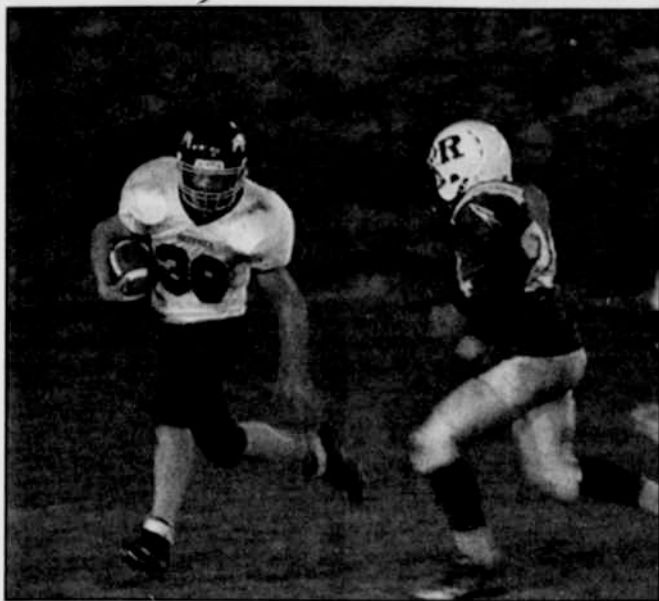


Mustangs ground Rockets 56-22, remain undefeated



Mustang Kevin Murray (#38) runs the ball around a Pilot Rock player during last week's game. The 56-22 win preserved the Mustangs' perfect season record. —Contributed photo

The Heppner Mustangs grounded the flight of the Pilot Rock Rockets by a score of 56-22 on Friday night. The win improves their record to 8-0 for the year and 6-0 in BMC play.

The scoring was early and often for the Mustangs. On their first possession of the night they scored from 25 yards out as Brian Rill ran it in for the touchdown. The Mustang defense then held the Rockets on downs to give the offense the ball back. They only needed three plays to score from there. Jordan Bailey ran it in from 38 yards out to make the score 12-0. Kaden Clark then passed the ball to Logan Grieb for the two-point conversion to make it 14-0.

The Mustang defense again stopped the Rockets, this time at the 18-yard line. An eight-play drive ended with a touchdown run by Rill from 18 yards out. The score was now 20-0. Bailey intercepted the Rockets in the end zone to stop their next drive. The Mustangs then fumbled it right back. The Rocket offense then got a touchdown on their next possession to make the score 20-6.

It did not take long for the Mustangs to score again as CJ Kindle ran it in from 17 yards out to make the score 26-6. On the next Rocket drive Jaden Orr intercepted the ball and gave it back to the offense. On the very next play, Clark threw a strike to Bailey and he scored from 39 yards out. Kevin Murray caught the PAT pass from Clark to make it 34-6 at halftime.

The Rockets got the ball to start the second half and the Mustangs forced a fumble that was recovered by JC Putman at the 50-yard line. Rill ran the ball for 17 yards and then Bailey scored on the next play on a run of 33 yards. Murray caught another PAT from Clark to now make it 42-6.

The next Mustang possession was highlighted by a 63-yard pass catch

The Mustang offense had the ball two more times and moved it to the Rocket 11-yard line as time expired. Jake Lindsay took a knee to end the game with the Mustangs winning by the score of 56-22.

The Mustangs had an impressive 581 total yards for the game. The defense gave up 270 yards of offense to the Rockets. The Mustangs had 23 first downs compared to 14 for the Rockets.

Rill had another outstanding game rushing the ball. He ran for 232 yards on the night behind his big, bruising offensive line. Bailey had 87, Caden Hedman 40 and Kindle 39. Kaden Corbin rushed for 32 yards, Tommy Bredfield 10 and Murray and Lindsay both ran for 7.

Clark was 4-4 passing in the game for 142 yards. Bailey caught two passes for 69 yards, Murray hauled in one for 63 and Grieb had one catch for 10 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Orr led the team with 11 tackles. Bredfield was next with 10 and JC Putman had eight. Bailey recorded seven and John Prophet had six. Kindle, Rill and Grieb were next with five tackles each. Patrick Collins and Ethan Asheck followed with four each. Recording two tackles for the game were Murray, Hedman, Ross Cutsforth, Kolby Currin, Tim Jaca and Tom Gould.

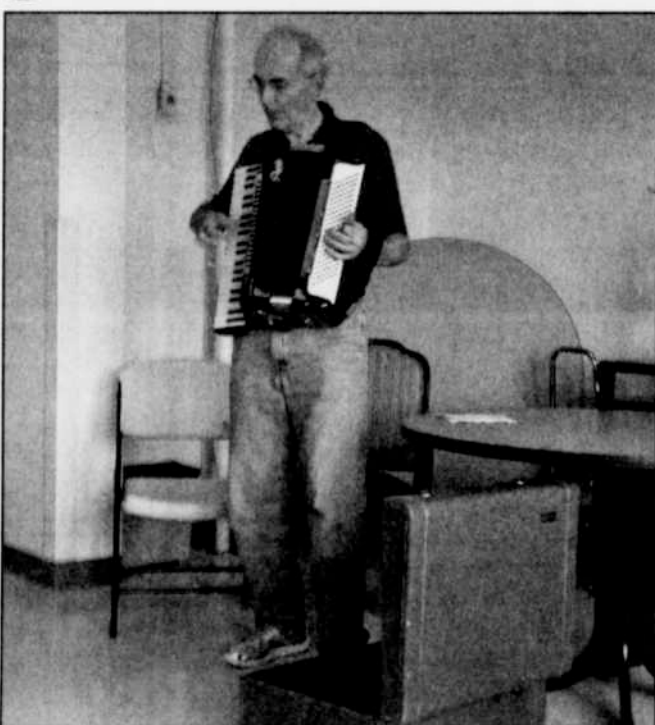
The next game for the Mustangs is this Friday night in Athena against the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

and run by Murray. Bailey finished the drive from there with a touchdown run of four yards up the middle. Orr then ran in the PAT to make the score 50-6.

