

Mustangs get past Tigers 41-16



#81 Justin Botefuhr blocks for #44 Kyler Lovgren

photo by Teresa Hughes

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs capped off their fourth consecutive Columbia Basin Conference undefeated season by getting past a pesky Stanfield Tiger team, 41-16, on Friday, Nov. 1 in Stanfield. The Mustangs finished the regular season at 8 and 1 overall and 6 and 0 in the CBC.

As the number one seed out of the CBC, the Mustangs will be at home in the first round of the OSAA State 2A playoffs against the number two seed out of the Tri-River League the Kennedy Trojans. The game will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 9. Kennedy, of Mt. Angel, lost to Regis 6-0 on Friday to end up in second place.

On a cold, frosty night in Stanfield the Tigers took the opening kick-off and drove into Mustang territory before Jode Coil picked off a pass inside the

10-yard line and returned to the 27-yard line. On first down, Tanner Britt hit Justin Botefuhr for a 17-yard gain. Brad Adams ran twice for seven yards and Kyler Lovgren went for eight yards and a first down at the Tiger forty-one.

After two motion penalties and a loss of four yards, Britt hit Adams for a 36-yard gain to the eighteen. Tyler Boyer took it to the seven where Lovgren took it in from there for the touchdown and kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

The defense held and the Mustangs took over at their own thirteen after the punt. Adams went for 18 yards; Boyer went for five then broke free for a 38-yard gain. Britt hit Lovgren for a 19-yard gain to the seven where Adams ran twice, the second one from five yards out for a touchdown. The kick was no

good but the Mustangs led 13-0 early in the second quarter.

The Tigers came right back and scored on a 68-yard pass and ran in the two-point conversion to get within 13-8.

On the Mustangs next possession the Tigers turned an interception into a three-yard run for their second touchdown and passed for the two-point conversion to take a 16-13 lead with 7:30 left in the second quarter.

The Mustangs came right back though, getting a 25-yard kick return from Coil to the 38-yard line. Adams went for 16 yards and a facemask penalty took the ball to the 32-yard line. Adams then rushed five times, the last one from one yard out for the go-ahead touchdown. The two-point conversion failed but the Mustangs now led 19-16 with 4:57 left.

The defense held with the Mustangs taking over on downs

at their own thirty-nine. Adams made a nice one-handed catch of a pass from Britt and turned it into a 20-yard gain. A holding penalty on the next play took the ball back to the Mustangs 46-yard line, but Britt hit Coil for 33 yards to the twenty-two. A fumble gave the ball back to the Tigers to kill the drive and the half ended with the Mustangs clinging to a 19-16 lead.

On the Mustangs first drive of the second half another fumble killed a drive but the defense held with Coil bringing the punt back to the thirty-one getting a crushing block from Botefuhr. Lovgren then broke free and raced 69 yards for the touchdown. The two-point conversion failed but the Mustangs had a 25-16 lead.

Botefuhr picked off a pass on the Tigers next possession but the Mustangs gave up the ball on downs.

Britt then picked off a pass as the quarterback was being hit by Connor Kilkenny and went 37 yards for a touchdown. Britt hit Botefuhr for the two-point conversion for a 33-16 lead with 4:53 left in the third quarter.

The defense held again with the Mustangs taking over at the 27-yard line after the punt. Adams ran for four, Britt hit Luke Murray for 30 yards, Adams picked up four, Britt four more and on fourth and one the Tigers jumped off sides to give the Mustangs a first down. Boyer ran twice for 10 yards, Lovgren went for 12 to the five where Adams took it in for the touchdown. Britt hit Murray for the two-point conversion to make it 41-16 early in the fourth.

Britt picked off another pass at midfield and the Mustangs drove inside the fifteen but the drive stalled and the Tigers took over on downs.

The defense was led by Donald Adams with 29 points, with Brad Adams getting 27 points, Botefuhr and Coil each

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had 24 points, Britt had 22 points, Kilkenny had 14 points and Brian Haguewood had 13.

Lovgren, in his first game back from a broken thumb, ran 11 times for 142 yards with Adams rushing 20 times for 119 yards. Boyer had five carries for 64 yards.

Britt hit seven of 11 passes for 164 yards with one interception. Adams caught three passes for 65 yards.

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First Quarter

Heppner: Kyler Lovgren seven-yard run (Lovgren kick) 6:34

Second Quarter

Heppner: Brad Adams five-yard run (kick failed) 11:22

Stanfield: Jake Flemmer 68-yard pass from Josh Austin (Trevor Baros run) 10:32

Stanfield: Jaren Little three-yard run (Flemmer pass from Austin) 7:30

Heppner: Adams one-yard run (run failed) 4:57

Third Quarter

Heppner: Lovgren 69-yard run (run failed) 8:41

Heppner: Tanner Britt 37-yard interception return (Justin Botefuhr from Britt) 4:53

Fourth Quarter

Heppner: Adams five-yard run (Luke Murray from Britt) 10:10

Individual Statistics

Rushing- Heppner: Kyler Lovgren 11-142, Brad Adams 20-119, Tyler Boyer 5-64, Tanner Britt 2-4, Ben Turrell 1(-2), and Cody Walton 1(-5); Stanfield: Nate Dick 14-84, Little 13-54, and Baros 10-37.

Passing- Heppner: Britt 7-11-1 164 yards, and Donald Adams 0-1-0 0; Stanfield: Austin 2-12-3 68 yards.

Receiving- Heppner: B. Adams 3-65, Jode Coil 1-33, Luke Murray 1-30, Lovgren 1-19, and Justin Botefuhr 1-17; Stanfield: Flemmer 1-68, and Little 1-0.

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