

Mustangs rally late to beat Braves



Chuy Elguezabal heads down field to pick up some of his 119 yards in the game photo by Teresa Hughes

By Rick Paullus

After falling behind 23-6 late in the second quarter, the Heppner Mustangs scored 22 straight points, the last six with 2:50 left in the game, to rally for a 28-23 win over the Reedsport Braves in Reedsport on Friday, Sept. 5. The Mustangs improved to a 2 and 0 on the year and will take a week off before beginning Columbia Basin Conference play at Umatilla on Friday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs were unable to do anything the first quarter as the Braves got a safety on a punt snap that sailed out of the end zone and scored on a pass to take a 9-0 lead.

The Mustangs got a break when a bad snap on a Braves punt forced the punter inside his own five where Brian Smith made a hit that caused a fumble that Brandon Seitz recovered at the three. After an offside penalty, Chuy Elguezabal punched it in for the touchdown. A bad snap on the extra point try kept the score at 9-6 early in the second quarter.

The Mustangs forced another punt and got a good gain as Elguezabal hit a wide-open Justin Botefuhr for a 31-yard gain but the drive stalled and they were forced to punt.

The Braves then drove for a touchdown to make it 15-6 and after an interception they scored again and converted the two-point conversion to take a 23-6 lead late in the first half.

Tyler Boyer returned the kick-off to the Mustangs 46-yard line then Kyler Lovgren took a swing pass 17 yards to the thirty-seven. Elguezabal then hit Botefuhr in the end zone for the two-point conversion to make the score 23-14 at the half.

The Mustangs took the second half kick-off and drove and drove to the Braves thirteen, getting good gains from Lovgren on the ground and passes to Tanner Britt and Brandon Seitz but the drive stalled with the Braves taking over on downs.

The Mustangs took over at their 41-yard line after forcing a punt and Elguezabal

took over gaining six yards, four yards then keeping it on the option for a 49-yard touchdown run. He then hit Botefuhr in the end zone to close the gap to 23-22 late in the third quarter.

The Braves drove inside the Mustangs five-yard line before the Mustangs defense stiffened and Smith intercepted a tipped ball at the one on fourth down.

The Mustangs were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt. The Braves again drove deep into Mustang territory but Aaron Delveaux and Boyer caused a fumble which Smith recovered inside the ten with about five minutes left in the game.

Elguezabal hit Seitz for a 25-yard gain then broke free up the middle for 45 yards to the 19-yard line. Lovgren ran for five and an offside penalty gave the Mustangs a first down at the nine. Lovgren went for three, Boyer two and Elguezabal took it down just short of the goal line. Elguezabal then punched it in just getting across the goal line for the go-ahead score. Boyer's run on the two-point conversion came up just short but the Mustangs now led 28-23 with 2:50 left.

The Braves made it interesting by driving inside the Mustangs' thirty but a desperation pass on fourth was batted away in the end zone as time ran out.

Smith led the defense with 40 defensive points including a fumble recovery and an interception with Boyer adding 28 points and Botefuhr 22 points. Delveaux had 16 points, Britt 15 points and Brian Haguewood had 12 points.

Elguezabal led the way on the ground gaining 119 yards on 16 carries and scored three touchdowns. Lovgren carried 10 times for 46 yards and caught three passes for 27 yards. Elguezabal completed nine of 17 passes for 140 yards and had one touchdown and one interception. Boyer caught two passes for 38 yards and a touchdown, Seitz caught two passes for 35 yards and Botefuhr caught two passes on two-point conversions.

The Mustangs JVs played the Reedsport JVs for

two quarters before the varsity game with the Braves coming out on top 12-0.

The Mustangs had good gains on different drives as Matthew VanCleave had a 28-yard gain, Kory Paullus went outside for a 40-yard gain and VanCleave hit Casey Maben for an 18-yard gain, but too many turnovers, penalties and mistakes kept them out of the end zone. The JVs play next at Riverside on Thursday, Sept. 11 at 5 p.m.

Heppner 0 14 8 6-28
Reedsport 9 14 0 0-23

First Quarter

Reedsport- Safety, ball snapped out of end zone.

