

Mustangs send Knights home empty-handed

Looking to defend their Columbia Basin Conference title from last year, the Heppner Mustangs took care of business against the Irrigon Knights by a score of 36-0 last Friday. The first league game of the year was also the Homecoming game for the team.

A slow start by both teams led to a first quarter in which there were several defensive stands and punts. It was a quarter of field position and, as the quarter ended, the Mustangs got the ball at their own 46-yard line to start the second quarter.

A big run by Jordan Bailey set up the Mustangs' first score. A five-yard touchdown run and PAT run by Weston Putman made the score 8-0. On the next Knight possession a big quarterback sack by John Prophet led to them having to punt. On the very next play Brian Rill threw a halfback pass to Jesse Corbin, who ran it to the two-yard line. Rill scored on the next play and the Mustangs led 14-0.

The defense again forced a punt and this time they blocked the kick. Corbin scooped it up and ran 55-yards for the score. The PAT pass from Kaden Clark to Corbin made the score 22-0 at halftime.

On their second possession of the third



Brian Rill (#28) carries the ball for the Mustangs. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

quarter the Mustangs scored when Rill ran the ball in from 19 yards out. The PAT pass from Clark to Jaden Orr made the score 30-0. The strong play of the defense forced another Irrigon punt. A nice 45-yard pass from Clark to Corbin resulted in another Mustang touchdown and made the score 36-0.

In the fourth quarter the teams traded possessions and the Mustang defense stopped the Knights on a 4th and 1 late in the game to get the ball back. The offense ran several running plays to eat up the clock and took a knee on the last three plays to end the game. The final score was 36-0 in favor of the Mustangs.

The Mustang offense was led by Clark who was 8-16 for 68 yards, one TD

and three Int. Rill rushed for 140 yards, followed by Weston Putman with 43, while Tommy Bredfield had 27. Corbin caught five balls for 77 yards and Logan Grieb had one catch for 17. The Mustangs had 312 total yards of offense and held the Knights to a total of 71 yards.

Leading the charge on the defensive side of the ball was Bredfield who was in on a total of 14 tackles. Ethan Ashbeck was next with six. Treston Maben, Patrick Collins and Prophet tallied five each. JC Putman, Rill and Corbin were in on four.

The next action for the Mustangs is this Friday night when they host the Enterprise Outlaws. Game time is set for 7 p.m. at Les Payne Field.

Cardinals fall to Blue Devils

The Cardinal suffered another disappointment in their first league game last Friday, losing 54-46 in an away game versus Condon.

"We again made too many mistakes to pull off a win. Condon was a physical team with a powerful running back that we could not contain very well. Luke Jobs had a good night scrambling and finding receivers down field and completing four TD passes. Bailey Haguewood had an outstanding game on offense with eight catches for 177 yards and four TD," said lone coach Stan Weiper. "On defense Jason Juarez had another strong game with a number of impressive open field tackles."

Game stats are as follows:

R u s h i n g

Gus Petersen: 5x12 yards

Joel Stillman: 3x6 yards

Luke Jobs: 5x34 yards

P a s s i n g

Jobs: 11x20 242 yards, 5 T.D.

R e c e i v i n g

Bailey Haguewood: 8x177 yards, 4 T.D.

Stillman: 2x45 yards

Jailen Conboy: 1x20 yards, 1 T.D.

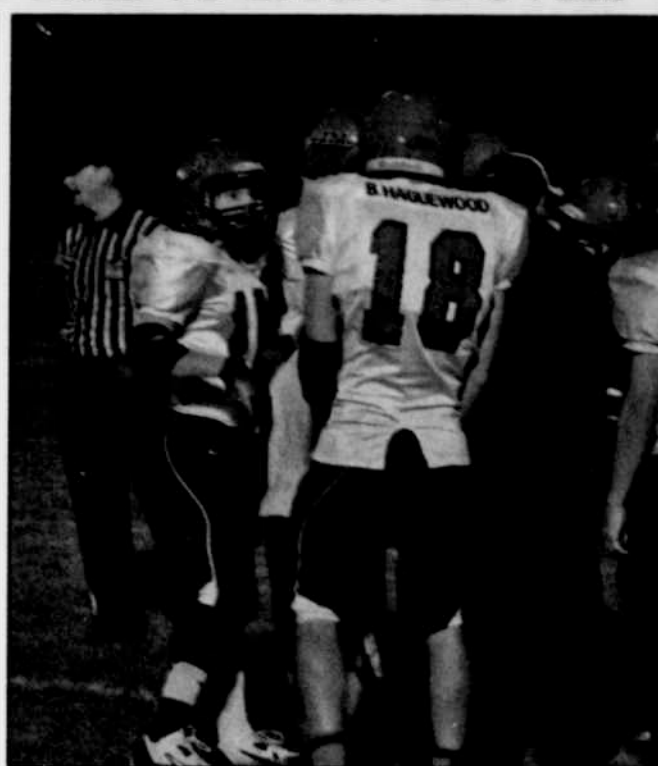
S c o r i n g

Haguewood: 4 T.D., 24 pts.

