

Mustangs slay Knights 46-6

In a turnaround from their last game, the Heppner Mustang football team dished out defeat 46-6 to the Irrigon Knights during their game on Sept. 21.

The Mustangs gained their first touchdown during the first quarter of the game when #7 Stephen Thompson handed off ball at the 11 to Earl Propheter (#26), who ran the ball to the endzone for an eight-yard gain and the score. Thompson then attempted the PAT handing off ball at the 6 to Propheter, who again ran the ball to the endzone for a three-yard gain and two point conversion.

The first quarter saw more action by the Mustangs as Thompson dropped back to the 43 and threw a pass completion. #44 Jesse Corbin ran the ball from the 49 to the endzone. The Mustangs were up 54 yards and another touchdown. Thompson again attempted the PAT from the 6, handing off the ball to Propheter, who carried it to the endzone for a three-yard gain and another two point conversion. The third touchdown of the first quarter occurred when Thompson handed off ball to Aidan Wright (#24), who carried the ball to the endzone for a one-yard gain and touchdown. An attempt by Thompson for the PAT ended in an incomplete pass from the 6, ending the first quarter 22-0 to the Mustangs.

The Mustangs kept their momentum into the

second quarter, scoring a touchdown when Jaden Orr (#13) received the ball from Thompson at the 5 and made the touchdown with a two-yard gain. Thompson then threw a pass completion from the 6 to #85 JC Putman, who carried to ball to the endzone for a two point conversion. The second touchdown of the quarter came when Wright got the ball from Thompson at the 11 and ran it down for an eight-yard gain and the score. Propheter then received the ball from Thompson at the six and ran it down for another two point conversion. The second quarter ended with the Mustangs 38, Knights 0.

Momentum slowed during the third but the Mustangs still managed to shut out their Irrigon opponents. Thompson ran the ball from the 5 to the endzone for a two-yard gain and the touchdown. Wright attempted the PAT from the 6, running the ball to the endzone for another three yards and the two point conversion. Mustangs 46, Knights 0.

The Knights rallied in the fourth quarter, keeping the Mustangs at bay but unable to turn the tide for a victory. Knight Francisco Nunez (#10) dropped back to the 38 and threw a pass completion, allowing #13 A.J. Timpy to carry the ball to the endzone for a 59-yard gain for Irrigon. Nunez then attempted the PAT, throw-

ing an incomplete pass from the 6 and ending the game 46-6 to the Mustangs.

Game stats are as follows:

Heppner Mustangs: 22, 16, 8, 0
Irrigon Knights: 0, 0, 0, 6

Stat Comparison

First Downs: Mustangs 22, Knights 5

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Rushing Yards: Mustangs 385, Knights 23

Passing: Completions - Attempts: Mustangs 2 / 3, Knights 6 / 13

Passing Yards: Mustangs 69, Knights 115

Passing: Touchdowns - Interceptions: Mustangs 1 / 0, Knights 1 / 0

Total Plays: Mustangs 53, Knights 33

Total Offense: Mustangs 454, Knights 138

Fumbles - Lost: Mustangs 3 / 2, Knights 2 / 1

Penalties - Yards: Mustangs 8 / 50, Knights 5 / 40

Defensive Sacks - Yards Lost: Mustangs 5 / 30.0, Knights 0 / 0

Time of Possession: Mustangs 30:34, Knights 17:26

3rd Down Efficiency: Mustangs 6 of 9, Knights 2 of 8

4th Down Efficiency: Mustangs 2 of 3, Knights 0 of 1

Punts - Average: Mustangs 0 / 0, Knights 5 / 29.8

Ione takes down Condon/Wheeler

Ione handed Condon/Wheeler a healthy dose of defeat in the league opener at home on Sept. 21. The Cardinals won the contest 70-20. Stats are as follows:

Offense

Rushing: Rietmann, 11x177 yards, 5 T.D.; Peterson, 9x87 yards, 1 T.D.; Barnett, 9x57 yards.

Passing: Jobs, 3x5 91 yards, 2 T.D., 1 int.

Receiving: B. Haguewood, 1x49, 1 T.D.; Rietmann, 1x 28; Peterson, 1x24, 1 T.D.

Scoring: Rietmann, 5 T.D., 1 pat, 32 pts.; B. Haguewood, 2 T.D., 1 pat, 14 pts.; Peterson, 2 T.D., 1 pat, 14 pts.; Jobs, 1 T.D., 6 pts.; K. Haguewood, 2 pat, 4 pts.

