

# Mustangs shut down Loggers to win first round playoff game

By Rick Paullus

A swarming defense by the third-ranked Heppner Mustangs held the Vernonia Loggers to just 104 total yards and helped them to a 47-2 win in the first round of the OSAA/US Bank/Les Schwab Tires Class 2A football playoffs in Heppner on Saturday, Nov. 8. The Mustangs improved to 10 and 0 on the year and advance to the quarterfinals with a home game against the second-ranked Myrtle Point Bobcats on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 1 p.m.

The Mustangs wasted little time in getting on the scoreboard taking the opening kickoff and driving 62 yards in four plays getting a touchdown. Tyler Boyer ran for 12 yards, Kyler Lovgren went for nine, Chuy Elguezabal ran for 16 yards and Boyer took it in from 25 yards out for the score. Lovgren kicked the extra point to make it 7-0 just 1:34 into the game.

After forcing a punt the Mustangs went back to work as Boyer ran twice for 12 yards, Elguezabal ran for 13 more, Jode Coil picked up four, Lovgren ran for 28 yards to the four, where Boyer took it in for the touchdown. The kick was no good, but the Mustangs had a 13-0 lead.

After another Logger punt the Mustangs went back to work as Lovgren ran twice for 20 yards and caught a pass from Elguezabal for 18 yards. Justin Botefuhr caught two passes from Elguezabal for 23 yards, Elguezabal ran for eight yards, Boyer ran for four and Elguezabal hit Tanner Britt in the end zone from nine yards out for a touchdown. Elguezabal hit Botefuhr for the two-point conversion to make it 21-0 early in the second quarter.

The Mustangs added another touchdown a minute later after a Logger fumble as Lovgren ran twice for nine yards, Elguezabal ran for 18 yards to the five, and Coil took it to the three, where Lovgren took it in for the touchdown. Elguezabal hit Britt in the end zone for the two-point conversion to make it 29-0.

The Mustangs got the ball back after forcing yet another punt and put together another drive as Lovgren ran twice for nine yards, Britt took a pass from Elguezabal 36 yards, and Elguezabal ran twice for 23 yards, then hit Botefuhr for an 18-yard touchdown. The extra point kick was blocked, but the Mustangs led 35-0 at the half.

The Mustangs stopped the Loggers on their opening drive of the second half and went back to work as Elguezabal ran for 14 yards and hit Lovgren for 11 yards and Matt Kenny for 14 yards. Boyer ran for 17 yards then Elguezabal hit Lovgren in the end zone for an 11-yard touchdown. The extra point was blocked, but the Mustangs led 41-0 midway through the third quarter.

They put together another drive as Lovgren ran twice for 13 yards, Boyer ran for 12 yards and Kenny broke free up the middle for 48 yards, but they couldn't get a score and gave up the ball on downs.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Mustangs put together another drive as Cody Walton ran three times for 20 yards, Brendan McElligott ran four times for nine yards, Quinn Peck ran for two yards, Matthew VanCleave hit Coil for two yards and Aaron Delveaux for 15 yards, but again the drive stalled and the Loggers took over at their own 10-yard line.

On their first play, Britt knocked the ball loose and Brian Haguewood scooped it up at the eleven and took it in for a touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but the Mustangs held a 47-0 lead.

The Loggers put together their best drive late in the game, but Aaron Griffith picked off a pass at the Mustangs five-yard line to kill the drive. The Loggers got their two points when the snap on the punt sailed out of bounds for a safety.

Haguewood led the defense with 20 defensive points, with Kenny adding 16 points, including a fumble recovery. Boyer had 11 points, Delveaux had eight

## Ponies lose fight against Rockets

By Larry Palmer

The Ponies found themselves going against the Pilot Rock Rockets in the twin bill at home, losing 39 to 56. The Ponies next two games are Friday, Nov. 14 at home against Umatilla at 3 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 15 at home against Athena-Weston at 9 a.m.

Due to lack of seventh grade players, the Rockets substituted some eighth graders, which gave them some height advantage that the Ponies were unable to counter with their quickness.

The first quarter spelled out the outcome of the game when the Rockets led 9 to 18 and the Ponies were never able to recover. The

## Local kids compete in Punt, Pass and Kick

By Rick Paullus

Eight local kids competed in the Punt, Pass and Kick sectional competition held in LaGrande on Saturday, Oct. 25. The kids qualified for the sectional competition by placing first in the local competition held in Heppner in September.

In the 8- to 9-year-old division: Carrie Haguewood placed second with a total of 69 feet in the girls' bracket and Garret Gibbs totaled 152 feet to place sixth in the boys' brackets.

In the 10- to 11-year-old division: Brandi Hong had a total of 96 feet to place sixth and Bryan Holland totaled 172 feet 8 inches to place ninth.



Tyler Boyer gains some of Heppner's yardage

points, Lovgren had eight points, including an interception and Botefuhr had seven points.

Elguezabal ended up nine of 13 passing for 131 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions and rushed seven times for 94 yards. Boyer rushed nine times for 99 yards and two touchdowns. Lovgren ran 14 times for 87 yards and Kenny ran five times for 52 yards. Botefuhr caught three passes for 43 yards, Lovgren caught three passes for 40 yards and Britt caught two passes for 45 yards.

Rockets increased their lead 17 to 32 at the half.

By the end of the game, the Rockets pushed the lead to 39 to 56.

In the fourth quarter, the Ponies showed great hustle by getting several steals in a row and harassing the visitors on defense. It also was their most productive quarter of the season, netting 16 points.

The Ponies had a more balanced scoring attack with Dalton Wellman getting eight points, Spencer Palmer 13 points, Luke Young one, Josh Shank eight, Matt Holland eight and Braden Britt one point.

