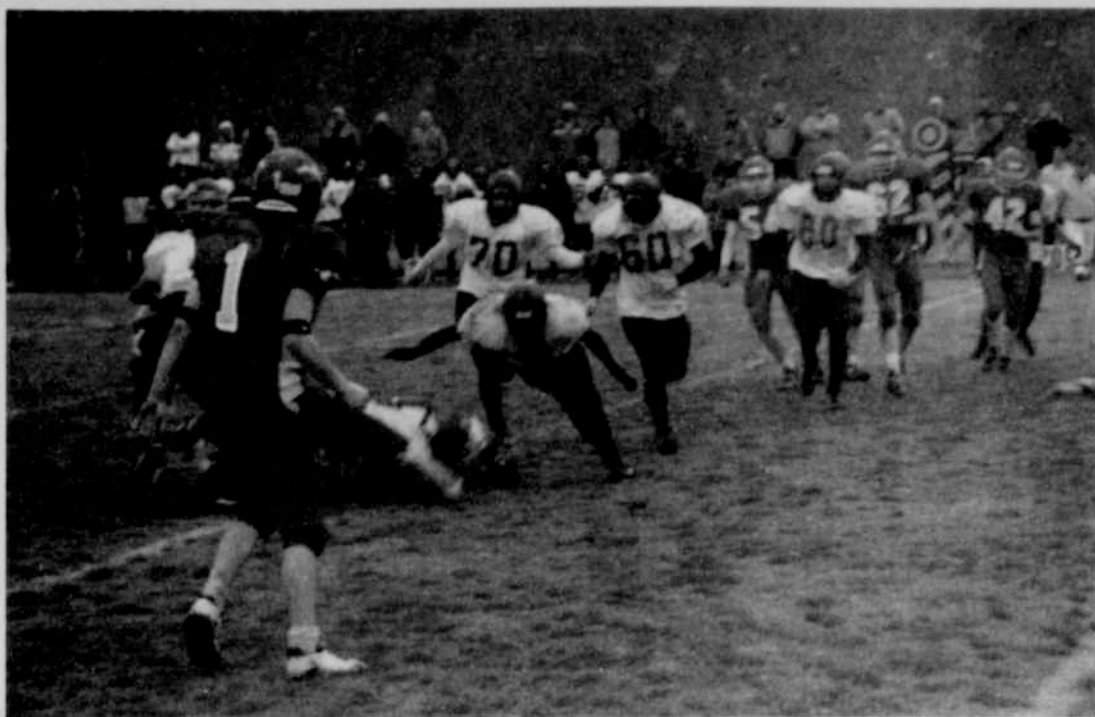
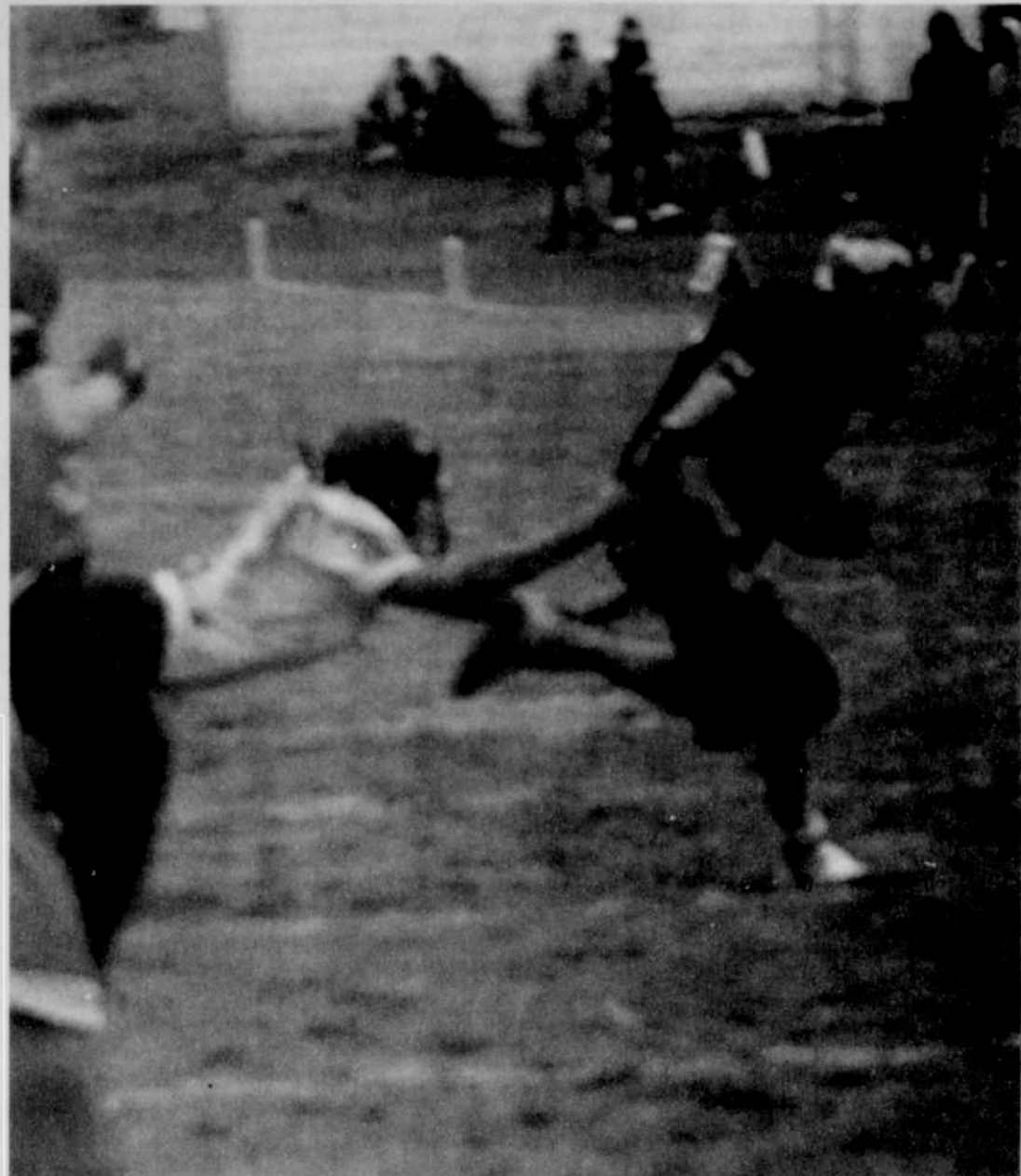


