

Mustangs knocked out of playoffs in heartbreaker

By Rick Paullus

The 2006 football season came to a heartbreaking end as the Lost River Raiders kicked a 43-yard field goal as time ran out to beat the Heppner Mustangs, 16-13, on Saturday, Nov. 11, in the first round of the US Bank/Les Schwab OSAA Class 2A State Championships.

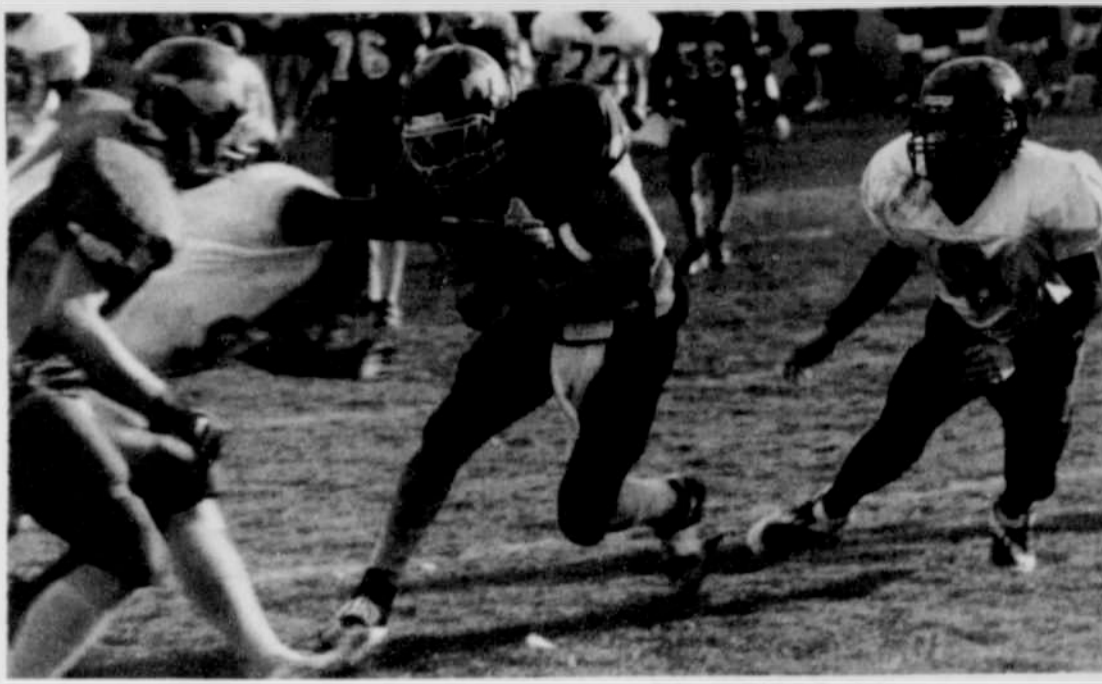
The Mustangs, who finished 8-3 on the year, said goodbye to seniors Aaron Allstott, Robbie Smith, Quinn Peck, Colton Hanson, Casey and Caleb Maben, Justin Delveaux, Justin Gregory, Kody Lovgren, Tony Haguewood and Zach Kurtz.

The Mustangs took the opening kickoff and, starting from their 29-yard line, Lane Bailey ran twice for 20 yards. Matt McCabe ran twice more for 14 yards and a first down at the Raiders' 37-yard line, but a fumbled snap was recovered by Lost River to end the drive.

The defense held and the Mustangs took over at the Raiders' 46-yard line after a short punt. McCabe ran twice for four yards, Casey Maben broke free for 19 yards and a first down at the Lost River 23-yard line, but the Raiders held and took over on downs at their own 13-yard line.

The Mustangs' defense held again and they took over at their 46-yard line following a punt and went back to work. Maben ran for four, McCabe for five and Bailey went for two and a first down as the first quarter came to an end. McCabe ran twice for seven yards, Maben went for three and another first down, after another first down after an offside penalty on the Raiders. McCabe ran twice for seven yards and a first down at the 21-yard line. Bailey ran twice for five then took a pass from Quinn Peck nine yards and a first down at the seven. Maben then took it in on his fourth straight rush, the last from the one-inch line for the touchdown. Tim Hauer kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

The defense held again and the Mustangs went back to work on offense from their 40-yard line. McCabe broke free for an 18-yard gain, then Peck hit Maben for a 13-yard gain. A fumbled pitch was recovered



Heppner Mustang No. 1 Lane Bailey takes control of the ball for the Mustangs.

