

Sports

Friday night victory sends Mustangs into league play with 4-0 record



Kaden Clark (#10) holds for Jesse Corbin (#3) during Friday's game against Waitsburg/Prescott. The Mustangs easily secured a 45-7 victory over the visitors, sending them into league play with a 4-0 overall record. -Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang football team concluded their non-league schedule with a 45-7 defeat of the Waitsburg/Prescott Cardinals last Friday night. The highly anticipated matchup with the perennially strong Washington school quickly became another game in which Heppner took control early and dominated the line of scrimmage for the entire game.

The Mustang defense did a good job all night long of containing the high-octane offense of the Cardinals. A strong pass rush combined with some stellar pass coverage made it hard for the Cardinals to move the ball.

Dominating defensive line and linebacker play made running the ball almost impossible for Waitsburg/Prescott. The Heppner offense started out strong again in this game by scoring on their first six possessions.

The first time that Heppner got the ball they ate up over seven minutes on an 11-play drive. That possession ended when quarterback Kaden Clark ran the ball in from five yards out for the score. The PAT kick by Jesse Corbin was good and the Mustangs led the game 7-0.

The defense then forced the Cardinals to punt and that gave Heppner good field position near midfield. Only two plays later Clark threw a 54-yard touchdown pass to CJ Kindle. That made the score 13-0 after one quarter of play.

The Mustangs kicked

off to start the second quarter and it pinned the Cardinals deep inside their own territory. The Heppner pass rush sacked the Cardinal quarterback and he fumbled the ball. Patrick Collins recovered the ball at the one-yard line.

On the very next play, Brian Rill carried it in for another Heppner touchdown. Now the score was 21-0 after Kindle caught the two-point conversion pass from Clark. The Mustangs then got the ball back after a short Cardinal drive. A Clark pass to Corbin that covered 31 yards set up the next Heppner score. Clark then ran the ball in from the one-yard line for the touchdown. That made the score 27-0 in favor of the Mustangs.

The Heppner defense forced another punt and Corbin ran the ball deep into the Cardinal side of the field. Two plays later, Heppner scored when Rill ran it in from one yard out. The extra point was missed and the score was now 33-0.

The next kickoff was mishandled by the Cardinals and the Mustangs recovered the ball at the 47-yard line. Clark threw a pass to Rill, who then raced down the right sideline for the 47-yard touchdown. The Mustangs led the game 39-0 at halftime.

Heppner got the ball to start the second half. They gained yardage on seven straight running plays and then scored on a 17-yard pass from Clark to Logan Grieb. That made the score 45-0 with only four minutes

gone in the quarter. The game clock would continually run for the rest of the contest as the 45 point mercy rule came into play.

Waitsburg/Prescott scored their only points of the game on their next possession. That made the score 45-7.

The rest of the half went by quickly and Heppner was able to play the rest of their lineup. Both teams then traded possessions and the game ended with the score 45-7.

The Mustangs had 19 first downs in the game to nine for the Cardinals. Heppner ran the ball for 212 yards to only nine for Waitsburg/Prescott. The Mustangs had 417 total yards of offense for the game. Clark was 7-8 for 205 yards passing on the night. Kindle caught three passes for 106 yards and a touchdown. Rill caught two balls for 51 yards and a score and Grieb hauled in one pass for 17 yards and a touchdown. Corbin had one catch for a 31-yard gain in the game. Rill led the team in rushing with 71 yards on the night. Clark ran for 67 and Tommy Bredfield gained 36 yards. Kindle rushed for 20, Jesse Corbin nine, Caden Hedman seven and Kaden Corbin ran for five.

On defense the Mustangs were led in tackles by Weston Putman with seven. Collins was next with six and Bredfield finished with five. Corbin, Tom Gould and Kevin Murray all recorded three tackles on the night. With two each were Kindle, Rill, John Prophet, Jacob Moses, Ross Cutsforth, Saul Erickson and Tim Jaca. Finishing the night with one tackle each were Jake Lindsay, Skyler Palmer, Clyde Britt and Ryan Smith. Numerous other Heppner players recorded an assist on tackles for the game.

The next action for the Mustangs is this Friday, Oct. 3, as they take on the Pilot Rock Rockets. The game will be played at Les Payne field. This is the Homecoming game for Heppner.

