

Heppner advances to second round of state playoffs

Mustangs turn defensive in shut-out of Bulldogs, 34-0

By Rick Paullus

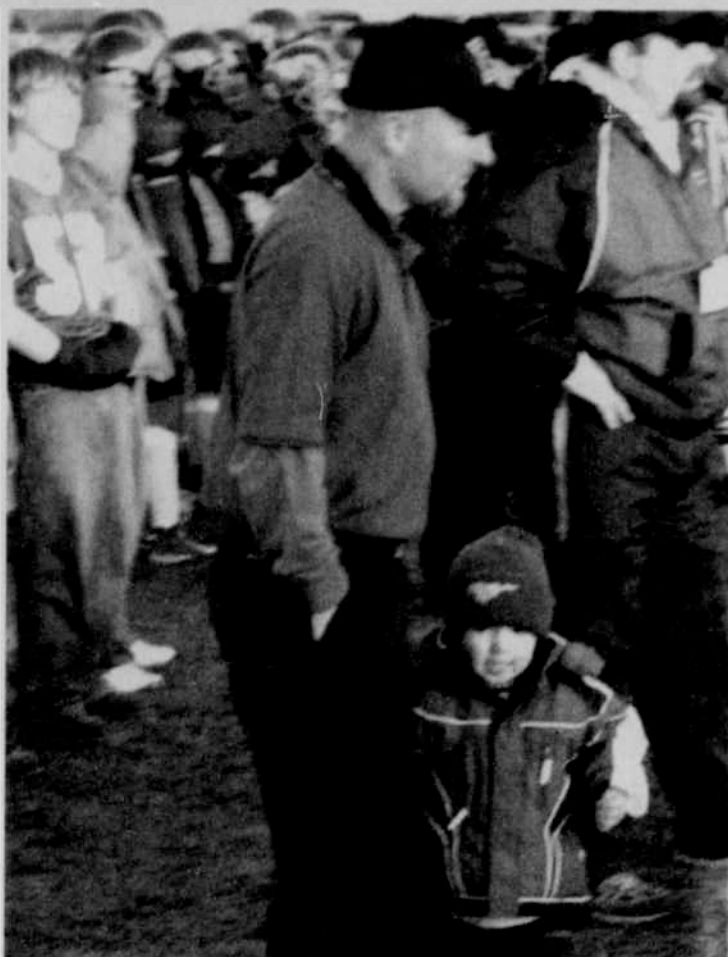
Earning their fourth shut-out in a row, the Heppner Mustangs defense carried them to a 34-0 win over the visiting Nyssa Bulldogs, in the second round of the US Bank/Les Schwab/OSAA 2A state playoffs on Saturday, Nov. 20.

The Mustangs, 7 and 3 on the year, won their seventh straight game and advanced to the quarterfinals for the sixth straight year. They will have another home game on Saturday, Nov. 27 at 1 p.m. against the Lost River Raiders, who beat defending champion Amity 17-0 on Saturday.

After allowing a long pass on Nyssa's first possession, the Mustangs took over on downs at their own 28-yard line, but couldn't move the ball and were forced to punt. Matt Kenny had a sack of the quarterback on third down and the Mustangs took over at midfield after a short punt and went to work. Kenny ran for four, Tyler Boyer picked up eight and a first down, Kenny went for three and after a two-yard loss, Matthew VanCleave hit Brandon Seitz in stride down the sideline for a 37-yard touchdown. Matt McCabe kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter.

The Mustangs got the ball back at their 38-yard line after holding the Bulldogs on downs and went back to work as Boyer broke free for 20 yards, Kenny ran twice for nine yards and on fourth and short, VanCleave went for three and a first down. On third and 14, VanCleave hit Kenny for a 12-yard gain then got the Bulldogs to jump offsidelines on fourth down to give the Mustangs a first down at the 16-yard line. Boyer ran for 15 yards to the one, where on third down, Kenny took it in for the touchdown. McCabe's kick was good and the Mustangs led 14-0 with 5:03 left in the second quarter.

On the Bulldogs' next possession, Rory Kilkenny had consecutive quarterback backs on second and third down, good for 14 yards in losses to force a punt, which the Mustangs took in at their 35-yard line. Boyer ran three straight times for 21 yards, Kenny ran for two, VanCleave hit Kory Paullus for 12 yards and a first down at the twenty-nine, where Boyer took in a pass from VanCleave and took it to the



Heppner coach Greg Grant with son Kellen celebrate Mustang victory on sidelines

end zone for the touchdown. McCabe kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 21-0 lead at the half.

Boyer took the second half kick-off 45 yards to the Nyssa 38-yard line to give the Mustangs great field position. VanCleave hit Jode Coil for a 24-yard gain, then on fourth and long, hit Kenny for a 10-yard touchdown, but a holding penalty took it back to the 25-yard line with Nyssa taking over at their 40-yard line, after a penalty on fourth down.

The Mustangs defense held again, with Peter Geer recovering a fumble on fourth down at the Bulldog 48-yard line. The Bulldogs picked off a deep pass and brought it back to their 47-yard line, but Seitz returned the favor by picking off a screen pass and returned it 54 yards to the 13-yard line. Kenny ran for eight yards, then VanCleave ran three times for six yards, the last one from one-yard out, for a touchdown. McCabe's kick was perfect and the Mustangs had a 28-0 lead with 4:49 left in the third quarter.

Neither team could move the ball the rest of the game as they traded punts, until Casey Maben picked off a pass and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion pass failed, but the Mustangs 34-0 late in the game.

On the Bulldogs next possession, Andre Rauch sacked the quarterback for an eight-yard loss, then jumped on a fumble at the Bulldog 32-yard line and the Mustangs ran out the clock.

