

Mustangs start slow, finish strong to rout Huskies

By Rick Paullus

After falling behind 7-0 after one quarter and 10-8 late in the second, the Heppner Mustangs rallied to beat the Sherman County Huskies 46-16 on Friday, November 4 in Moro. The Mustangs finished the Columbia Basin Conference at 6 and 0 in winning their 48 straight league game and ended the regular season with a 9 and 0 record.

The Mustangs will get a week off by winning the conference and will play the winner of Glide and Lost River at home on Saturday, Nov. 19 in the second round of the U.S Bank/Les Schwab OSAA Class 2A state championships.

The Huskies were unable to move the ball on their first possession and the Mustangs took over at their own 41-yard line after the punt. Matt Kenny ran twice for nine yards and Matt McCabe went one for a first down then Quinn Peck hit Matt VanCleave for a 20-yard gain but the drive stalled and the Huskies took over on downs at their own 30-yard line.

The Huskies drove down the field and scored on a 16-yard pass and kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead late in the first quarter.

The Mustangs were unable to move the ball and had to punt and back came the Huskies who drove into Heppner territory but Peck picked off a pass and returned it to the Mustang 30 yard line. On third and long, Peck hit VanCleave for a 13-yard gain and a first down Kenny broke free for a 31 yard gain to the Husky 23 twenty-three and after an incomplete pass, Peck hit

Kenny wide open down the side line for a touchdown. Peck ran in the two-point conversion for an 8-7 Heppner lead midway through the second quarter.

The Huskies came right back to regain the lead on a 32-yard field goal after a long kick-off return.

Trailing 10-8, back came the Mustangs taking over at their 38-yard line after a 28-yard return on the kickoff by McCabe. Peck hit VanCleave for 33 yards, then ran for five, Kenny went for thirteen the 6 yards to the five where Peck took it around end and just got in the end zone for the touchdown. Kenny ran in the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs a 16-10 lead at the half.

The Mustangs took the second half kickoff and after Kenny ran four times for 10 yards the Huskies picked off a pass and returned it to the fourteen.

Kenny ran twice for three, McCabe went for seven and first down, McCabe went for three, Peck hit VanCleave for 19 yards and McCabe ran for three more to the 50-yard line. Peck then hit VanCleave down the sideline who out ran the defense to end zone for the touchdown. Peck ran on the conversion to make it 24-10.

The Huskies were pinned back at their 15-yard line after a deep kickoff by McCabe and on third and long Peck picked off his third pass of the night at midfield. Kenny broke free for 25 yards then went twice more for 16 yards to the nine. McCabe picked up three then Kenny took it in from

the six for the touchdown. Kenny ran in the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs a 32-10 at the end of the third quarter.

The Huskies had good field position at their 40 yard line after the kickoff but Taylor Hodges recovered a fumble at the Sherman forty four to give the Mustangs the ball back, Peck hit Rory Kilkenny for a 26 yard gain then ran for 8 yards and five more and a first down at the five. After a loss of one, McCabe took it in for the touchdown. The conversion failed but the Mustangs led 38-10 early in the fourth quarter.

The Huskies again had good field position after the kickoff taking over at midfield and drove to the five before the drive stalled with the Mustangs taking over at the nine yard line. Kenny went for 23 yards then Justin Delveaux broke several tackles on the way to a 68-yard touchdown run. Josh Shank ran in the conversion for a 46-10 with 5:50 left in the game.

The Huskies were unable to move the ball and the Mustangs took over on downs but an interception was returned 56 yards for a touchdown. The kick was no good and the Mustangs led 46-16 led in the game.

The Mustangs got the kickoff and were able to run out the clock as Kody Lovgren ran three times for 12 yards and Eddie Waddell ran twice for six yards.

The defense was led by McCabe with 25 defensive points with Peck adding 23 points and three interceptions, Kilkenny and Kyle Carlson each had 19 points, Delveaux had 14

points, Kenny 13 points, Hodges 12 points and Peter Geer and Robbie Smith each getting 9 points.

Kenny rushed 22 times for 155 yards as the Mustangs rushed for nearly 300 yards as a team.

Peck was 7 of 13 for 184 yards and two touchdowns with VanCleave catching 5 passes for 135 yards.

