

Mustangs move into first with win over Tigerscots



Heppner Mustang Nacho Elguezabal (#51) stops the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

With a 42-7 win over the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots and Pilot Rock's win over Elgin, the Heppner Mustangs took over sole possession of first place in the Blue Mountain Conference on Friday, Oct. 20. The Mustangs, 5-0 in the BMC and 6-2 overall, will be at Enterprise on Friday, Oct. 27 before completing the regular season with a home game against Elgin on Friday, Nov. 3.

The first quarter didn't start out as planned as the Mustangs couldn't move the ball on their first series and had to punt after they held and the ensuing punt was muffed and recovered by the Tigerscots at the Heppner 45-yard line. The Tigerscots then drove down the field and scored on a one-yard run and took a 7-0 lead with 3:08 left in the first quarter.

The Mustangs responded though and after taking over at their 45-yard line following the kickoff as Matt McCabe ran for three, Casey Maben went for six and on fourth and short, the Tigerscots lined up offside

to give them a first down. Lane Bailey ran for two, Quinn Peck went for five, Maben picked up two and on fourth down he went for 11 yards a first down at the twenty. Maben then ran three times for 19 yards where McCabe took it in from the one. Tim Hauer kicked the extra point to tie it at 7-7 early in the second quarter.

The Mustangs defense held again and took over at their own 40-yard line following a punt at the offense went back to work. Caleb Maben ran for three, Casey Maben then took over as he went six straight times, the last one from 16 yards, to the end zone. Hauer's kick was perfect and the Mustangs led 14-7 midway through the second quarter.

The Tigerscots took over at their own 21-yard line following the kickoff and Caleb Maben got the ball back for the Mustangs by picking off a pass at the Weston-McEwen 37-yard line. They wasted no times in picking up another score as McCabe went for five, then Peck hit Kody Lovgren in stride for a 32-yard

touchdown. Hauer's kick gave the Mustangs a 21-7 lead at the half.

The Tigerscots took over at their 20-yard line after Hauer kicked the ball through the end zone to start the third quarter. The defense held and the Mustangs took over at their 44-yard line after the punt. Caleb Maben ran twice for seven yards and after a false start penalty, Peck hit Casey Maben for 10 yards and a first down at the Tigerscots' 44-yard line. Caleb Maben ran twice for seven yards then Bailey ran four times for 24 yards before Lovgren made a diving catch in the back of the end zone of a 13-yard pass from Peck for the touchdown. Hauer kicked the extra point into the middle of the parking lot to make it 28-7 with 3:26 left in the third quarter.

The Tigerscots gave the ball right back as Nacho Elguezabal jumped on a fumble on their first play to give the Mustangs a first down at the 29-yard line. Justin Delveaux ran twice for 20 yards then Caleb Maben ran twice, the last time from one-yard out, to the end zone. Hauer booted the extra point to give the Mustangs a 35-7 lead late in the third quarter.

The Mustangs defense held again as Elguezabal made a good play on an attempted screen pass tackling the receiver for a six-yard loss on third down. The Mustangs took over at the Tigerscots' 44-yard line following the punt. Delveaux ran for two, Spencer Palmer went for 10 yards then Peck hit RJ Farrens in stride for a 33-

yard touchdown. Hauer kicked the extra point to make it 42-7 early in the fourth quarter.

The Tigerscots took over at their own 34-yard line after the kickoff and turned the ball over again as Bryan Holland jarred the ball loose and Lovgren jumped on the fumble at the Mustang 39-yard line.

The Mustangs were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt and it was nearly brought back but Hauer made a touchdown saving tackle at the Heppner 42-yard line. The Tigerscots were driving but they turned the ball over again as Holland deflected a pass that Lovgren picked off and returned to the 16-yard line. Josh Shank ran for six and Eddie Waddell went for five and first down. The drive stalled there though and the Tigerscots took over at their 40-yard line and drove inside the Mustangs five before the defense held and they took over own downs as the game ended.

The defense was led by Lovgren with 13 defensive points, with Elguezabal adding 12 points. Delveaux and Aaron Allstott each added 11 points, Andre Rauch had 10 points, Caleb Maben had nine points and Dennis Kenny had eight points.

Casey Maben had 13 carries for 77 yards with Bailey adding 41 yards on eight carries.

Peck was a perfect four of four passing for 88 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions. Lovgren had two receptions, both for touchdowns, for 45 yards.

