

Strong second half pulls Mustangs past Bulldogs



#87 Rory Kilkenny stretches for the pass. Photo by Sandy Matthews.
By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs controlled the ball for most of the second half and came back from a 7-6 deficit to take a 22-7 win over the visiting Willamina Bulldogs on Friday, Sept. 16. The Mustangs, 3-0 on the year, will begin Columbia Basin Conference play on Friday, Sept. 23 against Stanfield, which will be Homecoming week.

The Bulldogs took over at their own 25-yard line after the opening kickoff, but tackles for loss by Matt Kenny and Matt McCabe forced a punt, which the Mustangs took over at the Willamina 47-yard line. The Mustangs went right to work as Kenny ran three times for 13 yards and McCabe took a short pass from Quinn Peck 25 yards to the ten. McCabe went for five and after an offside penalty, Casey Maben took it into the end zone for a touchdown. The extra point kick was no good, but the Mustangs led 6-0 midway through the first quarter.

The Bulldogs took over at their 30-yard line after the kickoff and aided by two costly Mustang penalties, drove down the field scoring on a four-yard run. The extra point kick was good and the Bulldogs led 7-6 late in the first quarter.

The Mustangs were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt with Willamina taking over at

their 30-yard line after a penalty on the return. The Mustangs got a break when Rory Kilkenny sacked the quarterback causing a fumble that Mikel Britt fell on at the Bulldog 11-yard line. They couldn't take advantage though and the Bulldogs took over on downs at their 12-yard line.

The teams traded punts then with Willamina driving, Kenny picked off a pass and returned it to the Mustang 30-yard line. The Mustangs couldn't capitalize though and the teams traded possessions the rest of the quarter with the first half coming to an end with the Bulldogs holding on to the 7-6 lead.

The Mustangs took over at their own 33-yard line after the second half kickoff and went to work. On second and ten, McCabe ran for three, Maben went for nine and a first down then ran twice more for 15 yards and a first down at the Willamina 40-yard line. Kenny ran for seven yards, McCabe for three and a first down, Kenny went for eight, but a holding penalty took it back to the 34-yard line. McCabe went for three, Kenny for nine and on fourth and three, Kenny went for 10 and a first down at the 13-yard line. Kenny went for six, McCabe for three and Maben took it in from four yards out for the go-ahead touchdown. Kenny ran in the two-pointer conversion to give the Mustangs a 14-7 lead with 4:46 left in the third quarter.

The Mustangs defense held on to the Bulldogs next possession, taking over at their own 20-yard line after a punt.

After a short gain by Maben, Kenny went for nine and a first down, then ran twice for eight yards and Maben went for four and another first down as the third quarter came to an end.

After a holding penalty, the Mustangs were forced to punt with the Bulldogs taking over at their own 47-yard line. With the Bulldogs driving towards a potential game-tying touchdown, Quinn Peck picked off a pass at the goal

line and returned to the 18-yard line.

Kenny ran for six, McCabe for four more and a first down, Kenny ran three times for 21 yards, Maben went for seven more and an offside penalty on the Bulldogs moved the ball to the Willamina 39-yard line. Peck hit Kilkenny for 15 yards, McCabe ran for eight and a face mask penalty took the ball to the thirteen. A hold brought it back to the 20 and after a short gain by McCabe, Kenny broke from for a 19-yard touchdown run. Spencer Palmer ran in the two point conversion to make the score 22-7 with just 53 seconds left.

The Bulldogs were unable to do anything and the game ended with the Mustangs taking the win.

The defense was led by McCabe with 19 points, with Kenny and Justin Gregory each adding 17 points. Kilkenny had 15 points, Maben 14 points, Britt 13 points, Peck 12 points and Matt Van Cleave with 10 points.

Kenny led all rushers with 124 yards, 106 of those in the second half, on 21 carries, McCabe had 47 yards on 14 carried and Maben had 47 yards on nine carries, including two touchdowns.

Willamina 7000-7
Heppner 6088-22
First Quarter
Heppner- Casey

Maben 3-yard run (kick failed) 6:52

Willamina- Zack Burdon 4-yard run (Burdon kick) 2:00

Third Quarter
Heppner- Maben 4-yard run (Matt Kenny run) 4:46

Fourth Quarter
Heppner- Kenny 19-yard run (Spencer Palmer run) :53

Individual Statistics
Rushing-Willamina- White 11-45, Burdon 8-21, Risseuw 4-12, Guardiola 1-3, Jones 2-(-1); Heppner- Kenny 21-124, McCabe 14-47, Maben 9-47 and Peck 2-4.

Passing- Willamina- Burdon 10-22-2 101 yards; Heppner- Peck 3-11-0 43 yards and Lane Bailey 0-1-0 0 yards.

