

Cardinals find victory against the Honkers

Friday, Oct. 18 was the last home game for Ione's senior girls. Ione defeated Arlington, 25-13, 25-12, 25-9.

Senior, Jamie VandenBrink, stepped up to the challenge, providing Ione with 13 points, nine passes and one kill. Tracy Griffith supplied ten points, seven passes and two kills. Natalie McElligott scored ten points, delivered 25 passes, seven hits and five kills. Diana McElligott scored eight points, four aces served, delivered 31 passes, 11 hits and 13 kills. Caitlin Orem scored three points, delivered 14 passes, and five hits. Megan E. McCabe dispersed three points, seven passes and 16 set assists. Meghan McCabe scored one point, delivered ten

passes, one hit and 19 set assists. Also supplying the Cardinals with hits were Sara Peck and Barbara Holland.

Ione junior varsity easily defeated the Honkers, 25-9, in one game.

Kim Morris scored five points and delivered four passes. Jenny Griffith scored four points, one ace serve and two passes. Abby Key scored three points, delivered one pass and two set assists. Ashly Grams contributed two points, one hit, and four set assists.

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Colts score late to up-end Umatilla



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Brent Eckman blocks for running back Spencer Palmer

By Rick Paullus

A late touchdown run by Spencer Palmer gave the Heppner Colts an 8-0 win over the visiting Umatilla White grid kids team on Wednesday, Oct. 16. The win kept the Colts undefeated at 5-0 on the year and gave them first place in their half of the league. The Colts play a home game against N.W. Metal Fab of Hermiston in their final regular season game, on Wednesday, Oct. 23, before beginning the play-offs on Wednesday, Oct. 30 in Hermiston.

The game against Umatilla was a defensive struggle as neither team could get anything going offensively. The Colts drove to the Umatilla twenty-five but the drive stalled with Umatilla recovering a fumble on fourth down.

Umatilla drove inside the twenty of the Colts before being stopped just short of a first down.

On first down Palmer took off for a 30-yard gain inside Umatilla territory to the 38-yard line. Palmer again carried for seven yards, then after losing a yard went up the middle for 20 yards to the 12-yard line. Palmer carried three more times to the two-yard line for a first and goal with less than 25 seconds left. Then getting good blocks from Matt Holland, Wacy Coil and Jordan Hatfield, Palmer took it in for the touchdown. Matt Holland kicked the extra point to make it 8-0.

The Colts then hung on to get the win. On defense, Cody Rankin, Matt Holland, Bryan Holland, Bo Foster, Palmer, Coil, Mark McCabe, Chance Day, Dalton Wellman and Ben Wood all had a good game.

Umatilla 0 0 0 0-0

Heppner 0 0 0 8-0

Fourth Quarter

Heppner: Spencer Palmer two-yard run (Matt Holland kick):18

Ponies drop last game of season to Pendleton

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Ponies dropped their final game of the season to the visiting Sunridge Junior High of Pendleton, 48-0 on Thursday, Oct. 17. The Ponies ended their season with a 2-3-1 record.

Sunridge scored early and often taking the opening kick-off for a 75-yard touchdown eventually leading 28-0 after the first quarter and 35-0 at halftime.

The Ponies held Sunridge scoreless in the third but allowed two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter for the final score of 48-0.

The Ponies team consisted of eighth graders: Aaron Allstott, Casey Maben, Justin Delveaux, Justin Gregory, Kody Lovgren, Nathan Kennedy, Robby Smith, Che Green and Quinn Peck; and seventh graders: Lane Bailey, Nacho Elgueazabal, Andre Rauch, Jake VanDorn, Ben McCarl, Nathan VanCleave, Taylor Hodges, Sean Murray and Matt McCabe. Chuck Matteson was the head coach with assistants Rick Paullus and Chris Rauch.

Mustangs shut out Bulldogs

By Rick Paullus

A stifling defense helped the Heppner Mustangs to a 38-0 win over the Culver Bulldogs in Culver on Friday, Oct. 18, to remain unbeaten in the Columbia Basin Conference. The Mustangs, 4-0 in the CBC and 6-1 overall, clinched a play-off spot with the win over the Bulldogs combined with Sherman County's win over Weston-McEwen. The Mustangs will host the Huskies on Friday, Oct. 25 with the winner taking over first place in the CBC. It will also be the last regular season home game for the seniors.

The Mustangs took the opening kick-off and caught the Bulldogs off guard by throwing the ball. Tanner Britt, starting at quarterback for the injured Chuy Elgueazabal, threw to Brad Adams for 21 yards, Jode Coil for 19 yards, 17 more yards to Adams and finally to Adams for a 17-yard touchdown. Tyler Lovgren kicked the extra point and the Mustangs led 7-0 just over two and a half minutes into the game.

After a Bulldog punt, the Mustangs opened it up again with Britt hitting Tyler Boyer for seven yards, Coil for 11 yards, Adams for 18 more and Justin Botefuhr for 35 yards inside the five-yard line. After a couple short runs Donald Adams punched it in from one yard out and Lovgren's kick made it 14-0 after one quarter.

An unsuccessful outside kick gave the Bulldogs good field position but Coil came up with an interception off a deflected pass and returned it 28 yards inside Bulldog territory.

Brad Adams ran for eight yards then five and Britt hit Coil for 25 yards to the nine-yard line. That set up a six-yard touchdown run by Britt that gave the Mustangs a 20-0 halftime lead.

