

## Cardinals drop by two to Pine Eagle

The lone Cardinals saw a close game get away in the closing seconds, losing 30-28 to Pine Eagle at the Eight Man Classic at Dufur last Saturday. In one of the more exciting games of the two day football bonanza, the young Cards matched the Spartans score for score as the game unfolded, leading late in the third quarter and again with 1 minute 10 seconds on the clock in the fourth quarter before watching the lead slip away.

The early going was tough on the Cards. On top of an error prone first quarter, lone lost starting tailback, Cory Peterson, to a sprained ankle and starting quarterback, Justin Archer, to a hamstring pull. The Cardinal coaches were forced into some backfield formations that they probably hadn't imagined as they reconfigured personnel but the Cardinals kept their composure. Clay Morter ran for the first Cardinal score of the game, receiving a 47-yard pass from reserve quarterback Paul Hams in the second quarter. The game was tied at the half, 6-6.

The teams swapped scores in the third quarter. Pine Eagle's six-yard touchdown run was answered by another Hams-Morter 69-yard touchdown pass. The Spartans got away for a long 67-yard touchdown run but again the Cards found an answer when Paul Hams ran in from six yards out and followed up with a successful two-point conversion run. At the end of the third quarter, lone led 20-18.

Pine Eagle pulled ahead with another touchdown in the fourth but a Morter 44-yard run and a Hams two-point conversion put lone back in the lead 28-24 with 1 minute 10 seconds remaining. Pine Eagle marched the ball back down the field and hit a huge touchdown pass with 32 seconds on the clock. The Cardinals didn't let up,

completing a big triple reverse pass from Paul Hams to Mark Davidson to put them in striking range. With one second on the clock, Hams launched a pass to Kevin Fowler in the end zone but it was broken up and the Spartans took the win.

Clay Morter was the team's leading rusher with 128 yards on 10 carries. Freshman Stormy Kendricks had 61 yards on 12 carries and Paul Hams had 60 yards on 12 carries.

Paul Hams was 7-15 passing for 193 yards. Morter was the leading receiver with 139 yards on four receptions. Mark Davidson had three catches for 54 yards and Kevin Fowler was 1-10 yards.

The Cards had 258 yards on the ground and 183 in the air for 441 yards of total offense. Pine Eagle put up similar numbers with 290 yards rushing and 136 yard passing for 426 yards in total offense.

Defensively for the Cardinals, Hams had 12 tackles (seven unassisted), followed by Fowler also with 12 (three unassisted) and Morter with 10 (four unassisted.)

"The biggest factor in the loss was from their youth," said Coach Dennis Stefani of his squad. "A lot of the series, we started out first and 20, which came from holding calls and mistakes. If we could have taken away those mistakes, we might have come away with a two or three touchdown victory.

"I was pretty darn proud of the whole bunch of them," said Stefani. "With the injuries, some of the players were put in roles they didn't expect but they stepped up and were eager to do it. For a first game, I really couldn't be more pleased as a coach with how the team came together and performed."

Next week is a bye week for the Cards but they return to their rigorous pre-season schedule on Sept. 15 when they travel to St. Paul.

## Heppner American Legion and Auxiliary to hold potluck picnic

The American Legion Post #87 and Auxiliary will hold their first meeting of the year with a potluck picnic at Heppner City Park on Monday, Sept. 11, starting at 6 p.m. All Legion and Auxiliary members and family are invited to attend. Please bring a potluck dish and your own chairs for comfort. If anyone knows of any potential members, please invite them to attend the potluck also.

## Mustangs open season with loss to Grant Union



Heppner's Casey Maben runs the ball against the defense of Grant Union in a 12-2 loss for the Mustangs. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs, unable to find the endzone, open the 2006 football season with a 12-2 loss to the visiting Grant Union Prospectors on Friday, Sept. 1 in an OSAA sanctioned endowment game with half the playoff priced gate going to the OSAA and allowing both teams a tenth game on the regular season. The Mustangs will try to get their first win of the season at Milton-Freewater on Friday, Sept. 8, against the Class 4A Mac-Hi Pioneers.