Mustangs fall short in quarterfinals against Raiders



Matt Kenny is taken down by Raider defenders. No 1 is Jode Coil.



Tyler Boyer slips away from Lost River tackler

By Rick Paullus

Missed opportunities spelled defeat for the Heppner Mustangs in the quarterfinals of the US Bank/Les Schwab OSAA 2A state football playoffs as the visiting Lost River Raiders held on for a 21-14 win on Saturday, Nov. 27.

The Mustangs ended the year with a 7 and 4 record and will lose seniors Brandon Seitz, Tyler Boyer, Jode Coil, Aaron Delveaux, Francisco Escalante and Kory Paullus.

The Raiders, who move on into the semi-finals against Vale, took the opening kick-off and moved down the field to the Mustangs five before Quinn Peck made a tackle for a loss and Paullus knocked down a pass in the end zone and the Raiders missed a 19-yard field goal attempt.

The Mustangs were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt, but the defense held and they took over on downs at their twenty-three. Matt Kenny went for two and Boyer broke free for 13 yards and a first down. After a short run by Boyer, Kenny took a shovel pass from Matthew VanCleave two yards then Delveaux caught a pass, good for 13 yards and a first down at the 46-yard line. Boyer went for three, then broke free for 40 yards to the one, but it was brought back on a penalty for an illegal block.