Reedsport- Brett

Butler 15-yard pass from Daniel Mast (Nick Schneider kick).

Second Quarter

Heppner- Chuy Elguezabal 1-yard run (kick failed).

Reedsport- Scott

Tisler 24-yard pass from Mast (run failed).

Reedsport- Butler 33-yard pass from Mast (Tom Dailey pass from Mast).

Heppner- Tyler Boyer

37-yard pass from Elguezabal (Justin Botefuhr pass from Elguezabal).

Third Quarter

Heppner- Elguezabal 49-yard run (Botefuhr pass from Elguezabal).

Fourth Quarter

Heppner- Elguezabal 1-yard run (run failed).

First Downs:

Heppner 16, Reedsport 17; **Rushes-yards:** Heppner 30-162, Reedsport 23-54; **Passing yards:** Heppner 140, Reedsport 355; **Passes:** Heppner 9-17-1, Reedsport 25-36-1; **Fumbles-lost:** Heppner 2-1, Reedsport 3-2; **Penalties-yards:** Heppner 6-58, Reedsport 17-121.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Heppner- Elguezabal 16-119, Kyler Lovgren 10-46, Boyer 3-7 and Matt Kenny 1-1; Reedsport- Nick Riley 11-42, Butler 2-9, Dailey 6-19, and Mast 4-(16).

Passing: Heppner- Elguezabal 9-17-1 140 yards; Reedsport- Mast 23-33-1 303, Butler 2-3-0 52 yards.

Receiving: Heppner- Lovgren 3-27, Boyer 2-38, Brandon Seitz 2-35, and Botefuhr 1-31; Reedsport- Butler 9-138, Tisler 7-117, Riley 6-5, Mast 1-33, Schneider 1-27 and Hoyle 1-25.

BMCC announces local classes

Fall Term for Blue Mountain Community College will get underway Monday, Sept. 22, with new student advising and registration on the Pendleton campus taking place Sept. 15-19. Locally, a number of classes are set to begin in late September and early October.

Two art classes are scheduled. Drawing and Watercolor Painting is a six-week course beginning Monday, Sept. 29 at Ione High School while Calligraphy is another six-week course beginning Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Heppner High School.

Computer Basics and Navigating the Internet are computer classes intended for beginning users. Computer Basics is scheduled for four weeks beginning Tuesday, Sept. 30. Navigating the Internet is scheduled for three weeks beginning Monday, Oct. 6. Both classes are at Heppner High School.

Beginning Golf class offers a great opportunity to learn the finer basics of golf or perhaps to brush up your game. This class is set to begin Thursday, Sept. 25 at Willow Creek Country Club. The class will run for six weeks.

A Food Handlers class is set for Wednesday, Oct. 1 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Heppner High School. This one night session results in the issuance of a food handler's card, which is now required in many jobs where food is handled.

BMCC's Grant Writer, Susan Plass, will offer a four-hour workshop on Getting a Grant on Monday, Oct. 13 at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Topics include demystifying the grant seeking process, developing a winning proposal and dealing with the decision. Lunch is included in the \$10 workshop price.

Those interested in starting a business are urged to sign up for Starting Your Own Business class, taught by staff from the BMCC Small Business Development Center. The class is set for Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 6-9 p.m.

Call Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator, at 422-7040 for more information.

Path Finders Club resumes

The Oregon Trail Path Finders Club is starting up again for the 2003-2004 year. Path Finders is a Christian scouting program for youth ages 10-15. It is sponsored by the Seventh-Day Adventist Church but is open to anyone.

Activities include working toward honors (felt patches like merit badges), camping, community service activities, fundraisers, etc.

Special upcoming activities include a Camporee near Cle Elum, WA, Sept. 19-21, and a Club Campout, Oct. 10-12. In August 2004, there will be an International Camporee in Oshkosh, WI, with 30,000-plus Path Finders and staff from around the world. The club is working towards attending this event.

Regular meetings are Tuesdays, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Please call 676-8282 or 676-5036 for more information.

