

Mustangs defeat Dragons, advance to state semifinals

The Heppner 12-7.

Mustangs have advanced to the semifinal round of the OSAA State Football Championships. They did so with a dominating 52-7 victory over the Monroe Dragons on Saturday afternoon at Les Payne Field. The Mustangs will travel to Hillsboro Stadium for a game next Saturday, Nov. 23, to play the Regis Rams. The Rams are the first-place team out of the Tri-River Conference and have an 11-1 record.

Heppner totally dominated the Dragons on the scoreboard and on the stat sheet. The Mustangs had 496 total yards for the game, compared to 138 for Monroe. Heppner had 26 first downs to four for the Dragons. The Mustangs ran 69 plays in the game and the Dragons only 29.

Heppner also dominated the time of possession as they had the ball for 35:08 and Monroe 12:52. The Mustangs had 12 drives for the game and scored on eight of them.

Heppner scored on their second possession when quarterback Kaden Clark passed the ball to CJ Kindle for a 10-yard touchdown. That made the score 6-0.

When the Mustang offense got the ball back they scored again. This was another nine-play drive that ended when Clark threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Bailey. That made the score 12-0 early in the second quarter.

The only Monroe score came on the first play of their next possession. A 65-yard touchdown run and extra point made the score

The next time the Mustangs got the ball they took six minutes off the clock and ran 16 plays before Brian Rill scored from five yards out. Rill also ran in the two-point conversion to make the score 20-7.

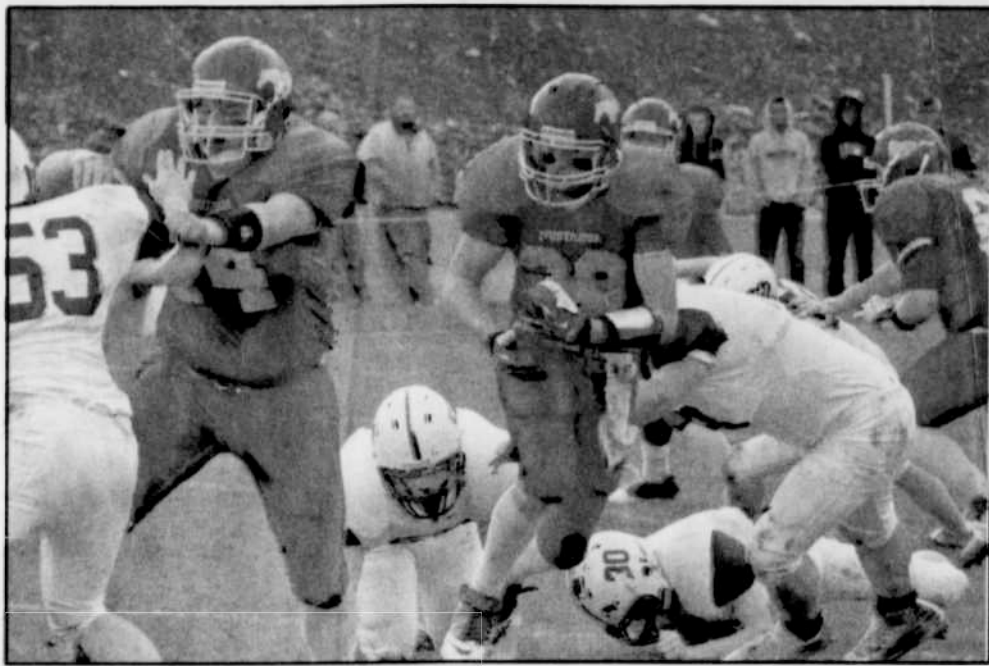
After the Mustang defense forced a Dragon punt, which gave the offense good field position, they scored again. The touchdown came when Rill ran the ball in from 13 yards out. Bailey scored the two-point conversion on a pass from Clark to make the score 28-7 at halftime.

Monroe fumbled on the kickoff to open the second half and Kindle fell on it to give the Mustangs the ball. Two plays later, Bailey scored on a run of 38 yards to make the score 34-7.