After being forced to punt, the defense held and the Mustangs took over at their 33-yard line after the Raiders' punt. Boyer ran twice for nine, VanCleave ran three and a first down, after two plays lost eight

yards and a penalty, Seitz caught a 23-yard pass from VanCleave and on fourth and two, VanCleave went for five and a first down at the 41 of Lost River. Boyer ran twice for seven, VanCleave went for five more and then hit Seitz for 16 yards to the 15-yard line. Boyer went for six, then VanCleave hit Coil in the end zone for a touchdown. Matt McCabe kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead with just 51 seconds left in the second quarter.

The Raiders took the kick-off back to their 49-yard line after a penalty on the Mustangs forced them to re-kick and eventually would score on a 16-yard pass play on the last play of the second quarter. The extra point kick was good to send the game into halftime with a 7-7 tie.

The Mustangs received the second half kick-off and started moving the ball as Kenny went for seven, Boyer ran for eight more, the Raiders were called for offsides, Kenny went for three, they lost two, Boyer got the two back and on fourth and inches, VanCleave went for four and a first down. VanCleave hit Coil for 13 yards, the Raiders were offsides again, Boyer went for 14 yards to the fifteen and on third and eleven, he took a screen pass 13 yards to the four. On second down, the Raiders ended the drive with an interception and returned it to the eleven.

The defense held and the Mustangs got the ball back at their own 48-yard line after the punt. VanCleave hit Delveaux down the sideline for 29 yards, but an incomplete

pass on fourth down gave the Raiders the ball at their own 16-yard line as the third quarter ended.

The Raiders drove deep into Mustang territory, but Paullus picked off a pass at the four and returned it to the 30-yard line. The Mustangs were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt, which was blocked and recovered by the Raiders at the Heppner 21-yard line.

They marched down the field, eventually scoring on a one-yard run and after the kick was good the Raiders had a 14-7 lead with 8:39 left in the fourth quarter.

Boyer took the kick-off back 26 yards to the Mustangs 43-yard line and moved into Raider territory on a three-yard pass from VanCleave to Boyer, a four-yard run by Kenny and an offside penalty by the defense. The drive stalled there though as the Raiders took over at their 44-yard line with 5:58 left and drove down the field eventually scoring on another one-yard run and after the extra point led 21-7 with 2:08 left.

The Mustangs wouldn't quit though as VanCleave hit Delveaux for a seven-yard gain then pitched it back to Boyer who ran untouched down the sideline 52 yards for a touchdown. McCabe's kick was good to cut the lead to 21-14 with 1:27 left.

Coil jumped on the inside kick to give the Mustangs the ball at the Raider 48-yard line, but a quarterback sack, an incomplete pass, then a fumble that was recovered by the Raiders preserved the win for Lost River.

Boyer finished with 126 yards rushing on 19 carries with VanCleave hitting 12 of 21 passes for 126 yards. Delveaux caught three passes for 49 yards with Boyer catching four passes for 19 yards.

The defense was led by Paullus with 23 defensive points, with Boyer adding 22

points. Seitz had 17 points, Coil and Kenny each had 16 points, Quinn Peck had 13 points, Rory Kilkenny and Casey Maben each had 10 points and Peter Geer and McCabe each had nine.

Lost River 0 7 0 14-21

Heppner 0 7 0 7-14

Second Quarter

Heppner- Jode Coil

nine-yard pass from Matthew VanCleave (Matt McCabe kick) :51

Lost River- Ricardo Valadez 16-yard pass from

Danny Chinn (Luis Chavarin kick) :00

Fourth Quarter

Lost River- Kraig

Beasley one-yard run (Chavarin kick) 8:39

Lost River- Beasley

kick (Chavarin kick) 2:08

Heppner- Tyler

Boyer 52-yard run (McCabe

kick) 1:21

Individual

Statistics

Rushing: Lost

River- Beasley 18-66, Chinn

13-40, Chavarin 6-38,

Valadez 2-27 and Jesse

Reyes 5-21; Heppner- Boyer

19-126, Matt Kenny 11-18,

VanCleave 6-(-2) and Coil 1-

(-7).

