

Mustangs lose in quarterfinals to Dayton

By Rick Paullus

The second-ranked Dayton Pirates used a strong running game to beat the Heppner Mustangs 26-14 in the quarterfinals of the OSAA US Bank/Les Schwab Tires football playoffs in a rainy, windy and sloppy game at Dayton on Saturday, Nov. 16. The Mustangs ended their season with a 9 and 2 record as nine seniors played their final game.

Brad Adams, Donald Adams, Ben Turrell, Connor Kilkenny, Adam Bergstrom, Trevor Rhea, Daniel Jepsen, Robert Whalen and Darren VanCleave were part of four straight Columbia Basin Conference Championships, not even losing a league game, and also advanced to the quarterfinals, quarterfinals, semifinals and quarterfinals in successive years.

The Pirates took the opening kickoff and used 12 plays to go 53 yards culminating on a Barry Johnson nine-yard run. The extra point kick was no good but the Pirates led 6-0 midway through the first quarter.

The Mustangs took over at their 34-yard line on their first possession but were unable to get a first down but Brad Adams got off a 57-yard punt that rolled dead at the Pirates four-yard line.

The Pirates drove deep into Mustang territory before a fumble was picked up by Brian Haguewood and returned 69 yards to the seven-yard line. Adams picked up four yards to set up a three-yard run into the end zone by Chuy Elguezabal. The kick was no good and the game was tied up at 6-6 early in the second quarter.

The Pirates then went on a 10-play drive going 65 yards with Caleb Kearns going four yards for the go-ahead score. The two-point conversion run was stopped but the Pirates led 12-6 midway through the second quarter.

The Mustangs were unable to move the ball and the Pirates took over at their own 31-yard line after a 32-yard punt by Adams. The Pirates got a 61-yard run from Tyler Wilson on third and long to the four-yard line where Dante Rosario took it in for the touchdown. The two-point conversion try failed again but the Pirates led 18-6 late in the first half.

The Mustangs took the second-half kickoff and failed to move the ball forcing another punt, which Adams hit for 45 yards to the 14-yard line. The Mustangs defense then stepped up forcing the Pirates to punt for the first time, which Chuy Elguezabal returned to the 30-yard line.

After a motion penalty, Kyler Lovgren ran for two yards then Elguezabal ran for six then hit Justin Botefuhr for a 22-yard gain to the Dayton 40-yard line. After a loss of one, Adams took a shovel pass from Elguezabal 26 yards to the fifteen. The



Justin Botefuhr, Brad Adams and Donald Adams make a tackle on Dayton's Dante Rosario photo by Teresa Hughes



Connor Kilkenny and Donald Adams block as Chuy Elguezabal throws a pass photo by Teresa Hughes

Mustangs could get no closer though and the Pirates took over on downs.

The Pirates drove deep into Mustang territory before the defense stiffened, taking over at their own seventeen on downs. Lovgren ran for three yards, Elguezabal broke loose for 15 yards, Adams picked up three, Elguezabal went for six yards and on the first play of the fourth quarter a fumble was recovered by the Pirates at the Mustangs 48-yard line.

After a short gain Rosario then broke free for a 45-yard touchdown run. Kearns hit Wilson for the two-point conversion to give the Pirates a 26-6 lead.

The Mustangs were unable to move the ball after taking the kickoff to their 22-yard line and a 47-yard punt by Adams took Dayton back to their 27-yard line.

The teams traded punts with Elguezabal returning the Pirate punt back to the 49-yard line of the Pirates. On third and

ten Adams took another shovel pass from Elguezabal 14 yards for a first down. Elguezabal picked up three yards then hit Botefuhr who pitched it to Lovgren on the hook-and-lateral down to the eight-yard line. Faced with a fourth and goal at the eleven, Adams took a screen pass from Elguezabal into the end zone for a touchdown. Adams ran in the two-point conversion to make it 26-14 late in the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs attempted an onside kick that they nearly recovered but the Pirates recovered and ran out the clock to move on to the semi-finals.

Brad and Donald Adams, Botefuhr, Elguezabal, Jode Coil and Ben Turrell led the defense.

Elguezabal rushed 10 times for 32 yards and completed seven of 21 passes for 118 yards. Adams had five receptions for 69 yards and Botefuhr caught two passes for 49 yards.

Heppner 0 6 0 8-14
Dayton 6 12 0 8-26

First Quarter
Dayton: Barry Johnson nine-yard run (kick failed) 6:37
Second Quarter
Heppner: Chuy Elguezabal three-

yard run (kick failed) 10:18

Dayton: Caleb Kearns four-yard run (run failed) 6:03

Dayton: Dante Rosario four-yard run (run failed) 1:57

Fourth Quarter
Dayton: Rosario 45-yard run (Tyler Wilson pass from Kearns) 11:08
Heppner: Brad Adams 11-yard pass from Elguezabal (Adams run) 1:09

Team Statistics
First Downs: Heppner 7, Dayton 17; **Rushes-yards:** Heppner 22-56, Dayton 58-357; **Passing yards:** Heppner 118, Dayton 0; **Passing:** Heppner 7-22-0, Dayton 0-3-0; **Penalties:** Heppner 2-15, Dayton 1-15; and **Fumbles-recovered:** Heppner 2-1, Dayton 2-1.