The Prospects took the opening kick-off and after being stopped at around the twenty-five, the returner suddenly broke free and made it to the Heppner 25-yard line before Andre Rauch finally ran him down. Grant Union got inside the Mustang ten before they finally held and took over on downs at their own 15-yard line.

Senior Justin Delveaux ran twice for nine yards and fellow senior Casey Maben went for three and a first down, but the drive stalled and the Mustangs were forced to punt with the Prospectors taking over at their 41-yard line. The defense held and the Mustangs took over at their own seven-yard line after a punt, but ended up punting the ball back to the Prospectors who took over at the Heppner 41-yard line.

The Prospectors proceeded to drive down the field and scored on a ten-yard pass early in the second quarter and took a 6-0 lead as the extra point kick was blocked.

The Mustangs took over at their own 36-yard line and moved out to take

the 38 after seniors Quinn Peck and Kody Lovgren hooked up on pass but the drive stalled and they were forced to punt with the Prospectors taking over at their 16-yard line.

The defense held and on the ensuing punt, the snap sailed over the punter's head who was run down and tackled in the end zone by junior Nacho Elguezabal for a safety and the Mustangs had cut the lead to 6-2 with 6:57 left in the first half.

Both teams were unable to move the ball and traded punts until the Mustangs took over at their own 18-yard line late in the second quarter. Maben ran twice for 11 yards, then a pass interference penalty took the ball out to the 45-yard line. Peck hit Zach Kurtz for a 21-yard gain and Maben for seven more, but on the last play of the half, a tipped pass fell just out of Kurtz's reach in the end zone.

The Mustangs took the second half kickoff back to the 37-yard line, but a fumbled snap gave Grant Union the ball on the first play. The Mustangs got the ball back as Dennis Kenny tackled the Prospector quarterback for a loss on fourth down at the 37-yard line.

Peck hit Lovgren for a 13-yard gain and on third and ten hit Maben on a shovel pass for 14 yards and a first down. An interception by the Prospectors killed the drive and after the Mustangs held on downs, took over at their own 46-yard line. Peck went for seven and Maben picked up a first down with six more, but a sack and a holding penalty forced a punt with Grant Union taking over at their 30-yard line.

The Prospectors

drove to the Heppner 22-yard line before the defense held and the Mustangs took over early in the fourth quarter. Peck hit Palmer for eight, Maben ran for two and a first down, after an offside penalty on the Prospectors, Maben ran three times for 11 yards, Lane Bailey ran for two then on fourth and six, Peck ran for nine and a first down at the Grant Union 41-yard line. Peck hit Lovgren for 19 yards on third and long for a first down to the 19-yard line. Peck hit Maben for five, but the drive stalled and the Prospectors took over at their 15-yard line.

The defense held and the Mustangs took over at the Grant Union 40-yard line with 2 minutes 21 seconds left, but on first down, an interception was returned all the way for a touchdown, but a penalty brought the ball back to the Heppner 33-yard line. On second down, the Prospector running back broke free up the middle and went for a 30-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion run was stuffed, but the Prospectors led 12-2 with 57 seconds left.

The Mustangs had one last chance as they took over at their 36-yard line after the kick-off and Peck hit Maben for 16 yards, then nine and Bailey ran for two and a first down. Peck hit Maben for a 10-yard gain and Maben handed off to Bailey for six more to the 20, but the clock ran out.

The defense was led by Maben with 24 points with Kenny adding 19 points, Robbie Smith 18 points, Elguezabal 13 points, Rauch 11 points and Delveaux nine points.

Peck was 14 for 28 passing for 134 yards and two interceptions, with Maben catching six passes for 57 yards. Lovgren caught four passes for 50 yards.

Maben picked up 72 yards on 19 carries, with Peck picked up 16 yards on seven carries.