The defense, which held the Bulldogs to 37 yards rushing for the game, was led by Seitz with 21 defensive points, with Kilkenny adding 20 points and Maben getting 19 points. Boyer and Geer each had 18 points, Kenny had 17, Kyle Carlson 14, Coil 11 and Paullus had 10 points.

Boyer led the way on the ground rushing 15 times for 73 yards, with Kenny adding 42 yards on 15 rushes.

VanCleave hit six of 12 passes for 122 yards and two touchdowns, with Coil catching two passes for 28 yards.

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First Quarter:
Heppner- Brandon Seitz 37-yard pass from Matthew VanCleave (Matt McCabe kick). 1:10

Second Quarter:
Heppner- Matt Kenny one-yard run (McCabe kick). 5:03
Heppner- Tyler Boyer 29-yard pass from VanCleave (McCabe kick). 1:23

Third Quarter:
Heppner- VanCleave one-yard run (McCabe kick). 4:49

Fourth Quarter:
Heppner- Casey Maben 27-yard interception return (pass failed). 2:26

Individual Statistics:

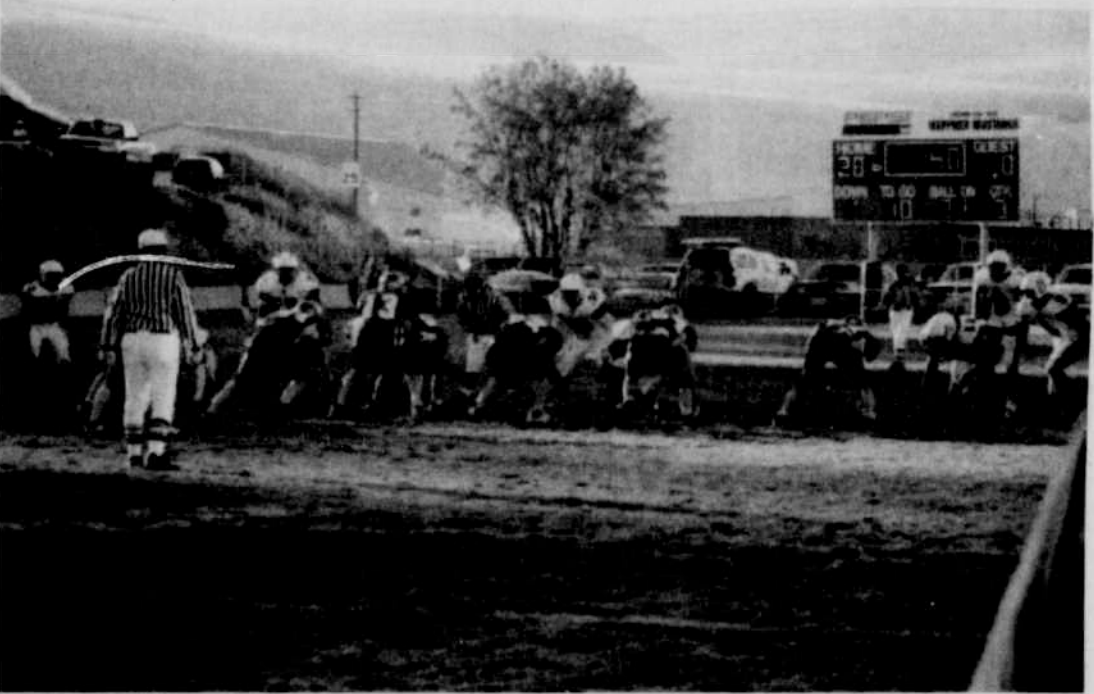
Rushing: Nyssa- Greg Kurtz 8-12, Paul Jones 8-32, Frank Skeen 7(-8), Nick Hartley 3-3, Tino Rios 1-3 and Jacob May 1(-6); Heppner- Boyer 15-73, Kenny 15-42, VanCleave 5-8, Jode Coil 2-4, Francisco



Tyler Boyer is wrapped up by Nyssa defender



Matt McCabe on a kickoff, with #40- Francisco Escalante, #23- Matt McCabe, #81- Kory Paullus, #52- Kyle Carlson and #41- Matt Kenny. Photo by Kathy Carlson



The Mustangs offense in the third quarter with Heppner ahead 28-0: Matt Kenny, Matthew VanCleave, Aaron Allstott, Kyle Carlson, Tony Haguewood and Brandon Seitz.

Escalante 2-0, McCabe 1-6 Heppner- VanCleave 6-12-1 2-26, Zach McDowell 1-35 and Lane Bailey 2(-2). 122 yards, Bailey 0-1-1 0 and Hartley 1-7; Heppner-

Passing: Nyssa- yards and Coil 0-1-0 0 yards. Coil 2-28, Seitz 1-37, Boyer Jones 6-16-0 100 yards and **Receiving:** Nyssa- 1-29, Kenny 1-12 and Kory Skeen 1-10-2 26 yards; Marshall Ackley 3-58, Rios Paullus 1-12.

Heppner players named to all-star team



2004 All-Conference football members: (Back Row L-R): Jode Coil, Brandon Seitz, Peter Geer and Kyle Carlson; and (Front Row L-R): Tyler Boyer, Kory Paullus, Rory Kilkenny and Matt Kenny.

Eight Heppner High School football players were named to the Columbia Basin Conference all-conference team.

On the first team are: Kory Paullus and Jode Coil- defensive backs; Tyler Boyer and Matt Kenny- line

backers; Rory Kilkenny and Brandon Seitz- defensive linemen; Seitz- receiver; Kilkenny and Kyle Carlson- offensive line, and Boyer- running back.

Peter Geer was chosen as an offensive line for the second team. Carlson and Geer

received honorable mentions as defensive linemen and Kenny received an honorable mention as a running back.

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