

Defense carries Mustangs over Tigers

By Rick Paullus

The stifling defense of the Heppner Mustangs held the visiting Stanfield Tigers to -32 total yards and shut them out 43-0 on Friday, September 21, to open Blue Mountain Conference play. The Mustangs, 1-0 in BMC and 1-2 overall, will be at Union on Friday, September 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs got out of the gate quick getting good field position at the Stanfield 45 yard line after a 36 yard kick return from Spencer Palmer. Dalton Wellman picked up five, Lane Bailey ran twice for seven yards and Palmer picked up 13 yards and a first down at the 21. Bailey ran twice more for 12 yards and Wellman hit Dennis Kenny for five yards. But the drive stalled and the Tigers took over at the two.

They were unable to move the ball and even though an inadvertent whistle on a fumble in the end zone wiped out a Heppner touchdown, the Mustang took over at the Stanfield 31 after a short punt. This time they took advantage of the field position as Wellman kept for six, and Bailey ran five straight times for 25 yards, the last from three yards out, and a touchdown. Josh Shank kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 3:26 left in the first.

The Tigers were unable to move the ball and the Mustangs took over at their 48 yard line after the punt. Bailey ran twice for 15 yards but the drive stalled there as the Tigers picked off a pass and brought it back to midfield. The defense held again and the Mustangs took over at their own 47 after the punt. A fumble was then picked up and returned to the Mustang three yard line and it looked as though they were about to tie the game, but the defense came up big. The Tigers lost nine yards in four plays, including a seven yard loss on a sack by Kenny, and the Mustangs took over at the 12.

After a slip in the backfield lost five, Bailey broke free for a 42 yard gain. Jordan Hatfield then took a pass from Brent Eckman and raced 41 yards to the 10. After an offside by the Tigers, Eckman picked up two then Bailey punched it in from the three for the touchdown. Shank kicked the extra point to make it 14-0 midway through the second quarter.

The Mustangs struck quick as a fumble was picked up by Kenny who took it to the end zone from 22 yards out and Shank made it 21-0 with the extra point.

The defense held again and after a bad snap on the punt, the Mustangs took over at the Stanfield nine. After an incomplete pass, Bailey took it in for his third touchdown of the half. Shank booted the extra point to make it 28-0 with 3:06 left in the half.

The Tiger didn't have much success with their next possession when a sack by Andre Rauch and Ricky Martin forced a punt. A big rush on the punter resulted on a six yard loss with the Mustangs taking over at the 25 yard line.

Wellman ran for 11 yards and Eckman hit Kenny for four but the drive stalled and the Mustangs took a 28-0 lead into the locker room at the half.

Stanfield took the second half kickoff and it was more of the same as Rauch had a tackle for a three yard loss on third down to force a punt which was downed at the Stanfield 41 yard line. Bailey ran twice for nine yards, Palmer ran twice for 20 yards and a face mask penalty took it to the nine. Bailey took it to the one where Palmer took

it in for the touchdown. Shank kicked the extra point to make it 35-0 midway through the third.

The defense forced another punt as Martin had another tackle for loss but a fumble gave the Tigers the ball at their 36 yard line. Bailey had a sack for a 10 yard loss and Jake Van Dorn had a sack for a loss of six yards to force another punt with the Mustangs taking over at the Tiger 46 yard line. Eckman hit Shank on a short pass that he took up the sideline for a touchdown but it was brought back by a holding penalty.

The Tigers had good field position at the Heppner 28 after blocking a punt but were unable to move the ball and the Mustangs took over again. The Mustangs were forced to punt again but another Van Dorn sack and fumbled snap on the punt gave the Mustangs the ball at the 26 yard line. Keenan Jack ran twice for 11 yards, Jordan Wright ran for five and after a motion penalty Jack ran for three, Willy Gentry ran for 11 yards to the one. Gentry then took it in on second down for the touchdown then hit Ian Murray in the end zone for the two point conversion to make it 43-0 late in the game.

Bailey ran 19 times for 131 yards and Palmer ran seven times for 39 yards.

Eckman was 4 of eight for 47 yards with Hatfield having two receptions for 43 yards.

The defense was led by Rauch and Martin with 15 points each with Wacy Coil adding 14 points, Nacho Elguezabal 13 points, Sam King 12 points, Kenny had 11 points, Bailey nine points and Van Dorn eight points.

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First Quarter: Heppner - Lane Bailey three yard run (Josh Shank kick) 3:26

Second Quarter: Heppner - Bailey three yard run (Shank kick) 5:42; Dennis Kenny 22 yard fumble return (Shank kick) 4:45; Bailey nine yard run (Shank kick) 3:06

Third Quarter: Spencer Palmer one yard run (Shank kick) 7:12

Fourth Quarter: Willy Gentry one yard run (Ian Murray pass from Gentry) 2:28

Team Statistics
Heppner: 13 first downs; 40-229 rushes-yards; 52 passing yards; 5-12-1 passes; 3-2 fumbles-lost; and 4-45 penalties-yards.

Stanfield: 1 first down; 29-(-52) rushes-yards; 20 passing yards; 1-10-0 passes; 3-1 fumbles-lost; 7-30 penalties-yards.

Individual Statistics
Rushing - Stanfield: Marcus Williams 5-17, Trey Blevins 3-1, Brian Renshaw 4-0, Josh Grabeel 1-0, Casey Irving 2-(-2), D.J. Scott 5-(-23), Matt Ellis 9-(-45).
Heppner: Bailey 19-129, Palmer 7-39, Dalton Wellman 3-22, Keenan Jack 3-13, Gentry 2-12, Brent Eckman 2-9, Jordan Wright 1-5, Kenny 2-0, Murray 1-0.

