

## Cardinals win Homecoming game against Echo Cougars, 62-26



Kelly Thompson packs the football at the Ione Cardinals vs. Echo Cougars Homecoming football game on Oct. 17. The final score was Cardinals 62, Cougars 26. Ione's next game will be Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. in Arlington.

## Heppner Colts beat Boardman, 34-13

By Rick Paullus

For the second time this year the Heppner Colts beat Boardman to run their record to 5 and 0 by a score of 34-13. The Colts play Umatilla at Heppner on Wednesday, Oct. 22 in the last regular season game and with a win will play in the championship game in Hermiston on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The Colts had the ball first and drove down the field as Wacy Coil ran for 12 yards. Chance Day ran for 11 yards and Brent Eckman went for nine yards to set up Eckman's 11-yard touchdown run. Bryan Holland kicked the extra point to make it 9-0 with 2:29 left in the first quarter.

Ben Wood recovered a Boardman fumble to give the Colts the ball at the 48-yard line. Coil ran twice for 19 yards, Day ran twice for 11 yards and a tripping penalty took the ball to the fourteen where Eckman hit Jared Huddleston in the end zone for the touchdown. The kick was no good, but the Colts held a 14-0 lead.

Boardman then put together a driving move to the Colts ten, but the defense stiffened and they took over on downs. Holland picked up 33 yards on a reverse then Eckman threw a short pass to Coil who went 58 yards for a touchdown getting a good block downfield from Wood. The kick was no good, but the Colts had a 20-0 lead at the half.

The Colts held Boardman on downs on their first possession of the second half taking over at their 37-yard line. Coil ran for eight, Jake Gregory picked up six more and after a false start penalty, Eckman took off on a bootleg 55 yards for a touchdown. The kick was no good, but the Colts led 26-0 late in the third quarter.

Boardman came right back and scored on a three-yard run and ran in the extra point to get within 26-7 going into the fourth quarter.

The Colts came right back with an answer as Gregory ran for 10 yards, Day went for 15, Coil picked up five and Holland broke free for a 35-yard touchdown. Holland kicked the extra point to make it 34-7 early in the fourth quarter.

Boardman came back with a touchdown on a long run to get within 34-13, but that was as close as they would get as the clock ran out on their next drive before they could score.

The offensive line, despite being outweighed by a significant amount, of Wood, Mark McCabe, Jordan Hatfield, Rudy Ramirez, Donald Matthews and Kyle Tayloe did a great job of opening big holes for the backs.

The defense was led by Wood, Hatfield, Coil, McCabe, Huddleston, Holland, Day, Eckman, Nick Kempas, Willy Gentry and Devin Robinson.

Colts 8 12 6 8-34

Boardman 0 0 7 6-13

**First Quarter**  
Colts- Brent Eckman 11-yard run (Bryan Holland kick).

**Second Quarter**  
Colts- Jared Huddleston 14-yard pass from Eckman (kick failed).

Colts- Wacy Coil 58-yard pass from Eckman (kick failed).

**Third Quarter**  
Colts- Eckman 55-yard run (kick failed).

Boardman- three-yard run (run good).

**Fourth Quarter**  
Colts- Holland 35-yard run (Holland kick).

Boardman- 58-yard run (run failed).

## Mustang JVs end season with win over Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs JVs ended their season with a 20-6 win over the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Monday, Oct. 20 in Heppner. The Mustangs ended the season with a 4 and 3 record winning their last two games.

The Mustangs got on the board in the first quarter on a 30-yard pass from Justin Delveaux to Kody Lovgren and clung to a 6-0 lead at the half.

They added to it late in the third quarter on a five-yard pass from Quinn Peck to Kory Paullus with Casey Maben running in the two-point conversion to make it 14-0.

On the Tigerscots next possession, Paullus picked off a pass at his forty-five and went all the way for a touchdown to make it 20-0.

The Tigerscots scored with about five minutes left to make the final 20-6.

Heppner 6 0 14 0-20  
Weston-McEwen 0 0 6-6

**First Quarter**  
Heppner- Kody Lovgren 30-yard pass from Justin Delveaux (run failed).

**Third Quarter**  
Heppner- Kory Paullus five-yard pass from Quinn Peck (Casey Maben run).

Heppner- Paullus 55-yard interception return (pass failed).