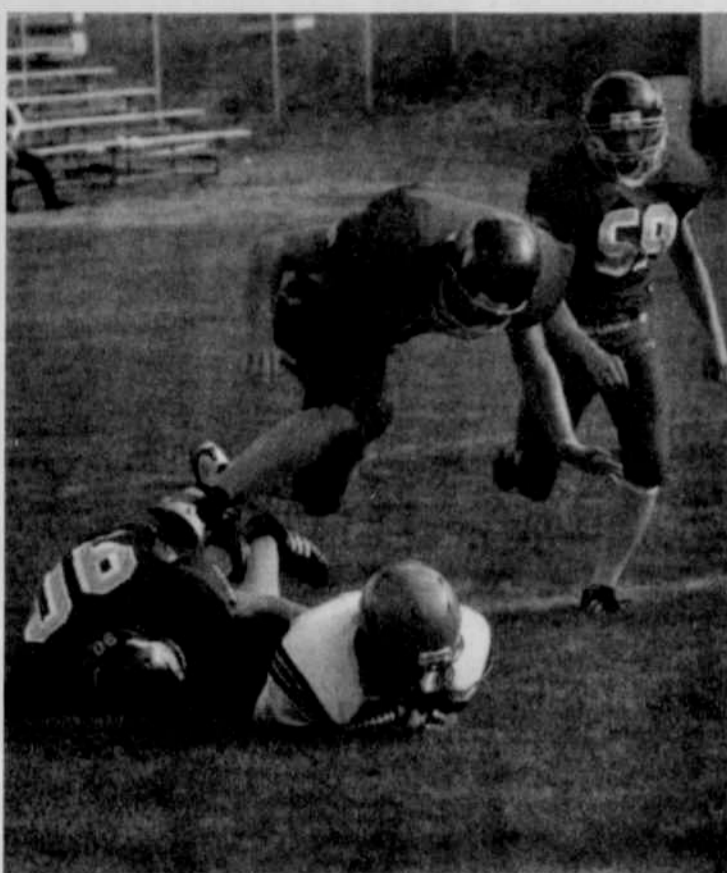
Receiving - Willamina- Jones 7-90, Guardiola 2-20, Risseuw 1-(-3); Heppner- McCabe 1-25, Rory Kilkenny 1-15 and Kenny 1-3.

Justice Court

Barbara J. Collin, 50, Ione, Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, fine \$108.

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Mustang JVs and Ponies win over weekend

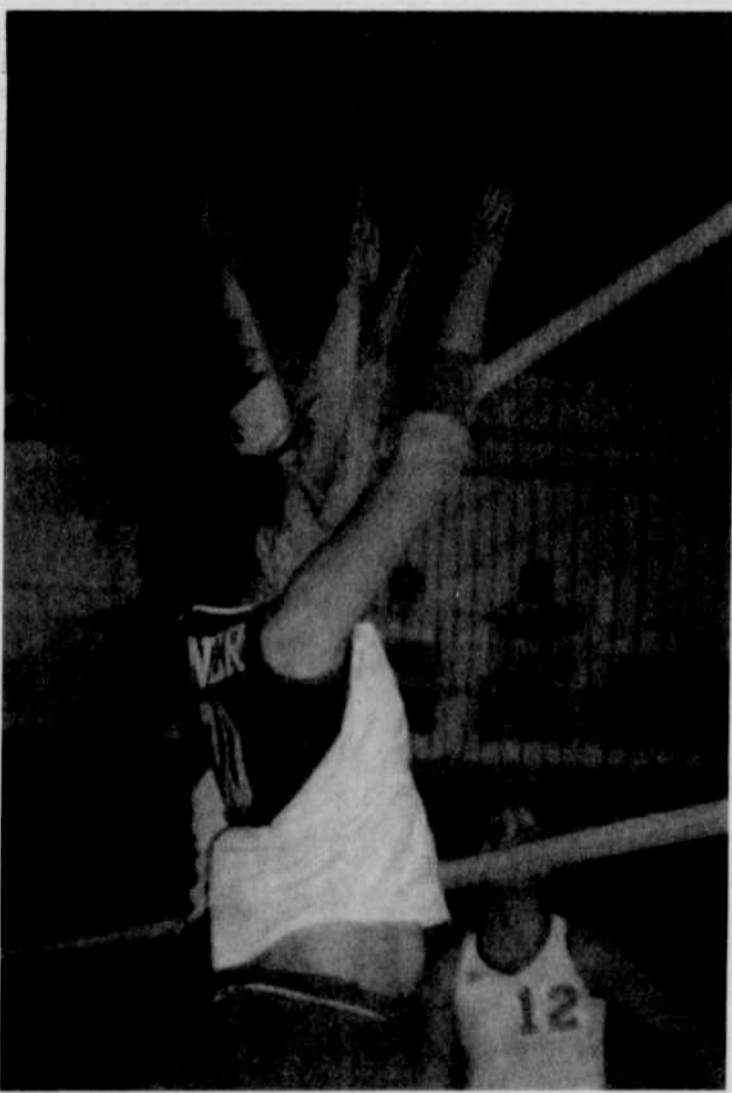


#90 Kody Lovgren makes the tackle, against Willamina on Sept. 16, with #51 Nacho Elguezabal close by. The Mustang JVs won the game 14-0. Photo by Sandy Matthews.



