

# Mustangs maintain perfect record with win over Bulldogs

The Heppner Mustang football team continued its winning ways with a 56-0 victory over the Culver Bulldogs on Friday night. With the win, the Mustangs' record improves to 2-0 in Columbia Basin Conference play and 6-0 overall.

The Mustangs scored touchdowns on eight of their 10 possessions. Their first came with only a little over a minute gone in the game. The Heppner defense forced a Culver fumble that Wyatt Steagall recovered at the 39-yard line. On the very next play, CJ Kindle caught a pass from Kaden Clark and sprinted down the right sideline for a touchdown. That gave the Mustangs a 6-0 lead.

The powerful Heppner defense forced the Bulldogs to punt on their next possession. Patrick Collins forced the punter to fumble and Steagall fell on the ball at the 12-yard line. Once again, on the very next play, Kindle scored a touchdown on a run to the right corner of the end zone. Logan Grieb kicked the point-after-touchdown and that made the score 13-0.

A three-and-out on the next Culver possession led to the Mustangs getting the ball at their own 34-yard line. After a 13-yard run by Tommy Bredfield and a 14-yard pass catch by Weston Putman, Clark ran the ball in for a touchdown from 34 yards out. The Grieb PAT kick was good and the score was now 20-0.

Culver fumbled again and Kolby Currin recovered the ball at the Bulldog 23-yard line. Clark then found Grieb open in the end zone and hit him with a touchdown pass. The Grieb PAT kick was good and Heppner led 27-0 as the first quarter ended.

As the second quarter began, Heppner forced another Bulldog punt. A six-play, 80-yard drive that featured a 17-yard Clark run, a 37-yard pass completion from Clark to Kindle and an 18-yard run by Bredfield, ended with a score when



The Mustang line clears the way as Weston Putman (#20) runs the ball through the Culver press. —Photo by Sandra Putman

Clark ran the ball in from four yards out. The PAT kick by Grieb was good and the lead grew to 34-0.

The teams then traded possessions. A Culver punt pinned the Mustangs deep in their own territory at the six-yard line. Bredfield then ran the ball for 14 yards to the 20-yard line. On the next play, Grieb took the handoff and sprinted around the left end of the Mustang line for an 80-yard touchdown run. His PAT kick was good and the score was 41-0 at halftime.

Heppner got the ball to start the second half. A seven-play drive that covered 57 yards ended with another touchdown when Bredfield ran it in from 21 yards out. The Grieb PAT kick was good and the score was 48-0 just three minutes into the half. The rest of the game would be played with a running clock because the Mustangs were ahead by over 45 points.

The Mustang coaching staff substituted freely at that point in the game and everyone got to play quality minutes. Heppner went on a 12-play drive that ended when Coby Dougherty scored a touchdown from one yard out. Kevin Smith then packed the ball in to score the two-point conversion. That made the score 56-0. The Heppner defense held the Bulldogs out of the end zone for the rest of the game to preserve the shutout.

Heppner completely

dominated the game in every way. The Mustangs had 23 first downs to six for Culver. Heppner ran for 354 yards and Culver ended with -47 yards rushing. The Mustangs had 161 yards passing and Culver 26. Total yards for the game were Heppner 515 and Culver -21.

The swarming Heppner defense was led by Collins with 11 tackles. Kevin Murray followed with 10 tackles for the Mustangs. Putman and Bredfield finished with nine tackles each in the game. Saul Erickson had five tackles and Currin, Steagall and Tim Jaca all recorded four each. Players who had two tackles in the game were Kindle, Clark, Grieb, Tristan Moses, Beau Wolters and Zach Bredfield. Recording one tackle each were Ryan Smith, Tre Cimmeyotti, Lane Wilhelm,



Kolby Currin (#50) and the rest of the Mustang line hold back the Bulldogs Friday night. The Mustang line held all night, giving Heppner a shutout victory over Culver. —Photo by Sandra Putman

Caden Hedman, Mads Meltofte, Ethan Akers and Derek Howard.

On the offensive side of the ball, Clark was 7-11 passing the ball for 130 yards and two touchdowns. Kevin Smith went 1-3 for 31 yards. Kindle caught two passes for 76 yards and a score. Hedman hauled down one pass for 31 yards and Grieb snared one for 23 yards and a touchdown. Putman caught a ball for a 15-yard gain and Jake Lindsay got one for 12 yards. Tommy Bredfield had one reception on the night for four yards.

Eight Mustangs carried the ball and gained yards in the game. They were led by Grieb, who finished with 103 yards and a touchdown on only three carries. Clark rushed for 100 yards on eight tries and scored twice. Bredfield packed the ball six times, gained 69 yards and scored one touchdown. Dougherty handled the ball five times and gained 36 yards and scored a touchdown. Kindle had five carries, gained 28 yards and scored one touchdown. Lindsay had one carry for 15 yards while Kaden Corbin packed the ball one time and gained five yards. Putman had one carry for four yards in the game.

