

Mustangs pass by Royals 48-0



photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner quarterback Chuy Elguezabal gets set to make handoff during Saturday's playoff game

By Rick Paullus

An efficient passing game helped the second-ranked Heppner Mustangs blow past the visiting Portland Christian Royals, 48-0, on Saturday, Nov. 10, in the first round of the OSAA U.S. Bank Class 2A state playoffs. The Royals were geared up to stop the run so the Mustangs went to the air as Stefan Matheny caught three touchdown passes, two from Chuy Elguezabal and one from Michael McCabe on a halfback pass.

The win puts the Mustangs in the quarterfinals against the Oakridge Warriors in Oakridge on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 1 p.m. The ninth-ranked Warriors won the Tri-Co. League title and won their first round game, 34-14 over Bonanza.

The Royals caught the Mustangs off guard by coming out in a no-huddle offense, driving the ball down the field and appeared ready to score, but Matheny got the first of his two interceptions in the end zone to stop the drive.

A short gain by McCabe set up a 48-yard pass play to Matheny from Elguezabal to the 29-yard line of Portland Christian. After an illegal procedure penalty, Kyler Lovgren ran twice for 10 yards and on fourth down, McCabe hit a wide open Matheny for a 24-yard touchdown. Elguezabal kicked the extra point to make it 7-0.

The Royals turned the ball over again on a fumble recovered by Adam Bergstrom at the Portland Christian 36-yard line. Matheny ran for two, and, after an incomplete pass, McCabe went for 13 yards to the 22. After an offside penalty on the Royals, Matheny made a diving catch for a 14-yard gain to the three. Lovgren took it in on his second try for the touchdown, then Matheny hit Luke Murray in the back of the end zone for the two-point conversion and a 15-0 lead.

On the Royals' next possession, David Norton made a juggling, diving interception in the backfield to give the Mustangs the ball at the Portland Christian 45-yard line.

Elguezabal hit McCabe for 17 yards but the Royals' defense stiffened to bring up a fourth and eight. Elguezabal found Matheny behind the defense for a 28-yard touchdown to make it 21-0 late in the first quarter.

Brian Rust made a tackle in the backfield for a six-yard loss to force a punt which took a Mustang bounce and was downed at the Royals' 24 yard line. Matheny ran for one then five to set up an 18-yard scramble for a touchdown by Elguezabal, who also kicked the extra point to make it 28-0 early in the second quarter.

The Mustangs' defense held, forcing a punt which was returned to the Heppner 46. Lovgren ran for one, then six, Brad Adams went for two, then eight and a first down.

Elguezabal went for three, then nine, McCabe ran for five, then caught a 12-yard pass from Elguezabal on a fourth and five down to the three. A motion penalty brought it back to the eight where Lovgren went for five and McCabe took it in for the touchdown. Matheny ran in the two-point conversion to make it 36-0 at halftime.

The Mustangs received the second half kick-off, but couldn't move the ball and were forced to punt. The Royals moved it down to the Heppner 31-yard line before they were stopped.

McCabe went for nine and Adams ran for seven more to set up a 53-yard touchdown pass from Elguezabal to Matheny. The pass failed on the conversion but the Mustangs led 42-0 midway through the third.

The Mustangs held again to force a punt which Matheny returned 40 yards, getting several good blocks along the way, down to the Portland Christian 28-yard line. After a fumble lost four yards, Brian Rust ran for five then caught a 21-yard pass from Tanner Britt on fourth down to the 10. But they went backward from there and a 35-yard field goal try came up short.

The Royals threatened to score early in the fourth, but Matheny again ended the threat by intercepting a pass on fourth down at the five. Matheny ran for three, Rust, one, Elguezabal for 12 and a first down at the 20. McCabe ran for two, Adams, five, and McCabe, five more and another first down. Aaron Delveaux ran for one, then Britt hit Justin Botefuhr for 21 yards. Delveaux ran for one more but the Royals took over at their own 39 on downs.

The Mustangs and Royals took turns having the ball around the 40 yard line before McCabe scored his second touchdown late on a 40-yard run to make the final 48-0.

McCabe led all rushers with 83 yards on 13 carries, caught two passes for 29 yards and completed a 24 yard touchdown pass. Matheny caught five passes for 167 yards and three touchdowns. Elguezabal completed six of 11 passes for 172 yards and ran six times for 44 yards. Adams ran for 36 yards and Lovgren for 25 yards as the Mustangs ran for 208 yards and passed for another 238 yards.

The defense held the Royals to 36 yard rushing on 16 carries and 104 yards passing on six of 28 with three interceptions. Matheny led the way with 22 defensive points with two interceptions, while McCabe picked up 17 points and Norton 14 points along with an interception. Donald Adams had 12 points and Brad Adams and Conor Kilkenny had 11 each.

Statistics
Portland Christian: 0 0 0 0 - 0
Heppner: 21 15 6 6 - 48

First Quarter
Heppner-Stefan Matheny 24 yard pass from Michael McCabe (Chuy Elguezabal kick) 7:14, Kyler Lovgren 21 yard run (Luke Murray pass from Matheny) 5:22, Matheny 28 yard pass from Elguezabal (kick failed) 2:06.

Second Quarter
Heppner-Elguezabal 18 yard run (Elguezabal kick) 11:12, McCabe three yard run (Matheny run) 4:31.