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Heppner- Chuy Elguezabal 10-32, Brad Adams 7-15, Kyler Lovgren 4-8, Tyler Boyer 1-1; Dayton- Tyler Wilson 12-124, Caleb Kearns 19-110, Dante Rosario 20-105, Barry Johnson 2-11, Zack Sullivan 4-6, Gary Sutter 101.
Passing: Heppner- Elguezabal 7-21-0 118 yards and Adams 0-1-0 0; Dayton Kearns 0-3-0 0.
Receiving: Heppner- Adams 5-69 and Justin Botefuhr 2-49; Dayton- none.

Eleven Mustangs named to CBC all-star football team



Brad Adams



Donald Adams



Chuy Elguezabal

Ben Turrell

Brian Haguewood were selected as offensive linemen, with Adams on the first team and Haguewood on the second team.

Eleven of Heppner's football players were chosen to fill positions for the Columbia Basin Conference all-star football teams, with two other players receiving honorable mentions.

Chuy Elguezabal was selected as the first-team quarterback and as well as a first-team defensive back. Brad Adams was chosen as a first-team running back, and Tyler Boyer received an honorable mention as a running back. Justin Botefuhr was picked as a first-team receiver, while Luke Murray is a second-team receiver. Donald Adams and

For the defensive team, Tanner Britt was chosen as a second-team member and Jode Coil received an honorable mention. Brad and Donald Adams were selected as linebackers, with Brad on the first team and Donald on the second team. Rounding out the defense, Ben Turrell was selected as a first-team defensive lineman and Connor Kilkenny was selected for the second team.



Justin Botefuhr



Tyler Boyer



Connor Kilkenny

Jode Coil



Brian Haguewood



Luke Murray



Tanner Britt

Heppner High School 2002-03 basketball schedule as of Nov. 18

Tues., Dec. 3: Ione at Ione, 6 p.m. - VG, VB

Fri., Dec. 6: Condon at Condon, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Tues., Dec. 10: Walla Walla Academy at Heppner, 5:30 p.m. - JVB, VB

Fri., Dec. 13: Riverside at Heppner, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Sat. Dec. 14: Mac-Hi at Milton-Freewater, 1 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Mon. Dec. 16: Hermiston at Hermiston 5:30 p.m. - JVG, VG

Thurs., Dec. 19: Ione at Ione, 5:30 p.m. - JVG, JVB

Fri., Dec. 20: S. Morrow Tour. at Heppner, TBA - VG, VB

Sat., Dec. 21: S. Morrow Tour. at Heppner, TBA - VG, VB

Sat., Dec. 28: Hood River at Hood River, 1 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

(JV and Varsity in two separate gyms)

Fri., Jan. 3: Riverside at Boardman, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Sat., Jan. 4: Hood River Valley at Heppner, 1 p.m. - JVB, VB

Mon., Jan. 6: Hermiston at Heppner, 5:30 p.m. - JVG, VG

Fri., Jan. 10: Weston-McEwen at Athena, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Sat., Jan. 11: Stanfield at Heppner, 1 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Fri., Jan. 17: Wahtonka at Heppner, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Sat., Jan. 18: Culver at Culver, 1 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Fri., Jan. 24: Umatilla at Umatilla, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Sat., Jan. 25: Sherman Co. at Heppner, 1 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Fri., Jan. 31: Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Sat., Feb. 1: Culver at Heppner, 1 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Fri., Feb. 7: Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Sat., Feb. 8: Stanfield at Stanfield, 1 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Fri., Feb. 14: Umatilla at Heppner, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Sat., Feb. 15: Sherman Co. at Moro, 1 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Tues., Feb. 18: Pilot Rock at Heppner, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Fri., Feb. 21: Wahtonka at The Dalles, 3 p.m. - JVG, JVB, VG, VB

Sat., Feb. 22: Makeup/Playoff Date

Mon., Feb. 24: Playoff Date

The following is the Heppner 2002-03 C Team basketball schedule for as of Nov. 18:

Thurs., Dec. 5: Umatilla at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m. - G, B

Tues., Dec. 10: Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 5:30 p.m. - G, B

Thurs., Dec. 12: Mac-Hi at Milton-Freewater, 5 p.m. - G, B

Mon., Dec. 16: Stanfield at Heppner, 5:30 p.m. - G, B

Thurs., Dec. 19: Pilot Rock at Heppner, 6 p.m. - G, B

Tues., Jan. 7: Stanfield at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m. - G, B

Mon., Jan. 13: Stanfield at Heppner, 5:30 p.m. - B

Thurs., Jan. 16: Umatilla at Heppner, 5:30 p.m. - G, B

Tues., Jan. 21: Mac-Hi at Heppner, 5:30 p.m. - G, B

Thurs., Jan. 23: Grant Union at Grant Union, 6 p.m. - G, B

Mon. Jan. 27: Stanfield at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m. - G, B

Thurs., Jan. 30: Riverside at Heppner, 6 p.m. - G, B

Thurs., Feb. 6: Grant Union at Heppner, TBA - G, B

Mon., Feb. 10: Riverside at Boardman, 6 p.m. - G, B

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