Passing: Lost River-

Chinn 7-21-1 134 yards;

Heppner- VanCleave 12-21-

1 126 yards.

Receiving: Lost

River- Cash Dale 2-19,

Anthony Vasquez 1-47,

Chavarin 1-35, Valadez 1-

16, Reyes 1-8 and Jake Baley

1-8; Heppner- Aaron

Delveaux 3-49, Brandon

Seitz 2-38, Coil 2-24, Boyer

4-18 and Kenny 1-3.

7 charged with game violations

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By Joyce Hensley Staff writer

HERMISTON — Oregon State Police (OSP) Wildlife troopers arrested seven men on numerous game violation charges following an investigation into illegal game operation.

The charges facing the men include a felon in possession of a firearm, hunting in violation of criminal trespass, unlawful possession of elk, exceeding the yearly elk bag limit, and borrowing a buck deer tag from another.

The investigation by OSP troopers from Hermiston, The Dalles, Condon, and Heppner began October 29 with a trespass complaint at Sunflower Flats Road in the Heppner Hunt Unit at the Stookey Cabin.

The investigation revealed that suspects killed

game illegally on private property posted with 'No trespassing' signs, cut fences on private property to retrieve killed game, tagged game with another party's tags, and one Washington resident was found to be hunting with an illegally obtained Oregon license.

Kenneth Marion Stookey, 41, Heppner, was arrested and charged with hunting in violation of criminal trespass, a felon in possession of a firearm, hunting with a center fire rifle — no tag, and unlawful possession of a bull elk. He was lodged in the Umatilla County Jail.

Dan Joe Fischer, Sr., 60, a Washington resident, was carrying an Oregon resident hunting license, shell fish license, and deer and elk tags. He was arrested and charged with loaning an elk tag and a disabled permit to another person, and possession falsely applied for hunt license.

Dan Fischer Sr., had loaned the illegally obtained hunting license and tags to his son, Dan Joe Fischer Jr., 37, of Forest Grove.

Fischer Jr., was charged with borrowing a buck deer tag from another, borrowing an elk tag from another, possession of a falsely applied for elk tag, possession of a falsely applied for buck tag, unlawful possession of a buck deer and cow elk, and aiding in a game violation. He was cited then released.

Gary Lopez, Jr., 27, of Hillsboro, was cited for

hunting in violation of criminal trespass.

Michael Stookey, 43, of Aloha, was cited for aiding in a game violation.

Daniel M. Stinchfield, 43, of North Plains, was cited for hunt in violation of criminal trespass.

On Nov. 11, OSP troopers traveled to the Forrest Grove area on a follow-up to case.

As a result, Leo Gochenour, 41, of Forest Grove, was arrested and charged with borrowing an elk tag from another — two counts, exceeding the yearly elk bag limit, hunting in violation of criminal trespass, taking a cow and a spike elk with no tags, and unlawful possession of a cow and a spike elk. He was lodged in the Washington County Jail.

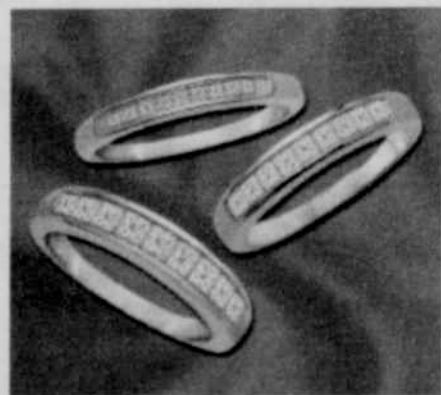
Dave Christenson, Forest Grove, was cited for loaning an elk tag to Gochenour.

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