

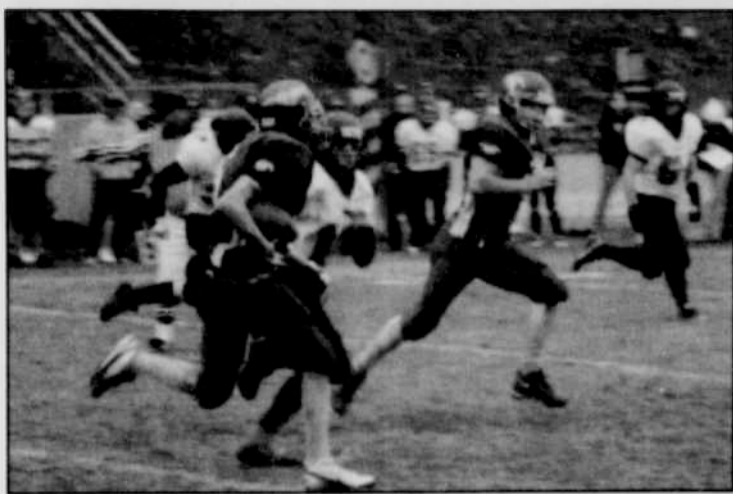
Mustangs blank Bobcats 34-0 to advance to semifinals

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs' defense rose to the occasion big time against the visiting Nestucca Bobcats, shutting them out 34-0 on Saturday, November 17. The Mustangs scored three touchdowns in the last five minutes of the game to seal the win. The quarterfinal win in the US Bank/Les Schwab OSAA Class 2A football playoffs advanced the Mustangs, now 9 and 2 on the year, to the semi-final round against the Lakeview Honkers. The game will be played on Saturday, November 24 in Salem at Willamette University at noon. The other semi-final game will be between Lost River and Culver at 5 p.m. at the same location.

Both Heppner and Nestucca were held on downs on their first possessions but Jake VanDoorn jumped on a fumble on the Bobcats' second possession at the Nestucca 32 yard line. Lane Bailey ran twice for 16 yards and a first down. He then ran twice more for nine and Brent Eckman kept it for four yards and a first down at the three. Bailey then took it in for the touchdown and ran in the two point conversion for an 8-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

The Bobcats again went for it on fourth down but Jordan Hatfield knocked down the pass to give the Mustangs the ball at their own 44 yard line. Bailey ran twice for 11 yards, Spencer Palmer picked up three and Bailey ran twice for eight more and a first down at the Nestucca 34 yard line as the first quarter ended. Bailey ran twice for 13 yards and two offside penalties moved



Bryan Holland makes a run for the endzone during the Mustang's game on Saturday.



Nacho Elguezabal scored his first ever touchdown during Saturday's game against the Nestucca Bobcats.

the ball to the 11. Bailey ran three times, the last from two yards out, for the touchdown. Bryan Holland ran in the two point conversion to make it 16-0 with 9:40 left in the second quarter.

Neither team was able to move the ball the remainder of the quarter and the first half ended with Heppner leading 16-0.

The Mustangs had good field position to open the second half at their own 48. Bailey ran twice for 11 yards and a first down. Palmer picked up three and Bailey went for eight

more and a first down at the Bobcat 31 yard line. The drive stalled there, though, and Nestucca took over on downs at their own 25 yard line.

The defense held again and the Mustangs took over at the Nestucca 42 after a short punt and Bailey ran three times for 30 yards and a first down at the 12. Again, the Bobcats defense stiffened and they took over on downs at the five yard line.

The defense held with the Mustangs taking over at the Bobcats' 48 after a punt. Eckman broke free for a 22 yard gain but the Bobcats jumped on a loose ball at their own 30 yard line.

The Bobcats put together a drive into Mustang territory but Dalton Wellman jumped on a fumble at the Heppner 37 yard line. Bailey went for 10 and a first down and after an illegal motion penalty broke free for 37 yards and a first down at the 21 yard line. After two plays, lost yards, and a penalty, Holland picked up 13 yards. But it was short of a first down and the Bobcats took over on their own 21 yard line.

The defense took the scoring into their own hands as Wellman picked off a deflected pass and rambled 30 yards for a touchdown. The two point conversion failed but the Mustangs led 22-0 with 4:50 left in the game.

They didn't quit there, though, as on the Bobcats' first play, following the kickoff, Nacho Elguezabal scooped up a fumble

and sprinted 41 yards for a touchdown. The two point conversion failed but the Mustangs had a comfortable 28-0 lead.

On the Bobcats' next possession, Hatfield picked off a screen pass and ran 60 yards for a touchdown to end the scoring at 34-0 with the Mustangs picking up their eighth shutout of the year.

The defense was led by Wellman with 20 defensive points. Dennis Kenny picked up 17 points, Wacy Coil had 14 points, Elguezabal had 13 points, Sam King had 11 points, Hatfield and Holland each had 10 points, and VanDoorn had eight points.

Bailey proved to be the offensive workhorse, rushing 32 times for 194 yards with Eckman running seven times for 34 yards.

The game also marked the final home game for seniors Bailey, Elguezabal, Kenny, VanDoorn, Andre Rauch, Sean Murray, and Taylor Hodges.

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First Quarter
Heppner: Lane Bailey, three yard run (Bailey run) 5:45.

Second Quarter
Heppner: Bailey, two yard run (Bryan Holland run) 9:40.

Fourth Quarter
Heppner: Dalton Wellman, 30 yard interception return (run failed) 4:50. Nacho Elguezabal, 41 yard fumble return (run failed) 4:37. Jordan Hatfield, 60 yard interception return (run failed) 1:20.