Grieb then kicked off again and the Rockets were unable to handle it. Kindle recovered the ball for the Mustangs at the Rocket 35-yard line. Four plays later Rill scored from 28 yards out. That made the score 56-6 with just over five minutes left in the third quarter. On their next possession a Rocket pass was intercepted by Bailey, giving the ball back to the Mustangs.

The Mustang JV offense then came in and took some time off of the clock with a five play drive. They then punted to the Rockets, who took over as the fourth quarter started. The Rockets then scored against the JV defense the next two times they had the ball.

Hospital residents have toe-tapping good time



Steven Warren, Heppner High School class of 1966, recently spent some time entertaining a few of the residents at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Warren told the group he started taking lessons at the Legion Hall during his elementary school years. In the past few years Warren has resumed playing and has visited many convalescent homes with his accordion. Warren now resides in Twin Falls, ID. —Contributed photo

Heppner volleyball players named to all-conference teams



Four members of the Heppner High School volleyball team earned all-conference awards for their outstanding play during this past season. These awards were handed out at the conclusion of the district tournament recently held in Union. Receiving second-team recognition as a defensive specialist was Paige Grieb. Also receiving second-team awards for the year were Micha Hintz and Ryan Dougherty. Named to the first-team all-conference team was Kelly Wilson. The girls each received a certificate and medal in honor of their accomplishment. Pictured (L-R) are Heppner all-conference winners Ryan Dougherty, Mich Hintz, Kelly Wilson and Paige Grieb. —Contributed photo

Mustang volleyball ends season short of state

The season came to an end for the Heppner High School Mustang volleyball team at the BMC District tournament this past Saturday. The Mustangs lost both of their matches and failed to qualify for the state playoffs.

In their last conference match of the year the Mustangs defeated the Irrigon Knights by scores of 18-25, 25-19, 20-25, 25-18, 15-11. It was a hard-fought contest that neither team wanted to lose. It was senior night in Irrigon and the large home crowd was really into the match. The Mustangs finally took control in the last two sets with some good serving and strong net play. With the win the team ended conference play with a 12-4 record and entered the district tournament tied for second place with Union.

The district tournament was held in Union this year and the Bobcats were the team the Mustangs had to play first. The winner would advance to play for the district championship, and the loser for the final state playoff berth. The teams split their two meetings during the regular season and those were both close matches. This one would prove to be no different. Playing in front of a loud, rowdy student body section, the Mustangs looked a little shell-shocked as

they started slow and were behind 0-7 before they scored. They fought back to get within one point at 14-15, but ended up losing 20-25.

The second set saw four lead changes and 13 ties before the Mustangs won it 26-24. In the third set the Mustangs started slow once again, trailing 0-6 before scoring. They battled back to tie the score at 12-12, but trailed the rest of the way and lost 20-25.

The Mustangs took the lead early in the fourth set and never looked back. They stretched the lead out to 21-11 before winning the set 25-19.

In the final set it was again a close one. This set only goes to 15 points and there were eight ties in it. The last one was at 14-14 before the Mustangs lost 14-16.

"It was a great match and it is too bad someone had to lose it," said one fan. The teams played five sets the last time they played and are very evenly matched. The large and loud Mustang fan section certainly gave the home team's cheering section a run for their money during the match.

With the loss, the Mustangs next played the Grant Union Prospectors for third place and the right to advance to the state playoffs.

These two teams played just last weekend in Elgin and the Mustangs defeated them in four sets. That was not to be the case on this day.

In the first set the Mustangs took control early and led the entire way and won 25-18. In the second set Heppner led 17-10 when the Prospectors made their charge. After some exciting play the score ended up being tied at 19-19. The Mustangs trailed the rest of the way and lost the set 20-25.

That loss seemed to take some of the wind out of the Heppner sails. They trailed all of set three until they tied the score 15-15. That would be as close as they could get and they would lose the set 20-25. In set number four it was very close all the way to the end. The Mustangs led 12-11 before falling behind. There were three ties after that with the last one being 19-19.

The Mustangs could not hold on and lost the final set 22-25. It was an exciting match that could have gone either way. The Mustangs played some great volleyball in the match but failed to serve well enough and had too many unforced errors to win.

The loss ended the season for the Mustangs with an overall record of 17-12.

No chamber lunch this week

This week's lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce has been cancelled. The next chamber lunch meeting will be an all entities report on Thursday, Nov. 7, at noon

in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Murray's Drug will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than

the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

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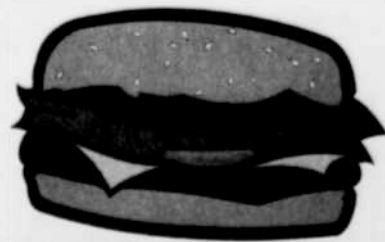
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