**Fourth Quarter**  
Weston-McEwen- three-yard pass (run failed).

## Ponies defeat Columbia to end season

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Ponies ended their season with a 24-6 win over the visiting Columbia Raiders on Friday, Oct. 17. The Ponies ended their season with a perfect 6 and 0 record, outscoring their opponents 176-35, giving up just two touchdowns on defense.

The Ponies took over on downs on their 40-yard line and went to work on the ground as Spencer Palmer rushed four times for 34 yards. Sean Murray picked up eight more, Matt McCabe rushed twice for 15 yards and Lane Bailey went the final five yards for the touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but the Ponies led 6-0.

Jake Van Doorn recovered a fumble on the ensuing kick-off, but the Ponies couldn't take advantage as their 6-0 lead held up until the half.

The Ponies took the second half kick-off and drove down the field getting 18 yards on three carries from McCabe, Palmer picked up seven more and Bailey hit McCabe for a 17-yard gain, but penalties killed the drive with the Raiders taking over on downs.

The Raiders were forced to punt and the Ponies got a break when Nathan VanCleave tackled the punter

back at the 12-yard line. Bailey hit Murray for an eight-yard gain and Palmer took it in for the touchdown. The conversion failed, but the Ponies led 12-0.

Columbia got their touchdown on the first play after the kick-off on a 57-yard run. The Raiders got the ball back on a fumble on the kick return, but the Ponies held on downs at their own 31-yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, Palmer broke free on a 69-yard touchdown, but a clipping penalty brought it back to the Raiders 46-yard line. The Ponies didn't let that bother them as they drove down the field with Palmer capping the drive with a six-yard run for the touchdown. The Ponies led 18-6 after the conversion try failed.

McCabe recovered a fumble on the ensuing kick-off and the Ponies went to work again as Bailey ran for 12 yards, McCabe for five, Palmer went for 15 yards, Murray picked up four and Grant Smith ran twice for six yards, but the Raiders took over on downs at the five-yard line.

Murray then picked off a pass and returned it 14 yards for the final touchdown to make it 24-6.

The Ponies beat the Weston Panthers the week

before at Weston 44-0 racing out to a 22-0 lead after one quarter and a 36-0 lead at the half. McCabe, Palmer, Bailey and Dalton Wellman, all scored touchdown for the Ponies.

The Ponies consisted of eighth graders, Sean Murray, Andre Rauch, Nacho Elguezabal, Matt McCabe, Lane Bailey, Jake Van Doorn, Nathan VanCleave, Ben McCarl, Jason Houweling, Jason Wainwright, Eddie Ramirez, Taylor Hodges, Jorge Montes, Eric Skaggs, Michael Wellman and Chase Monda and seventh graders, Spencer Palmer, Matt Holland, Bo Foster, Dalton Wellman, Braden Britt, Luke Young, Eddie Waddell and Grant Smith. Coaches were Chris Rauch, Jake Roy, Larry Palmer and Rick Paullus.

Heppner 6 0 6 12-24

Columbia 0 0 6 0-6

**First Quarter**  
Heppner- Lane Bailey five-yard run (run failed).

**Third Quarter**  
Heppner- Spencer Palmer four-yard run (pass failed).

Columbia- Doherty 57-yard run (pass failed).

**Fourth Quarter**  
Heppner- Palmer six-yard run (pass failed).

Heppner- Sean Murray 14-yard interception return (pass failed).

## Mustangs use big plays to beat Bulldogs

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs only ran 33 offensive plays, but that was more than enough as they beat the visiting Culver Bulldogs 55-6 on Friday, Oct. 17 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, now 5 and 0 in the CBC and 7 and 0 overall, will be at Sherman County, also 5 and 0 in the CBC, in a key league game with the winner having the inside track at the CBC championship.

The Mustangs took the opening kick-off and went to work on what would be one of their longest drives in terms of time of possession, beginning at their 31-yard line. Tyler Boyer ran twice for 21 yards, Tyler Boyer picked up three, Chuy Elguezabal lost three yards, but hit Tanner Britt for a 17-yard gain, then broke free around end for a 31-yard touchdown. Boyer caught the two-point conversion pass from Elguezabal to make it 8-0 early in the game.

The Mustangs took over on their own 35-yard line after a Bulldog punt and went right to work as Elguezabal hit Britt for a 19-yard gain, ran for three yards, hit Lovgren twice for six yards, then hit Justin Botefuhr for 34 yards to the one-yard line. Lovgren took it in from there and Elguezabal hit Britt for the two-point conversion to make it 16-0 after one quarter of play.

