

# Mustangs roll past Loggers to advance to quarterfinals

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs continued their suffocating defense as they rolled past the visiting Scio Loggers 41-8 to advance to the quarterfinals of the US Bank/Les Schwab Tire OSAA 2A football play-offs on Saturday, November 10. The Mustangs, now 8-2 on the year, will be at home against the Nestucca Bobcats, who beat Glendale 8-6, on Saturday, November 17, at 1 p.m.

The Loggers took the opening kick-off and, unable to move the ball, had to punt with the Mustangs taking over at their own 45 yard line. After a false start penalty, Lane Bailey ran for three, Brent Eckman went for seven, and then Bailey ran for three more. On the fourth down Bailey went for seven more and a first down at the Scio 40 yard line. Bailey went for 13 yards and Eckman ran twice for 19 yards. Bailey then took it in from the eight for the touchdown. The two point conversion failed but the Mustangs led 6-0 midway through the first quarter.

The defense held again and the Mustangs took over at their 41 after a punt and went back to work. Bailey went three times for 13 yards and Eckman ran for 12. After an illegal motion and an incomplete pass, Eckman went for seven and Bailey for eight yards to bring up fourth and one at the 36 as the first quarter ended. Bailey then broke free on the first play of the second quarter and took it



#28 Spencer Palmer takes the ball from #1 Lane Bailey during the Mustangs' victorious game against Scio. -Photo by Sandy Matthews



#76 Senior Andre Rauch makes a huge wall against the Scio punter during the first round of state playoffs. The Mustangs beat the Scio loggers 41-8. The Mustangs will play the Nestucca Bobcats on Saturday, November 17, at 1 p.m. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

all the way to the endzone and ran in the two point conversion to make it 14-0.

On the Loggers' next possession, Nacho Elguezabal recovered a fumble at the Scio 48 yard line and the Mustangs were back in business. Eckman went for 15 yards on first down and after a delay of game penalty, Bailey went for 16 more. After an incomplete

pass and short gain by Spencer Palmer, Bailey scored his third touchdown of the first half from 20 yards out. Palmer ran in the two point conversion to make it 22-0 midway through the second quarter.

The defense held again but the Mustangs gave it right back on an intercepted pass that was brought back to the Heppner 33 yard

line. The didn't weaken though and they took over on downs at the 28 yard line. Bailey ran twice for 12 yards and after an incomplete pass and a false start, Willy Gentry hit Eckman on a pass. Eckman outran the defense for a 65 yard touchdown. The two point conversion failed but the Mustangs had a 28-0 lead at the half.

Bryan Holland took the second half kick-off out to the Mustangs' 41 yard line and went to work as Bailey ran for nine and Eckman for six yards and a first down. A delay of game penalty moved them back five. Palmer then went for two and Holland took a lateral pass for four. Bailey went for four more and on fourth down, went for eight yards and a first down at the 31. Eckman hit Dennis Kenny for 30 yards to the one where Bailey took it in for the touchdown and, after Josh Shank kicked the extra point, the Mustangs led 35-0 with 8:08 left in the third.

The defense held again, but another interception ended the Mustangs' drive. Heppner got the ball back again at the Scio 44 after a short punt. After two plays lost three yards, Bailey went for 10 and Eckman went for five more and a first down at the 35 yard line. After a short gain by Bailey, Eckman dropped in a perfect pass to Holland at the goal line for a 32 yard touchdown. The two point conversion failed but the Mustangs had the game well in hand at 41-0 with

8:41 left.

The teams traded punts as the Mustangs were substituting freely. Ian Murray then recovered a fumble at midfield but they could not move the ball and had to punt it away again.

The Loggers then put together their only long drive of the game, capped by a 20 yard touchdown run by Colter Mastenbrock with :05.2 left.

Bailey finished with 192 yards on 25 carries and four touchdowns with Eckman picking up 71 yards on eight carries and hit two of six passes for 62 yards and a touchdown. Gentry was one for two for 65 yards and a touchdown.

The defense was led by Kenny with 14 points. Andre Rauch added 13 points and Elguezabal had 10 points. Sam King had nine points and Bailey, Eckman, and Wacy Coil each had eight points.

Scio 0 0 0 8-8  
Heppner 6 22 7

6-41  
First Quarter  
Heppner - Lane Bailey, eight yard run (run failed) 5:29.

Second Quarter  
Heppner - Bailey, 36 yard run (Bailey run) 11:53. Bailey, 20 yard run (Spencer Palmer run) 7:05. Brent Eckman, 65 yard pass from Willy Gentry (run failed) 1:08.

Third Quarter  
Heppner - Bailey, one yard run (Josh Shank kick) 8:08.

Fourth Quarter

Heppner - Bryan Holland, 32 yard pass from Eckman (run failed) 8:41. Scio - Colter Mastenbrock, 20 yard run (Kyle Ring run) :05.2.

Team Statistics  
Heppner: 14 first downs, 43-285 rushes-yards, 127 passing yards, 3-8-2 passes, 2-0 fumbles-lost, and 9-65 penalties-yards.

Scio: 3 first downs, 42-189 rushes-yards, 0 passing yards, 0-2-0 passes, 2-2 fumbles-lost, 10-52 penalties-yards.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Scio - Brock Sarbeck 17-90; Mastenbrock 14-62; Max Heil 8-18; Ring 3-19. Heppner - Bailey 25-192; Eckman 8-71; Palmer 4-11; Chris Lien 2-1; Keenan Jack 1-5; Holland 1-4 Jordan Wright 1-3; Eric Chick 1-0; Shank 1(-1); Dennis Kenny 1(-1).

Passing: Scio - Ring 0-2-0, 0 yards. Heppner - Eckman 2-6-2, 62 yards; Gentry 1-2-0, 65 yards.

Receiving: Heppner - Eckman 1-65, Holland 1-32, Kenny 1-30.

## Cardinal Booster Club meeting held

The Cardinal Booster Club meeting met Monday, November 5, at the school library. Seven members were present. Club members expressed appreciation to Anne Morter and Laurel Cannon for work on the community calendar and Becky Tullis for preparing the tax exempt status reports.

Superintendent Browning will ask the ESD to prepare a sport program sample to use at basketball games. Business supporters will be printed on the backs of the programs. Jeri McElligott will check with tech teacher Lindsay Orem about correcting the typing errors on the web site by-laws page. Arlynda Gates is still gathering information to complete a responsibility list for each of the club committees. Dean Robinson reported the three-point shot board sponsored by Sandhollow Ag Products is nearly complete and will be in the gym by the start of basketball season.

The Booster Club Christmas Tree Committee consists of Anita Orem, Toby Garrett and Glenda Taylor. The Christmas program for grades K-5 will be December 11.

The annual Basketball Bonanza Tournament will be November 30-December 1 with both varsity and junior varsity boy's and girl's teams competing. Wheatland Insurance and the Bank of Eastern Oregon will sponsor the hospitality room for referees and coaches. Gates is in charge of concessions for the weekend.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, December 3, at 7 p.m. in the school library.

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