

Mustangs blank No. 1 Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The smothering defense of the Heppner Mustangs pitched their third straight shutout in beating the number one ranked Pilot Rock Rockets 20-0 on Friday, October 5, in Blue Mountain Conference play. The Mustangs, 3-0 in the BMC and 3-2 overall, will be at home on Friday, October 12, against the Irrigon Knights for their Homecoming beginning at 6 p.m.

The Rockets took the opening kick-off and were forced to punt as the Mustangs defense held and they took over at the Irrigon 41 yard line. The Mustangs gave the ball right back though as a fumble on their first play was recovered at the 26 yard line. The defense held though and they took over at the 20 when a 36 yard field goal attempt sailed wide left.

The teams traded punts through the rest of the first quarter and into the second with the Rockets getting good field position at the Heppner 41 yard line. The defense again stood tall though as Andre Rauch and Dennis Kenny combined on a tackle for a three yard loss. Wacy Coil had a sack for a loss and Nacho Elguezabal and Taylor Hodges combined on another sack on fourth down to give the Mustangs the ball at their own 40 yard line. Lane Bailey ran for 12 yards, Bryan Holland took a lateral pass for eight yards and Bailey went four yards for a first down at the 35. Bailey went for nine, Holland took another lateral pass for seven and Bailey went for 10 more and a first down just inside the 10 yard line. Brent Eckman was thrown for a seven yard loss but hit Kenny on the next play for a 17 yard touchdown pass. Josh Shank kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead with 6:22 left in the second.

The Rockets took over at their 37 yard line after the kick off but were forced when Kenny shot through three blockers on a screen pass and tackled the receiver for a four yard loss. The Mustangs got good field position when Holland took the punt 35 yards to the Rocket 38 yard line. After a short run by Bailey, Eckman broke free for 25 yards to the 10. Bailey went for three but a delay of game penalty backed them up five. Eckman hit Jordan Hatfield



Sophomore Quarterback Brent Eckman runs the ball past the Pilot Rock Rockets during the Friday night battle. The Mustangs stomped the Rockets, the No. 1 rated team. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

for 10 then took it inside the one where Bailey took it on fourth down for the touchdown. Shank kicked the extra point to make it 14-0 with 1:05 left in the first half.

The Mustangs weren't done there though as Hatfield recovered a fumble on the kickoff at the 32 yard line. After a motion penalty, Bailey hit Sam King for 18 yards then Eckman took a pitch back from Bailey then hit him for a 20 yard touchdown. The kick was no good but the Mustangs took a 20-0 lead into the half.

The Mustangs looked good to open the second half as Rauch took a short kick-off 13 yards to the Heppner 48. Bailey then ran three times for eight yards and Eckman went for three but the drive stalled and they were forced to punt with the Rockets taking over at their own five.

The defense held, forcing a punt which Holland took at midfield all the way for a touchdown but it was brought back by a penalty.

The teams traded punts then with the Rockets driving. Eckman picked off a pass at the five and returned it to the 20 yard line. The Mustangs then put together a drive as Bailey went for four. Eckman hit Spencer Palmer for 11 yards, Eckman ran twice for five and Bailey went for nine and first down at the 49 yard line. Palmer went twice for 11 yards but the drive ended with an interception at the 19 yard line.

The Mustangs got the ball back when Holland picked off a pass at the Rocket 46 yard line late in the fourth quarter and they put together the final drive of the night as Bailey ran seven times for 45 yards but the game ended with the Mustangs inside the three

yard line.

Bailey rushed 28 times for 148 yards with Eckman going for 48 yards on 13 carries.

Eckman hit four of nine passes for 58 yards and two touchdowns.

The defense held the Rockets to 77 yards rushing and 66 yards passing. King led the way with 15 defensive points with Elguezabal adding 13 points and Rauch 12 points. Kenny had 11 points and Eckman and Hatfield each had nine points.

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Second Quarter: Heppner - Dennis Kenny 17 yard pass from Brent Eckman (Josh Shank kick) 6:22. Lane Bailey one yard run (Shank kick) 1:05. Bailey 20 yard pass from Eckman (kick failed) :24.9.

Team Statistics
Heppner: 14 first downs; 47-226 rushes-yards; 76 passing yards; 5-10-1 passes; 4-1 fumbles-lost; 6-35 penalties-yards.

Pilot Rock: 5 first downs; 32-77 rushes-yards; 66 passing yards; 5-11-2 passes; 3-2 fumbles-lost; 2-10 penalties-yards.

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Pilot Rock - Chance Bandy 16-39, Travis Copeland 16-38, Heppner - Bailey 20-148, Eckman 13-48, Spencer Palmer 4-16, Bryan Holland 2-15.

