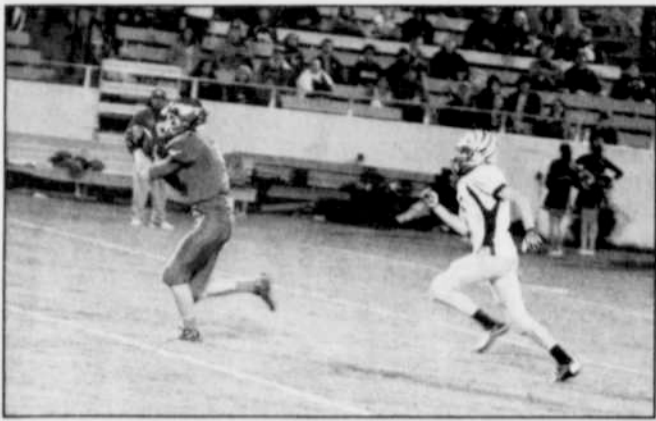


Mustangs maintain perfect record after taming Stanfield



Stanfield's Payton Wright trailed Heppner's Logan Grieb (#5), who outran the Tiger defense for a 62-yard touchdown play. The Stanfield Tigers played catch-up all night but couldn't quite match the Mustang drive during last Friday's game. —Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang football team ran their season record to 7-0 with a 50-14 victory over the Stanfield Tigers on Friday night. Heppner scored touchdowns on six of their 10 possessions in the game. The only scores for the Tigers came late in the game when the outcome had already been decided.

Heppner received the opening kickoff to start the game. They were forced to punt the ball to the Tigers. Heppner got it right back when Kaden Clark intercepted a pass at the Mustang 33-yard line. Heppner moved the ball over midfield but the drive stalled. A fake punt play saw Logan Grieb run the ball 41 yards down the left sideline to give the Mustangs a first and goal at the seven-yard line. Two plays later CJ Kindle ran the ball in from three yards out for a touchdown. That made the score 6-0.

The Mustangs then kicked off and Stanfield fumbled the ball. Kevin Murray fell on it to give the Mustangs the ball at the 50-yard line. Clark then threw a swing pass to Kindle, who

took it all the way for another Mustang touchdown. Clark threw to a wide-open Weston Putman for the two-point conversion to make the score 14-0. The Heppner defense forced another punt to give the ball back to the offense. Clark then threw a pass to Grieb, who outran the defense for a 62-yard touchdown play. Jesse Corbin kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 21-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter the Tigers punted the ball. Corbin caught it on the run and returned it 60 yards for another touchdown. Corbin made the PAT kick to make the score 28-0. After the Tigers turned the ball over on downs, Clark threw a shovel pass to Brian Rill, who took it 47 yards before being knocked out of bounds at the one-yard line. On the very next play Rill carried the ball in for a touchdown. The score was now 34-0.

Once again the Mustang defended forced a punt and the offense scored again. Clark found Grieb open on a corner rout and hit him with a 32-yard pass

for another touchdown. Heppner scored the two-point conversion when Clark found Putman open again, and that made the score 42-0 at halftime.

Heppner kicked off to start the second half and forced another Tiger punt. Six plays later the Mustangs scored again when Tommy Bredfield ran the ball in from 16 yards out. Clark threw to Rill for the two-point conversion and it was now 50-0 with seven minutes left in the third quarter.

The JV kickoff team came in to boot the ball away. The younger Mustangs played the rest of the game and gained valuable experience against the Stanfield varsity team. Stanfield scored their two touchdowns of the game in the third and fourth quarters. That made the final score of the game 50-14.

Heppner had 182 rush-

ing yards. Stanfield had 133 with most of it coming late in the game. The Mustangs threw for 214 yards compared to 25 for the Tigers. Total yardage for Heppner was 396 and for Stanfield it was 158.

Kindle led the team in rushing with 52 yards and a touchdown. Grieb followed with 41 and Corbin had 25.

tackles each. With two were Kindle, Grieb, Lindsay, Tristan Moses, Tim Jaca, Saul Erickson and Caden Hedman. Mustangs who had one tackle in the game were Corbin, Rill, Clark, Ryan Smith, Kaden Corbin and Riley Gorham.

Heppner will travel to take on the Irrigon Knights this Thursday at 7 p.m. The game was moved from Friday night because of the district volleyball tournament.

Mustang JV wins in 'convincing fashion' with 28-0 victory

The Heppner Mustang JV Football team won their game in convincing fashion Monday night. They defeated the Irrigon Knights by a score of 28-0.

A few plays after Riley Gorham kicked off for Heppner, the Knights fumbled deep inside their own territory. Kolby Currin recovered the ball to give the Mustangs good field position. A 21-yard run by Caden Hedman set up the first score for the Mustangs. Quarterback Jake Lindsay scored on a 10-yard run up the middle to give Heppner the lead. Lindsay then threw a pass to Ryan Smith for the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0.

The teams then traded possessions with each other three times as neither could sustain a drive. Jorgen Anderson intercepted a pass to get the ball back for the Mustangs. When that Mustang drive stalled, Len Hauermeier boomed a 45-yard punt to pin the Knights deep in their own end of the field. Coby Dougherty then intercepted an Irrigon pass and ran it into scoring position. On the final play of the half, Lindsay completed a pass to Dougherty, but he was stopped before he was able to score. Heppner led the game 8-0 at halftime.