Hughes: 1 T.D., 1 pat, 8 pts.

Conboy: 1 T.D., 6pts.

Cord Flynn: 1 T.D., 6 pts.



Top: Joel Stillman (#10) and Bailey Haguewood (#18) discuss a play in the huddle. Bottom: The lone offensive lineup with the Stillman brothers in the middle, Joshua (#20) center and Joel (#10) to his left. With them are junior Joe Doherty (#17) and senior quarterback Luke Jobs (#23). -Photos by Paula Emmel

Mustang volleyball splits league matches

The Heppner Mustang Volleyball team split their league matches over the last two weekends to give them a 2-2 record in Columbia Basin Conference play. The team travelled to Enterprise last weekend and beat the host Outlaws in four games. They then lost to the always strong Union Bobcats in a hard-fought match 3-1.

This past weekend the Mustangs travelled to Pilot Rock and won the match with the Rockets in three games. In the first game the team served well and scored often from it. The final score was 25-10. The Mustangs had total control

in the next two games and won them by scores of 25-20 and 25-18.

The team next played the Weston-McEwen TigerScots. A back-and-forth first game in which neither team had more than a three-point lead throughout ended with the TigerScots winning 25-21. An even closer game was played in game two, with the lead changing hands five times between the teams. The Mustangs fought back from being down 18-14 to take the lead 23-20. The score was tied at 24-24 before the TigerScots ended up winning game two

26-24. The hard work and excitement of that game seemed to drain the energy of the team, and they got down early in game three. The TigerScots won that game 25-13 to win the match.

This is a busy week for the team as on Tuesday they travel to Condon for a non-league match and on Thursday they travel to Stanfield for a league match against the Tigers. The week ends as they host a league three-way on Saturday, Sept. 28, with the Elgin Huskies and the Grant Union Prospectors.

Mustang JV ties up Outlaws in 14-14 game

The Heppner High School Mustang JV football team travelled to Athena on Monday night to take on the Enterprise Outlaws. In a hard-fought contest that could have gone either way, the teams tied at 14-14.

The first half of this game was a defensive battle that ended with the score tied at 6-6. The Mustang touchdown came after Tobias Muller ran a reverse for 40 yards to the 10-yard line. Kevin Murray took it in the last 10 yards for the touchdown.

In the second half,

a goal-line stand by the Mustang defense prevented another Outlaw touchdown. The Mustangs took over and had the ball at the one-yard line. The Outlaws were able to corral a Mustang runner in the end zone for a safety. That made the score 8-6 in favor of the Outlaws. After a Heppner kickoff, the Outlaws scored on a 50-yard pass play to make the score 14-6.

A long kickoff return by Caden Hedman gave the Mustangs good field position. The team then ran the "hook and ladder play"

to perfection. Quarterback Jake Lindsay threw a pass to Hedman, who then lateraled the ball to Murray, who ran for a 60-yard touchdown. Lindsay then passed the ball to Hedman for the PAT to make the score 14-14. At this point there were only two minutes left in the game. The Mustang defense with their "bend but don't break" attitude stopped the Outlaws to end the game in a 14-14 tie.

The JV Mustangs now have two weeks off and will play the Stanfield Tigers at home on Oct. 7.

HHS taco tailgater planned

Heppner High School will host a tailgate party and taco feed this Friday, Sept. 27, at the Heppner football

field during the game versus Enterprise; dinner will last from 5:30 p.m. until after

halftime and will feature two tacos, dessert and a drink for \$5.

OHV park youth hunt planned

Applications for a special youth hunt at the Morrow/Grant OHV Park are now available at the Morrow County Public Works office, 365 West Highway 74, Lexington. This is a general second

season, spike only hunt to be held Nov. 2-10.

Applicants must be Morrow or Grant county residents 12 to 17 years of age. A current hunter's education certificate is required. All applications

must be returned by Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. to the public works office. Applications will be selected by a draw and reviewed at Morrow County Court. For questions, contact the public works office, 541-989-9500.



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