Passing: Pilot Rock - Bandy 5-10-1, 66 yards; Copeland 0-1-1 0. Heppner - Eckman 4-9-1, 58 yards; Bailey 1-1-0, 18 yards.

Receiving: Pilot Rock - Kris Snodgrass 2-10, Jeremiah Grosjaque 1-52, Shann Hascall 1-9, Dylan Cutler 1-(-5). Heppner - Sam King 1-18, Kenny 1-17, Palmer 1-11, Jordan Hatfield 1-10.

Cardinals pick up win over Arlington

The Lone Cardinals rolled over the Arlington Honkers last Friday night, 52-24. The win, which came on Arlington's newly refurbished field, moved the Cardinals' season mark to 5-2 with their league record at 2-1.

The Cardinals received the opening kickoff and immediately moved the ball down the field. Their first play from scrimmage was a long pass; the second play from scrimmage was the first of Paul Hams' four rushing touchdowns on the night. Lone controlled the game in the early going, stretching their lead out to 24-0 with five minutes remaining in the first quarter.

The second quarter was a cause for concern for the Cardinal coaches as the team "got a little complacent." Coach Dennis Stefani noted that the Cards lost a bit of focus in the second quarter and "let Arlington do some good things." Arlington tallied two scores in the quarter while Lone stalled with just one, making the score 32-12 at the half.



Lone players in action during their game last Friday night. The Cardinals won 52-24.

A half-time "discussion" got the Cardinals back on track for the third quarter. Lone outscored Arlington 20-6 to put the game solidly out of reach. "We got things clicking again" said Coach Stefani.

Stefani noted that Junior, Matt Coleman, really came out in the second half and played good defense. "He played some terrific football with three sacks in the second half. It was his best defensive game of the year."

Paul Hams had another fine effort with four touchdowns. Two more scores came from the combination of quarterback, Jus-

tin Archer to receiver, Clay Morter and Alan Rietmann added a TD on the ground.

Stefani thought the game overall was a good comeback from the tough loss to South Wasco the week before. "It's good to get some confidence and know that the offense is still working. We need to be ready to take on Dufur and hopefully, give them a run for their money."

The Cardinals travel to Dufur this Saturday, October 13 for a 5 p.m. kickoff.

Lone will play their Homecoming game on Friday, October 19, against Nixyaawii at 7 p.m.

Mustang Musings

It's homecoming week and it is going to be exciting at Heppner High school. Every day the kids dress up and are judged on their creativity with their attire, and those who won received prizes. In the afternoon there were assemblies in the gym of different activities pitting classes against one another. Monday was a hip-hop dress-up day. Tuesday was a sci-fi/fantasy dress-up day. Wednesday was cops and robbers day with the second annual mud tug-of-war at 6 p.m. and a bonfire to start at 8 p.m. on Wednesday night. Thursday is the traditional blue and gold day. This is also the day of the noise parade. Classes will be riding on floats going down town making as much noise as humanly possible. Then we will venture down to the field where the cheerleaders will lead the school in fight songs and chants. So come on down Friday night and support the mustangs when we play Irrigon for our homecoming game.

The word "Homecoming" was devised by a man named Chester Brewer, an athletic director of the University of Missouri. He was afraid that due to declining numbers of people attending football games, that athletic programs would become non-existent. Mr. Brewer then came up with a concept of "home coming". He challenged all alumni and fans to come out not only for the game, but also for a parade celebrating the players, parties, all sorts of celebrations, and of course the game. A record number of people showed up for the festivities with numbers reaching over 9,000 people. The amazing thing about this is that all of this occurred in 1911. (Information provided by Homecoming... An American Tradition by Cindy Nick).

HHS football tops list of consecutive league wins

56 consecutive wins: Heppner High School, Columbia Basin / Blue Mt. current / 2007.

55 consecutive wins: Marshfield High School, Midwestern League. Ended by Sheldon High School (21-7) October 6, 2000.

51 consecutive wins: Sheldon High School, Midwestern League current / 2007.

50 consecutive wins: St. Mary's High School, Big Fir League. Ended by Yoncalla High School (17-10) October 7, 1983.

50 consecutive wins: Dayton High School, West Valley League.

Ended by Amity High School (6-0) 1997.

49 consecutive wins: Regis High School, League Tri-River League. Ended by Colton High School (6-0) in two overtimes on November 7, 1980.

46 consecutive wins: Junction City High School, Sky-Em League. Ended by Marist High School (27-24) October 1, 1999.

