

Mustangs slay Dragons, advance to state quarterfinals



CJ Kindle rises to the challenge, snatching the ball from the air in one of four passes he caught on the night. —Photo by Sandra Putman

The Heppner Mustang football team won its first-round game of the OSAA 2A State Football Championship. The team beat the Monroe Dragons by a score of 55-14 last Saturday at Les Payne field. With the win, Heppner advances to the quarterfinal round of the playoffs, in which they will play the Reedsport Braves. Heppner kicked off to start the game against the Dragons and forced a punt. A 14-play, 57-yard drive led to the first Mustang touchdown when CJ Kindle powered the ball in from one yard out. That made the score 6-0.

Both teams fumbled on their next possessions. When the Mustangs got the ball back they ended up with good field position at the Dragons' 42-yard line. Two plays later, Weston Putman got some outstanding blocking and scored from 35 yards out on a dazzling run through the Dragon defense. Putman then ran the ball in for the two-point conversion to make the score 14-0.

Logan Grieb kicked the ball off and it soared deep into Monroe territory. The Heppner coverage team tackled the Dragon return man at the nine-yard line. Two plays later, Wyatt Steagall recovered a fumble to give the Mustangs the ball. On the very next play, Put-

man ran the ball in for the touchdown. Once again, Putman scored the two-point conversion. He caught a pass from quarterback Kaden Clark that made the score 22-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Heppner punted on their next possession. They got the ball right back when Clark forced the Monroe return man to fumble. Patrick Collins hustled down and dove on the ball to give the Mustangs great field position. Clark then found Grieb open over the middle of the field and threw him a touchdown pass that covered 29 yards. That made the score of the game 28-0.

The Mustang defense got the ball right back for the offense and they quickly scored again. Clark found Caden Hedman open in the end zone and hit him with a seven-yard pass for the touchdown. Clark then threw the ball to Kindle for the two-point conversion to make the score 36-0.

Monroe then put together an eight-play drive that ended when they turned it over on downs. After a 35-yard run by Putman and a 23-yard pass reception by Kindle, the Mustangs scored again. Grieb took a handoff and swept around the left end of the line to score from 10 yards out. That made it 42-0 with just under three minutes to play

in the half.

Heppner then got the ball back when Putman intercepted a Monroe pass and returned it to the 32-yard line. Two plays later Heppner scored again. Clark passed the ball to Kindle, who ran it in from 16 yards out. Grieb kicked the extra point to make the score 49-0 at halftime. The rest of the game would be played with a running clock as the Mustangs were ahead by more than 45 points.

Heppner got the ball to start the second half and scored again. Kindle took a handoff and scooted down the sideline for a 44-yard touchdown run to make it 55-0. During the rest of the third quarter, Mustang coaches began to mix in many players who had not played in the game yet. The third quarter ended with score 55-0.

The Dragons scored both of their touchdowns in the fourth quarter, the last one with only two seconds left in the game. The final score was 55-14.

Another outstanding performance by the Mustang defense was led by Tommy Bredfield, who recorded 13 tackles. Putman and Kevin Murray followed with 10 tackles each. Tim Jaca had one of his best games of the year and finished with eight tackles in the game. Collins put pressure on the quarterback and punter all game long and also finished with eight tackles. Kolby Currin and Steagall finished with five tackles each and Ryan Smith had three. Having two tackles each in the game were Saul Erickson, Tre Cimmiyotti, Hedman, Coby Dougherty and Derek

Howard. With one tackle each were Kindle, Grieb, Jake Lindsay, Lane Wilhelm, Tristan Moses, Dakota Howard, Zach Bredfield, Carson Brosnan and Zavier Glover.

On the offensive side of things, Clark was 9-15 passing for 132 yards and three touchdowns. Kindle caught four passes for 64 yards and one score. Grieb had one reception for 29 yards and a touchdown. Putman caught one ball for 18 yards and Lindsay had one catch for eight yards. Hedman had one catch for seven yards and a touchdown, while Smith had one catch for six yards.

Putman led the team in rushing with 88 yards on nine carries. He also scored a rushing touchdown. Clark ran the ball for 54 yards on four carries and scored once. Kindle gained 53 yards on six carries and scored two touchdowns. Grieb had one carry for 10 yards and a touchdown. Dougherty carried the ball five times for eight yards and Hedman had one carry for one yard.

Heppner had 16 first downs in the game. The Mustangs had 203 yards rushing and 132 passing. Total offense in the game was 335 yards for Heppner and 208 for Monroe.

The Mustangs will host the Reedsport Braves in a quarterfinal game this Saturday. The Braves (9-1, 5-0) were the first-place team from the Sunset Conference. They won their first-round game against the Weston-McEwen TigerScots by a score of 14-0. Game time is set for 1 p.m. at Les Payne Field.