Passing - Stanfield: Ellis 1-9-0, 20 yards; Quintin Grogan 0-1-0, 0 yards.
Heppner: Eckman 4-8-0, 47 yards; Wellman 1-4-1, five yards.

Receiving - Stanfield: Irving 1-20.
Heppner: Jordan Hatfield 2-43, Kenny 2-9, Shank 1-0.

Mustangs Musings

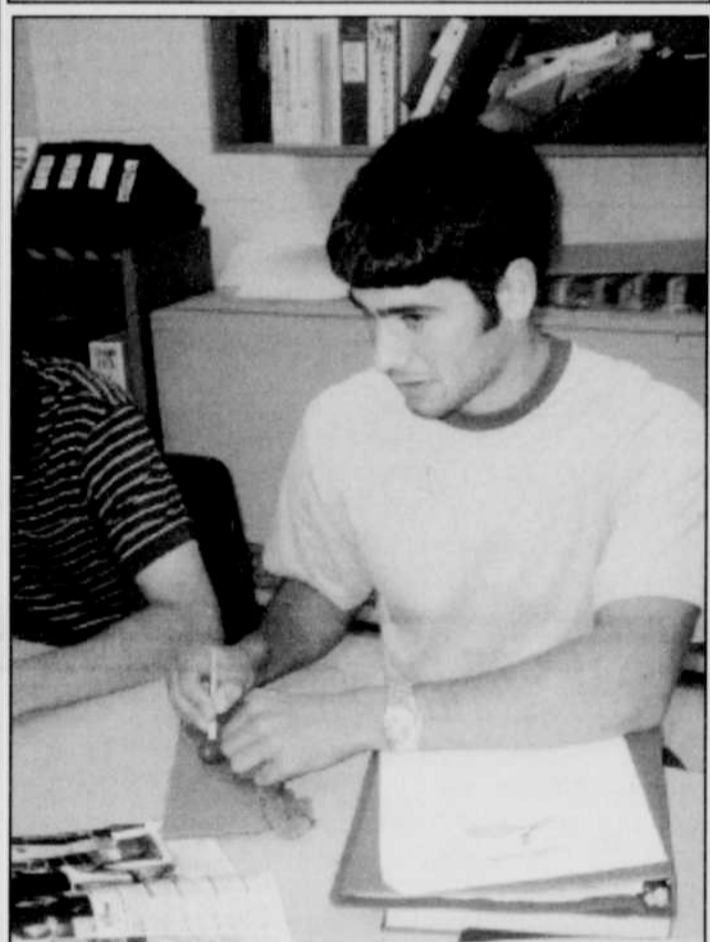
The highlight of last week for Heppner Jr./Sr. High School was the voting for homecoming court. The announcements for those who made the court will be announced Tuesday during activity period. For those who don't know, Homecoming is October 13. Students have already gotten their dates picked out and are making plans to go to the dance.

Mustangs took victory on the home field against the Stanfield Tigers with the amazing score of 43 to 0. Stanfield put up a fight, but just didn't have



what it took to beat the Mustangs. The Mustangs really worked together to take the score to where it was, and bring in a good victory. This week's varsity football games will be played on Friday, September 28, with the Mustangs facing off against Union in Union at 7:30 p.m. In volleyball, this week's JV and varsity games are Thursday the 27th at Union at 5 p.m. and Saturday the 29th in Elgin at noon. Good luck Mustangs.

HHS horticulture class in full swing



Students in Beth Dickenson's horticulture class are already cutting things up. They performed surgery on various monocots and dicots in class, including but not limited to, their roots, leaves, stems and seeds. Here Stephanie Rill takes a cross section of the stem to check out the phloem and xylem while Kelsie Fox looks on. Spencer Palmer is working on a radish.

Morrow County Economic Development Committee makes Tippage Fee Award recommendations

The six-member Morrow County Economic Development Committee met in Irrigon on September 17 to prioritize projects submitted through the Needs and Issues Inventory process. The Morrow County Court has set aside \$235,000 in tippage fees for funding assistance to community enhancement projects. The Morrow County Court has received the funding recom-

mendations from the committee and will make the final decision on Tippage Fee Awards.

This program is available to any group that benefits the people of Morrow County. Projects most likely to be selected for an award are those that can be completed within one year, will be fully funded if the requested award is received, have limited access

to other sources of funding and are requesting "smaller" amounts of money. This year, 41 different entities submitted 81 project concepts for a total request of \$1,596,691.

Through discussion and consensus, the committee developed the list that has been forwarded to the county court with a recommendation for funding. A total of 22 projects were selected by the committee. In an effort to spread the funds as widely as possible, many of the projects were funded at a lower level than requested. These reductions were made with the concurrence of the sponsoring organizations. The committee

put a high priority on assuring that all Morrow County communities would benefit from these awards. Size of recommended awards ranges from \$1,419 to \$25,000.


Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) facilitated this process for Morrow County. More information is available from Sondra Lino, GEODC, at 541-575-2786 or via e-mail at slino@oregonvos.net. When the court has made the final selection, the list may be found on the GEODC website at www.geodc.org.

Chamber to host annual Scarecrow Contest

It's officially Fall and time for the annual Scarecrow Contest. Contestants need to start planning their designs because the Heppner Chamber would like to see the displays up by October 5.

The categories this year will be Residential, Commercial and Schools. Judging will take place during the day on October 30.

There were some terrific scarecrows last year and the Chamber looks forward to seeing even better ones this year. A prize will be awarded for each category.



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