Third Quarter
Heppner-Matheny 53 yard pass from Elguezabal (pass failed) 6:18.

Fourth Quarter
Heppner-McCabe 40 yard run (pass failed) 3:31.

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Portland Christian-Robert Given 6-15, Jake Buchanan 2-14, Jeremy Provenzola 8-7, Heppner-McCabe 13-83, Elguezabal 6-44, Brad Adams 6-36, Lovgren 8-25, Matheny 4-10, Brian Rust 2-8, Aaron Delveaux 3-2, Jode Coil 1-0, Tyler Boyer 1-0.
Passing: Portland Christian-Jake Buchanan 6-27-3 104 yards, Stratos 0-1-0 0; Heppner-Elguezabal 6-11-0 172, Tanner Britt 2-8-0 42, McCabe 1-1-0 24.
Receiving: Portland Christian-Stratos 5-80, Ryan Hernandez 1-24; Heppner-Matheny 5-167, McCabe 2-29, Rust 1-21, Justin Botefuhr 1-21.

CBC volleyball all stars named



Heppner High School Columbia Basin Conference Volleyball All Stars (left to right): Shelley Rietmann, Meghan Bailey, Brett Barber, Lacey Matteson.

Four Heppner High School varsity volleyball team members were selected for the Columbia Basin Conference All

Star Team.

Senior Shelley Rietmann and junior Lacey Matteson were

named to the first team. Seniors Meghan Bailey and Brett Barber received honorable mention.

Local boy turns lemons into lemonade

One young Lexington boy found a way to turn "lemons into lemonade" this Halloween.

Brent Eckman, 10, a fourth grader at Heppner High School, was challenged this Halloween after he had been diagnosed with diabetes. Brent still went trick-or-treating, but turned his bounty into a benefit for someone else.

The day after Halloween Brent, with the help of his mom, Judy, began selling his candy-for-a-good-cause. He raised \$62.30 which he donated to the Matheny family fund. David Matheny was critically injured in a horse riding accident. Brent got the idea to donate to the Matheny fund because his older brother Jared and Matheny's older son, Shane, are good friends.

HES lists students of the month

Heppner Elementary School lists its October Students of the Month: Acceptance-Kelsie Fox, Trent Cannon, Torri Lovgren, Connor Corbin, Keenan Helfrecht, Camron Day, Jordan Hatfield, Makenzie Correa, Rick Martin, Sean Murray, Jordan Jones, Ben McCarl.

Hard Work-Alana Wilson, Brandi Hong, Devin Robinson, Betsy West, Jacob Sallee, Brian Taylor, Emily Thompson, Katy West, Megan Orr, Braden Britt, Jessica Heliker, Cidney Costner, Kylie Doherty.

Kindness-Tony Lankford, Calli Britt, Ben Wood, Kathryn Strouse, Brett Harrison, Jaden Orr, Conner Pappas, Zach McCarl, Austin Gutierrez, Luke Hamner, Kelsey Wolff, Maggie Collins, Johnathan Fortner.

COPY PAPER
Ream • Carton
Gazette-Times
676-9228

Heppner High School
Proudly presents

The Curious Savage By John Patrick

A comedy about family, values, and sanity

Sunday, November 18
2:00 PM
High School Cafeteria

Adults: \$5

K-12 Students: \$3

Includes dessert and coffee or punch

Produced under special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC

Citizen presents the latest technology in classic style, the New Ladies' Perpetual Calendar timepiece with gold-tone, solid stainless steel, two-tone or titanium bracelet. It adjusts to the proper date, including leap years, through the year 2100. It's powered by light, so it never needs a battery. An incredible power reserve allows this watch to run for 2 years without light. Water-resistant to 100 meters.



CITIZEN

Eco-Drive. A revolutionary watch.

Member Jewellers of America, Inc.
Peterson's Jewelers
Heppner 676-9200

DA's Report

Morrow County District Attorney David C. Allen has released the following report:

-Frank D. Battaglia was found guilty of probation violation. His probation was revoked and reinstated and he was ordered to serve 45 days in jail and pay a fine of \$200.

-Shawn Ellis Phillips plead guilty to Harassment, a Class B misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended on the condition that he successfully complete probation conditions, and 24 months bench probation. He was also ordered to have no offensive contact with the victim, complete a domestic violence treatment program and pay \$124 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Thad Thomas Marti plead guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class C misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 18 months formal probation and 80 hours community service. He was also ordered to complete a drug treatment program and pay \$474 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Crystal Irene Glass admitted a probation violation for her conviction on Possession of a Controlled Substance. Her probation was revoked, reinstated and extended for a year.

-Anthony John Tudor plead guilty to Assault 4, a Class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to 120 days in jail and 24 months bench probation. He was also ordered to have no offensive contact with the victim, write a letter of apology to the victim, complete a domestic violence treatment program and pay \$559 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Kevin Ray Dieter plead guilty to Attempted Unlawful Sexual Penetration I, a Class B felony, and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, 60 months formal probation and 160 hours of community service. He was also ordered to write a letter of apology to the victim, complete a sex offender treatment program and pay \$1,464 in fines, fees and assessments.

-Higinio Sanchez-Mendoza plead guilty to Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument I, a Class C felony, and was sentenced to 18 months formal probation and 80 hours community service. He was also ordered to pay \$464 in fines, fees and assessments.

**FAX - Send or Receive
Gazette-Times 676-9211**