

# Mustangs end season with loss to Bobcats



Chuy Elguezabal (2) and Tanner Britt lead the Mustangs back on the field after half time



Kyler Lovgren (44) goes up for a pass against Myrtle Point while Tyler Boyer (17) looks on

By Rick Paullus

The second-ranked Myrtle Point Bobcats used their size to beat the Heppner Mustangs 34-12 in the quarterfinals of the OSAA Class 2A football playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 15 in Heppner. The loss ended the season for the Mustangs, who ended with a 10 and 1 recording, having advanced to the quarterfinals for the fifth straight year.

The loss also ended the Mustangs football careers for seniors, Chuy Elguezabal, Brian Haguewood, Kyler Lovgren, Brian Smith, Justin Botefuhr, Cody Walton, Zack Skaggs, Aaron Griffith, Tanner Britt and Judd Lemmon.

The Mustangs couldn't get anything going offensively in the first half, punting four straight times, while Myrtle Point built a 20-0 lead before Haguewood seemed to spark the Mustangs with a quarterback sack for a 20-yard loss to force a punt.

Elguezabal hit Jode Coil twice for 12 yards to give the Mustangs their first first down of the game at the Bobcat 40-yard line. Elguezabal hit Lovgren for six yards, Tyler Boyer ran for eight, Elguezabal ran for seven more, but an interception gave the Bobcats the ball at the one and they ran out the clock to end the first half.

The Bobcats scored early to increase their lead to 28-0 in the third before the Mustangs put together their first scoring drive of the game. Lovgren returned to kickoff to the Mustangs 37-yard line. After a three-yard run by Lovgren, Elguezabal hit Botefuhr for a 20-yard gain then took off on an option keep for 32 yards to the eight-yard line. Elguezabal then hit Botefuhr in the end zone for their first touchdown of the game. The conversion pass failed, so the Bobcats led 28-

6 midway through the third quarter.

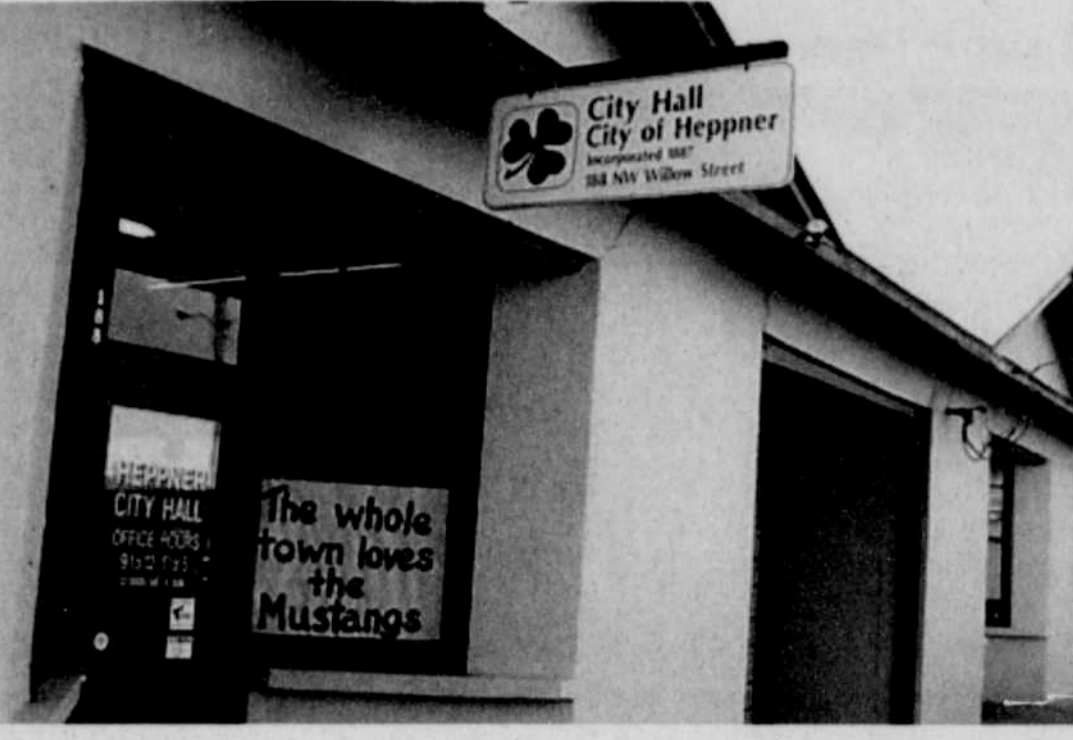
On the Bobcats next possession, Smith had a quarterback sack for a six-yard loss to force a punt with the Mustangs taking over at their own twenty. Boyer broke free for 21 yards and Lovgren ran for ten, but the drive stalled and the Mustangs were forced to punt, which was downed at the three-yard line. The Mustangs forced a punt, which was downed at the Bobcat 32-yard line. An interception at the seven ended the drive and the Bobcats drove the length of the field for a touchdown to make it 34-6.

Elguezabal returned the kickoff to the 48-yard line and on third and long hit Lovgren for 12 yards and Boyer ran for three yards and a first down. Elguezabal hit Walton for a 22-yard gain to set up a five-yard touchdown pass to Britt to make the final 34-12.

Boyer led the defense with 25 defensive points, with Botefuhr adding 22 point and Smith 20 points. Elguezabal had 16 points, Lovgren 14 points, Skaggs 12 points, Matt Kenny 11 points and Haguewood had nine points.

Elguezabal completed 11 of 22 passes for 118 yards and Boyer rushed six times for 39 yards. Botefuhr caught three passes for 42 yards, Lovgren three for 29 yards and Britt two for 13 yards.