#30 Bryan Holland runs the ball with #13 Willy Gentry blocking at the junior high football game in Irrigon on Friday, Sept. 16. The Heppner Ponies won their first game of the year 26-6 against the Irrigon Knights. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

Mustangs lose one, win one in volleyball play



Aftan Betsinger and Laurie Murray go up for a block. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

The Heppner Mustang volleyball team took on Willamina on Friday, Sept. 16 and fell in four games. The Mustangs came back Saturday, Sept. 17 in Stanfield, winning the tournament with their play against Helix, Imbler and Pilot Rock.

Cardinal Booster Club news

The Cardinal Booster Club met on Monday, Aug. 29 at the school library. Nineteen members were present.

Members learned that the track recognition sign is finished. The Club will pay for the posts and material needed to put it up by the track practice area and the shop class will do the work.

Laurel Cannon is gathering birthdays and anniversaries for the 2006 community calendar. Anyone wanting to add names or make a correction should call her. Dean Robinson will be putting together the sport schedule poster, which will be available in November.

Superintendent Bryn Browning announced to the members that she is looking for volunteers to read to students in grades K-3 through the SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) program. Volunteers should be willing to devote one hour a week to the program, which she hopes to kick off in October.

Teresa Dumler volunteered to serve on the Ione Site Council. Parents will vote on that position at the fall potluck.

The cheerleaders will reimburse the club \$1500, which they borrowed to cover their expenses for the 2004-05 school year. The summer league tournament made \$460, the 4th of July shirts \$726 and the raft trip netted \$400.

Booster Club family memberships can be purchased for \$50. The membership includes names on district tournament programs and the sport poster and inclusion in all district and state newspaper ads if Ione teams qualify. Businesses may purchase memberships for \$100 and, along with names in programs and newspaper ads, will receive ads on the sport poster and community calendar.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m., in the Ione School Library.

Space available in Beginning Golf class

Space is still available in the Blue Mountain Community College Beginning Golf class, scheduled to begin Thursday, Sept. 22 at Willow Creek Country Club. BMCC and WCCC will offer this six-week class from 5:30-7 p.m., each Thursday night. Craig Holland is the instructor.

The class is intended for people with little or no golfing experience. It will cover the rules, play and etiquette of the game. Putting, chipping, pitching, approaching, fairway shots and teeing off will also be covered.

Tuition for the class is \$35. In addition, non-members of Willow Creek Country Club will be required to purchase a temporary membership for \$20. This will allow unlimited play for the duration of the class.

Please contact Anne Morter, BMCC coordinator, at 422-7040 if interested.

DA's Report

David Wayne Eldridge was convicted of Assault 4, Section 3, a Class C felony. He was sentenced to three years supervised probation, 90 days in jail and payment of \$666 in fines and fees.

James Ray Steelman was convicted of Failure to Register Misdemeanor Sex Offender, a Class A misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, two years bench probation, 40 hours community service and payment of \$626 in fines and fees.



BURNING BAN

The Burn Ban for the City of Heppner will no longer be in effect beginning Friday, Sept. 23, 2005. A 5-day burning permit is required for all open (out of container) fires and may be purchased for \$1.00 at Heppner City Hall, 111 North Main Street.

Rusty Estes, Fire Chief

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Electric Co-Op to test utility poles in area

Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op, and their subcontractors, will be conducting their annual pole testing operation throughout parts of the service territory during the next two months. Periodic testing of poles is required by REA and RUS, and helps reduce failure rates and power outages. Crews visually inspect each pole unit for damage and bore a test hole in the pole to inspect for soundness. All poles in the service territory are inspected on a 10-year rotation basis.

Specific areas to be tested this fall include the cities of Heppner and Lexington, Clarks Canyon, East Baseline area, Willow Creek up to Cutsforth Park, Blakes Ranch and Shobe Canyon lines. Vehicles should be marked with "National Wood Treating Company" or "Columbia Basin Electric Co-Op" signage. Crews will be operating 4-wheelers while traveling from pole to pole along the power lines.

Any comments, concerns or questions about the inspection crews or program may be made to Slater Mitchell at (541) 676-9146 or slater@columbiabasin.cc.