Photo by Sandy Matthews

by McCabe for a six-yard loss to the 34. Peck hit Bailey for a 14-yard gain and, on fourth and short, Maben went for four and a first down at the 16-yard line. After an incomplete pass, Caleb Maben took it all the way to the end zone on a double reverse. The kick was wide to the left and the Mustangs took a 13-0 lead into the locker room at the half.

The Raiders took the third quarter kickoff and drove down the field, scoring on a 19-yard run, but they missed the extra point and the Mustangs still led 13-6.

The teams traded punts for the rest of the third quarter, then Peck recovered a Lost River fumble at the Heppner 40-yard line to end a Raider drive. The Mustangs returned the favor though as the Raiders' Omar Baldez picked up a loose ball and went 62 yards for a touchdown. The extra point was good to tie it at 13-13 with 10:30 left in the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs took over at their own 20 after the kickoff sailed through the end zone and picked up one first down, but were held and had to punt with the Raiders taking over at their 32-yard line. The defense held and, after an attempted fake punt failed, the Mustangs had good field position at the Lost River 48-yard line.

One fourth and short, a fumbled snap gave the Raiders one last chance and the ball at their own 40-yard line with 1:30 left in the game. Two consecutive pass interference penalties on the Mustangs gave the Raiders a shot at the game-winning field goal and they took advantage of it, winning the game.

The defense was led by McCabe with 15 defensive points, with Nacho Elguezabal getting 10 points and Dennis Kenny getting nine points. Aaron Allstott had eight points and Peck, Caleb Maben, Casey Maben and Andre Rauch each had six points.

McCabe had 66 yards on 18 carries, with Casey Maben and Bailey each adding 43 yards.

Peck hit on 7 of 9 passes for 58 yards and no interceptions, with Casey Maben having four catches for 37 yards and Bailey catching three passes for 21 yards.

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Second Quarter
Heppner-Casey Maben one yard run (Tim Hauer kick), 6:32; Caleb Maben 16 yard run (kick failed), :46.

Third Quarter
Lost River-Cert Cox 19 yard run (kick failed), 7:59.

Fourth Quarter
Lost River-Omar Baldez 62 yard fumble return (Nathan Hernandez kick), 10:30; Hernandez 43 yard field goal, 0:00.

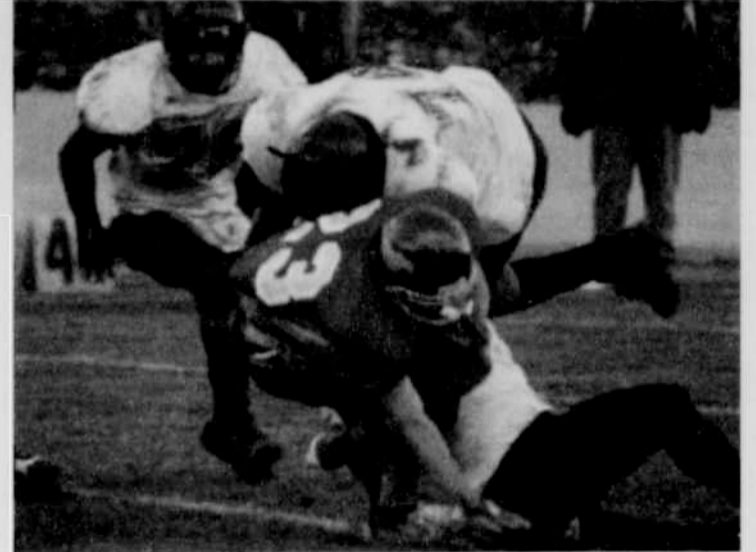
Team Statistics
First downs-Lost River 6, Heppner 12; Rushes-yards-Lost River 36-114, Heppner 46-164; Passing yards-Lost River 24, Heppner 58; Total yards-Lost River 138, Heppner 222; Passes-Lost River 3-4-0, Heppner 7-9-0; Fumbles lost-Lost River 3-1, Heppner 5-2; Penalties-yards-Lost River 7-40, Heppner 3-35.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Lost River-Baldez 21-78, Cox 7-32,



Heppner Mustang No. 51 Nacho Elguezabal goes after a fumbled ball. Photo by Sandy Matthews



No. 23 Matt McCabe hits a wall of Lost River defense at the Mustang game Saturday. The Heppner Mustangs came up short with a loss of 13-16 to the Raiders when a field goal ended the game with no time left on the clock. Photo by Sandy Matthews

Chris Heskins 1-3, Eusebio Alonzo 5-(-12); Heppner-Matt McCabe 18-66, Casey Maben 14-43, Lane Bailey 11-43, Caleb Maben 1-16, Quinn Peck 2-(-4). Passing: Lost River-Cox 3-4-0 24 yards; Heppner-Peck 7-9-0 58 yards. Receiving: Lost River-Carlos Ruiz 1-14, Heskins 1-6, Hernandez 1-4. Heppner-Casey Maben 4-37, Bailey 3-21.

