

Mustangs down Vikings 53-12 for homecoming win



Mustang Sophomore quarterback Justin Delveaux (2) looks for a receiver against Umatilla. No. 51 is Nacho Elquezabal and 56 is Colton Hanson.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs scored two touchdowns late in the second quarter to break open a close game against Umatilla, then outscored the Vikings 21-0 in the fourth to win going away by a 53-12 score on Friday, Oct. 1 in Heppner in Columbia Basin Conference action. The Mustangs, 2-0 in the CBC and 2-3 overall, will be at Pilot Rock on Friday, Oct. 8 for another key conference game.

The Mustangs defense held the Vikings on their first possession and took over at their 44-yard line after a 30-yard punt return by Tyler Boyer. Matt Kenny ran three times for 25 yards then took in a pass from Matthew VanCleave for a 13-yard gain to the 17-yard line. Jode Coil ran for six, but a hold brought it back to the 24-yard line. Kenny picked up one before VanCleave hit Brandon Seitz for a 23-yard touchdown pass to give the Mustangs a 6-0 lead midway though the first quarter after the two-point conversion attempt failed.

The Vikings drove deep inside Heppner territory before the defense held and the Mustangs took over on downs at their own 26-yard line. Boyer ran twice for 18-yards, Kenny went for seven, Boyer twice for nine and VanCleave went for three and a first down at the thirty-eight. Boyer then went four straight times, the last one from three yards out, for the touchdown. VanCleave hit Kory Paullus in the end zone for the two-point conversion and a 14-0 lead with 7:58 left in the second quarter.

The Vikings came right back and scored on a four-yard run to get within 14-6, but the Mustangs answered with another drive of their own getting good field position at their own 45-yard line after a short kick-off. Kenny ran for three, Coil took a lateral pass for nine more, Boyer ran twice for 13 yards then

VanCleave hit Seitz for a 30-yard touchdown. The two-point run failed but it was 20-6 with 4:29 left in the second quarter.

The Mustangs held the Vikings forcing a punt, which Coil brought back 25 yards to the Umatilla 46-yard line. Aaron Delveaux ran for 13 yards, Boyer for six and on fourth down, VanCleave hit Paullus in the back of the end zone to make it 26-6 at the half.

The Mustangs took over at the Umatilla 49-yard line after another short kick-off and went back to work. After a three-yard loss, VanCleave hit Coil for a 27-yard gain, Coil then ran for nine, Boyer three times for 13 yards, a face mask penalty took it to the two where Kenny took it in for the touchdown. The two-point conversion failed, but the Mustangs led 32-6 early in the third.

The Vikings came back with a drive of their own scoring on a five-yard run to cut the lead to 32-12 at the end of three.

Boyer brought the kick-off back 22 yards to the Mustangs 42-yard line then ran twice for 23 yards, Coil went for 16 yards, Kenny ran twice for twelve, VanCleave went for two, Boyer for three to the one where VanCleave took in to the end zone for the touchdown. Lane Bailey hit Kody Lovgren for the two-point conversion to make it 40-12 early in the fourth.

The Vikings answered with a drive of their own but it ended on a Paullus interception at the Mustangs four-yard line. Bailey ran twice for 16 yards, Matt McCabe went for 20 yards, Francisco Escalante went for four, Caleb Maben ran for 19 yards, McCabe picked up nine, Bailey went for two and a first down at the 25-yard line. After a motion penalty, Bailey hit Nathan VanCleave for six yards, Justin Delveaux hit Casey Maben for seven yards then Bailey picked up a fumbled snap and went up the middle

for 17 yards and the touchdown. The pass failed, but the Mustangs led 46-12.

The Mustangs defense held taking over on downs at the Umatilla twenty-two. After a motion penalty, McCabe broke free for a 27-yard touchdown run then added the extra point to make it 53-12 final.

The defense was led by Boyer with 30 defensive points with Paullus adding 20 points. Kenny had 17 points, Coil had 14 point and Delveaux and Kyle Carlson each had 13 points.

