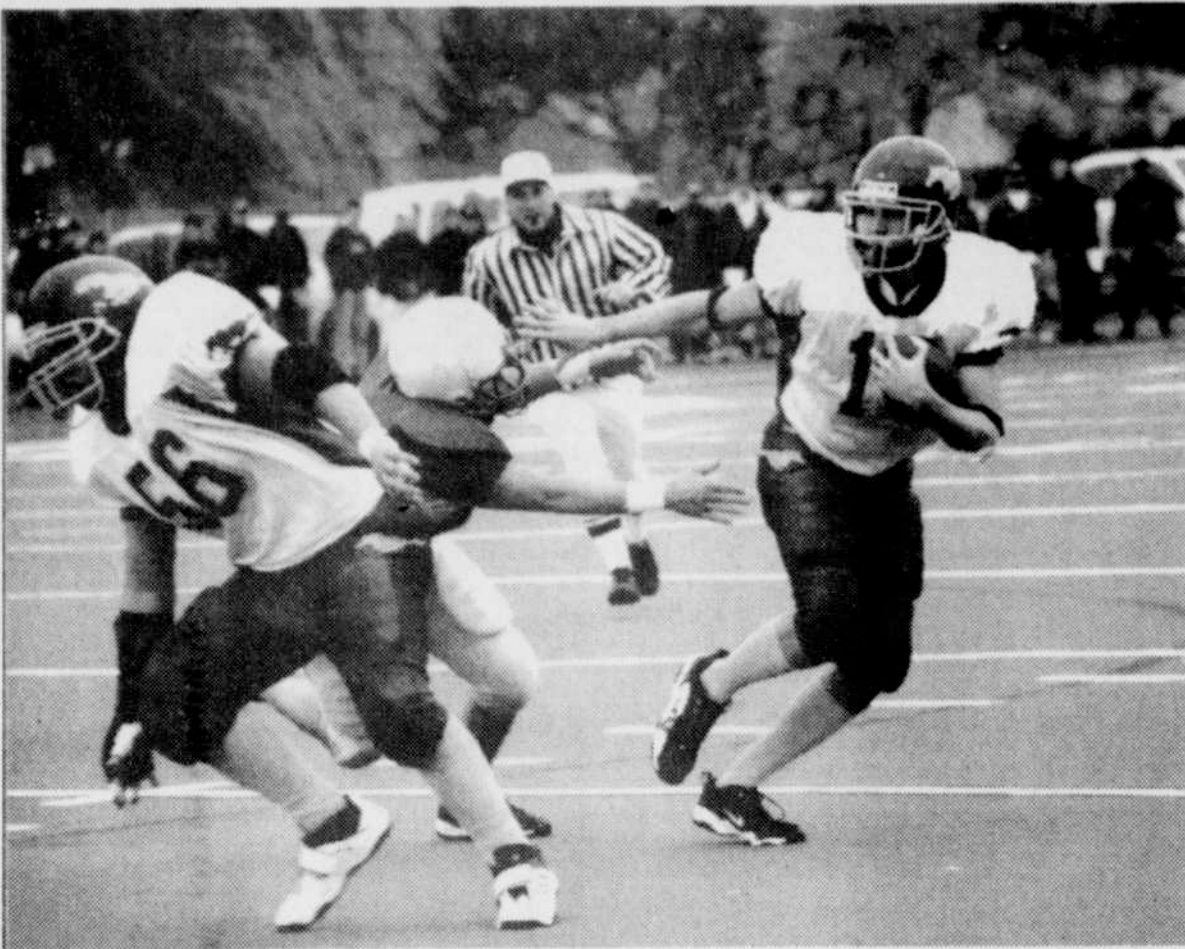


Mustangs end season with Amity loss



Heppner's Stefan Matheny #10 looks for running room against Amity

By Rick Paullus

A very successful season for the Heppner Mustang football team ended in the semi-finals of the OSAA-U.S. Bank 2A playoffs at the hands of the top-ranked, three-time defending state champion Amity Warriors, 34-8, at Hare Field in Hillsboro on Saturday, Nov. 24. It was the third straight year the Warriors ended the Mustangs' season in the state playoffs on their way to the title.