Mustang volleyball dominates week of play with solid wins

A busy week of volleyball for the Heppner Mustangs saw the team come away with three victories for their efforts. The Mustangs did not lose a set in any of their matches last week. They defeated Irrigon 3-0, Ione 3-0 and Waitsburg/Prescott 3-0.

Against Irrigon the team served well, going 62-65 on the night. In set one, strong serving by Onna DeLoach and Morgan Correa helped the Mustangs jump out to an 11-1 lead. The Mustangs didn't let up on the Knights and won by a score of 25-11.

In set number two, Heppner again served the ball well as Kelly Wilson had eight straight aces to stretch the lead to 16-2. Heppner went on to win the set 25-11.

In the third and final set, Heppner played some different lineups and did not take the lead for good until it was 14-13. The team finished strong and won the set 25-18.

For the match Paige Grieb had 20 digs and Maddie Lindsay totaled 16. Lindsay had 10 kills on the night followed by Wilson with five and DeLoach with four. Sophie Grant led the team in assists with nine

and Wilson tallied seven. The strong serving was led by Correa who was 26-27 with eight aces. Wilson was 13-14 and had nine aces and DeLoach served 10-10.

In the match with the Ione Cardinals, the Mustangs won by scores of 25-8, 25-12 and 26-24. Once again, Heppner served well going 61-66. Jessica Kempkin went 17-17 with three aces. Wilson was 11-13 and DeLoach 10-12. Grant and Correa both served 8-8 on the night. Lindsay was also perfect going 5-5. DeLoach led the team in digs with 16, Grieb 15 and Lindsay had 11. Lindsay was also a strong hitter as she totaled 11 kills in the match. Wilson had seven kills and Kempkin finished with five. Grant once again led the team in assists with 14. Wilson was next with eight and Sydney Maben had two.

Heppner welcomed an out-of-state team to town when the Waitsburg/Prescott Cardinals came to play on Friday. The Mustangs played a strong match from start to finish and defeated the Cardinals by scores of 25-12, 25-7 and 25-14. In the first set the Mustangs showed their power at the net. Lindsay

recorded five kills, Kempkin four and Wilson three. Grant had seven of the assists on those kills and Wilson five.

In the second set, DeLoach served the first eight points for the Mustangs. Lindsay then ripped off 11 straight service winners to seal the victory.

The third set was closer and was tied at 12-12. Correa then served the next six points to give the Mustangs the lead for good. Heppner served 65-69 in the match. Lindsay was 15-16, Correa 15-15 and DeLoach was 14-16 with seven aces. Wilson had a hot hand going 11-12 with four aces, and Kempkin was 7-7 from the service line. Grieb and Lindsay both had 12 digs for the Mustangs and Wilson had six. Grant and Wilson both had 13 assists on the night and Maben totaled five. Lindsay led the team with 13 kills. Kempkin followed at eight and Wilson tallied seven. Correa and Kempkin also had two blocks in the match.

Heppner has an overall record of 10-4 for the year. The team hits the road this week as they travel to Pilot Rock on Thursday night and then go to Stanfield on Saturday.

Mustang JV loses quarterback to injury, sees close loss to Wildcats Monday night

The Heppner Mustang JV Football team lost a close game to the Union/Cove Wildcats by a score of 12-6. The game was played at the Pilot Rock High School field on Monday night.

Both teams traded possessions with each other in the first quarter. The Wildcats threatened to score, but the Mustangs held them on downs at the five-yard line. Heppner then took over and went on a 13-play, 95-yard drive to score their only touchdown of the game. A pass play from quarterback Kevin Smith to wide out Ryan Smith covered 28 yards. Then four consecutive running plays picked up big yardage. Smith then connected with Smith again for another 19 yards and a first down at the Wildcat 16-yard line. Smith completed a pass to Coby Dougherty for a gain of five yards on the next play.

The Mustangs scored on the very next play as Smith threw a strike to Skyler Palmer for a 12-yard touchdown. The extra point try failed and the Mustangs led 6-0.

After the Heppner kickoff the Wildcats turned the ball over on downs. Heppner then threw an interception to give the Wildcats good field position. The Mustang defense came up big and stopped a Wildcat

drive at the 26-yard line with only six seconds left in the half. Heppner took over and Smith took a knee to end the first half with the Mustangs ahead 6-0.

