

Ponies get last second score to beat Vikings

By Rick Paulus

It didn't look good for the Heppner Ponies on Friday, Oct. 1 until Spencer Palmer hit a wide open Bryan Holland and outraced the Umatilla defense to complete a 68-yard touchdown and give the Ponies a 28-24 win over the visiting Vikings. The Vikings scored with 37 seconds left to take a 24-20 lead and seemingly had the game won before Palmer took a lateral pass from Brent Eckman and when the defense came up to stop him, he hit Holland in stride behind the safeties.

The Ponies, who improved to 3 and 0, will be at Pilot Rock on Friday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m.

It didn't start out good for the Ponies as the Vikings recovered an onside kick to start the game and scored on a 43-yard run two plays later. The two-point conversion was good and the Ponies were down 8-0 before they knew what hit them.

The Ponies came back with a drive of their own after barely recovering another onside kick attempt at their 45-yard line. Palmer ran twice for 23 yards. Dalton went for 15 yards then hit Palmer for eight more as they got to the nine, but were unable to get it in the end zone and the Vikings took over on downs.

The Vikings then drove right down the field scoring their second touchdown on a one-yard run and completed the two-point conversion to take a 16-0 lead early in the second quarter.

The Ponies responded though when

Palmer went off tackle and broke free for a 53-yard touchdown then caught the two-point conversion pass from Wellman to cut the lead to 16-8.

The Ponies finally stopped the Vikings on defense forcing a punt and got good field position at the Umatilla 30-yard line after a bad snap. Palmer went 25 yards to the five on first down then Wellman took it in from there and they cut the lead to 16-14 at the half after the two-point conversion attempt failed.

The Ponies defense again held and forced the Vikings to punt on their first possession of the third quarter. Palmer again broke free and went for 72 yards for the go-ahead touchdown and after the two-point conversion failed, the Ponies had a 20-16 lead at the end of three quarters of play.

The Vikings came back driving to the Ponies 35-yard line before being forced to punt, which was downed at the three-yard line. The Ponies were unable to get a first down and were forced to punt giving the Vikings the ball at the Heppner 35-yard line.

The Vikings then drove in for the go-ahead score getting it on a nine-yard run and scored the two-point conversion to take a 24-20 lead with just 37 seconds left.

The Ponies took over at their own twenty-five after the kick-off and go no yards on first down and seven yards on a scramble by Eckman to set up the last play.

The Vikings had one last play, but overthrew the

intended receiver as the horn sounded.

Umatilla 8 8 0 8-24
Heppner 0 14 6 8-28

First Quarter:
Umatilla- 43-yard run (run good)

Second Quarter:
Umatilla- one-yard run (pass good)

Heppner- Spencer Palmer 53-yard run (Palmer from Dalton Wellman)

Heppner- Wellman five-yard run (pass failed)

Third Quarter:
Heppner- Palmer 72-yard run (pass failed)

Fourth Quarter:
Umatilla- nine-yard run (run good)

Heppner- Bryan Holland 68-yard pass from Palmer (Palmer run)

Raffle to benefit mural project to be held

The Mural Committee will be holding a raffle at Oktoberfest. All proceeds will go to the mural project in hopes it can be finished this fall.

Tickets are one for \$1 or six for \$5. There is a choice of prizes including: a large framed print of Heppner, an unframed print of the railroad depot and sheep ranches, original artwork by Robert Harrison, or an original oil painting by Betty Mills.

Tickets will be sold on Oct. 9 at the Senior Center from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. It is not necessary to be present to win and your first three choices of prizes need to be included on your ticket.

1949 Rodeo Court reunites at 2004 Rodeo



During the 2004 Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, the 1949 Heppner Rodeo Court, the oldest full court that could still get on horseback reunited. (L-R): Betty Walker Edwards, Dorothy Wiglesworth Graham, Queen Shirley Wilkinson Rugg, Fay Cutsforth and Ingrid Herman Crawford.

Hardman Community Center alive with activity



A large crowd gathered Saturday night for the annual Hardman Community Center "Oyster, Salmon and Ham Feed." The event gave area-wide community members a chance to enjoy good food and good company.

Over 350 gathered in Hardman on Saturday, Oct. 2 for the annual Oyster, Salmon and Ham Feed. While there, participants were also able to see a part of Hardman history as they toured the Center.

Organizers were glad to see the large turnout, which was only about 50 people less than the total from two years ago. There

was a break last year in the annual event due to lack of water in Hardman, which some believe may have caused the slightly lower

attendance.

Helping the Community Center prepare and cook the meal was the Heppner Elks Club.

Heppner teen tags his first buck



Luke Young (right), 13, an eighth grader at Heppner Junior High took his first 4x4 buck on Saturday, Oct. 2, the second day of hunting season. Luke was out with his father Bruce Young (left).

Hospice to offer class on bereavement

Are you a bereaved adult having trouble facing the holidays? Pioneer Memorial Hospice is sponsoring two identical seminars entitled "How to Manage the Holidays" on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 6:30-9 p.m. and again on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the agency office in Heppner.

Co-leaders, Carolyn M. Willey, Mdiv, and Paul Smith MSW, LCSW, will address such topics as: feel and express your emotions;

individual, as well as family planning; self-care; and traditions.

Pre-registration of at least five persons is required for each seminar to be held. There is a donation of \$10 per person to help cover expenses. To register, or for more information, call the agency office at (541) 676-2946 or toll free at (800) 737-4113, or write to P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836 by Monday, Oct. 25. After the minimum is met, "walk-ins" are welcome.

New wastewater treatment facility opens in Irrigon

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Oct. 1 to commemorate the completion of the new Irrigon Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Morrow County, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department (OECDD), the United States Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), (USDA) Rural Utilities Service, SCM Consultants, Inc., KCM Inc., and Apollo Inc., were honored for making the new facility possible.

The new plant, in a new location, is designed to

handle 430,000 gallons per day or a population of 4,100. This added capacity is expected to serve Irrigon through 2023 and to protect ground water from increases in nitrate levels.

For more information contact Elizabeth Hutchison, DEQ, hutchisonelizabeth@deq.state.or.us or (541) 278-8681; or Patrick Reay, City of Irrigon, irrigon@oregontrail.net or (541) 922-3047.

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