

Mustangs continue in state football action

By Jared Lemmon

Heppner and Monroe both played a great game Saturday. Heppner had a solid defense, and did not allow Monroe to score, ending the game with a score of 33-0.

It was made very clear that Heppner would be moving on to the second round of the playoffs early on in the game. The Mustangs took the lead on their first play after Bryan Holland ran a 52 yard touchdown. Heppner kept their momentum from their first touchdown and scored two more in the first quarter, both by senior Brent Eckman.

Despite having the football for most of the second quarter, the Monroe offense could not pass the goal line against the stingy Mustang defense. The scoreboard read 20-0 at the half.

Heppner got things going again pretty quickly after halftime. Eckman rushed into the end zone for his third touchdown, and David Bernsen quickly put another six points on the board, making the score 33-0.

Although they scored no points in the fourth quarter, Heppner managed to finish strong, keeping a hold of their 33 point lead. Throughout the game, Brent Eckman ran for a total of 91 yards, and



Top Photo: #3 Brent Eckman #3 jumps over the top of the Monroe Defensive line. Bottom Photo: #40 Jordan Hatfield catches a pass for a Mustang touchdown. The Mustangs defeated Monroe 33-0 to move on in state playoff action. -Photos by Sandy Matthews

Bryan Holland for 110. Freshman Earl Prophet of Heppner showed promising talent when, with just five attempts, he gained 86 yards, almost as much as

Monroe's combined team rushing yards.

Heppner will move on to the quarterfinals to play Kennedy at 1 p.m. Saturday, November 21.

Cardinal football season comes to an end

The lone Cardinals 2009 football season came to a different end than the one they envisioned at the hands of a strong Cove team last Friday, November 13, in the first round of the OSAA State 1A Football Playoffs.

The Cardinals kept it close in the first half but saw the game get away in the second, falling to the Leopards 44-12. A big crowd showed up to enjoy the first home state football playoff game in 29 years and for the most part, stayed until the end, despite the chill of the evening and the brisk breeze. "It's not the way you want to end the season," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "But we came a long way and had a good season."

The Cards struck first early when Micah Stillman cut loose for a 55 yard touchdown run on just the third play of the game. The extra point was no good but just like that the Cardinals were up 6-0. Cove turned the ball over on downs on their first series. The Cards notched a first down but gave the ball back to Cove on downs on the next series. Cove then got on the board after their quarterback moved the ball downfield 50 yards and a couple plays later, their star running back punched in from 21 yards out. Their extra point also failed the score was tied 6-6 with 4:26 left in the first quarter.

The teams traded possessions with each team's defense stifling the other team's offense. Midway through the second quarter, a flare up away from the ball resulted in a double ejection. Lone's Micah Stillman and a player from Cove were both removed from the game. Stillman had been moving the ball fairly well for the Cardinals, gaining 76



#22 Tanner Rietmann makes a tackle during Ione's state playoff game against Cove last Friday night. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

yards in the first quarter and a half.

Ione recovered a Cove fumble shortly after that but immediately coughed it back up, one of seven Cardinal fumbles in the game. Cove took over on the Cardinal 41 and finally sent a runner to the endzone with a little shovel pass with 3:36 left in the half. The extra point run was good and the Leopards led 14-6, a lead they took to the locker room at the half.

Cove cracked the game open in the second half, scoring twice in a one minute span in the third quarter. Lined up on fourth and four on their own 40 yard line, the Leopards ran out of punt formation for a 60 yard touchdown. Less than 60 seconds later, Cove picked up a fumbled Ione pitch and ran in for another score from 30 yards out. The game that had been close suddenly started to look different with the Leopards leading 26-6.

Early in the fourth, Tanner Rietmann shook off the Leopard defenders and scored from 41 yards out. But Cove had an answer. After covering on onside kick on the Ione 48, Cove's Delcurto scored the fourth of his five touchdowns on the day from 49 yards out on the first play of the series, just 13 seconds after Rietmann's score gave the Cardinal faithful some hope. Cove scored twice more in the quarter for the

final margin.

Cove pounded the Cardinals with 397 yards on the ground on 42 carries. Delcurto (193 yards) and Cove quarterback, Witty (180) accounted for the majority. The Cardinals tallied 204 yards rushing on 37 carries. Tanner Rietmann was the Card's leading rusher (12-83) followed by Micah Stillman (8-76). Neither team had much luck in the passing department. Cove had 29 passing yards to Ione's 38.