Jake Lindsay took the opening kickoff of the second half back 19 yards to give Heppner good field position. Just two plays later, Kevin Smith was tackled hard and injured. He was on the turf for over half an hour until the ambulance crew got him loaded up. He was taken to the hospital in Pendleton and they x-rayed his back. The test were negative, but the doctor said he will need to get some rest in order to recover from the trauma he experienced. Lindsay stepped in to take over at quarterback for the team. Heppner then turned the ball over to the Wildcats and they were on the move. The Mustang defense stiffened and stopped their drive at the two-yard line. A few plays later Union/Cove picked off a pass and ran the ball back to the Mustang 11-yard line. The Wildcats then ran the ball in for a touchdown to tie the score at 6-6.

As the fourth quarter started, Heppner was on the move again when Lindsay found Palmer for an eight-yard pass completion. The drive stalled and the Wildcats took over on the Heppner 40-yard line.

An eight-play drive ended when the Wildcats scored with only seconds left in the game. That made the final score 12-6 in favor of the Union/Cove Wildcats.

Lindsay led the team in rushing with 17 yards. Caden Hedman ran hard and gained 10 yards and Coby Dougherty scampered for six. Kevin Smith completed four passes for a total of 64 yards and a touchdown. Lindsay had one completion for eight yards. Leading the Mustangs in receiving was Ryan Smith with two receptions for 47 yards on the night. Palmer caught two balls for 20 yards and a touchdown. Dougherty had one catch for five yards in the game.

On defense for the Mustangs, Kolby Currin led the team in tackles with 11. Saul Erickson tallied nine, Clyde Britt and Hedman had eight each. Palmer, Wyatt Steagall and Beau Wolter all had five tackles in the game. Len Hauermeier and Lindsay had four stops each for the Mustangs. Dougherty and Lane Wilhelm both recorded two tackles for the night. Having one tackle each in the game were Ryan Smith, Tristan Moses, Kaden Corbin, Riley Gorham and Peyton Lehman.

The next scheduled game for the JV Mustangs is Oct. 13 in Stanfield.

Farm News: USDA unveils programs to help farmers manage risk

WASHINGTON—U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack last week unveiled new programs to help farmers better manage risk.

Vilsack also announced that new tools are now available to help provide farmers the information they need to choose the new safety-net program that is right for their business.

The new programs, Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), are cornerstones of the commodity farm safety net programs in the 2014 Farm Bill, legislation that ended direct payments. Both programs offer farmers protection when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices and/or revenues. Producers

will have through early spring of 2015 to select which program works best for their businesses.

To help farmers choose between ARC and PLC, USDA helped create online tools that allow farmers to enter information about their operation and see projections about what each program will mean for them under possible future scenarios. The new tools are now available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

"We're committed to giving farmers as much information as we can so they can make an informed decision between these programs," said Vilsack. "These resources will help farm owners and producers boil the information down, understand what their options are, and ultimately

make the best decision on which choice is right for them. We are very grateful to our partners for their phenomenal work in developing these new tools within a very short time frame."

Starting this past Mon-

day, Sept. 29, farm owners may begin visiting their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices if they want to update their yield history and/or reallocate base acres, the first step before choosing which new program best serves their risk management needs.

Letters sent this summer enabled farm owners and producers to analyze their crop planting history

in order to decide whether to keep their base acres or reallocate them according to recent plantings.

The next step in USDA's safety net implementation is scheduled for this winter when all producers on a farm begin making their election, which will remain in effect for 2014-2018 crop years between the options offered by ARC and PLC.



WANTED
School Bus Drivers

Come make a difference:
Help us transport America's Future!

JOIN OUR TRANSPORTATION TEAM

Paid Training ~ Assistance obtaining CDL B
401K Retirement ~ Paid sick leave
Part time—great for income supplementing!

No experience, driving pay starts at \$11.50 hr
(Training wages are \$9.10 hr)

**Proudly serving all the communities of
Morrow County!**

Stop by: Mid Columbia Bus Company
230 Boardman Ave, Boardman, Or 97818

Or call: 541-481-7551

You can also stop by: 20 Hwy 74E in Heppner
(Next to Fairgrounds)

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available and that help is FREE of charge.

If YOU have a family member who suffers from gambling addiction, YOU can also receive FREE treatment even if the gambler is not receiving treatment.

If you are a resident of Morrow County and you wish to take advantage of the services above or desire more information, Please call any of the following numbers to set up a LOCAL appointment or just to talk:

Bobby Harris @ 541-676-9925 or 541-256-0175
Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) @ 541-676-9161

Deadline for news and advertising:
MONDAY
AT 5 P.M.