

## Mustangs continue to stomp competition

Heppner muzzles Bulldogs 43-0 in last preseason game

The Heppner High School Mustang football team made the long road trip to Willamina for their last preseason game against the 3A Bulldogs. The team dominated the game throughout and came away with a 43-0 win.

The Mustangs kicked off to start the game and, on the third play for the Bulldogs, Weston Putman intercepted a pass and ran it back 40 yards to the five-yard line. A Brian Rill touchdown run and Jesse Corbin PAT kick made the score 7-0. The strong Mustang defense held and the Bulldogs punted. Rill took the punt 40 yards to give the Mustangs good field position at the 25-yard line. He then ran for 23 yards to give the team a first and goal from the two. Putnam ran it in from there to give the team a 13-0 lead.

The Heppner defensive line led by Patrick Collins, JC Putnam, John Propher and Ethan Ashbeck held the Bulldogs down all night long. They forced another three and out, and the

Mustangs got the ball again. A nice 22-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Kaden Clark to Rill made the score 19-0. The PAT run by Weston Putman then made it 21-0. On the very next Bulldog possession, Rill intercepted a pass. Five plays later, Clark passed to Corbin 25 yards for another Mustang touchdown. The Corbin kick made the score 28-0 at the end of the first quarter.

The Mustang defense had strong play from linebackers Treston Maben, Jaden Orr, Tommy Bredfield, Saul Erickson and Weston Putman. They helped hold the Bulldogs to a total of 21 yards of offense for the game. The second quarter featured some drives by both teams and an interception by Corbin.

The Mustang offensive line again took control of the line of scrimmage; a long drive of only running plays ended with a Rill touchdown from 23 yards out. The Corbin PAT made the score 35-0.

In the fourth quarter the younger Mustangs got into the game and played well. On their first drive the blocking was good and Kevin Murray had several big runs. The team scored on a four-yard run by Kolby Currin. The PAT pass from Logan Grieb to Caden Hedman made the score 43-0. The young defense had a "bend but don't break" attitude and held the Bulldogs out of the end zone. They controlled the rest of the game with some strong running plays and ran the clock out to give the Mustangs the 43-0 win.

Rill led the team in rushing with 166 yards. Jordan Bailey led several others with big contributions in the ground game. Clark was 7-14 in passing for 142 yards and two touchdowns. Rill caught the ball for 84 yards and Corbin had 58 yards receiving.

This week the Mustangs conclude Homecoming week with a home game versus the Irrigon Knights at Les Payne field.

## Ione struggles to gain footing in preseason



Cardinal quarterback, senior Luke Jobs (#23), looks for an opening while Gus Peterson (#30) guards against the Touchet team last Friday. —Photo by Paula Emmel

Ione football struggled in its game against Touchet last Friday, Sept. 13; the Cardinals eventually lost the contest to their opponents, 32-76.

"Touchet was a good team and they were able to exploit some of our inexperience and fundamental errors on defense," said Cardinal coach Stan Weiper. "We need to work hard this week to prepare for our league opener with Condon. I am

still taking the defensive stats off the tape but I felt that Jason Juarez played well on defense. He made a number of outstanding open field tackles."

Game stats are as follows:

**Rushing**  
Joel Stillman (Senior): 10x68 yards, 1 T.D.  
Gus Petersen (Senior): 3x18 yards  
**Passing**  
Luke Jobs (Senior): 10x16 242 yards, 3 T. D.

**Receiving**  
Bailey Haguwood (Senior): 5x 181 yards, 1 T.D.  
Jailen Conboy: 2x28 yards, 1 T. D.  
Stillman: 2x 28 yards, 1 T.D.  
Cord Flynn: 1x5 yards  
**Scoring**  
Stillman: 2 T.D., 12 pts.  
Flynn: 1T.D., 6 pts.  
Conboy: 1T.D., 6 pts.  
Haguwood: 1 T.D.  
Jobs: 1 PAT, 2 Pts.

## Mustang JV bests Knights, ties Pirates in Monday game

The Heppner High School Mustang JV football team traveled to Irrigon on Monday to play the host Knights and the Riverside Pirates. The format for the contest was to play each team for a half.

After the first quarter with Irrigon, the clock always ran to speed up the evening. The Mustangs

defeated the Irrigon Knights 42-8 and tied the Riverside Pirates 6-6.

Against the Knights, Caden Hedman returned the opening kickoff 75 yards before being tackled at the five-yard line. Kevin Murray then ran the ball in around the left side for a touchdown. Quarterback Logan Grieb passed to

Hedman for the two point conversion to make the score 8-0. An onside kick was recovered by Grieb at the 50-yard line and Hedman scored soon after on a 38-yard run. The PAT failed, and that made the score 14-0. The defense forced a fumble that Grieb pounced on at the 45-yard line and, on the very next play, Murray scored on a 55-yard run. That made the score 20-0.

Irrigon scored on their next possession and made the score 20-8. A 55-yard run by Murray for a touchdown and the PAT run by Grieb made the score 28-8. Kaden Corbin recovered a fumble on the kickoff and, on the very next play,

Hedman ran 40 yards for a touchdown. That made the score 34-8. Another fumble by Irrigon, which was recovered by Jacob Moses, led to a 27-yard touchdown run by Hedman. Kolby Currin ran in the PAT to make the final score 42-8.

In the matchup with the Pirates, the clock ran the whole half. Heppner kicked off and forced a Riverside punt. A three-play drive ended with Murray scoring from nine yards out. The PAT failed, to give the Mustangs a 6-0 lead. In a fast-paced half, the teams traded drives up and down the field. Riverside scored their lone touchdown late in the half. The PAT attempt failed and that made the

final score 6-6.

Kevin Murray ran for 215 yards on the night and Caden Hedman finished with 133.

On the defensive side of the ball, Currin and Clyde Britt led the team with eight tackles each. Jesse Boyd recorded five and Grieb had four. Hedman, Murray, Skyler

Palmer, Jacob Moses, Ross Cutsforth, Tom Gould, Tim Jaca and Jake Lindsay each had three tackles in the game.

The next action for the JV team will be Monday, Sept. 23, in Athena. They will play the same format with the Weston-five and Grieb had four. McEwen TigerScots and the Enterprise Outlaws.

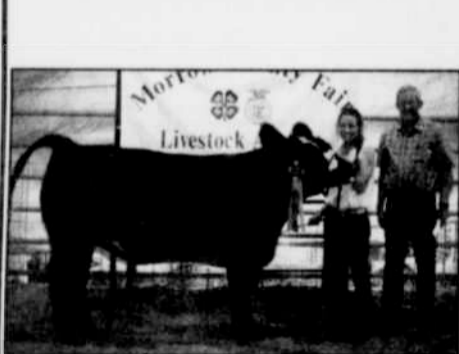
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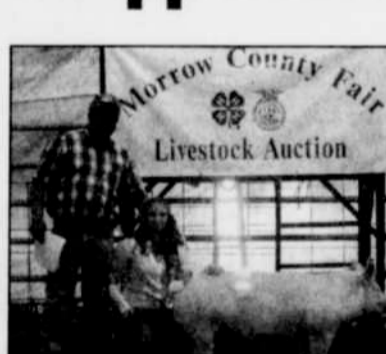
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