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Grant Union 0 6 0 6-12

**Second Quarter:**  
Grant Union- Nick Smith 10-yard pass from Sam Rawlins (kick failed) 10:47  
Heppner- Nacho Elguezabal tackled for safety 6:57

**Fourth Quarter:**  
Grant Union: Keldon Martin 30-yard run (run failed) :57

**Team Statistics:**  
First Downs: Grant Union, 8 and Heppner, 16.  
Rushes-yards: Grant Union, 40-152 and Heppner, 37-95.

Passing yards: Grant Union, 54 and Heppner, 134.  
Passes: Grant Union, 5-17-0 and Heppner, 14-28-2.  
Total yards: Grant Union, 206 and Heppner, 229.  
Penalties yards: Grant Union, 6-50 and Heppner, 5-35.

**Individual Statistics:**  
Rushing: Grant Union- Martin 11-92, Marc Desjardin 16-63, Zane Murry 2-13, Zach DeRosier 2-5, Jed Smith 1-5, Rawlins 7-(-2) and Chance Ferguson 1-(-24); Heppner- Casey Maben 19-72, Quinn Peck 7-16, Justin Delveaux 4-9, Lane Bailey 2-8, Caleb Maben 2-1, Spencer Palmer 1-0 and Zach Kurtz 1-(-1).

Passing: Grant Union- Rawlins 5-11-0 54 yards and Jed Smith 0-4-0 0; Heppner- Peck 14-28-2 134 yards.

Receiving: Grant Union- Dustin Silve 2-23, Brennan Witty 1-11, Dustin Kreger 1-10 and Nick Smith 1-10; Heppner- Casey Maben 6-57, Kody Lovgren 4-50, Kurtz 2-29, Palmer 1-1 and Bailey 1-0.

## Hearing screening to be conducted

The Umatilla-Morrow Education Service District (ESD) will be providing hearing screening to public elementary school students including all kindergarten, first and third grade students, new students to the county and parent/teacher/principal referrals of students in the other grades. These students will be screened on the dates listed.

The hearing screening is done by the Umatilla-Morrow ESD for public school students of Umatilla and Morrow counties. It is cooperatively sponsored by local school districts. Children who fail the initial screening will be re-screened within a three-week period.

Parents who do not want their child's hearing to be screened should notify the school as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding the hearing-screening program, please contact your school principal, or contact the Audiology Department at the Umatilla-Morrow ESD at 966-3140.

Screenings will be conducted on the following schedule: A.C. Houghton (Irrigon)- Monday, Oct. 9 at 8:30 a.m.; Irrigon Elementary (Irrigon)- Monday, Oct. 9 at 12 p.m.; Sam Boardman Elementary (Boardman) and Windy River Elementary (Boardman)- Thursday, Oct. 19, 8:30 a.m.; Ione Elementary (Ione)- Tuesday, Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.; Heppner Elementary (Heppner)- Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 10 a.m.; A.C. Houghton re-check- Monday, Oct. 30 at 8:30 a.m.; Irrigon Elementary re-check- Monday, Oct. 30 at 12 p.m.; Sam Boardman Elementary re-check, Monday, Nov. 6 at 8:30 a.m.; Windy River Elementary re-check, Monday, Nov. 6 at 10 a.m.; Ione Elementary re-check, Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 8:30 a.m.; and Heppner re-check, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 10 a.m.


## Former Heppnerite to publish book

Sally Cohn grew up in Heppner and now lives in Portland. Some Heppnerites may be familiar with her handwhistling appearances at St. Patrick's Festival ceillis in the Elks Club. She has written her first book, "Bridge Under Construction," which is about to go to press. It narrates her life through a series of creative projects explored and completed in and around her family home on Baltimore Street starting in 1941 at the age of six and extending beyond her Heppner years through 2006.

Cohn will be in Heppner on Sept. 8 promoting her book in conjunction with Cycle Oregon and the Heppner Flood drama presentation on Main Street.

People interested in getting a copy of her book should sign up on sheets that will be circulated. This will determine how many copies will be printed in Portland. The plan is to get back to interested parties with price information after the book is printed.

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