from Chuy Elguezabal (Elguezabal kick) 11:54, Elguezabal 56 yard run (Elguezabal kick) 9:22, Stefan Matheny 15 yard pass from Elguezabal (Elguezabal kick) 3:27, Matheny 31 yard pass from Elguezabal (kick failed) :15.

Fourth Quarter
Heppner: Michael McCabe five yard run (Elguezabal kick) 7:08.

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Heppner-Matheny 8-104, McCabe 14-94, Tyler Lovgren 13-79, Elguezabal 7-58, Donald Adams 1-9, Tyler Boyer 1-0, Weston-McEwen-Delph 28-114, Dusty Hausner 7-20, David Duncan 9-8, Bryce Froese 1-5.

Passing: Heppner-Elguezabal 7-12-3 136 yards; Weston-McEwen-Duncan 5-16-0 67 yards.

Receiving: Heppner-McCabe 3-34, Matheny 2-46, Lovgren 1-31, Norton 1-25, Weston-McEwen-Grant Parsons 4-60, Jeremy Parker 1-7.



David Norton catches pass for Heppner

Ione Cardinal varsity stuns Condon

Thursday, Oct. 4, was definitely Cardinal night at Ione High School. The Ione varsity volleyball team stunned Condon by handing them a loss, 15-8, 8-15, 19-17.

Condon held the sole spot for the number one position in the league before Thursday's match and now shares the top position with Ione.

Meghan M. McCabe served the first serve of the match, sent over two aces serves and scored one more to lead the Devils, 3-0, early in the match. The Lady Cardinals came to the game ready to play and pretty much dominated the Blue Devils in the first game, defeating Condon, 15-8.

In the second game, Ione led the Blue Devils by three points, but then let down their defenses and started making some bad passes. Condon capitalized on Ione's mistakes and took the second game with a 15-8 win.

Ione started the third game with a 9-6 lead, but bad passes and some missed serves allowed Condon to take a 9-14 lead. Amelia Peck pulled out all the big guns and aced five consecutive serves to tie the score at 14.

The Cardinals and the Blue Devils engaged in a vicious dogfight. The score was tight, going back and forth with long rallies in between. The score was tied at 17 when, sophomore Natalie McElligott delivered a huge kill from the back row for the Cardinal side out. Salli McElligott served out the remainder of the match, sending over a serve that the Blue Devils couldn't touch for an ace. Condon returned the second of McElligott's serve but Amelia Peck made an excellent block to end the match with a score of 19-17.

Amelia Peck was one of the leading point creators with nine points, six aced serves, 15 passes, eight hits, one kill, one diving save and two blocks. Megan E. McCabe led the team with set assists and scored nine points, including one ace. Natalie McElligott also delivered nine points, one ace, five passes, three diving digs, two blocks, six hits and four kills.

Meghan M. McCabe scored six points, delivered three aced serves and distributed 28 set assists. Diana McElligott added five points, four of which were unanswered serves. McElligott also contributed 11 passes, six hits, four kills, two diving digs, two blocks and three set assists. Salli McElligott scored four points, all on aced serves, and delivered 10 passes, 10 hits, one kill, one diving dig and one block. Cyndi Heagy played outstanding at the net with three kills and one spike. Kristina Powell also did some damage to the Devils by hitting two kills and blocking two hit attempts.

Creamery receives

USDA grant

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced the approval of 32 value-added agricultural product market development grants in 21 states, totaling over \$10 million. The grants will foster the development of new products and markets for agriculturally based products.

The Tillamook County Creamery Association will receive \$500,000 for its Columbia River Processing, Inc., subsidiary to open a new cheese plant in Boardman. The grant funds will be used to help pay the start-up costs of the new plant, including salaries and inventory costs.

"The food and energy products derived from raw agricultural commodities will allow producers to realize greater economic benefit for what they produce," said USDA Secretary Ann M. Veneman. "Agriculture remains the cornerstone of America's rural economy, and it's important to develop new markets for agricultural products."

A complete list of approved project dollars by state follows. (A complete list of the selected grant recipients can be found at the USDA Rural Development web site at: www.rurdev.usda.newsroom/news.htm.)

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Cardinals lose to Dufur in tough game



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Ione's Adam McCabe brings down Dufur ball carrier

By Debbie Radie

Ione fans traveled to Dufur Saturday, October 6, for what was believed to be one of this year's toughest league football games.

Ione started out strong by making the first touchdown of the game and scoring the extra points. Although the Dufur Rangers were concerned by the offensive attack, they rallied back and defeated the Cardinals 48-16, Ione's only loss thus far this season.

