

# Mustangs finish pre-season with win over Panthers



Mustang Kevin Murray takes down a Panther during the home game Friday night. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

The Heppner Mustang football team ended its pre-season schedule with a win over the Imbler Panthers by a score of 26-8 on Friday night. The Mustangs have a 3-1 record going into Columbia Basin Conference play. They are currently the number-one ranked team in the OSAA 2A State Football rankings.

In this game, the teams traded possessions to start out. The much-improved Heppner defense then forced the Panthers to punt from deep in their own territory. Logan Grieb returned the punt 26 yards to give the Mustangs good

field position at the Imbler 20-yard line. Three plays later, Grieb took the hand off and ran the ball into the end zone from nine yards out. The two-point conversion try was no good and that gave the Mustangs a 6-0 lead.

Another three-and-out for the Panthers gave Heppner the ball near mid field. A nine play drive, highlighted by three nine-yard runs by Grieb, nine and 14 yard runs by Coby Dougherty, and a six-yard run by Beau Wolters, led to another touchdown. Grieb punched it in from two yards out to get the score.

Grieb then kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 13-0 lead.

The next Heppner drive ended with an interception. Imbler then had its own nine-play drive to get its only touchdown of the game. That made the score 13-8 with six minutes left in the first half.

After the Imbler kickoff, Heppner went on a 12-play drive. They got down to the Panther two-yard line but could not score and turned the ball over on downs. There were only seconds left in the first half and Imbler could not do anything more. The score at halftime was 13-8.

Heppner got the ball to start the second half. Kolby Currin jumped on an inside kick attempt to give the Mustangs the ball at the 46-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage, Grieb took the handoff and went through the middle of the offensive line. He then saw some great blocking ahead of him and bounced to the left side of the field and ran down the sideline 54 yards for the touchdown. The extra point try was no good and Heppner led the game 19-8.

On the next Imbler possession, middle linebacker Kevin Murray intercepted a pass and returned it 11 yards to the 29-yard line. Four plays later, Dougherty ran around the right side of the line for a seven-yard

touchdown. Grieb kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 26-8 lead.

Both teams traded possessions for the rest of the game. Heppner continued to run the ball very well and ate up a lot of the remaining clock. Quarterback Kevin Smith took a knee on the last play of the game. That ended the game with the score 26-8.

The tremendous blocking of the offensive line—Trevin Horne, Kevin Murray, Wyatt Steagall, Derek Howard, Dakota Howard and tight end Kolby Currin—dominated the line of scrimmage all night long. Also, the blocking from the wide outs—Jake Lindsay, Logan Grieb, Beau Wolters and running back Coby Dougherty—helped the Mustangs run for 309 yards in the game.

The Mustangs had 18 first downs to only six for Imbler. The Heppner defense held the Panthers to 111 yards of rushing and 10 passing yards. Heppner passed for 58 yards for a total of 367 yards of offense while Imbler was held to 121 yards.

Grieb led the team in rushing with 205 yards on 19 carries. He had a long run of 54 yards and scored 3 rushing touchdowns. Dougherty picked up 84 yards on 17 rushes and scored a touchdown. He had a long run of 14 yards. Wolters scampered for 45 yards on 8 carries and had a long run of 11 yards. Smith ran the ball one time for 3 yards.

Smith was 5-14 passing the ball for 58 yards. He also had 2 passes intercepted in the game. Wolters caught 3 passes for 42 yards and Grieb had 2 catches for 16.

Murray led the defensive charge with 9 tackles and an interception in the game. Freshman Jason Rea was next with 8 tackles. Currin and Steagall finished the game with 7 each. Trevin Horne was next with 6 tackles while Grieb, Lindsay and Gavin Hanna-Robinson each had 5. Having 4 tackles each in the game were Wolters, Dougherty, Peyton Lehman and Dakota Howard. Derek Howard finished the night with 3 tackles in the game.

The Mustangs begin conference play this Friday night, at home, against the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots. Game time is set for 7 p.m. at Les Payne Field.

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# Mustang volleyball grounded by rockets, wins two at Dufur



Mustang Shayna Osmin makes a spike during the game versus Pilot Rock last Tuesday, while (L-R) Claire Grieb, Tresslyn McCurry, Madison Combe and Reiah Waite stand poised for action. The girls lost that contest 0-3, but turned their week around to win back-to-back games at Dufur on Friday, shutting out both Dufur and Perrydale in 3-0 wins. They next play at Stanfield on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and then host Culver next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The Mustang girls have a league ranking of 0-2 for the season but an overall record of 10-8. -Photo by Cara Osmin

# Booster club steak feed, auction right around the corner

The Heppner Jr/Sr High Booster Club annual steak feed and auction is right around the corner, and several donations are being displayed in business windows and lobbies around town.

The Heppner Chamber of Commerce office, Murray's Drug, Morrow County Grain Growers and Bank of Eastern Oregon all have

the chamber of commerce window you can see information about a private garden party dinner that will be up for grabs to the highest bidder.

"Many items will continue to be put on display as they come in over the next week at Murray's Drug in the front window; be sure to stop and by and see what's there—we truly will have



Donated items like these, and more, will be auctioned off at the Heppner Booster Club steak feed and auction Oct. 8 at the Elks. -Contributed photo

items on display that will be available either as live auction, silent auction or raffle items at the event.

Booster Club Vice President Melissa Lindsay says she is excited about many of the items they have received so far.

"Having local businesses like Wheat Ridge sponsor our dinner and barbecue, which they have done for many years, helps make this event such a success," said Lindsay.

At the Bank of Eastern Oregon there is a battery-operated four-wheeler donated by RDO Equipment Co. in Hermiston, and in

something for everyone," added Lindsay.

A few VIP tables are still available and they are selling quickly. Tables are \$300 each, seat six and include personal dinner service, two bottles of wine and preferred seating during the auction. Contact Melissa Lindsay at 541-256-0366 to reserve a table.

The steak feed and auction will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Dinner tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased ahead of time at Murray's or Bank of Eastern Oregon, and at the door on the night of the event.

# Heppner junior high defeats Vikings



Heppner's Bryan Collins runs the ball during the Heppner game versus Umatilla last Thursday. The junior high Mustangs defeated the Vikings with a final score of 26-12. -Photo by Damon Brosnan

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Effective SEPTEMBER 22, the Fire Chief of the City of Heppner HAS LIFTED THE BURNING BAN that a permit for the 2016-2017 burn season is required, this includes burning barrels. Permits purchased for the previous burn season are no longer valid.