Tanner Rietmann led the Cardinals tackles with nine (five solo) followed by RJ Ramos with eight (four solo), Alex Rietmann with seven (five solo) and Eric Jepsen with 7 (two solo.)

Coach Stefani wasn't sure if it was the weather or nerves or some unknown factor that caused his team to fumble the ball seven times, losing it five times but he knew that it cost the team dearly. "You are not going to win a lot of games with that many turnovers."

Despite the disappointment of the season's abrupt end, Coach Stefani noted that it was a "pretty satisfying season" for the team. "Basically it was a very good season for the seniors" who reminded their coach they went 1-8 in their freshman year and 8-2 in their senior year. "To have a turnaround like that is alright."

"Ten Grands Young Artist" competition accepting audition tapes

Young musicians in Washington, Oregon and Idaho are invited to vie for a scholarship and a chance to perform on stage at Benaroya Hall during the third annual Ten Grands concert on May 21, 2010. The once-in-a-lifetime opportunity is part of the grand prize that awaits the winner of 98.1 Classical KING FM's "Ten Grands Young Artist Awards."

The competition, presented in collaboration with Ten Grands Seattle and The Snowman Foundation, is open to musicians between the ages of 6 and 18. Non-professional acoustic

instrumentalists, vocalists, or ensembles of up to six people are eligible to submit the entry (consisting of an audition recording and entry form) until Jan. 31, 2010. Acceptable submissions are YouTube clips lasting no more than five minutes.

Twenty semi-finalists will be showcased for public voting online from February 8 until March 1, 2010 at www.king.org, with half of them advancing as finalists. These finalists will perform together at the May 21st Ten Grands event, with the grand prize winner featured in a solo

performance and presented with a \$1,000 scholarship from KING FM.

All entries are due by January 31, 2010.

Tickets for the May 21 Ten Grands concert in Seattle presented by RBC Wealth Management go on sale December 1 at www.benaroyahall.org and by phone, (206) 215-4747 (Benaroya Hall Box Office).

Gingerbread Challenge to be held Saturday

The Gingerbread Challenge hosted by Sweet Productions will be held on Saturday, November 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is still some space available for kids. Adult entries will be taken through Friday evening, November 20.

For more information contact Jodi at Sweet Productions at 676-8022.

Senior Center Menu

Heppner Christian Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, November 25. The menu will include turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce with orange, hot rolls, and pumpkin pie.

Firefighters visit head start students



On November 16, members from the Heppner Volunteer Fire Department visited Heppner Head Start and shared fire safety information with the children. Firefighters Matt Best and Andrew Sherman were in gear to show first-hand, what equipment firemen use to do their job. Pictured left to right are: Steve Rhea, Tessa Best, Bill Alldritt, Andrew Sherman, Hailey Wenberg, Matt Best, David Devilbiss, and Zandra Masterson. -Contributed Photo

Christmas tree permits going on sale

Christmas tree permits will be available at all offices of the Umatilla National Forest and will be available at several local businesses beginning next week. Permits are valid

on Federal Forest Service lands only and do not authorize tree cutting on private, state or other federally managed lands.

Permits can be purchased for \$5 each and are limited to one per household. Christmas tree permits and forest maps are available during regular office hours, Monday through Friday, at the supervisor's office in Pendleton and at the four Ranger District offices in Ukiah and Heppner, and Walla Walla and Pomeroy, WA.

Local businesses will be set up to sell permits by the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. This year, Christmas Tree Permits will not be available for purchase in the Tollgate area.

Morrow County businesses selling Christmas tree permits include: Heppner Shell and MCGG - Green Feed in Heppner.

BMC all-league football teams announced

The 2009 Blue Mountain Conference all-league football teams were recently announced. Heppner players named to the teams are:

Defensive Backs

First team - Bryan Holland, Jordan Hatfield, and Chris Lien.

Second team - Brent Eckman

Linebackers

First team - Ian Murray

Second team - Wacy Coil

Honorable Mention - Keenan Jack

Defensive Line

First team - Mark McCabe and David Bernsen

Receivers

First team - Bryan Holland

Second team - Cody Orr

Quarterback

Honorable Mention - Chris Lien

Offensive Line

First team - Wacy Coil and Ian Murray

Running Backs

First team - Brent Eckman

Place Kicker

Second team - Chris Lien

Heppner Little League to meet

The Heppner Little League will meet on Thursday, November 19, at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center.

Medicare Part D Enrollment Period November 15th - December 31st

See the following list of plans we are accepting for 2010

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