

## Heppner football maintains winning streak

The Heppner Mustang football team passed their toughest test of the season so far by beating the Stanfield Tigers by a score of 32-7. The win gives the Mustangs a record of 6-0 overall and 4-0 in the BMC. That ties them for the conference lead with the Grant Union Prospectors. The Mustangs, currently ranked third in the state, will travel to John Day this Friday night for a showdown with the fifth-ranked Prospectors.



Senior Mustang Jaden Orr take a Tiger by the tail, stopping a Stanfield player in his tracks during last Friday's game. The Mustangs remain 6-0 overall for the season. —Photo by Sandy Matthews

The Mustangs first drive was a three-and-out, and they punted to the Tigers. Stanfield then proceeded to do what no other team had done since the first game of the season—score a touchdown on the Mustang defense. The 7-0 lead for the Tigers was the first time the team had been behind all season long. That changed on the next possession as the Mustangs scored on a Brian Rill run from three yards out. Quarterback Kaden Clark passed to Jesse Corbin for the two-point conversion to give Heppner the lead 8-7.

Stanfield threatened to score in the second quarter but CJ Kindle intercepted a Tiger pass in the end zone to stop the drive. The Mustangs had two more drives in the half but failed to score on either of them. The halftime score was 8-7.

In the third quarter the Mustangs took control of the game by scoring 18 points. Their first score came when Jordan Bailey intercepted a Stanfield pass

and returned it 62 yards for a touchdown, making the score 14-7. The next time the Mustangs had the ball they scored when Clark found Bailey open in the end zone for an eight-yard touchdown pass. On their next possession the Mustangs needed only three plays to score when Rill ran it in from 30 yards out. That made the score 26-7 after three quarters of play.

In the fourth period the Mustangs scored when Clark found running room around the right end and scampered 45 yards for the touchdown. The defense once again held and got the ball back for the offense. Heppner then executed a time-consuming nine-play drive that ended on the 13 yard line with Clark taking a knee as time ran out on the clock. The final score was 32-7 Mustangs.

Clark was 12-18 for 124 yards passing the ball.

Bailey caught six passes for 48 yards, Rill three for 40, Kindle two for 20 and Jaden Orr one for 18. Rill once again led the team in rushing with 18 carries for 158 yards, while Clark ran for 68, Tommy Bredfield 39 and Kindle 26. The Mustangs had 418 total yards for the game compared to 258 for Stanfield.

On the defensive side of the ball Bredfield was involved in 17 tackles. JC Putman 14, Patrick Collins 13 and Kindle 12. Weston Putman and Orr were involved in 11 and Ethan Ashbeck nine. Logan Grieb came up from his safety position and recorded eight. Corbin and John Prophet were in on five each and Bailey and Treton Maben helped in four tackles.

Game time for the matchup in John Day is 7 p.m. at Grant Union High School.

## Mustang volleyball falls to TigerScots, douses Rockets

The Heppner High School Mustang volleyball team hosted the Weston-McEwen TigerScots and the Pilot Rock Rockets on Saturday afternoon.

The TigerScots are currently the number-one ranked team in the state. The Mustangs gave them all they could handle, but eventually lost to the TigerScots 22-25, 25-19, 18-25, 20-25. They then won the match with the Rockets 25-13, 25-10, 25-10.

In the first set of the match with Weston-McEwen the lead was never more than four points for

either team. There were many long rallies, which included many players diving to the floor to save balls. Both teams displayed great passing and setting that led to many powerful kills. The score was tied at 20 when the TigerScots took the lead for good and won 25-22. Set number two was as close and exciting as the first one. There were nine ties in the set with the last one being at 15-15. The Mustangs took control from there and won 25-19. There was more exciting play in the third and fourth sets, in which the score was tied a total of 10 times. The play

was great by both teams but the Mustangs lost the last two by scores of 18-25, 20-25.

The Mustangs controlled the match with the Rockets from the very start. The team served well and that led to many easy scores. They did not let up at any time during the match and won convincingly 25-13, 25-10, 25-10.

After last weekend the Mustang record stands at 13-10 overall and 8-4 in BMC play.

They will travel to Elgin this weekend to face the Huskies and the Grant Union Prospectors.

