

# Mustangs unseat Knights to hold perfect record



Mustang Brian Rill (#28) gets tripped up by the Knights while John Propher (#78) holds off more Irrigon players. Rill carried the ball 26 times for 289 yards on the night. —Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang football team kept their season record perfect with a 46-12 victory over the Irrigon Knights last week. With the win, Heppner is 8-0 on the season and 4-0 in Columbia Basin Conference play.

On the first possession of the game for the Mustangs, they drove the ball to the Irrigon six-yard line. That is where the drive ended and the Knights took over on downs. The Heppner defense forced a punt and CJ Kindle ran the ball back 30 yards to the Irrigon 16-yard line. After a three-yard run by Brian Rill, the Mustangs had their first touchdown. Heppner led the game 6-0.

The next drive for the Mustangs, that covered 68 yards, also ended at the Irrigon six-yard line as Heppner fumbled the ball away. Once again the Heppner defense held the Knights and they were forced to punt from the five-yard line. In this early game of field position the Mustangs took over on the Irrigon 29-yard line. Six plays later Rill would score from one yard out to give the Mustangs a 12-0 lead early in the sec-

ond quarter.

Irrigon was able to mount a short drive the next time they had the ball until Jesse Corbin intercepted a pass. The Mustangs then drove the ball 75 yards to the Irrigon six-yard line. They fumbled the ball again and Irrigon got it back. Once again the Mustang defense held and forced a punt from the four-yard line. Heppner started on the Irrigon 43-yard line and scored four plays later when Rill carried it in from 17 yards out to make the score 18-0 at halftime.

An onside kick attempt by the Knights was recovered by Logan Grieb at the 46-yard line. Just three plays later Rill scored on a 10-yard run for the Mustangs. Kindle scored the two-point conversion to make the score 26-0. On the next Irrigon possession they fumbled the ball near midfield. Four plays later quarterback Kaden Clark scored on a 16-yard run up the middle that made the score 32-0. On their next possession, the Knights turned the ball over on downs. After a 27-yard run by Rill and a five-yard gain by Clark, Rill scampered 24

yards for another Mustang touchdown. Kindle again ran in the two-point conversion to make the score 40-0. The Heppner defense again forced a punt from deep inside the Irrigon side of the field. The offense got the ball back at the Knight 39-yard line. After seven straight running plays by Rill and Kindle the Mustangs scored again when Rill carried it in from eight yards out. That made the score 46-0 at the end of three quarters of play.

The clock would run for the rest of the game under the 45-point mercy rule. The younger Mustangs got into the game and continued to gain valuable experience against a varsity team. Irrigon scored their two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. That made the final score of the game 46-12.

For the game Heppner amassed 504 total yards while holding the Knights to 171. The Mustangs rushed for 434 yards in the game compared to 90 for Irrigon. Rill had a big game rushing behind the powerful offensive line as he carried it 26 times for 289 yards. Tommy Bredfield ran the ball for 62 yards. Kindle had 50 yards rushing and Clark 35. Clark went 6-9 passing

the ball for 70 yards. Rill caught four balls for 55 yards, Kindle one for 13 and Caden Hedman had one catch for two yards.

Another strong defensive performance by the Mustangs was led by Weston Putman with 12 tackles. Having three tackles each in the game were Grieb, Kindle, Rill, Bredfield, Jesse Boyd and Saul Erickson. Next with two each were Ross Cutsforth, Tom Gould, John Propher, Jacob Moses, Clyde Britt and Kevin Murray. With one tackle each in the game were Ryan Smith, Jake Lindsay, Kolby Currin, Tim Jaca and Skyler Palmer.

This Friday is a home



Weston Putman, temporarily sporting #72 as a fill-in guard for the Mustangs, tackles Irrigon Knight Austin Rice (#10) during last Friday's game. Putman led in tackles with 12 for the night. The Mustangs took some hard hits but hit right back to take the game 46-12. —Photo by Sandra Putman

game and the Mustangs take on the Weston-McEwen TigerScots. Game time is set for 7 p.m. at Les Payne Field.

## Mustang JV ends season on low note

The Heppner Mustang junior varsity football team lost their last game of the season to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots by a score of 25-6.

Weston-McEwen scored on their opening drive of the game to take a 6-0 lead. On the first possession for the Mustangs, quarterback Jake Lindsay completed a pass to Coby Dougherty for a gain of five yards. The Heppner stalled and they were forced to punt. Len Hauermeir boomed a kick that pinned the TigerScots deep in their

own territory. They could not move the ball and were forced to punt. A big rush by the middle of the Mustang line blocked the punt. Clyde Britt recovered the ball at the five-yard line. On the next play Lindsay ran the ball in for a touchdown and the score was tied at 6-6.