The Cardinals' offense was led by quarterback Brad Burright who completed three passes for 17 yards, had 15 carries for 137 yards and as a receiver, caught two passes for 68 yards.

Cardinal varsity loses tight match to Dufur

The Cardinal varsity volleyball team lost a tight match against Dufur on Saturday, October 6.

The Cardinals were plagued with bad passes at the beginning of the first game but came back and started blocking the Rangers on the net to tie the game at 7. Diana McElligott served the last two points in the first game, defeating the Rangers, 15-12.

In the second game of the match, the Cardinals had a slow start, coming from a 5-9 deficit to tie the score at 11. Ione had difficulty making good passes and stopped covering the hitters at the net, allowing Dufur to take the second game, 11-15.

Ione trailed early in the third game, but fought their way back to

close the score. Natalie McElligott aced a serve to tie the score at 15 but Dufur retaliated by earning the side out and scoring the last two points of the match, 15-17.

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Natalie McElligott served 14 points for the Cardinals, three of which were aced serves. McElligott also controlled 10 passes, made two saves, eight hits, two kills and five blocks. Diana McElligott scored eight points, passed 12 balls, made seven saves, delivered six hits and four kills and led the team with five blocks. Salli McElligott scored seven

points, delivered four aces, nine passes, 10 hits, three saves, one block and three set assists. Amelia Peck scored five points, controlled 11 passes, hammered 21 hits and five kills, blocked one hit and executed two saves. Meghan M. McCabe scored four points, had two saves and 23 set assists. Megan E. McCabe served 100 percent for the team, scored two points and delivered one ace and 26 set assists. Cyndi Heagy played excellent at the net, with six hits and three kills. Kristina Powell did an outstanding job of coming off the bench and defending the net by blocking three hits and hammering two hits and one kill.

The last Ione home football game will be Friday, Oct. 12, at 7 p.m. against the Echo Cougars.

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Mustang JVs lose to Riverside Pirates

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The Heppner Mustang JV football team lost at Boardman to the Riverside Pirates, 14-6, on Monday, Oct. 1, but came back to beat the visiting Ione Cardinals, 44-16, in an eight-man game on Monday, Oct. 8, to even their record at 2-2 on the year.

The JVs host Pilot Rock next on Monday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m.

Against the Pirates, the Mustangs' only touchdown came on a 45-yard pass from Tanner Britt to Justin Botefuhr. They had the ball on the three yard line when time ran out.

Against the Cardinals, the Mustangs took a 6-0 first quarter lead on a 24-yard run by Britt, who opened the second quarter by scoring on a five-yard run. Botefuhr then scored on a 51-yard pass from Britt. David Flynn kicked the extra point to make it 19-0.

Aaron Delveaux broke free on a 35-yard run to the 10 where Tyler Boyer took it in for a touchdown. Flynn kicked the extra point to make it 26-0. Brian Smith blocked an Ione

punt which was recovered by Robert Whalen at the 21. Boyer then scored on a 13-yard run to make it 32-0.

Jode Coil picked off a pass and returned it 30 yards to the 25 to set up a one-yard run by Flynn to make it 38-0 at halftime.

On the Cardinals' first possession of the third quarter, they drove to the Mustangs' 20, but fumbled. The fumble was recovered by Ben Turrell. The Mustangs fumbled the ball back to the Cardinals, but held on downs.

The Cardinals got on the board in the fourth quarter on a 54-yard run by Nick Christman. Christman passed to Koby Rea for the two-point conversion to make it 38-8.

Delveaux broke free for a 40-yard gain to the Cardinals' seven, where Coil scored to make it 44-8.

The Cardinals drove down the field but Britt intercepted a pass inside the 10 and returned it to the 20 late in the fourth. The Mustangs then fumbled the ball back to the Cardinals, who scored on a pass from Christman to Billy Gates from 15 yards out. Gates ran in the two-point conversion to make the final 44-16.

Statistics
Ione: 0 0 0 16 - 16
Heppner: 6 32 0 6 - 44

First Quarter
Heppner: Tanner Britt 24 yard run (kick failed) 8:06.

Second Quarter
Heppner: Britt five yard run (kick failed) 11:57, Justin Botefuhr 51 yard pass from Britt (David Flynn kick) 8:42, Tyler Boyer 10 yard run (Flynn kick) 5:32, Boyer 13 yard run (kick failed) 2:57, Flynn one yard run (kick failed) :08.

Fourth Quarter
Ione-Nick Christman 54 yard run (Koby Rea pass from Christman) 7:30; Heppner-Jode Coil seven yard run (run failed) 5:31; Ione-Billy Gates 15 yard pass from Christman (Gates run) :22.

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