The Mustangs finished the year with a 10-2 record and advanced to the semi-finals for the third time in school history with the last time coming in 1992 when they won the state championship.

It also ended the high school careers of 10 seniors who have been together since sixth grade as they were part of the first Colt football team. Taking off their Mustang jerseys for the last time were Stefan Matheny, Brian Rust, Michael McCabe, Kelly Paullus, Brad Bowman, Travis Bellamy, Sam VanLiew, Jody Maddern, David Norton and Leland Rill.

The game started out well for the Mustangs as the defense held and they took over at the Warriors' 26 yard line after a short punt. Chuy Elguezabal hit McCabe for a 14-yard gain on third down for a first down at the 10, but the drive stalled and Amity took over on downs.

Elguezabal ended a Warrior drive

with a diving interception, his fifth of the season, at the Mustangs' 28-yard line. McCabe broke free around end for a 14-yard gain but the drive ended and the Mustangs were forced to punt.

The Warriors drove down the field and scored their first touchdown on an eight-yard run by Baltazar Campuzano on the first play of the second quarter. Clint Groom kicked the extra point to make it 7-0, Amity.

The Mustangs took over at their own 22 after the kick-off and Brad Adams ran for seven yards on first down. An illegal motion penalty and two incomplete passes later they were forced to punt.

The Warriors were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt with the Mustangs taking over at their own 38-yard line. Elguezabal hit Norton for an eight-yard gain but was sacked for a seven-yard loss to force a punt.

Amity drove down the field and Campuzano scored his second touchdown on a one-yard run with Groom's kick making it 14-0 midway through the second quarter.

Taking over at their own 25 after the kick-off, Elguezabal hit Matheny for six yards with a face mask penalty tacking on another five yards and a first down. McCabe ran for 10 yards and a first down and Elguezabal hit Matheny for nine more, but the drive ended on an interception.

interception.

Bowman and Norton combined for a sack to force a punt and the Mustangs ran out the clock with the Warriors holding a 14-0 lead.

The Mustangs were unable to move the ball on their first possession of the second half and the Warriors drove 60 yards, capped by a one-yard run by Groom, to take a 20-0 lead as the kick was no good.

The Warriors intercepted a pass on the Mustangs' next possession deep in Heppner territory, with Campuzano capping the drive with his third touchdown on a two-yard run. The kick was good and Amity led 27-0.

The Mustangs couldn't move the ball on their next possession and were forced to punt with Amity taking over on their own 48-yard line. The drive stalled as Conor Kilkenny and Kyler Lovgren tackled a Warrior for a four-yard loss and Matheny intercepted a fourth down pass, his ninth of the season, inside the Mustangs' one-yard line.

Adams ran for three, McCabe for eight and a first down, then broke free for 17 and 34 yard gains to Amity's 32. The drive ended on an interception at the Amity 21-yard line.

The Warriors scored their final touchdown on a Groom four-yard run set up by a long run by Campuzano. Groom's kick made it 34-0 with just under eight minutes remaining in the game.

The Mustangs picked up a first down on a nine-yard run by Matheny but the drive stalled and they were forced to punt. The defense held, and forced a punt which McCabe returned 17 yards, with the help of a crushing block by Bellamy, to the Amity 32-yard line.

McCabe ran for two and four, then broke free for 14 yards to the 13. The Mustangs got on the board as Elguezabal hit Paullus for a 13-yard touchdown. Elguezabal passed to Norton for the two-point conversion to make the final 34-8.

Matheny led the Mustangs with 27 defensive points, with Brad Adams getting 14 points and Rust, 13. Bellamy, Lovgren and Adam Bergstrom each ended up with 11 points and McCabe, Elguezabal and Donald Adams finished with nine points each.