Myrtle Point 6 14 8 6-34  
Heppner 0 0 6 6-12  
First Quarter  
Myrtle Point- Zac Young five-yard run (kick failed) 2:29



**Second Quarter**  
Myrtle Point- Matt Buche two-yard run (run failed) 10:18  
Myrtle Point- Young five-yard run (Young run) 7:18  
**Third Quarter**  
Myrtle Point- Young 35-yard pass from Buche (Buche run) 10:18  
Heppner- Justin Botefuhr eight-yard pass from Chuy Elguezabal (pass failed) 8:50  
**Fourth Quarter**  
Myrtle Point- Young one-yard run (kick failed) 3:40

Heppner- Tanner Britt five-yard pass from Elguezabal (pass failed) :50  
**First Downs:** Myrtle Point 14, Heppner 9; **Rushes-yards:** Myrtle Point 58-200, Heppner 23-70; **Passing yards:** Myrtle Point 132, Heppner 118; **Passes:** Myrtle Point 4-6-0, Heppner 11-23-2; **Penalties-yards:** Myrtle Point 5-35, Heppner 2-15; **Fumbles-yards:** Myrtle Point 0-0, Heppner 0-0.  
**Individual Statistics:**

**Rushing:** Myrtle Point- Young 32-124, Buche 18-51, Marco Rizueno 3-13, Jake Gould 3-11 and Brian Lignons 2-1; Heppner- Tyler Boyer 6-39, Elguezabal 10-19, Kyler Lovgren 6-15 and Cody Walton 1-(-3); **Passing:** Myrtle Point- Buche 3-5-0 117 yards and Young 1-1-0 15 yards; Heppner- Elguezabal 11-22-2 118 yards, Jode Coil 0-1-0 0; **Receiving:** Myrtle Point- Wes Anderson 2-50, Craig Stevens 1-47 and Young 1-35; Heppner- Botefuhr 3-42, Lovgren 3-29, Britt 2-13, Coil 2-12 and Walton 1-22.

## Heppner Garden Club to hold greens workshop

The Heppner Garden Club will be holding their annual Greens Workshop on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Morrow County Fair Pavilion, Heppner.

Participants will get the opportunity to create their own wreaths or swags. Greens will be supplied for free and the Garden Club will have rings, wire and bows for sale. Gloves and clippers will need to be brought.

Club members will be available for assistance.

## Seventh grade Ponies lose to Vikings

By Larry Palmer  
The Heppner seventh grade Ponies entertained the visiting Umatilla Vikings.

The Ponies struggled early trying to get the ball to go through the hoop, trailing 2 to 8 in the first quarter. In the second quarter, they found their shot and tallied 13 points, but were still down at the half by seven.

Another drought in the third quarter and the Ponies were never able to recover, finishing out the contest 29 to 50.

Scorers in the game were Joe Pranger with two points, Dalton Wellman with five, Spencer Palmer with 20 and Josh Shank with two points.  
Heppner 2 13 2 12-29  
Umatilla 8 14 15 15-52

## Ione to hold Fall Sports Dessert

Ione High School will be holding its Fall Sports Dessert, for grades 9-12 on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 6 p.m. The event will be held in the cafeteria.

## HHS 2003-2004 basketball schedule

The Heppner High School 2003-2004 basketball season is about to begin. The first games of the season are a tournament at Santiam Christian on Dec. 5 and 6.

Following is the 2003-2004 basketball schedule as of Nov. 24, 2003:

- Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6:** Santiam Christian Tourney, 3 p.m. varsity girls (VG) and 4:30 p.m. varsity boys (VB);
- Tuesday, Dec. 9:** DeSales at Heppner, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday, Dec. 12:** Mac Hi at Mac Hi, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Saturday, Dec. 13:** Riverside at Heppner, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday, Dec. 19:** Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Saturday, Dec. 20:** Stanfield at Stanfield, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Monday, Dec. 22:** Pendleton JV at Heppner, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Tuesday, Dec. 23:** Grant Union at John Day, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Saturday, Dec. 27:** Imbler at Heppner, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Monday, Dec. 29:** Grant Union at Heppner, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday, Jan. 2:** Hermiston JV/C at Hermiston, 5:15 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday, Jan. 9:** Wahtonka at Wahtonka, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Saturday, Jan. 10:** Culver at Heppner, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday, Jan. 16:** Umatilla at Heppner, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Saturday, Jan. 17:** Sherman at Moro, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday, Jan. 23:** Pilot Rock at Heppner, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Saturday, Jan. 24:** Culver at Culver, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday, Jan. 30:** Weston-McEwen at Weston, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Saturday, Jan. 31:** Stanfield at Heppner, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday, Feb. 6:** Umatilla at Umatilla, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Saturday, Feb. 7:** Sherman at Heppner, 1 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Tuesday, Feb. 10:** Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday, Feb. 13:** Wahtonka at Heppner, 3 p.m., G/B JV, G/B V;
- Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20 and 21:** District Tourney for VG and VB, times and opponents TBA.

## Eighth grade Ponies take win over Panthers


By Larry Palmer  
The eighth grade Ponies found themselves in a defensive game against the visiting Athena-Weston Panthers.

The next games for the Ponies are at home, Friday, Nov. 21, at 3 p.m., against Columbia and Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m., at Stanfield.

The Ponies lead throughout the contest but could never pull away and ended up winning 30 to 17. Scorers for the eighth grade Ponies were Sean Murray with three pints,

Nacho Elguezabal with three points, Andre Rauch with 11 points, Nathan VanCleave with seven points and Matt McCabe with six points. Also on the team are Luke Basile, Tyler Hodges, Lane Bailey, Jason Houweling and Michael Wellman.  
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Athena-Weston 4 4 2 7-17

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