DA's Report

Michael A. Mooso admitted to violation of probation. Mooso's probation was revoked and reinstated with the same terms and conditions as previously imposed. Mooso was also sentenced to four days in jail.

Thelma Gay Roubidoux pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class-C felony. Roubidoux was sentenced to 80 hours of community service, completion of a drug treatment package to be administered by Morrow County Behavioral Health and payment of \$879 in fines and fees.

Jeffrey Dean Hawkins was convicted of Criminal Trespass-2, a Class-C misdemeanor. Hawkins was sentenced to 30 suspended days in jail, two months bench probation, 20 hours of community service and payment of \$374 in fines and fees.

Jose Leonard Loyola-Arrendondo was convicted of Assault-4, Sec. 3, a Class-C felony. He was sentenced to three years supervised probation, 90 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$914 in fines and fees.

David Allen Ryan was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class-C felony. Ryan's driver's license was suspended for six months and he was sentenced to 18 months of supervised probation, 30 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$164 in fines and fees. Ryan was also convicted of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Class-C felony. He was sentenced to 24 months bench probation, to be served concurrently with supervised probation from count 1.

Michael A. Mullikin admitted to violation of probation allegations for Burglary in the First Degree. Mullikin was sentenced to 15 months in jail and 36 months probation.

James Ona Bass was convicted of Criminal Mischief-2, a Class-A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 365 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation, 40 hours of community service, and payment of \$725.36 in fines, fees and restitution.

Brent M. Smith admitted to violation of probation allegations for Rape in the Third Degree. He was sentenced to 66 days in jail and extension of his original probation.

Robert James Harvey admitted to violation of probation allegations for Theft in the First Degree. Harvey's probation was revoked and reinstated and he was sentenced to six months concurrent in jail, 12 months probation and an extension of 18 months probation.

Timothy Hoyt Sherwood admitted to violation of probation allegations for two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance, one count of Delivery of a Controlled Substance and one count of Conspiracy to Deliver a Controlled Substance. The Possession sentences will be served concurrently with Sherwood's probation being revoked. He will serve six months in jail and 12 months probation. For the Delivery charge, Sherwood's probation was extended for a period of 18 months. For the Conspiracy charge, Sherwood's probation was revoked and reinstated with an 18-month extension.

Tobias Ledesma Hernandez pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, A Class-C felony. Hernandez was sentenced to 80 hours of community service, 18 months formal probation, completion of a drug treatment package to be administered by Morrow County Behavioral Health and payment of \$914 in fines and fees.

Kevin Von Scherrer pled guilty to Attempting to Elude a Police Officer, a Class-A misdemeanor and Improper Use of a 911 Reporting System, a Class-A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 150 days suspended, 24 months bench probation, driving privileges suspended for 90 days, for both counts to be served concurrently, and payment of \$1498 in fines and fees.

Sergio Becerra pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Class-C felony. He was sentenced to 80 hours of community service, 18 months formal probation, completion of a drug treatment package to be administered by Morrow County Behavioral Health and payment of \$879 in fines and fees.

HES to hold Open House

The Heppner Elementary School will be holding an open house Tuesday, Sept. 23, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Fundraising Dinner
for the Benefit of
the Ione Education Foundation
Saturday September 27th
At the Ione Legion Hall
Social Hour at 6 p.m. • Dinner at 7 p.m.

The evening will include Live Music, Auction Items and Raffle Drawing.

Menu includes Prime Rib, Crab, Shrimp, Salad, Baked Potato, Bread and Dessert
Two beverages included with meal
- choose from beer, wine or soft drinks.

Ticket price:
\$25.00 for adults.
\$10.00 for children 12 years and under.
Children 6 and under free.

Tickets are available at the Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione Branch or contact Lynn Dee Ramos at 422-7559
Limited amount of tickets available.

Ione Education Foundation will be kicking off sales of memorial bricks to be placed at the plaza to be built as part of the new school playground.

Please join us in support of the Ione School and celebrate an historic year in the life of our community.

The Ione Education Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit corporation. Contributions to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

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