Defense

Kirk Haguewood: 10 tackles, 5 assists, 2 fumble recoveries

Tre Neil: 7 tackles, 1 assist

Joe Doherty: 5 tackles, 1 assist



This year's Cardinal cheering squad shares some team spirit during halftime at the Cardinal game on Sept. 21. The cheering squad consists of girls of all ages and experience levels; regardless of skill, everyone can tell they sure do enjoy cheering the Cardinals on. The girls are coached by Misti Stefani and kept in line by team helper/member Larissa Jones, who was a cheerleader last year. Because there is no formal high school cheering squad this year, Jones has volunteered to help the younger set. -Photo by Paula Emmel

Jason Vuarez: 5 tackles, 5 assists

Bailey Haguewood: 3 tackles, 2 assists, 2 interceptions, 1 returned for a T.D.

Luke Jobs: fumble recovery for a T.D., interception

Evan Rietmann: 3 tack-

les, 1 assist, 1 interception

Skyler Hendrick: 3 tackles, 1 assist, 1 fumble recovery

"The defense did an outstanding job," said Cardinal coach Stan Weiper. "We played together and we played hard. We are continuing to improve."

Cardinal volleyball opens league play with split

By Ann Morter

The Ione Lady Cardinals opened league play with a split this past week and threw in a non-league match with Stanfield for good measure. Ione's season record now stands at 5-7, 1-1 in league action.

On Tuesday, Sept. 18, the Lady Cardinals hosted Stanfield. According to Coach Dawn Eynetich, the team "just didn't play up to our potential" and lost the match in four games, 22-25, 16-25, 25-20 and 14-25.

The Lady Cards opened their league schedule at Helix on Thursday, Sept. 20. Lacey Thompson was missing from the lineup due to injury, and starting setter Stacey Halvorsen was down with illness. However, the Cards persevered with Emily Rea stepping

in as setter, winning the match in straight sets, 25-21, 25-22, 25-12. Eynetich was pleased to see improvement in the serving game, in which the team missed a total of two serves in the match. She also noted that a couple of freshmen were stepping up when needed.

"Rachel Holland and Jessie Flynn are doing a great job as freshmen, stepping up to that varsity level," Eynetich said.

On Friday, Sept. 21, Condon/Wheeler/Arlington came to town in what promised to be a hard-fought match. The Knights took the first game 25-19 but the Cards responded with a second game win, 25-21. In game three, Jackie Juarez suffered a head injury that rattled the rest of the team to the core. The

Cards fell in that game, 25-10. The Ione ladies pulled it together in game four but couldn't quite overcome the Knights, losing the fourth game 25-22.

"The girls came out and played strong this match," said Coach Eynetich. "In the third game Jackie Juarez got injured and we didn't recover from that very well. We are still battling injuries and illness, and that is taking its toll on the team, but the younger players are really doing a great job in stepping up and filling the spots."

The Lady Cards look forward to another busy week of volleyball, traveling to Riverside on Tuesday, South Wasco County on Friday and hosting Helix at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Heppner volleyball splits home three-way

On Saturday, Sept. 22, the Lady Mustangs (4-1 BMC, 14-3 overall) hosted a league three-way match with visiting Enterprise and Union. In the Mustang's first match, they easily took down Enterprise in three sets—25-14, 25-12 and 25-17—to end the match.

In the second match of the day, Heppner faced off with the Union Bobcats (2-1 BMC, 6-4 overall). The Bobcats are a tough op-

ponent this year with some solid players returning from last year's roster. The Bobcats got past the Mustangs in the first two sets, both close contests, 28-26 and 25-23. In the third set, the Mustangs seemed to lose their "will not lose" attitude and were beaten in the match 25-11.

Heppner's first lose in league play puts them behind the Weston-McEwen TigerScots (4-0 BMC, 11-3

overall) in the Blue Mountain Conference.

Tuesday night, the Mustangs hosted Condon/Wheeler in a non-league game (results not available at press time). On Thursday, Sept. 27, they will travel to Irrigon to play the Knights. On Saturday, they travel to Weston to compete in a three-way with the TigerScots and the Pilot Rock Rockets; play begins at noon.

Junior Mustangs shut out Prospectors

On Friday, Sept. 21, the Heppner Jr. High Mustangs traveled to John Day and defeated the Grant Union Prospectors 32-0.