Britt hit nine of 15 passes for 170 yards in the first half.

With the Bulldogs driving on their first possession of the second half, Brian Smith sacked the quarterback causing a fumble that Brian Haguewood recovered at the Mustangs 34-yard line.

Then it was time to let Adams take over running for 16 yards, five yards, 10 yards, and then 29 yards to the one where Britt took it in for the touchdown. The two-point conversion failed but the Mustangs led 26-0 midway through the third quarter.

On the Bulldogs next possession, a bad snap on the punt allowed Connor Kilkenny to tackle the punter for an 18-yard loss back to their own twenty.

Adams then carried four times, the last one from two yards out, taking it to the end zone. The

kick was no good but the Mustangs led 32-0 after three.

The Mustangs got the ball back as Adams picked off a pass and returned it to the Bulldog 46-yard line. Donald Adams picked up three yards and Brad Adams ran three times for 13 yards then broke free for a 41-yard touchdown. The kick was blocked but the Mustangs held a 38-0 lead with 7:00 left in the game.

The Bulldogs put together their best drive, helped by a couple of penalties, but the Mustangs defense held on downs at the five-yard line. Britt broke free for a 57-yard gain to end the game.

The defense played well all day holding the Bulldogs to 113 yards rushing and 49 yards passing with Kilkenny leading the way with 25 defensive points and several tackles for losses. Brad Adams had 24 points, Donald Adams 20 points, Boyer had 18 points and Coil and Luke Murray each had 15 points for the Mustangs.

Adams finished with 170 yards rushing, 137 yards in the second half on 21 carries with Britt adding 60 yards on 6 carries.

Adams had four receptions for 73 yards and Coil caught three passes for 55 yards.

Heppner 14 6 12 6-38
Culver 0 0 0 0-0

First Quarter

Heppner: Brad Adams 17-yard pass from Tanner Britt (Tyler Lovgren kick) 9:28

Heppner: Donald Adams one-yard run (Lovgren kick) 3:01

Second Quarter

Heppner: Britt six-yard run (kick failed) 3:55

Third Quarter

Heppner: Britt one-yard run (pass failed) 4:55

Heppner: B. Adams two-yard run (kick failed) 1:20

Fourth Quarter

Heppner: B. Adams 41-yard run (kick failed) 7:00

Team Stats

First downs: Heppner 16, Culver 14; **Rushes-yards:** Heppner 34-247, Culver 43-113; **Passing yards:** Heppner 9-170, Culver 5-49; **Passes:** Heppner 9-15-9, Culver 5-18-2; **Punts-ave.:** Heppner 1-47, Culver 2-47; **Fumbles-lost:** Heppner 1-0, 2-1; and **Penalties-yards:** Heppner 4-34, Culver 0.

Individual Stats

Rushing: Heppner- Brad Adams 21-170, Tanner Britt 6-60, Tyler Boyer 4-10, and Donald Adams 3-7; Culver- Brian Stills 12-36, Anthony Alley 11-29, Rodriguez 7-17, and Chris Dix 15-15.

Passing: Heppner- Britt 9-15-0 170 yards; Culver- Dix 5-18-2 49 yards.

Receiving: Heppner- B. Adams 4-73, Jode Coil 3-55, Justin Botefuhr 1-35, and Boyer 1-7; Culver- Nate Lewis 5-49.

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Mustang JVs fall short at Weston-McEwen

By Rick Paullus

A fourth quarter rally fell short for the Heppner Mustang JV football team at Weston-McEwen as they lost 22-14 to end the year with a 3-3 record.

After a scoreless first quarter, Cody Walton broke free on the first play of the second quarter for a 79-yard touchdown run, Matt Kenny ran in the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs an 8-0 lead.

The Tigerscots came back to score midway through the second quarter but the Mustangs stopped the conversion try to keep an 8-6 lead at halftime.

Weston-McEwen scored two touchdowns in the

third quarter to take a 19-8 lead. However, the Mustangs scored on the first play of the fourth quarter on a 70-yard pass and run from Matthew VanCleave to Aaron Griffith. The conversion pass failed and the Mustangs trailed 19-14.

A 30-yard field goal by the Tigerscots extended their lead to 22-14 midway through the fourth quarter but the Mustangs put together a drive getting a 25-yard pass from VanCleave to Aaron Delveaux, Brandon Seitz made a diving catch of a pass from Griffith for a 35-yard gain and a 15-yard run by Walton to get inside the five-yard line. After a 10-yard loss, a pass was picked off in the end zone and

returned to the twenty by the Tigerscots.

The Mustangs held and had one more chance with 35 seconds left at their own 40-yard line. Delveaux took a pass in the flat from VanCleave and raced down the sideline for a 40-yard gain to the 20-yard line with less than six seconds left. Two incomplete passes later and the Tigerscots had held on for the win.

Heppner 0 8 0 6-14
Weston-McEwen 0 6 13 3-22

Second Quarter

Heppner: Cody Walton 79-yard run (Matt Kenny run) 11:45

Weston-McEwen: 33-yard pass (run failed) 7:32

Third Quarter

Weston-McEwen: 26-yard run (run failed) 8:12

Weston-McEwen: Three-yard pass (kick good) 2:59

Fourth Quarter

Heppner: Aaron Griffith 70-yard pass from Matthew VanCleave (pass failed) 11:44

Weston-McEwen: 30-yard field goal 6:03

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