McCabe led the way on the ground, gaining 114 yards on 18 carries, with Matheny going 18 yards on four carries and Brad Adams gaining 18 yards on six carries.

Elguezabal hit on six of 16 passes for 54 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. McCabe caught two passes for 18 yards and Matheny had two receptions for 15 yards.

Campuzano led the Warriors with 204 yards on 23 carries and three touchdowns, with Groom adding



Mustang tacklers bring down an Amity running back

photo by Joyce Hughes

52 yards on 11 carries and two touchdowns.

Several Mustangs put up impressive numbers for the year, led by McCabe with 1,153 yards rushing on 152 carries and 21 touchdowns and 568 yards receiving on 31 receptions and four touchdowns. Matheny had 22 receptions for 573 yards and 10 touchdowns and rushed 57 times for 469 yards and three touchdowns. He also completed 13 of 21 passes for 240 yards and four touchdowns. Sophomore Elguezabal completed 59 of 123 passes for 1,185 yards and 18 touchdowns with eight interceptions and also rushed 58 times for 245 yards and a touchdown.

Adams, a junior, rushed 71 times for 384 yards and four touchdowns and caught four passes for 53 yards, while missing most of five games with an injured elbow. Lovgren, a sophomore, rushed 75 times for 378 yards and four touchdowns. Norton had nine interceptions for 177 yards and three touchdowns. Paullus had six receptions for 129 yards and four touchdowns.

On defense, the Mustangs had 27 interceptions, led by Matheny with nine, Elguezabal with five, McCabe, four, and Rust, three.

Statistics
Heppner: 0 0 0 8 - 8
Amity: 0 14 13 7 - 34
Second Quarter
Amity-Baltazar Campuzano eight yard

run (Clint Groom kick) 11:55, Campuzano one yard run (Groom kick) 5:52.

Third Quarter
Amity-Groom one yard run (kick failed) 8:55, Campuzano two yard run (Groom kick) 5:04.

Fourth Quarter
Amity-Groom four yard run (Groom kick) 7:59; Heppner-Kelly Paullus 13 yard pass from Chuy Elguezabal (David Norton pass from Elguezabal) :55.

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Heppner-Michael McCabe 18-114, Stefan Matheny 4-18, Brad Adams 6-18, Kyler Lovgren 1-0, Chuy Elguezabal 8-(13); Amity-Baltazar Campuzano 23-204, Clint Groom 11-52, Chris Walker 6-31, Tom Foskolos 2-8, Gene LaRance 1-2, Heath Ferrando 2-(3), Jason Roth 2-(2).

Passing: Heppner-Elguezabal 6-16-254 yards, McCabe 1-1-0-0, Matheny 0-1-1-0; Amity-Ferrando 3-9-248 yards.

Receiving: Heppner-McCabe 2-18, Matheny 2-15, Kelly Paullus 1-13, David Norton 1-8, Elguezabal 1-0; Amity-Philip Hawley 3-48.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

-MCSO, Oregon State Police, Boardman Police and Fire depts., Boardman ambulance, Boardman Rescue received a report of a one vehicle rollover accident on I-84 eastbound. One male subject had a minor head injury and refused transport.

-MCSO received a report of a verbal dispute in Irrigon. A male subject punched the female caller in the throat then left in a pickup.

-MCSO received a report of a possible theft that occurred again by the Jordan Elevator.

-MCSO received a request for information about how to get a duplicate of a lost deer tag. The person was advised that ODFW has to do that.

-Heppner Police Dept. received a report from Heppner that an 82-year-old woman with Alzheimer's wandered off. The woman was found.

-MCSO received a report from a child calling from Irrigon about dogs fighting, then the child hung up.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Umatilla that her husband who was hunting was overdue.

-MCSO, Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner received a report that a juvenile female having an asthma attack was en route to the hospital in a private vehicle.