## Mustang JV loses to Prospectors in hard-fought battle

The Heppner Mustang JV football team lost their first game of the season Monday night to the Grant Union Prospectors 30-0. It was a hard-hitting defensive battle for the first three quarters but the Prospectors pulled away in the fourth. Both teams had too many turnovers in the game, and they hurt the Mustang team the most.

The Mustangs received the opening kickoff and fumbled the ball on the return. On the very next play Grant Union scored on a long run. That made the score 6-0 in favor of the Prospectors.

Kolby Currin intercepted a Grant Union pass on their next series and ran it back 62 yards to give the Mustangs good field position at the 12-yard line. But the offense fumbled the ball on the very next play to give it right back. The next Prospector drive was stopped when Currin recovered a fumble at the 48-yard line. The Mustang offense could not get anything going from there and the first quarter ended 6-0.

Both teams took turns turning the ball over on their next few possessions. First,

Saul Erickson recovered a Prospector fumble at the 35-yard line, but the Mustangs gave it right back three plays later with a fumble of their own. Then three plays after that Grant Union fumbled the ball back to the Mustangs. Two possessions later a Mustang pass was intercepted by Grant Union and the half ended with the score still 6-0 in favor of the Prospectors.

Heppner kicked off to start the second half and held Grant Union on downs. The Mustang offense could still not get going and their drive was also stopped on downs. Currin then recovered a fumble to give Heppner the ball back but they could not get anything done with it.

On the next drive Currin recovered another Prospector fumble to get the ball right back for the offense. That Mustang drive ended when a pass was intercepted by Grant Union. The turnover-filled third quarter ended with the score still 6-0.

Early in the fourth quarter the Heppner defense stopped Grant Union from scoring on the five-yard line. On the very next play the Mustangs fumbled the

ball in the end zone and the Prospectors recovered it for a touchdown. That made the score 14-0 Grant Union. Heppner then failed to mount a drive and the next time the Prospectors touched the ball they scored on a long run. The score was then 22-0. They also scored their next possession and that made the final score 30-0.

For the game Heppner lost five fumbles and Grant Union four. Heppner had two passes intercepted and Grant Union one.

The Mustang offense struggled to get much going but Kevin Murray did run for 38 yards. Caden Hedman had 23 and Currin 15. The defense was on the field most of the night and was led in tackles by Murray with 20. Currin tallied 18, Erickson 14, Ross Cutsforth 13, Clyde Britt 12, and Skyler Palmer was next with 11. Jesse Boyd had six and Kaden Corbin four. Jacob Moses and Caden Hedman each had three tackles on the night.

The next scheduled game for the JV team is next Monday, Oct. 21, in Pilot Rock.



Senior mothers Elizabeth Ashbeck, Lana Eckman, Chris Bailey, Donna Maben and Sandi Putman show their Mustang pride on the field. —Photo by Sandy Matthews

## Volleyball soup feed planned

Thursday is Senior Night for volleyball

A soup feed will be held during the Mustang volleyball game versus Stanfield this Thursday, Oct. 17, from 5-8 p.m. at Heppner High School. The meal will include soup, salad, roll, dessert and a drink for \$5. Thursday is also Senior Night for the Heppner volleyball girls.

## Heppner FFA plans busy fall

Members of Heppner's FFA chapter have been busy planning upcoming events for this fall.

FFA members/Ag students are ready for the second wave of apple and pear orders, which are due to HHS by Nov. 7 for delivery at the Heppner Harvest Fest Nov. 16.

Unfortunately, members say, no Golden Delicious apples are available.

The first annual 5K Chili Run is planned for this weekend, Oct. 19, at 5:30 p.m. (registration at 5 p.m.)

at St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Homemade chili, cornbread and hot cocoa—and ice water—will be available for anyone for \$5 from 5-7 p.m. in the parish hall.

Speaking of the Harvest Fest, FFA members are hosting a "free, fun, family-friendly event" Nov. 16 at Heppner City Park to educate children and adults alike about various agricultural topics.


There will be Ag literacy booths and hands-on activities, vendors with goods for sale, apple delivery, caramel apples, a

cornucopia design contest and a fall floral design contest, open to the first 10 people who register.

The time is tentatively set for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. but may change depending on a possible home football playoff game.


"I'm incredibly proud of the hard work that the students have put into the planning of these activities," says FFA advisor Beth Dickinson.

"I know there are a lot of things on the calendar, but if you can make it, we'd love to see you there!"




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