43 consecutive wins: Pendleton High School, Intermountain League. Ended by Baker High School (21-13).

42 consecutive wins: Lost River High School, Southern Cascade. Ended by Chiloquin High School (28-27) in overtime in 1967.

41 consecutive wins: Seaside High School, Cowapa League. Ended by North Catholic High School (20-7) September 28, 1963.

37 consecutive wins: North Catholic High School, Cowapa League. Ended by Rainier High School (12-8) October 20, 1969.

36 consecutive wins: Jesuit High School, Metropolitan League. Ended by Beaverton High School (41-19) September 27, 2002.

Mustang volleyball to host soup feed

The Mustang volleyball team will be hosting a soup feed during the Irrigon volleyball game, October 11. The soup feed will begin at 5 p.m. during the JV team's game and will

continue till the soup is gone or the games are over. The soup supper will include all you can eat homemade soup, salad, bread and dessert for \$5.

Heppner High school is celebrating homecoming all week. This game will also be Senior Night. During the game seniors and parents of seniors will be recognized during the game. It will also be colt night. All the grade school volleyball players and all the Jr. High volleyball players will be on-hand to cheer the Mustangs on. The girls are having a great season and hope that the community will come and support them.

Before you plan your Harvest Festival or Halloween party, perhaps you want to consider what you are truly celebrating.

"Mom, can I dress up like Casper this year?"

"Dad, can we carve a jack-o'-lantern and put it on the porch?"

Halloween... costume-clad children happily skipping from door to door shouting "trick or treat!" expecting to fill their bags with candy, gum and other goodies... houses decorated with jack-o'-lanterns, pumpkins, witches with broomsticks and black cats. These are the most common sights of the celebration of Halloween. They are all make-believe and harmless... or are they?

Each year during Halloween, parents are faced with the dilemma of letting their children participate in what the world calls "harmless fun" and their own concerns about the spiritual significance of this holiday. While we all have to hear God for ourselves concerning these decisions, we thought the following history of Halloween might be helpful to you and your family.

Halloween, which directly stems from Irish, Scottish and British folk customs, was celebrated as the Druids' autumn festival. The Druids were an order of priests who worshiped nature. This holiday was originally celebrated to honor Samhain, lord of the dead, on October 31 (the end of the summer). The Druids believed that on this date, Samhain called all the wicked souls which had been condemned within the last year to live in animal bodies. He was believed to have released them in the form of spirits, ghosts, fairies, witches and elves.

According to druidic tradition, these souls of the dead roamed the city on Halloween night and returned to haunt the homes where they once lived. The only way the current occupants of the house could free themselves from being haunted was to lay out food and give shelter to the spirit during the night. If they did not, the spirit would cast a spell on them. That is where the phrase "trick or treat!" comes from: They would be tricked if they did not lay out a treat.

The jack-o'-lantern was also a part of this belief system. The carved pumpkin symbolized a damned soul named Jack. According to the tale, Jack was not allowed into heaven or hell. So he

wandered around in the darkness with his lantern until Judgment Day. Fearful people hollowed out turnips (and later pumpkins in the United States), carved an evil face on them, and a lit candle inside to scare him and other evil spirits away.

The Druids had other outlandish beliefs which have since turned into tradition. For example, they were afraid of black cats because they believed that when a person committed evil, he would be turned into a cat. Cats were thus considered to be evil. To scare them away, the Druids decorated their homes with witches, ghosts and the like. They also decorated with cornstalks, pumpkins and other goods in offering of thanks and praise to their false gods.

In addition to being Halloween, October 31 was also the New Year's Eve of the Celts and Anglo-Saxons. To celebrate, they built huge bonfires on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits, and often offered their crops and animals to the evil ones as a sacrifice-sometimes they even offered themselves.

Some people believe that the only significance of Halloween was as All Hallows' Eve, the evening before All Saints' Day. But All Saints' Day was originally celebrated by the Catholic Church in May. About A.D. 43 the Romans conquered the Celts and changed All Saints' Day to November 1. The celebration remained the same with minor additions. The Roman Harvest Festival was then held in honor of Pomona, the goddess of fruit and trees (the practice of bobbing for apples is derived from this). And the Romans also wanted to honor the newly overpowered descendants of the Druids in Germany and Scandinavia, so All Saints' Day and Halloween became unified with the same focus of reverencing the dead.

The combination of these customs has developed into the traditional celebration we call Halloween. VICTORY

Information for this article was taken from several sources... all easily found at your local library. Most encyclopedias have information on the origin and history of Halloween.

Wedding Tables

Lexi Matteson
and Josh Makenzie
Wedding on Saturday, October 20, 2007

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