Team Statistics
Heppner: 12 first downs, 47-238 rushes-yards, 0 passing yards, 0-3-0 passes, 4-2 fumbles-lost, 5-26 penalties-yards.

Nestucca: five first downs, 38-108 rushes-yards, 15 passing yards, 3-14-2 passes, 3-3 fumbles-lost, 4-20 penalties-yards.

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Nestucca - Adam Sigle 17-54, Jordan Landingham 10-27, Alex Sigle 2-10, Brian Mendoza 2-5, Phillip Sigle 2-2, Charlie Sutton 1-3. Heppner - Bailey 32-194, Brent Eckman 7-34, Spencer Palmer 4-5, Holland 1-13, Willy Gentry 1-2.

Passing: Nestucca - Richwine, 3-13-2, 15 yards; Landingham 0-1-0. Heppner - Eckman 0-1-0; Bailey 0-1-0; Gentry 0-1-0.

Receiving: Nestucca - Sutton 2-9, Keifer Beaudet 1-6.

G-T Deadline
Mondays at 5 p.m.

Heppner Junior High Boys/Girls

Basketball Schedule

November 26 - Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock (B-A/B) at 5 p.m.

November 29 - Pendleton at Heppner (B-A/B) at 4 p.m.

November 30 - The Dalles at The Dalles (B-A/B) at 10 a.m.

December 7, 8 - Mount Vernon at 9 a.m.

December 10 - Pilot Rock at Heppner (B-A/B) at 5 p.m.

December 13 - at Sunridge (B-A/B) at 4 p.m.

December 15 - Heppner Tourney (B-A/B) at 9 a.m.

Mustang Basketball

November 29 - Mac Hi at Milton Freewater, 3 p.m.

November 30 - Irrigon JV B/G at Irrigon, 3 p.m.

December 1 - Irrigon JV B/G at Irrigon, 3 p.m.

December 4 - Condon at Heppner, 3 p.m.

December 7 - Weston Mc JV at Athena, 3 p.m.

December 6,7,8 - Col River Classic at Umatilla, TBA.

December 14 - Pilot Rock at Heppner, 3 p.m.

December 15 - Union at Union, 1 p.m.

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FFA students will be contacting some people directly, however, a convenient on-line catalog and order form are available. FFA members would also appreciate people passing on this information to anyone out of the area and the FFA will still get credit for the order. Our dedicated web page can be found at www.buckboard-provisioning.com/campaigns/heppnerffa.

Orders will be taken through December 4 with delivery around December 13. Please contact Heppner High School FFA at 676-9138 or Roberta Lutchter at 676-8954.

Heppner Little League to meet

Heppner Little League will hold a little league meeting on Monday, November 26, at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

HHS honor roll announced

Heppner High School announces its first quarter honor roll for the 2007-2008 school year.

Seventh Grade: Bryce Fowler 4.0, Jacob Moore 4.0, Kellie Nelson 4.0, Earl Propheter 4.0, Cidney Coster, Austin Gutierrez, Maggie Collins, Larissa Gray, Kyle Harrison, Garrett Robinson, and Celeste Owen.

Eighth Grade: Zechariah Hintz 4.0, Seth Palmer 4.0, Justin Pranger 4.0, Trent Cannon, Jared Gorham, Carrie Haguewood, Cody Orr, Joanna Patton, Natalie Rauch, Camron Day, Mayci Garrett, Courtney George, Garrett Gibbs, Conner Pappas, Stephanie Schuler-Inskeep, Justin Bailey, and Cassidee Day.

Ninth Grade: Joseph Armato 4.0, Willy Gentry 4.0, Justin Gutierrez 4.0, Brett Harrison 4.0, Victoria Lankford 4.0, Donald Matthews 4.0, Julia Meyer 4.0, Ian Murray 4.0, Devin Robinson 4.0, Kelsi Putman, Lindsay Cutsforth, Keshawna Talamantes, Daisy Victorio, Kolleen Chapa, Amber Gray, Jarreid Miller, and Eric Chick.

Tenth Grade: Jodessa Chapa 4.0, Jared Huddleston 4.0, Jessica Hughes 4.0, Keenan Jack 4.0, Andrew Johnson 4.0, Cherisse Lemmon 4.0, Christopher Lien 4.0, Frank Meyer 4.0, Erin Price 4.0, Brynna Rust 4.0, Emily Thompson 4.0, Lacie Wagoner 4.0, Ashley Wolff 4.0, Lane Wright 4.0, Jordan Hatfield, Catherine McElligott, Thanaphan Sathitkhun, Curtis Harper, Brent Eckman, Bryan Holland, Kylie VanArsdale, and Heather Wiggers.

Eleventh Grade: Maggie Armato 4.0, Sarah Ballard 4.0, Quinn Chick 4.0, Spencer Palmer 4.0, Sherilyn Peck 4.0, Jordan Shepherd 4.0, Kathryn Moore, Stephanie Rill, Pongvit Chotvijit, Joseph Pranger, Joshua Shank, Luke Young, Stephanie Cutsforth, Kaylee Helfrecht, and Grant Smith.

Twelfth Grade: Latosha Bowles 4.0, Kate Kendrick 4.0, Katie Kilkenny 4.0, Whitney Matthews 4.0, Josie Miller 4.0, Sean Murray 4.0, Kelsey Wolff 4.0, Megan Orr, Cyde Coil, Kelsie Fox, Aftan Betsinger, Andre Rauch, Nathan VanCleave, Lane Bailey, Sarah Johnson, Kylie Doherty, Sursasak Charnsethikul, and Baillie Keithley.



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by Chefs Mortimores and Kennys

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