This was the second shutout in a row for the junior Mustangs. The defense held the Prospectors to a total of only two first downs for the entire game. Leading the defensive charge was Kevin Murray with six tackles and two fumble recoveries. Logan Grieb also had six tackles and a forced fumble. Caden Hedman was next with five tackles, and Kolby Currin and Tim Jaca had four each. Clyde Britt had three tackles and also intercepted a pass. Jake Lindsay and Colton Evans also had three tack-

les for the day. Eight other Mustang players also had tackles for the game.

The Mustang offense scored early and often. On their second possession of the day, Mustang quarterback Logan Grieb scored on a 34-yard run around the right side. Currin scored the point after touchdown. The next time they touched the ball, Grieb scored on an eight-yard run up the middle. Caden Corbin scored the PAT. Jake Lindsay took over at quarterback and led the team down the field, where they scored on a 16-yard run by Hedman. The PAT was run in by Grieb, making the score 24-0 at halftime.

After a good return of

16 yards by Hedman on the kickoff to open the second half, a four-play drive ended with Hedman scoring on a 30-yard run around the right end. Coby Dougherty scored the PAT to end the scoring for the day. Kevin Smith took over as quarterback and the team moved the ball on three more drives but didn't score. Grieb took a knee on the last play of the game, making the final score 32-0.

Leading rushers for the game were Hedman with 70 yards, Murray for 67 and Grieb with 57. Kevin Smith ran the ball for 25 and Jake Lindsay, 22.

This week, the team plays in Stanfield on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 5 p.m.



Congratulations to Corey Sweeney, MCGG Employee of the Quarter

We are proud to have Corey as an employee at MCGG. He has been with MCGG for over 12 years where he has worked in the propane department. Corey goes out of his way to help people and does above and beyond what is expected.

Good Job Corey!!

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Heppner High news

By Jordan Ann Jones

This is a busy week for our athletes.

The Heppner football boys have a game at Enterprise on Friday, Sept. 28, starting at 7 p.m. The junior high football has an away game at Stanfield on Thursday, Sept. 27, at 5:30 p.m. Heppner Volleyball girls have a game at Athena on Saturday, Sept. 29, starting at noon; the volleyball game is a three-way between Heppner, Weston-McEwen, and Pilot Rock. The girls will travel for another volleyball game on Monday, Oct. 1, in Arlington starting at 5:30 p.m.

Homecoming week is next week, Oct. 1-5. The Homecoming dress-up days are as follows: Monday is Western Day, Tuesday is Twin Day, Wednesday is Celebrity Day, Thursday is Blue & Gold Day, and Friday is the Homecoming football game. At the end of each day, there will be a

pep assembly to celebrate Homecoming week. The noise parade is on Wednesday, and Homecoming king and queen will be crowned at halftime on Friday. The 2012 junior royalty is Samm Lemmon and JC Putman, and Kayla Kindle and Jeff Dowdy; the 2012 senior royalty is Baily Bennett and Stephen Thompson, Emma Osmin and Aidan Wright, and Tessa Gould and Bryce Fowler.

Now to get to know our seniors.

Tessa Gould is a senior at Heppner High; her parents are John and Ashley Gould and she has three siblings: Tayllor Gould, Tom Gould and Tim Gould. Tessa participates in softball, and when she's not playing softball she enjoys getting slushies with Samm Lemmon. If you can't find her hanging with Samm, you can find her at Murray's making coffee or at Les Schwab fixing tires.

Tessa's favorite colors are purple and turquoise; her favorite food is kiwi fruit. After high school, Tessa wants to become an interpreter, and she may want to attend college at Mt. Hood Community College.

Maggie Collins is another senior at Heppner High. Her parents are Tim and Jeannie Collins, and she has two siblings: Patrick Collins and Roy Collins. Maggie participates in basketball and softball. Along with sports, she is also the senior class president and the Morrow County Rodeo Queen. When Maggie isn't playing sports or riding her horse, she enjoys hanging out with her family. Maggie's favorite color is green; her favorite food is apples and peanut butter. After Maggie graduates, she would like to attend Montana State to become a veterinarian. After she gets a degree, she would like to travel the world.

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OCTOBER 3, 2012 AT 6:00 P.M.

at the Morrow County Fairgrounds
POTLUCK=last name A-L bring a salad, M-Z bring a dessert.

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