The Mustangs travel this week to take on the Stanfield Tigers. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

# Heppner JV edged out in tough fight with Knights

This week the Heppner Mustang Junior Varsity football team lost a close contest to the Irrigon Knights by a score of 27-20.

Irrigon scored on their first possession with a long pass play. They made the PAT and led the game 7-0. Heppner then came back to score on their first drive of the game. After an 18-yard run by Kaden Corbin, quarterback Kevin Smith found Beau Wolters open. He hit him with a pass and Wolters rumbled down the sideline to score a touchdown. That brought the Mustangs to within one point at 7-6.

The Knights scored a touchdown the next time they got the ball. On the point-after attempt, Wolters busted through the line and blocked the kick. That made the score 13-6 in favor of the Knights. Once again, Heppner scored the next time they got the ball. Coby Dougherty outran the defense and scored on a 63-yard sprint down the sideline. Smith completed a pass to Hunter Nichols for the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs the lead 14-13.

The lead was short-lived as Irrigon scored on their next possession. The PAT kick was good and the Knights led again 20-14. A Smith pass was intercepted the next time Heppner had the ball. The Mustang defense stopped the Knights and they turned it over on downs. Heppner could not capitalize on the opportunity and gave the ball back to Irrigon. The Knights scored on this possession with another long pass play.

The extra point was good and Irrigon led 27-14.

After not being able to mount a drive, Heppner gave the ball back to Irrigon on downs. On their first play from scrimmage, the Mustangs forced a fumble that they recovered. Heppner then put together an eight-play drive to score again. This time Corbin ran the ball in from 15 yards out for the touchdown. The extra point play failed and Irrigon got the win by a score of 27-20.

Dougherty led the team in rushing with 15 carries for 88 yards and a touchdown. Corbin packed the ball 11 times and gained 77 yards and also had one touchdown.

Smith was 3-9 passing the ball for 74 yards and a touchdown. He also had one pass intercepted in the game. Wolters caught one pass for 44 yards and a touchdown. Corbin also had one catch for 19 yards and Peyton Lehman had one catch for 11 yards. Caden Hedman had one catch for a four-yard gain.

Wolters led the Mustangs in tackles with 15. Lane Wilhelm was next with 10 and Tristan Moses had eight tackles. Ethan Akers had seven tackles and Corbin finished with six. Hedman and Dakota Howard both had four tackles in the game. Having three tackles each in the contest were Smith, Dougherty, Jake Lindsay, Derek Howard and Zach Bredfield. Jacob Wallace finished with two tackles and Mels Meltofte had one.

## FBLA asks community to wear pink

In honor of October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Heppner High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) club invites all community members to wear pink to the home volleyball game on Tuesday, Oct. 20, against the Culver Bulldogs.

Fans also are encouraged to wear pink on Friday, Oct. 23, at the home football game against the Irrigon Knights. Pink items will be sold at the football game in support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

The FBLA also would like to remind community members that they will once again be baking and selling holiday pies. Ordering information will be available soon.

## OTLD board to meet

Oregon Trail Library District will hold its October board meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Irrigon library, 490 E Main St., Irrigon. The public is invited to attend.

The mission of OTLD is to meet the informational, cultural and recreational needs of residents of the district with information resources on a broad vari-

ety of topics, in as many different formats as are appropriate, and from a broad variety of viewpoints through the development of local collections and links with other agencies.

The library district has a website, [www.oregontrailploud.net](http://www.oregontrailploud.net), and a Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/OTLDlibraries](http://www.facebook.com/OTLDlibraries), for patrons to follow library events.

## Chamber lunch meeting

Local OSU Extension agent Larry Lutcher will be the guest speaker at the next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Oct. 15, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room. Cost of lunch is \$10; Willow Creek Diner will cater. Chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 no later than the Wednesday before to guarantee a lunch.

The chamber also welcomes its newest member,

Taco's Hometown. The taco truck is coming to Heppner on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. unless otherwise communicated. They are located in the vendor parking lot between the Heppner post office and Advantage Dental office. They also do catering.

Finally, the chamber advises everyone not to advertise with [www.oline-sports.com](http://www.oline-sports.com). The company O-Line Sports bills itself

as "Your New Heppner High School Website and Spirit Store," but Heppner High Athletic Director and head Teacher Greg Grant wants to let everyone know that this is not in any way promoted or recommended by Heppner High School. These emails are coming often and the people are persistent. Anyone who has questions or who has signed up to advertise, contact Greg Grant at 541-676-9138 x 2512 or email [Grant@morrow.k12.or.us](mailto:Grant@morrow.k12.or.us).

## Fair board to meet

The Morrow County Fair Board's monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20, at 6 p.m. at the SAGE Center in Boardman.

The public is welcome.

Deadline for news and advertising:  
**Monday at 5 p.m.**

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