Heppner 0 16 16
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Sherman 7 3 0 6
- 16

Team Statistics

First Quarter

Sherman - Ev. Kaseberg 16 yard pass from Moore (Wood kick) 3:02

Second Quarter

Heppner - Matt Kenny 23 yard pass from Quinn Peck (Peck run) 7:11
Sherman - Wood 32 yard pass from Quinn Peck (Peck run) 7:11

Sherman - Wood 32yard field goal 3:54
Heppner - Peck 5 yard run (Kenny run) 2:54

Third Quarter

Heppner - Matt VanCleave 50 yard pass from Peck (Peck run) 3:56
Heppner - Kenny 6 yard run (Kenny run) 1:10

Fourth Quarter

Heppner - Matt McCabe 6 yard run (run failed) 9:18
Heppner - Justin Delveaux 68 yard run (Josh Shank run) 5:50

Sherman - M.Simantel 56 yard interception return (kick failed) 2:46

Individual Statistics

Rushing - Heppner: Kenny 22-155, Peck 7-23,

McCabe 7-22, Kody Lovgren 4-18, Delveaux 1-68, Eddie Waddell 2-6. Sherman: Wood 6-23, El. Kaseberg 11-19, Moore 10-12, Thompson 3-(-10).

Passing - Heppner: Peck 7-13-1 184 yards. Dalton Wellman 0-1-1 0 yards. Sherman: Moore 0-19-3 122 yards. Ev. Kaseberg 1-2-0 122 yards.

Receiving - Heppner: VanCleave 5-135, Rory Kilkenny 1-26, Kenny 1-23. Sherman: Wood 4-58, Ev. Kaseberg 3-30, El. Kaseberg 2-60, Meyers 1-11.

First quarter honors announced for Ione Community School students

Special recognition goes to Beth Morter, Alex Carlson, Sarah Stillman, Tianna Camarillo, Justin Archer, Emily Rietmann, Amy Jepsen, and Kristal Temple who earned a 4.0 GPA for the first 9 weeks of the 2005-2006 school year.

Grades 6-8 Honor Roll (GPA 3.5-4.0)

Zach Orem, Jordan Peterson, Makenna Ramos Christine Raible, Mary Rietmann, Adam Collin, Stever Holland, Micah Stillman, Tanner Rietmann, Mikey Raible, RJ Ramos, Tyree Svetich, Stefanie Archer, and Heather Wiggers.

Grades 6-8 Honorable Mention (GPA 3.0-3.49)

Jeremy Coleman, JoAnna Patton, Mason Haguewood, Daisy Robertson, Omar Juarez, Alex Rietmann, Shelby Wiggers, Thomas Holland, Mary Gates, Marco Juarez and Brianna Peterson.

Grades 9-12 Honor Roll (GPA 3.5-4.0)

Matt Coleman, Brenna Rietmann, Alan Rietmann, Kaylee Palmateer, Julianna VandenBrink, Mason Bradfield, Stephanie Holland, Kayla LaRue, Brittnee DesBouillons, Megan Tollefson, Kyle Palmateer, Michael Mayer, Jenny Griffith, Nick Kamp, Priscilla Tellez, and Ashly Grams.

Grades 9-12 Honorable Mention (GPA 3.0-3.49)

Luke Bradfield, Tori Heagy, Clay Morter, Kip Krebs, Josie Miller, Teonna Vandever, Kylee Svetich, Tereza Sintakova, Amber Patton, Tony Bolin, William Bergstrom, Kelly Thompson, John Walton, Tyler Brown, and James Acock.

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Please contact Kimberly Lindsay at 541-676-9161 for additional information.

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Heppner Mustangs Varsity Football Team: top row (L-R)-James Van Liew, Quinn Peck, Kyle Carlson, Tony Haguewood, Peter Geer; third row (L-R)-Nathan Van Cleave, Mikel Britt, Andre Rauch, Taylor Hodges, Lane Bailey, Travis Richards, Kody Lovgren, Matt Kenny, Nacho Elguezabal, Rory Kilkenny, Matt Van Cleave; second row (L-R)-Zach Kurtz, Aaron Allstott, Justin Gregory, Eddie Waddell, Josh Shank, Colton Hanson, Matt McCabe, Casey Maben, Robbie Smith, Braden Britt, Justin Delveaux; bottom row (L-R)-Caleb Maben, R.J. Farrens, Spencer Palmer, Assistant Coach Kevin Payne, Head Coach Greg Grant, Assistant Coach Les Payne, Manager Jim Fichter, Grant Smith, Dalton Wellman, Rick Martin. Not pictured: Assistant Coaches Shane Matheny, Kelly Fox, Josh Coiner, Rick Paullus and John McCabe.

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Football:
Second Round State Playoffs
Heppner
Mustangs
vs.
Lost River or Glide
Saturday, Nov. 19th
at 1:00 p.m.
at the MC Fairgrounds
in Heppner
GO MUSTANGS!**

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