Riley Gorham caught the short Irrigon kickoff to start the second half. An 11-play drive for the Mustangs moved the ball deep inside Irrigon territory. Lindsay ran for 16 yards in the drive and completed two passes to Dougherty for a total of 20 yards. Heppner was stopped short of scoring and turned it over on downs. Shortly after that Irrigon fumbled and it was recovered by the Mustangs at the 19-yard

line. Several running plays that included a nine-yard gain by Dougherty and a reverse to Ryan Smith got the ball to the one-yard line. Lindsay punched it in from there for the touchdown. Lindsay then threw a pass to Dougherty for the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs a 16-0 lead.

The teams again traded possessions several more times. Peyton Lehman then intercepted an Irrigon pass and ran it to the Knights' 23-yard line. Three plays later the Mustangs scored when Lindsay hit Dougherty with a five-yard touchdown pass. The conversion failed and the score was now 22-0. The Heppner kickoff by Jan Glasen pinned the Knights deep in their own end of the field. The Mustangs got the ball back one more time and scored again. Kevin Smith ran the ball in from four yards out for the touchdown. Again the extra point try was no good and the score was now 28-0. Irrigon got the ball back again but the Mustang defense stopped them from advancing it. The game ended with the score 28-0.

Lindsay was 7-14 passing the ball for 51 yards and a touchdown. Kevin Smith threw one pass for a total of 13 yards. Dougherty led the team in receiving with five catches for 33 yards and a touchdown. Ryan Smith had two catches for 18 yards and Lindsay one catch for 13.

Hedman led the team in rushing with 51 yards in the game. Lindsay ran for 40 yards and two touchdowns. Dougherty carried the ball for 32 yards on the night. Ryan Smith gained seven yards and Kevin Smith followed with four yards and a touchdown.

On the defensive side of the ball, Kolby Currin led the team in tackles with eight. Tristan Moses and Beau Wolters both recorded six tackles in the game. Clyde Britt and Saul Erickson had five tackles each on the night. Kaden Corbin and Tim Jaca had four tackles each and Lane Wilhelm had three. Next with two tackles each in the game were Ryan Smith, Tre Cimmiyotti, Ethan Akers, Hedman and Gorham. With one tackle each in the game were Nathan Putman, Kevin Smith and Hauermeier.

The next game for the JV Mustangs is Monday night with the Weston-McEwen TigerScots. The game is scheduled for 5 p.m. in Athena.

4-H Achievement Night planned for Nov. 16

4-H members, families and supporters are asked to save the date for 4-H Achievement Night, planned for Sunday, Nov. 16, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner.

The local 4-H program is also looking for photos from the past 4-H year that could be included in the "Year in Review" slideshow to be presented at 4-H Achievement Night.

Anyone who would like to submit photos is asked to email them to ashley.jones@oregonstate.edu.

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Mustang Riley Gorham (#66) kicks during Friday's game; Gorham logged a kickoff for 22 yards against the Tigers. —Photo by Sandra Putman



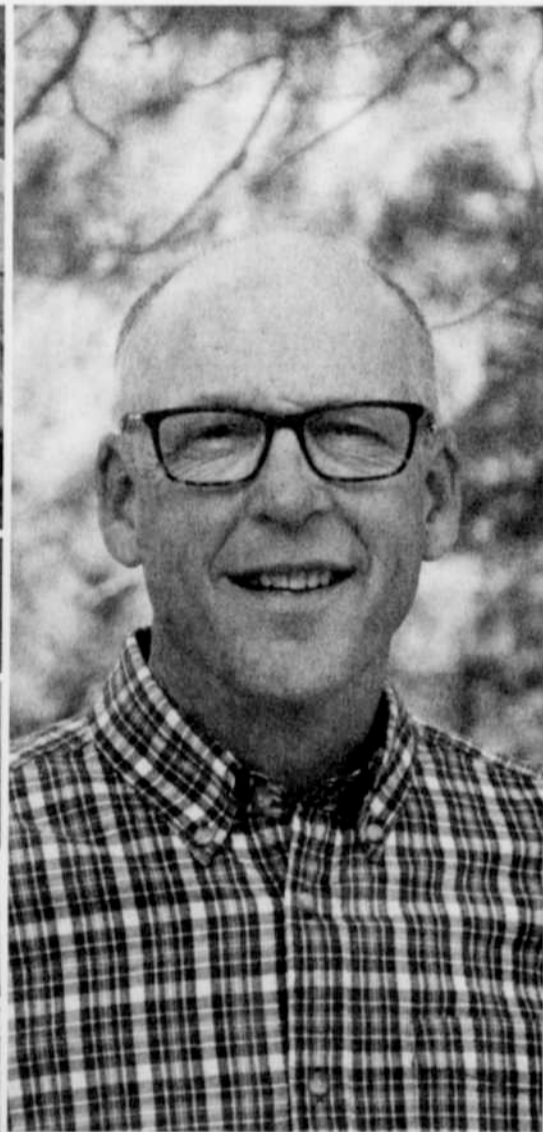
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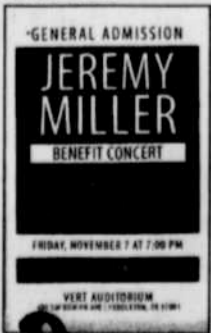
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