On the very next Dragon play Bailey intercepted the ball at midfield and ran it to the 24-yard line. Seven plays later the Mustangs scored when Rill ran the ball in from one yard out. That made the score 40-7 in favor of the Mustangs.

The Heppner defense stepped up again on the next series as Logan Grieb tipped a Monroe pass into the air and Patrick Collins intercepted it. Heppner scored five plays later when Rill threw a 49-yard touchdown pass to Bailey. That made the score 46-7 with over four minutes left to play in the third quarter.

Once again the powerful Heppner defense forced a Monroe punt. The Mustangs' next drive was highlighted by a 29-yard run by Jesse Corbin and



Heppner Senior Ethan Ashbeck blocks for Mustang Brian Rill (#28) during the playoff game in Heppner. —Photo by Sandy Matthews

a 19-yard run by Bailey. Heppner then scored when Clark threw to Kindle for a 10-yard touchdown. That made the score 52-7 with 2:26 left in the third quarter.

The rest of the game was then played with a running clock as the Mustangs were now ahead by 45 points.

The Dragons fumbled the ball on their next play and it was recovered by Bailey at the 39-yard line. Grieb took over at quarterback and the Mustang coaches moved many of the younger

players into the game. They nearly scored again as they moved the ball to the three-yard line before turning it over on downs.

The Dragons had one more series but were forced to punt after only four plays. Then the Mustang offense ran five more plays before Grieb took a knee to end the game. The final score was 52-7.

Clark was 13-17 passing the ball for 186 yards and three touchdowns. Rill was 1-1 for 49 yards

and a touchdown. Bailey caught four passes for 114 yards and Kindle three for 55. Corbin had four catches for 46 yards, Rill two for 17 and Jaden Orr one for six yards. Rill led the team in rushing with 104 yards on 26 carries. Bailey was next with 69 yards, Corbin 46, Weston Putman 24 and Tommy Bredfield 16. Kindle ran for five yards, Kevin Murray four, and Clark and Grieb had three each.

The Mustang defense dominated another opponent and was led in tackles by Collins with nine. JC Putman and Kindle both recorded six tackles and Grieb had five. Rill was next with four and Orr, Bailey and Corbin had three tackles each. Treton Maben, Ethan Ashbeck and Bredfield each had two. Weston Putman and John Prophter also recorded a tackle.

Game time for the semifinal matchup with Regis is 11 a.m.

Heppner football players receive all-league honors

Blue Mountain Conference has announced its football all-league selections for 2013.

Heppner players named to all-league are as follows:
 Defensive Backs, First Team—Jordan Bailey and Brian Rill.

Linebackers, First Team—CJ Kindle and Tommy Bredfield.

Defensive Lineman, First Team—Jaden Orr and JC Putman.

Defensive Lineman, Second Team—Patrick Collins.

Defensive Lineman, Honorable Mention—Ethan Ashbeck.

Receivers, First Team—Jordan Bailey.

Receivers, Second Team—Jesse Corbin.

Receivers, Honorable Mention—Jaden Orr.

Quarterback, Second Team—Kaden Clark

Offensive Line, First Team—Ethan Ashbeck and John Prophter.

Running Backs, First Team—Brian Rill.

Punter, Honorable Mention—Kaden Clark.

Mustang semifinal game to be broadcast via the web

Heppner fans will be excited to hear the Mustang vs. Regis 2013 OSAA 2A Football Semifinal will be broadcast via the web on the OSAA website.

Heppner plays Regis Saturday, Nov. 23 at 11 a.m.; the OSAA says it plans to broadcast audio of the action from the Hillsboro Stadium in Hillsboro, OR.

Fans can access the broadcast at <http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/75931>.

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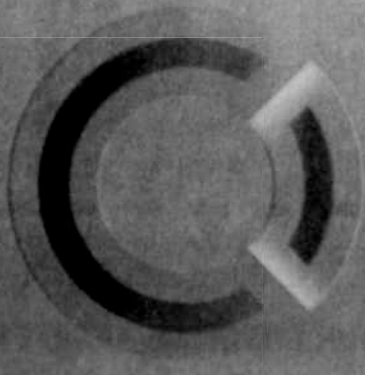
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