-MCSO, Boardman Police and Fire depts. received a report of a porta-potty on fire at the Boardman City Park.

-Heppner Police Dept. received a request for officer contact in Heppner regarding a juvenile harassing the caller.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller of male subjects exposing themselves from a pickup pulling a horse trailer. The vehicle was seen at the Boardman Texaco, then seen getting onto I-84. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.

-Ione Fire Dept. received a report of a grass fire behind a residence. No structures were threatened.

-Boardman Police Dept. officers cited Marlene Mary Conner, 47, for DUII with a BAC of .11. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a fight in Boardman. One subject had a cut on his hand. The subject was taken into custody and charged with Assault IV and additional charges, had the cut taken care of, then was transported to the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report of a semi truck on I-84 eastbound that was traveling without trailer lights on.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report of a panic alarm in Boardman. It was a false alarm.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police, ODOT, Hermiston, Heppner and Lexington ambulances, Heppner Rescue received a report of a motor vehicle rollover on the Lexington side of the Buttercreek junction on Highway 207. There was one fatality. Three subjects were taken by ambulance to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. Dr. Wenberg, the Morrow County District Attorney and Morrow County Undersheriff Larry Sample were advised.

Oct. 14: MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report from a caller in Heppner that she thought someone was at the gate at the end of her driveway.

-Oregon State Police received a report from Irrigon of a 15-year-old that had been possibly beaten and had a bloody face. Contact was made with the subject and a report taken.

-Oregon State Police received a report of a pickup on Highway 207 north that was driving on the wrong side of the road and almost hit the caller's vehicle head-on.

-Heppner ambulance received a report from Heppner of a male subject having an allergic reaction to medication. No transport was made.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report of juveniles messing around with a box at the railroad tracks by I-84.

-Oregon State Police, ODOT received a report of campers at the ODOT gravel pit on Highway 206 outside of Ruggs.

-MCSO received a report from Irrigon that vehicles parked at the fruit stand were blocking a road. It was an on-going problem.

-Oregon State Police received a report of hunters trespassing on property by Morgan. The caller heard shots.

-MCSO, SCSO, Oregon State Police received a report from the Boardman Texaco that a pickup drove off without paying for \$54.50 in gasoline.

-MCSO received a report of a theft from a boat at the Irrigon Marina.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Leobardo Jacques, III, 25, for Driving while License Suspended-I.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Larry Lee Walton, 58, was cited for Boardman City Ordinance Declaration of Public Nuisance for Storage of Discarded Vehicle.

-MCSO deputy gave a courtesy ride to a subject who had a disabled vehicle.

-Heppner Police Dept. received a request for officer contact regarding a theft in Heppner.

-Irrigon Fire Dept. received a request for fire dept. personnel to speak to the caller's son and friend who have a problem with setting fires.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that the neighbor's dog attacked her dog.

-MCSO received a report from UCSO that the Athena Police Dept. arrested Dennis McMurray, 61, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Telephone Harassment. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with \$3,000 bail.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Noe M. Sanchez, 20, on a UCSO warrant for Driving while License Suspended-Misdemeanor. Sanchez was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail with \$10,000 bail.

-MCSO received a report from Boardman that a subject had been threatened by a male with a gun. The male left in a pickup.

-Oregon State Police received a report from a caller on Highway 730 of a vehicle weaving and crossing the center line from Umatilla to Irrigon.

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Marriage Licenses

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Nov. 7-Humberto Sanchez, 19, Boardman; and Indira Vanessa Cambero, 23, Boardman.

Nov. 16-Jimmy Rulon Meacham, 47, Boardman; and Shannon Kay Dickerson, 33, Boardman.

Nov. 20-Juan Ruben Quezada Banuelos, 24, Umatilla; and

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We will discuss proposed ATV Trail development in the Anson Wright Park area. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. For questions, contact Morrow County Public Works, 989-9500.

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