

Mustangs blank Bobcats 21-0



Dennis Kenny #17 runs the ball against Union's defense. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs came out on top in a defensive, hard-hitting battle against the visiting Union Bobcats by a score of 21-0 in Blue Mountain Conference play on Friday, Sept. 29. The Mustangs, 2 and 0 in the BMC and 3 and 2 overall, now travel to Pilot Rock on Friday, Oct. 6 in a key BMC game against the undefeated Rockets.

The Bobcats took over at their own 20-yard line after the Mustangs' Tim Hauer booted the kick-off through the end zone for a touchback. The Bobcats picked up a couple of first downs before the Mustang defense stiffened and forced a punt with Heppner taking over at their own twenty. Matt McCabe ran twice for 16 yards, Lane Bailey ran twice nine and McCabe went for five more and a first down. Quinn Peck went for seven, McCabe picked up four more and after a five-yard loss, Peck broke free in the Bobcat secondary, cutting back against the grain and took it all the way for a 43-yard touchdown. Hauer boomed the extra point for a 7-0 Heppner lead with 4:57 left in the first.

The teams traded punts as the first quarter ended and on the Bobcats ensuing possession, Justin Delveaux had a quarterback sack to force another punt with the Mustangs taking over at their own 17-yard line. Bailey broke free for 18 yards, Casey Maben went for five, Caleb Maben ran for eight yards and a first down, Casey Maben went for seven and Peck went for three and another first down at the Bobcat 42-yard line. Bailey then broke free and cutting to the sideline went all the way for touchdown. Hauer's kick was perfect to make it 14-0 midway through the second quarter.

The Bobcats took over at their 21-yard line

following the kick-off but Dennis Kenny picked off a pass at the Mustangs' 38-yard line to end the drive and the half came to an end with the Mustangs leading 14-0.

After an extended halftime due to homecoming festivities, the Mustangs took over at their 34-yard line and after failing to pick up on first down, McCabe got off a 56-yard punt to pin the Bobcats down at their own 14-yard line. The defense held and the Mustangs took over at their own 37-yard line following another punt.

After a holding penalty, Peck hit RJ Farrens for a four-yard gain and Bailey for 19 more, but the Bobcats recovered a fumble taking over at their own 49-yard line. The Bobcats however returned the favor by fumbling, which was recovered by Nacho Elguezabal at the Heppner 45-yard line. Casey Maben broke free for 29 yards and a first down at the 26-yard line. Maben picked up six more, but the Mustangs failed to pick up a first down and the Bobcats took over on downs at their 17-yard line as the third quarter was winding down.

The teams traded punts to open the fourth, with the Mustangs taking over at their own 45-yard line to begin their final scoring drive of the night. Bailey ran twice for 13 yards, Caleb Maben went for five and on third and long after a motion penalty, McCabe went for 18 hard-fought yards and a first down at the 14-yard line. After a defensive holding penalty, McCabe went for five to the two and Casey Maben ran twice; the second time taking it into the end zone for the touchdown. Hauer's kick was good to make it 21-0 with 5:05 left.

Peck made a diving interception of a long pass on the Bobcats next possession and even though the

Mustangs couldn't move the ball and had to punt, the clock ran out on the Bobcats.

The defensive effort was led by Elguezabal with 14 points, with Delveaux and Andre Rauch each adding 13 points. Casey Maben had 12 points, Kenny and Caleb Maben each had 10 points, McCabe had nine points and Peck eight points.

Bailey led a balanced rushing attack with 86 yards on 14 carries, with Peck adding 61 yards on eight carries, McCabe running seven times for 55 yards and Casey Maben picked up another 50-yards on eight carries.

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First Quarter:
Heppner- Quinn Peck 43 yard run (Tim Hauer kick) 4:57

Second Quarter:
Heppner- Lane Bailey 42-yard run (Hauer kick) 6:09

Fourth Quarter:
Heppner- Casey Maben one-yard run (Hauer kick) 5:05

Team Statistics:
First downs- Heppner 12, Union 11; Rushes-yards- Heppner 41-265, Union 39-119; Passing yards- Heppner 23, Union 47; Total yards- Heppner 288, Union 166; Passes- Heppner 2-6-0, Union 4-15-2; and Fumbles-lost- Heppner 2-1, Union 2-1.

Individual Statistics:

Rushing- Heppner- Bailey 14-86, Peck 8-61, Matt McCabe 7-55, Casey Maben 8-50 and Caleb Maben 4-13; Union- Troy Savely 10-61, Brandon Ferguson 13-43, Kyle O'Brien 2-31, Tom Stratton 2-11, Brian Savely 3-7, Jordan Herron 8-(-29) and Kyson Palmer 1-(-5).

Passing- Heppner- Peck 2-6-0 23 yards; Union- Herron 4-14-1 47 yards and B. Savely 0-1-1 0.

Receiving- Heppner- Bailey 1-19 and RJ Farrens 1-4; Union- O'Brien 2-17, Jeremy Boothman 1-19 and Palmer 1-11.