Both teams traded several possessions for the rest of the half. Weston-McEwen was able to score just before halftime to make the score 12-6.

The third quarter was back and forth for both teams. Neither team was

able to score.

Weston-McEwen scored on their first two possessions of the fourth quarter to take a 25-6 lead. The Mustangs were able to sustain a long drive in the quarter but were unable to score on it. The final score of the game was 25-6.

Lindsay completed 3-11 passes for 28 yards in the game. Dougherty caught two balls for 14 yards and Ryan Smith had one catch for 14 yards. Dougherty also ran the ball nine times for 51 yards. Kaden Corbin rushed for 40 yards on nine

carries and Lindsay packed it six times for 20 yards and a touchdown. Skyler Palmer had three carries for eight yards.

For the defense, Kolby Currin led the team with 11 tackles. Beau Wolters followed with 10 and Palmer had nine. Britt recorded eight tackles on the night and Hauermeier had five. With four tackles each in the game were Lindsay, Lane Wilhelm, Tim Jaca, Saul Erickson, Ryan Smith and Ethan Akers. Dougherty and Tre Cimmiyotti had three tackles each. Corbin, Riley Gorham, Joergan Anderson and Peyton Lehman all recorded two tackles for the Mustangs. Kevin Smith and Jan Glasen both had one tackle in the game.

The JV Mustangs finished the season with a 3-3 record.

## Heppner students learn the keys to success at leadership conference

By Madison Combe & Cason Mitchell

On Monday, Sept. 29, we (Heppner students) arrived in Hermiston Oregon at 8:30 a.m. for a Junior High Leadership Conference.

To begin the conference, all of the students participated in an ice-breaker. This was an activity where you had to go around the room and ask questions to try to become more comfortable with each other. After this we were welcomed and we were also introduced to Danny and his friend John.

Danny and John are part of the Happiness is Now Foundation. Danny told us about his childhood and how his mother told him that to be happy he needed to succeed. She told him there were three things that he needed to do to be successful, which would lead to his happiness: 1. Do well in school and get good grades 2. Get into a good college 3. Get married and have a family. His mom told him that these three things would lead him to success which would then lead him to happiness.

Once done with this story, he told us about what he had done in his life so far...he had been a choreographer for the Los Angeles Laker Girls, a high school math teacher, and then a manager for America's Best Dance Crew Season 5 winners. While doing this Danny realized that his mother was wrong. Success was not the key to happiness, but happiness was the key to success. Now Danny travels around the world speaking and dancing trying to change the world with happiness.

After telling us about the formula for happiness, Danny wanted to do some-

thing that would make us come out of our shells. He had people volunteer to sing in front of everyone. Next we learned a dance called the YOLO Flash Mob and we had to perform it by age. Since there were so many eighth-graders, we had to split up into boys and girls and perform it in front of everyone. This dance was fun, and we were able to learn it in 15 minutes. The main idea of this exercise was to push us to be more outgoing.

After lunch we listened to a presentation by the OASC (Oregon Association of Student Councils) coordinator about the damages that social media can have on people. There was an exercise where we had a piece of paper and every time she said a word that we have ever heard or read that someone being called, we crumbled our paper one time. By the time all the names on her list had been said, everyone's paper was really crumbled. Then she started saying nice words and for every nice word we un-crumpled our papers. When the exercise was done the papers were flat, but they were damaged. This showed the students that what people say can really hurt.

At the end of the conference we learned one more awesome dance. After this we were able to talk more to Danny and John. Next we took a group picture to remember the conference. We had the opportunity to brainstorm ideas for a "Week of Happiness" in our school and we will be following up within Jr. High Student Council to make this happen. Finally, we loaded the vans and headed back to Heppner. This was an amazing experience that we will never forget.



Several Heppner junior high students attended a leadership conference in Hermiston recently. Pictured front: Cheyenne Shaw, Olivia Schmidt, Reno Ferguson, Hunter Nichols, Jace Currin. Back: Tiffany Akers, Cason Mitchell, Gibson McCurry, Jaiden Mahoney, Clair Grieb, Madison Combe. —Contributed photo

## HHS Booster Club plans fan appreciation dinner

The Heppner Jr./Sr. High School Booster Club is hosting a fan appreciation dinner this Friday night, Oct. 31, before the football game in Heppner. The club will be serving a free taco dinner from 5-6:45 p.m. in

the annex building at the fairgrounds.

Also scheduled for Friday evening is a trunk-or-treat event in the fairgrounds parking lot from 5-7 p.m. (See PAGE TWO.)

It looks to be a fun-

filled, family-friendly Friday night as Heppner celebrates Halloween and cheers on the Mustang football team as they play for the league title against the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

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