

Mustangs roll over Vikings

photos by Teresa Hughes

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs made short work of the Umatilla Vikings rolling to a 51-0 lead at halftime and coasting to a 51-7 win in Umatilla on Friday, Sept. 19, to open Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs (1-0 CBC, 3-0 overall) will host Pilot Rock on Friday, Sept. 26 for their homecoming game.

The Mustangs wasted little time scoring as Kyler Lovgren gathered in a punt at the eight-yard line and went 92 yards for a touchdown then kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 9:44 left in the first quarter.

On the Vikings next possession, Brian Haguwood jumped on a fumble at the Umatilla 43-yard line. Chuy Elguezabal ran for five yards then hit Tyler Boyer on a shovel pass for 15 yards and a first down. After an incomplete pass and a holding penalty, Lovgren took a screen pass from Elguezabal 26 yards for a first down at the nine. Aaron Delveaux ran for five yards then Elguezabal took it in for a four-yard run and Lovgren kicked the extra point for a 14-0 lead with 7:18 left in the first.

The teams traded punts and the Vikings were forced to punt again with Lovgren returning it 28 yards to the Vikings 22-yard line to put the Mustangs in a good field position. Elguezabal hit Justin Botefuhr for 14 yards then hit Tanner Britt in the back of the end zone for an eight-yard touchdown. The kick was no good but the Mustangs took a 20-0 lead into the second quarter.

The Mustangs took over at their own 24-yard line after forcing another punt and put together their longest drive of the night. Elguezabal hit Britt for 28 yards, Botefuhr for 26 yards and then Cody Walton for nine. Lovgren ran for eight yards before Boyer took it in from the five for the touchdown. Lovgren kicked the extra point to make it 27-0 with 9:23 left in the second quarter.

Britt then recovered a fumble on the kickoff and on the first play Elguezabal hit Aaron Griffith for a 30-yard touchdown. Lovgren kicked the extra point to make it 34-0 with 9:08 left in the first half.

The defense held again with the Mustangs taking over at their 36-yard line after a punt. Britt hit Brandon Seitz for a 24-yard gain, but an interception on a tipped pass gave the Vikings the ball at their own eleven.

A short punt gave the Mustangs the ball at the twenty-one and after scrambling around the field, Elguezabal found Britt for a 16-yard gain to the five. Boyer took it in from there for a touchdown and Lovgren added the extra point to make it 41-0 midway through the second quarter.

The Mustangs again had good field position after forcing another short punt and wasted no time in adding another score as Elguezabal hit Griffith for fifteen, then Lovgren took it in from 27 yards out and added the extra point to make it 48-0.

Peter Geer recovered a fumble deep in Viking territory and after Walton ran for 14 yards and Britt went for seven, Lovgren kicked a 25-yard field goal to make it 51-0 at the half.

The second half was played with a running clock with the Mustangs clearing their bench and the Vikings having the ball most of the half.



Mustang linebacker Tyler Boyer (17) brings down a Umatilla player



Heppner running back Cody Walton heads up field with Umatilla player close behind. See more Umatilla sports pictures at www.heppner.net.

Mikel Britt recovered a fumble for the Mustangs but the Vikings had the only score on a 15-yard run late in the fourth quarter.

The defense was led by Boyer with 19 defensive points, with Botefuhr adding 16 points. Haguwood had 14 points, with Tanner Britt and Mikel Britt each adding 12 points.

Elguezabal was 11 for 20 passing for 191 yards and two touchdowns. Britt caught three passes for 56 yards, Griffith had two receptions for 45 yards, Botefuhr had two receptions for 38 yards and Lovgren caught two passes for 28 yards.

Lovgren hit six of seven extra points and added a field goal.

Heppner 20 31 0 0-51
Umatilla 0 0 0 7-7

First Quarter
Heppner: Kyler Lovgren 92-yard punt return (Lovgren kick) 9:44

Heppner: Chuy Elguezabal four-yard run (Lovgren kick) 7:18

Heppner: Tanner Britt seven-yard pass from Elguezabal (kick failed) 2:20

Second Quarter
Heppner: Tyler Boyer five-yard run (Lovgren kick) 9:23

Heppner: Aaron Griffith 30-yard pass from Elguezabal (Lovgren kick) 9:08

Heppner: Boyer five-yard run (Lovgren kick) 5:15

Heppner: Lovgren 27-yard run (Lovgren kick) 3:39

Heppner: Lovgren 25-yard field goal :50

Fourth Quarter
Umatilla: Jose Beteran 14-yard run (Fay Bursell kick) 2:20

First Downs:
Heppner- 10, Umatilla- 7.

Rushes yards:
Heppner- 17-112, Umatilla- 32-125.

Passing yards:
Heppner- 228, Umatilla- 27.

Passing: Heppner- 13-29-2, Umatilla- 3-13.

Punts - Ave.:
Heppner- 2-35, Umatilla- 6-29.

Fumbles - Lost:
Heppner- 0-0, Umatilla- 7-4.

Penalties - yards:
Heppner- 4-44, Umatilla- 3-20.

Individual Statistics:

Rushing: Heppner- Lovgren 2-35, Boyer 3-18, Britt 2-15, Elguezabal 2-9, Francisco Escalante 4-6, Aaron Delveaux 1-5, Cody Walton 1-14, Quinn Peck 1-4, and Casey Maben 1-0; Umatilla- Bursell 15-67, Cody Ford 7-48, Beteran 5-21, Brian Lord 3-3, Trevor Jensen 1-(-6), and Austin Borden 1-(-1).