Veterans honored at HHS ceremony



Area veterans assemble in the HHS gym for a group photo

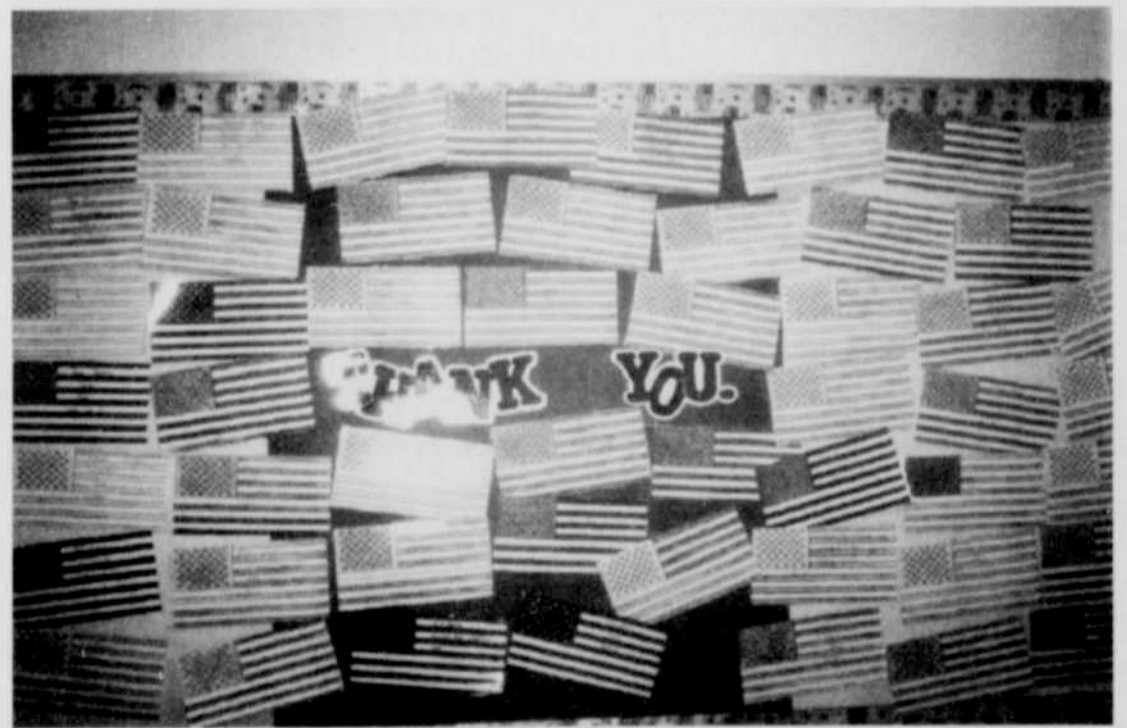
Area veterans were honored at an afternoon ceremony at Heppner High School Monday, November 13.

The ceremony was attended by around 70 veterans, their family members, the high school student body and members of the public. The afternoon featured the entrance of the Color Guard by members of the American Legion, band

presentations by the Heppner High School band, including "Excalibur," "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful", directed by teacher Joe Lindsay. The Heppner Elementary kindergarten class sang "It's a Grand Old Flag" and the HHS Choir, sang "Blue Moon". Army Lieutenant David Melville, who served in Afghanistan and who is also a teacher at

HHS, was the guest speaker. A video presentation featured photos of many of the veterans. Morrow County School District Assistant Superintendent Wade Smith gave a roll call of veterans, which was followed by a moment of silence and "Taps" by Tom Bedortha. Following closing remarks by HHS Principal Daye Stone, the colors were retired.

HES honors veterans

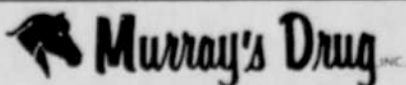


Heppner Elementary School fifth and sixth grade students honored veterans by making flags and putting a member of their family who is a veteran on the flag.

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