Mustang Logan Grieb runs the ball with a Dragon in hot pursuit. —Photo by Sandra Putman

Heppner players honored in all-league selections

Several players on the Columbia Basin Conference champion team have been selected for CBC All-League honors.

On the defensive side, Logan Grieb, CJ Kindle and Kaden Clark were all named to first team as defensive backs. Weston Putman and Tommy Bredfield were selected as first team linebackers; Kolby Currin was named second team linebacker. Heppner defensive linemen Patrick Collins and Kevin Murray were named to first team, while Tim Jaca was selected for second team and Wyatt Steagall received honorable mention.

For the offense, receivers Grieb, Putman and Kindle were all selected to first team. Quarterback Clark also was selected for first team. For the offensive

line, Collins and Murray were both named to first team, while Currin and Saul Erickson both received honorable mentions. Running back Bredfield was selected for second team.

Several Irrigon players also received all-league honors. Nate Verley was named to second team defensive back and quarterback; Cougar Kroske was selected first team linebacker and second team offensive line; Fredy Vera was named second team linebacker and first team running back; and Parker Miller was selected second team offensive line. Chosen for honorable mentions were Colby Krogh, defensive lineman; Colten Seelye, offensive line; and Carlos Zacarias, running back.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

—Continued from PAGE ONE working on reunification plans within the district's safety plan and working with students who are truant. He said that George Shimer also has been hired as a student resource officer for Boardman.

In other business, the board:

—received the following enrollment report: A.C. Houghton Elementary, kindergarten through grade three, Irrigon-272; Sam Boardman Elementary, K-three, Boardman-336; Heppner Elementary, K-six-163; Irrigon Elementary, four-six-195; Windy River Elementary, Boardman, four-six-217; Heppner Junior/Senior High, seven-12-154; Irrigon Junior/Senior High, seven-12-385; Riverside Junior/Senior High, seven-12-404; Morrow Education Center, Irrigon-38; total-2164.

—approved the following employment action: resignations/non-renewals-Anna Browne, RJSJS junior high head girls' basketball coach, Clair Costello, RJSJS high school head volleyball coach, Neil Livingston, RJSJS assistant high school football coach; Michelle Morgan, IJSJS junior high head girls' basketball coach, Steve Sheller, IJSJS assistant high school girls' basketball coach; retirements-Terri Gentry, as of Oct. 31, 2015, however, will finish the 2015-16 school year;

employment/promotions/transfers-Venesa Lopez-Nazarro, transfer to SBE ed assistant, Mitch Thompson, transfer to IJSJS part-time ed assistant; extra duty contracts-David Boor, RJSJS junior high head wrestling coach, Jon Dompier, HJSJS assistant high school girls' basketball coach, Juan Reyna, RJSJS junior high assistant boys' basketball coach, Matthew Summers-Johnson, RJSJS assistant junior high boys' basketball coach, Robert Wilson, HJSJS head high school girls' basketball coach.

—approved the first reading of policies on: a local wellness program concerning childhood obesity, nutrition guidelines, physical activity and school meals, and hazing, harassment and intimidation, to include teen dating violence and domestic violence.

—adopted new, revised or rescinded policies on reimbursable school meals and milk program, federal family and medical leave, request for family and medical leave, Family and Medical Leave Act/Oregon Family Leave Act, local wellness program.

—heard the following announcements: Veteran's Day holiday, Nov. 11, Oregon School Board Association annual convention, Portland, Nov. 12-15, Thanksgiving break, Nov. 25-29; next board meeting, HJSJS, Dec. 14.

Justice Court Report

Morrow County Justice of the Peace Ann Spicer has released the following Justice Court report:

—Jonathan Joshua Uanno, 20, Happy Valley, OR, was found guilty of No Operator's License, Driving Uninsured and Failure to Register Vehicle and was fined \$630.

—Lacey Shay Davidson,

22, Lexington, was found guilty of Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$160 fine.

—Christopher D. Larson, 30, Terrebonne, OR, was found guilty of Off Road Vehicle on Highway/Railroad, and Operating an ATV without Permit and Decal, \$200 fine.

—David M. Peruski,

35, Benton City, WA, was found guilty of Failure to Immediately Validate Big Game Tag, \$110 fine.

—Jason Bowles, Heppner, 40, was found guilty of Driving While Suspended-Violation, \$260 fine.

—Brent A. Eckman, 24, Heppner, was found guilty of Failure to Drive within Lane, \$260 fine.

—Leonard Leroy Searls Jr., Eagle Creek, OR, was found guilty of Hunting from or across Highway, \$110 fine.

—Timothy J. Schmidt, 37, Cambridge, ID, was found guilty of Operating without Proper Fenders or Mudguards and was fined \$160.

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