The teams traded punts and after the Mustangs forced another punt they took over at their own 47 after Lovgren returned it 16 yards.

After an incomplete pass Lovgren took a short pass from Elguezabal and took it all the way to the end zone for a 53-yard touchdown. Lovgren kicked the extra point to make it 23-0 early in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs put together a drive on their next possession getting inside the Mustangs 25-yard line, but Zack Skaggs picked off a pass and returned it 76 yards to the Bulldogs 12-yard line. Lovgren took it in from there for the touchdown and even though the conversion try failed the Mustangs took a 29-

0 led with 3:45 left in the second quarter.

On the Bulldogs next possession, Elguezabal picked off a deflected pass and returned it for a touchdown, but a pass interference penalty brought it back. Brian Haguewood made two sacks for a loss of 25 yards and forced a punt late in the half to give the Mustangs one more chance to score.

Starting at their own 32-yard line, Lovgren took a shovel pass from Elguezabal 61 yards to the seven with eight seconds left. After spiking the ball to kill the clock, Elguezabal hit Britt in the end zone for a touchdown. Elguezabal hit Botefuhr for the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs a 37-0 lead at the half.

The Mustangs defense forced a punt on the Bulldogs first possession taking over at their own 30-yard line. On third and ten, Cody Walton took off on a reverse and raced to the end zone making two nice cuts to get the touchdown. The conversion failed, but the Mustangs led 43-0 early in the third quarter.

Elguezabal intercepted a deep pass on the Bulldogs next possession at the Mustangs 23-yard line. Boyer then broke free for a gain of 72 yards getting a crushing block on the sideline from Skaggs along the way. Boyer went four yards to the one then took it in to make it 49-0 with 4:33 left.

The defense held again forcing a Bulldog punt which Walton took 45 yards for a touchdown again making several nice moves to get to the end zone. The conversion failed, but the Mustangs led 55-0 late in the third.

The Bulldogs held the ball most of the fourth quarter finally getting into the end zone late in the game.

The Mustangs got a 26-yard gain on a pass from Justin Delveaux to Justin Gregory as time ran out.

The defense again played good, holding the Bulldogs to 25 yards rushing on 31 carries and they were led by Elguezabal and Boyer

with 12 points each. Haguewood and Britt each added 11 points, with Lovgren adding 10 points.

Elguezabal completed eight of 12 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns. Lovgren had four receptions for 120 yards and ran for another 60 yards on eight carries and Britt caught three passes for 43 yards.

The Mustangs gained 468 yards on their 33 plays on offense.

Heppner 0 0 6 6-6

Heppner 16 21 18 0-55

**First Quarter**  
Heppner- Chuy Elguezabal 31-yard run (Tyler Boyer pass from Elguezabal) 9:30

Heppner- Tyler Lovgren one-yard run (Tanner Britt pass from Elguezabal) 4:17

**Second Quarter**  
Heppner- Lovgren 53-yard pass from Elguezabal (Lovgren kick) 10:41

Heppner- Lovgren 12-yard run (pass failed) 3:45

Heppner- Britt seven-yard pass from Elguezabal (Justin Botefuhr pass from Elguezabal) :04

**Third Quarter**  
Heppner- Cody Walton 70-yard run (pass failed) 8:03

Heppner- Boyer one-yard run (run failed) 4:33

Heppner- Walton 45-yard punt return (run failed) 1:41

**Fourth Quarter**  
Culver- Brian Stills one-yard run (pass failed) 3:01

**First Downs-** Heppner 8, Culver 10; **Rushes-yards:** Heppner 20-245, Culver 31-25;

**Passing yards:** Heppner 223, Culver 152; **Passes:** Heppner 9-13-0, Culver 11-20-2; **Fumbles-lost:** Heppner 1-1, Culver 1-0; **Penalties-yards:** Heppner 6-52, Culver 4-25.

**Individual Statistics:**

**Rushing:** Heppner- Boyer 8-84, Walton 1-70, Lovgren 8-60, Elguezabal 1-1-0 26 yards; Culver- Blood 11-20-2 152 yards.

**Receiving:** Heppner- Lovgren 4-120, Britt 3-43, Botefuhr 1-34 and Justin Gregory 1-26; Culver- Nate Lewis 7-117, William 2-24, Chris Cooper 1-7 and Jared Rolen 1-4.

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