Heppner 9 8 6 16-39  
Pilot Rock 18 14 8 16-56

Heppner 13 22 6 6-47

Vernonia 0 0 0 2-2

**First Quarter**  
Heppner- Tyler Boyer 25-yard run (Kyler Lovgren kick) 10:26

Heppner- Boyer four-yard run (kick failed) 5:39

**Second Quarter**  
Heppner- Tanner Britt nine-yard pass from Chuy Elguezabal (Justin Botefuhr pass from Elguezabal) 11:23

Heppner- Lovgren three-yard run (Britt pass from Elguezabal) 8:53

Heppner- Botefuhr 18-yard pass from Elguezabal (kick blocked) 2:03

**Third Quarter**  
Heppner- Lovgren 11-yard pass from Elguezabal (kick blocked) 5:13

**Fourth Quarter**  
Heppner- Brian Haguewood 11-yard fumble return (run failed) 7:13

Vernonia- safety, ball snapped out of end zone 2:56

**First Downs:** Heppner 21, Vernonia 6; **Rushes-yards:** Heppner 49-347, Vernonia 35-104; **Passing yards:** Heppner 148, Vernonia 0; **Passes:** Heppner 11-16-0, Vernonia 0-6-2; **Fumbles-lost:** Heppner 4-1, Vernonia 3-2; **Penalties-yards:** Heppner 7-68, Vernonia 6-50.

**Individual Statistics**

**Rushing:** Heppner- Boyer 9-99, Elguezabal 7-94, Lovgren 14-87, Matt Kenny 5-52, Cody Walton 4-22, Brendan McElligott 4-9, Jode Coil 3-7, Quinn Peck 1-2, Aaron Delveaux 2-0 and Matthew VanCleave 1-(-10); Vernonia- Travis Gwyn 21-86, Russell Lende 7-18, Brandon Cota 2-9, Eric Schmidlin 3-(-6) and Brent Thompson 3-(-7).

**Passing:** Heppner- Elguezabal 9-13-0 131 yards and VanCleave 2-3-0 17 yards; Vernonia- Schmidlin 0-5-1 0 yards and Luke Enneberg 0-1-1 0 yards.

**Receiving:** Heppner- Botefuhr 3-43, Lovgren 3-40, Britt 2-45, Delveaux 1-15, Kenny 1-14 and Coil 1-2; Vernonia- none.



Kyler Lovgren fights to get away from two Loggers

## Ponies lose by one in season opener

By Larry Palmer

Heppner seventh graders started their basketball season off by playing an away game against the Columbia Raiders on Nov. 1.

In the season opener they fell behind early, trailing 2 to 7 and were still down at halftime, 8 to 13.

In the second half, the Ponies started a comeback and at one point had taken a slim lead, but that dissolved and they found themselves

down by one with 15 seconds remaining, but a missed free throw ended the contest.

The Ponies were led by Joe Pranger with two points, Dalton Wellman with four, Spencer Palmer with six, Josh Shank with six, Luke Young with two and Braden Britt with two points. The rest of the roster consists of Grant Smith, Matt Holland and Brock Herbison.

Heppner 2 6 4 10-22  
Columbia 7 6 4 6-23

## Ponies see loss against Tigers

By Larry Palmer

In their home opener, the Ponies found themselves going against the Stanfield Tigers in their new facilities.

The Tigers jumped out to an early lead 9 to 10 and the Ponies were never able to recover. It was 13 to 18 at the half and by the time the buzzer

sounded, the Tigers lead increased 31 to 39.

The leading scorers for the Ponies were Dalton Wellman with eight points, Spencer Palmer with 17, Josh Shank with four and Matt Holland with two points. Heppner 9 4 10 8-31  
Stanfield 10 8 14 7-39

## Hospice Volunteers are hosting an Open House

In recognition of National Hospice Month, the Hospice Volunteers are

hosting an Open House on Monday, Nov. 17 from 3-7pm. This celebration of Pioneer Memorial Hospice's first year of operation will take place at the Home Health and Hospice office, located behind the hospital in the clinic building.

Hospice is a philosophy of care that recognizes dying as a normal process of living, and places emphasis on alleviating pain and other symptoms. The Hospice team assists the patient and family in

maintaining quality of life during terminal illness.

The volunteers and staff of Pioneer Memorial Hospice would like to encourage each of you to stop by the office next Monday afternoon to learn more about what our hospice team does. Munch on some cookies, peruse our library and pick up a brochure or two. Also, take a few minutes to visit with a staff member or volunteer, ask them what Hospice means to them. See how we can help.

For more information about hospice, or volunteer classes, call Molly Rhea at (541) 676-2946.

## 2002 Farm Bill Local Work Group to meet

The Morrow County USDA Local Work Group (LWG) will meet Tuesday, Nov. 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the Pettyjohn Office Building, 430 Heppner/Lexington Hwy in Heppner.

The 2002 Farm Bill, passed by Congress, contains an outstanding conservation title. Part of the legislation allows for the establishment of local works groups to make recommendations on priorities and the allocation and use of USDA conservation program funds, including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), towards those local priorities. Our USDA Local Work Group will include representation from throughout the Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District area. The responsibilities of the LWG include setting local priorities based on natural resource concerns, recommending eligible practices and recommending payment and cost share levels.

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that only public officials (elected, appointed or agency) can serve as members of the LWG. This voting body will consist of members representing the conservation district, NRCS, FSA, Cooperative Extension, Water Resources, a representative of Morrow County and tribes.

This is a public meeting. There will be an agenda item for public comment.

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