Passing: Heppner- Elguezabal 11-20-0 191 yards and Britt 2-9-2 35 yards; Umatilla- Jensen 3-13-0 27 yards.

Receiving: Heppner- Britt 3-56, Griffith 2-35, Justin Botefuhr 2-38, Lovgren 2-28, Brandon Seitz 1-24, Boyer 1-15, Elguezabal 1-11 and Walton 1-9; Umatilla- Hector Olvera 2-16 and Irving Macias 1-11.

Ponies beat Vikings

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Ponies jumped out to a quick lead and hung on for a 20-6 win at Umatilla on Friday, Sept. 19 to improve to 2 and 0 on the year. The Ponies will play at home on Friday, Sept. 26 against Pilot Rock at 3 p.m.

The Ponies defense held on fourth down on the Vikings first possession taking over at the Umatilla 42-yard line. On the second play from scrimmage, Spencer Palmer broke free outside and raced 42 yards to the end zone. Eric

Skaggs kicked the extra point for a quick 7-0 lead.

The Ponies recovered a Viking fumble on their next possession and wasted no time in adding to their lead. Palmer ran for eight, Matt McCabe picked up seven then broke free for ten, but fumbled at the two, but it was recovered by the Ponies' Matt Holland for a touchdown. The kick was blocked but the Ponies led 13-0.

The defense again forced a punt with the Ponies taking over at their own seven where McCabe broke free

outrunning everyone until he was tripped up at the four-yard line. The Ponies were unable to score though and the Vikings took over at their three.

The Ponies held but fumbled the punt back to the Vikings who broke free for a long touchdown that was called back by a clip. The Vikings drove inside the Ponies five-yard line, but the defense held taking over on downs as the first half ended.

The teams traded punts in the third until Palmer returned a punt 25 yards to give the Ponies good field position to begin the fourth quarter. Palmer ran for eight, then twelve, McCabe went for seven, Palmer six then McCabe took it 28 yards for a touchdown. Skaggs kicked the extra point to make it 20-0.

The defense held with the Ponies taking over on downs at the Vikings' thirty-three late in the fourth quarter. Palmer ran for four then 20 yards, but an intercepted pass was brought back 61 yards for a touchdown with 30 seconds left. The conversion run was stopped so the Ponies still led 20-6.

Sean Murray ran for 12 yards as the clock ran out. Heppner 13 0 0 7-20 Umatilla 0 0 0 6-6

First Quarter
Heppner- Spencer Palmer 42-yard run (Eric Skaggs kick).

Heppner- Matt Holland fumble recovery in end zone (kick failed).

Fourth Quarter
Heppner- Matt McCabe 28-yard run (Skaggs kick).

Umatilla- 61-yard interception return (run failed).

Colts win first game of the season

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Colts opened their season with a 30-7 win over Simplot in Heppner on Wednesday, Sept. 17. The Colts will be at Boardman on Thursday, Sept. 26 before returning home to play Hendon Construction of Hermiston on Wednesday, Oct. 1.

Simplot opened the game with the ball, but turned it over to the Colts on downs at their own 40-yard line. It took no time for the Colts to strike as Brent Eckman hit a wide-open Bryan Holland in stride and he carried it to the end zone for the first of his four touchdowns. Rudy Ramirez kicked the extra point to make it 8-0.

The defense held again with the Colts taking over at their own twenty-five and went to work on the ground as Chance Day ran for 15 yards and Eckman picked up eight then hit Jake Gregory for a six-yard gain. The drive stalled at midfield, but on the last play of the first half, Holland took the ball on a reverse and outran everyone to the end zone for a touchdown. The kick was no good, but the Colts led 14-0 at the half.

Holland recovered a Simplot fumble on the first play of the second half then broke free for a 36-yard touchdown run. Martinez's kick was good and it was 22-0 early in the third quarter.

The teams traded possession the rest of the third quarter then early in the fourth, Willy Gentry picked off a pass and returned it 35 yards to Simplot's 43-yard line. After a loss, Eckman hit Holland for a 49-yard touchdown pass. Martinez kicked the extra point to put the Colts comfortably in front at 30-0.

Simplot scored a touchdown in the final seconds for the final margin of 30-7.

The defense was led by Holland, Eckman, Day, Wacy Coil, Jordan Hatfield, Gentry, Devin Robinson, Mark McCabe, Tomas Elguezabal, Ben Wood and Jared Hedman, with all making good plays during the game.

Heppner 8 6 8 8-30
Simplot 0 0 0 7-7

First Quarter
Colts- Bryan Holland 40-yard pass from Brent Eckman (Rudy Ramirez kick).

Second Quarter
Colts- Holland 47-yard run (kick failed).

Third Quarter
Colts- Holland 36-yard run (Ramirez kick).

Fourth Quarter
Colts- Holland 49-yard pass from Eckman (Martinez kick).

Simplot- 23-yard run (pass good).

Ione JVs take win over Heppner C team

Ione's junior varsity team hosted Heppner "C" team on Friday, Sept. 19. Ione walked away with a victory, winning three consecutive games, 25-18, 25-20, 25-13.

Ashly Grams led the Cardinal team with 16 points, 11 set assists, and two spikes. Kayla LaRue scored six points and delivered seven passes. Abby Key scored five points, set eight assists and delivered two hits. Missy Baker scored four points as did team member,

Tina Tuzarova. Kim Morris and Alyssa Rietmann scored three points each. Rietmann also led her team with six hits. Jenny Griffith scored two points and delivered three hits.

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.
Tickets also available at the door.

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.

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