Boyer finished with 115 yards on 17 carries with Kenny adding 45 yards on 11 carries, Coil had 40 yards on five carries and McCabe had three carries for 56 yards.

VanCleave had a very efficient night passing the ball hitting on six of seven passes for 124 yards and three touchdowns and no interceptions.

Seitz had two catches, both touchdowns, good for 53 yards.

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First Quarter:
Heppner- Brandon Seitz 23-yard pass from Matthew VanCleave (run failed) 6:02

Second Quarter:
Heppner- Tyler Boyer three-yard run (Kory Paullus from VanCleave) 7:58

Umatilla- Trevor Jensen four-yard run (kick failed) 6:02

Heppner- Seitz 30-yard pass from VanCleave (run failed) 4:29

Heppner- Paullus 25-yard pass from VanCleave (run failed) 1:06

Third Quarter:
Heppner- Matt Kenny two-yard run (pass failed) 8:36

Umatilla- Fay Bursell five-yard run (run failed) 1:53

Fourth Quarter:
Heppner- VanCleave one-yard run (Kody Lovgren from Lane Bailey) 10:54

Heppner- Bailey 17-yard run (pass failed) 4:57

Heppner- Matt McCabe 27-yard run (McCabe kick) 2:32

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Umatilla- Bursell 20-130, Jensen 4-32, Michael Palimino 5-28, Steve Wilson 12-28 and Floyd Abbott 5-7; Heppner- Boyer 17-115, Jode Coil 5-40, VanCleave 4-6, Bailey 4-32, McCabe 3-56, Caleb Maben 1-19, Francisco Escalante 1-4 and Aaron Delveaux 1-13.

Passing: Umatilla- Jensen 2-8-1 22 yards; Heppner- VanCleave 6-7-0 124 yards, Justin Delveaux 1-2-0 7 yards and Bailey 1-1-0 6 yards.

Receiving: Umatilla- Matt Johnson 1-10 and Irving Macias 1-12; Heppner- Seitz 2-53, Coil 1-27, Paullus 1-25, Kenny 1-13, Boyer 1-6, Casey Maben 1-78 and Matthew VanCleave 1-6.

Lady Cardinals lose to Lady Rangers

By Marie Key

The lone Lady Cards lost to Dufur in a home game on Saturday, Oct. 1, 21-25, 12-25 and 15-25.

Ashly Grams led the team with six points, one hit, one kill, 12 passes and 22 set assists. Sara Peck had five points, 33 passes, seven hits and three blocks.

Alyssa Rietmann contributed three points, one ace, 37 passes and three hits. Jenny Griffith had three points, 27 passes, six hits, one kill and two blocks. Abby Key had two points, two hits, four passes and 17 set assists. Kim Morris added one point, 21 passes, one hit and one kill. Emily Rietmann had one point and 15 passes. Barbara Holland had nine passes, six hits and two kills and Kylee Svetich had five passes and two hits.

Ione JVs lose to Dufur

By Marie Key

In a home game on Saturday, Oct. 1, the Ione JV team lost to Dufur, 16-25 and 22-25.

Brittnee DesBouillons led the team with eight points, four aces, 15 passes and three hits.

Kayla LaRue contributed three points, 15 passes, three hits and one block. Emily Rietmann had three points, one ace, two passes and two set assists. Teonna Vandever had two points, one ace, nine passes and one hit. Paige Armstrong added two points, eight passes and one hit. Amber Patton contributed six passes, two hits, two kills and one set assist. Kaylee Palmateer had five passes and five set assists and Julianna VandenBrink had two hits and one pass.

Correction

Michael and Shari Stahl and Jared Wicklund were neither charged nor arrested in connection with the seizure of almost 400 marijuana plants found at their residences, according to Morrow County Sheriff Verlin Denton.

According to Denton, the case has been referred to the Morrow County District Attorney's office.

The Gazette-Times regrets the error.

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