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First Quarter:

Weston-McEwen- Tanner Froese one-yard run (Travis Eastwood kick) 3:08

Second Quarter:

Heppner- Matt McCabe one-yard run (Tim Hauer kick) 10:08

Heppner- Casey Maben 16-yard run (Hauer kick) 5:30

Heppner- Kody Lovgren 32-yard pass from Quinn Peck (Hauer kick) 2:13

Third Quarter:

Heppner- Lovgren 13-yard pass from Peck (Hauer kick) 3:26

Heppner- Caleb Maben one-yard run (Hauer kick) 1:29

Fourth Quarter:

Heppner- RJ Farrens 33-yard pass from Peck (Hauer kick) 10:43

Team Statistics: First Downs- Weston-McEwen 7, Heppner 11; Rushes-yards- Weston-McEwen 32-68, Heppner 46-210; Passing yards- Weston-McEwen 67, Heppner 88; Total yards-

Weston-McEwen 135,

Heppner 298; Passes- Weston-McEwen 5-18-2, Heppner 4-5-0; Fumbles-lost- Weston-McEwen 2-2, Heppner 2-1; and Penalties-yards- Weston-McEwen 7-55, Heppner 5-40.

Individual Statistics:

Rushing: Weston-McEwen- Froese 10-27, Eastwood 4-14, Huntsman 9-6, Broncheau 4-4, Watts 2-5, McGee 2-2 and Reitz 1-10; Heppner- Casey Maben 13-77, Lane Bailey 8-41, Caleb Maben 7-26, Justin Delveaux 3-22, Josh Shank 6-18, Matt McCabe 3-7, Quinn Peck 3-5, Spencer Palmer 1-10, Eddie Waddell 1-5 and Brent Eckman 1-(-1).

Passing: Weston-McEwen- Huntsman 3-11-11 yards and Watts 2-7-1 56 yards; Heppner- Peck 4-4-0 88 yard and Eckman 0-1-0 0.

Receiving: Weston-McEwen- Schroeder 2-20, Reitz 1-40, Giger 1-12 and Froese 1-(-5); Heppner- Kody Lovgren 2-45, RJ Farrens 1-33 and Casey Maben 1-10.

October Chamber Chatter

Heppner businesses showed their Halloween spirit this month by creating scarecrows to greet their employees and customers. There was quite an array of different scarecrows, many weren't traditional, but all spruced up the streets and created a wonderful fall feel.

In school news, the Booster Club auction was held on Oct. 15 and was very successful. The high school also has a new storage unit for the track. The elementary school held its annual Canned Food Drive, collecting 2,061 pounds of food for the community center, beating last year's weight by 500 pounds.

In forest service

news, there was a rule instated involving the OHV Park, stating there is to be no open road riding. The Forest Service is planning and making changes about that rule at this time.

With hunting season among us, there was a new dumpster put in by the city at the City Park. Heppner residents were and still are advised that the dumpster is strictly for hunters and no animal parts are allowed.

The chamber wishes everyone a Happy Fall, but would like to remind them that the holiday season is coming up and are looking for volunteers for the Christmas Light Parade and tree auction.

Fire season terminated on private northeast Oregon lands

As of Oct. 20, 2006, fire season was officially terminated for forestlands protected by Oregon Department of Forestry, Northeast Oregon District. This includes private, state, county, municipal and tribal lands in seven counties: Union, Baker, Wallowa, Umatilla, and small portions of Grant, Malheur and Morrow. With the termination of fire season, requirements such as providing fire-fighting equipment at logging sites or obtaining a burning permit for burn barrels are no longer in effect. However, the act of terminating fire season does not relieve landowners or logging operators of any lawful responsibilities concerning the safe burning of any debris or slash. "The combination of precipitation, lower temperatures and increased humidity recovery has reduced the fire danger to the point that allows us to terminate fire season," says Andy White, Unit Forester for the Wallowa Unit of Oregon Department of Forestry. He goes on to reiterate the need for being cautious regarding burning practices. Some counties and rural fire protection districts have separate regulations regarding burning due to the smoke intrusion it may cause for certain cities, like La Grande.

Specific Smoke Management/Burning Advisory Information:

Unless you are in a rural or city fire department protection area, burn permits for burn barrels and small amounts of yard debris are not required. If you are under the protection of a

rural or city fire department, please call and ask what their burning restrictions are.

Before burning in Union County, it is important to check weather conditions related to smoke management. For slash burning, call (541) 963-8059. For all other burning, please call (541) 963-4040 to check the smoke management forecast and to also acquire permits from fire protection districts.

In Umatilla County, please call (800) 305-2876 to check the smoke management forecast before any type of open burning. For slash burning smoke management and permits, call Oregon Department of Forestry- Pendleton Unit, at (541) 276-3491. On weekends, smoke management forecasts can be obtained by calling (541) 963-8059.

Permits are required for burning of slash from either logging or thinning. You can acquire these from your local Oregon Department of Forestry office. Before burning slash in Northeast Oregon, please call (541) 963-8059 for the smoke management forecast or go to the smoke management forecast website at egov.oregon.gov/ODF/FIRE/fire.shtml#Smoke_Management.

For further information, contact Oregon Department of Forestry at these local offices: La Grande Unit- 963-3168, Baker City Sub-Unit- 523-5831; Wallowa Unit- 886-2881; Pendleton Unit- 276-3491. To report a fire, call 9-1-1.



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