Ione goes to first speech tournament

By Ione Publications Class

Starting this year, Ione is going to have a Speech and Debate team. Speech and Debate is an OSAA sponsored activity, although until this year there have been no Speech and Debate teams in Morrow County. Language Arts teacher Jim Raible is organizing the team and is the Speech and Debate coach.

Since there are no other schools in our area doing Speech and Debate, the Ione team will have to travel long distances for their tournaments.

Saturday, Sept. 30, Raible and five team members traveled to their first tournament. It was a novice tournament at Silverton High School. At the tournament, there were 13 schools- 10 of which were 5A and 6A schools. The other two schools besides Ione were a 4A school and a 3A school.

Team members included Alex Carlson, Tiana

Camarillo, Stephanie Holland, Brenna Rietmann and Sarah Stillman. Holland competed in Impromptu, Expository and Radio Commentary. Rietmann got fourth place in her Extemporaneous speech category. Carlson won his first round in Prose Reading and just missed making the finals in that event. The debate team of Camarillo and Stillman ended the day with a record of 3-1 after four rounds of competition. Camarillo got 10th best debate speaker.

Ione plans on adding more members to their team and going to more Speech and Debate tournaments later this year. They will also be looking for fund raising opportunities to cover tournament registration costs, travel expenses and supplies as the program has no budget. Anyone interested in learning more about the program or helping sponsor the team can contact Raible by calling the Ione High School at 422-7131.

Mustang girls lose first league game of season



Katie Kilkenny hits the ball against Union. The Heppner Mustangs lost in three games against Union, Sept. 29, giving the Mustangs their first league loss of the season. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

Language, culture and fun brings Russian student to Ione

By Ione Publications Class

Ione Community High School's newest senior for the 2006-2007 school year is 16-year-old exchange student Irina Chekmezova. Chekmezova is living with her host family, Keith and Yvonne Morter and their niece Brittnee DesBouillons.

The transition from Roston-on-Den, Russia to Ione, Oregon has been different, but Chekmezova says that she really likes the small community and "everyone is really friendly and great to meet." Chekmezova



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wanted to visit the United States because she was intrigued by the language and culture. She also says that experiencing life in the U.S. will provide her with many opportunities in her future.

At Ione High School, Chekmezova is taking a senior class schedule along with her host sister DesBouillons. Some of her classes include advanced history, pre-calculus, wildlife management and Spanish. She also enjoys her TA period in the elementary school.

At this point, Chekmezova says she enjoyed the wildlife management/geology field trip to Mount St. Helens last week the most. "I will not get that opportunity again," she said. She is looking forward to becoming very fluent in English and enjoying her stay here in Eastern Oregon. She is also planning to play basketball and run track this spring.

Cardinals drop to Cougars 44-18

The Ione Cardinals fell to the Echo Cougars last Friday night, Sept. 29, 44-18. Although the final margin was significant, the Cards remained in striking distance for most of the game.

Echo scored first on a 44-yard run by Klinton Mathers with 4:35 remaining in the first quarter. They scored again on a 38-yard run by Vincente Escalante with 7:44 on the clock in the second quarter. Cardinal freshman Stormy Kendrick then found the end zone on a 10-yard run, making the score 20-6 at halftime.

Echo lengthened their lead to 28-6 on another Escalante run in the third, before Paul Hams and Clay Morter connected for a 50-yard touchdown pass. At the end of three quarters, Ione trailed 28-12.

Midway through the fourth quarter, Hams connected with Montana Marlatt for a 65-yard touchdown pass reception and the Cards only trailed by 10. However, Echo finished off the game, running for a touchdown with 4:13 remaining and another with 20 seconds to go.

Marlatt led the Cardinals in rushing with 39 yards on 10 carries. Kendrick had seven carries for 32 yards before leaving the game with an injury. Hams had 15 yards on seven carries.

Hams was eight of 19 passing for 168 yards. Leading receivers for Ione were Marlatt (2-77), Morter (3-67) and Mark Davidson (3-24).

Defensively, Marlatt led the Cardinals with 11 tackles, four unassisted. Kip Krebs followed with 10 tackles, three unassisted, Morter with nine, three unassisted and Hams with eight, five unassisted.

"The team is doing better. I thought we actually played with Echo," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "It was the mental breakdowns on a play here and there that hurt us."

"I saw some good things. Our hitting on defense is getting better and I also thought our offensive line play had some strong moments. Once again we were hurt by injuries, but that is part of the game. A lot of the kids are getting much needed experience and that should help in the long run," added Coach Stefani.

The Cardinals face another tough opponent this weekend when they travel to Maupin to play last year's state runner up team, South Wasco County on Friday night, Oct. 6.

Births

Samuel James Zook- a son, Samuel James, was born Sept. 18, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Kristina Brown and Nicholas Zook of Boardman.

Sabriel Delith Elliott- a son, Sabriel Delith, was born Sept. 19, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Natalie and Justin Elliott of Irrigon.

Liliana Anae Tejada- a daughter, Liliana Anae, was born Sept. 19, 2006 at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston to Maria Medrano and Javier Tejada of Boardman.

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