

Mustang football team beats Tigerscots 52-12



Coby Dougherty stays ahead of the opponent. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

The Heppner Mustang football team opened Columbia Basin Conference play with a convincing victory over the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots by the score of 52-12. With the win the Mustangs overall record moves to 2-3 for the season, with the team currently standing as the sixth ranked team in the OSAA 2A rankings.

Heppner scored points on their first possession of the game. An 8-play, 61-yard drive ended when Coby Dougherty scored on a 14-yard run. Quarterback Jayden Wilson ran for the two-point conversion to make the score 8-0. Weston-McEwen then scored on their first drive to make the score 8-6 at the end of the first quarter.

Less than a minute into the second quarter the Mustangs scored again when Beau Wolters punched the ball in from 3 yards out. Wolters also scored the two-point conversion on a run to make the score 16-6.

The teams then traded

possession until the final horn sounded and the Mustangs had the victory by the score of 52-12.

The Mustangs had 17 first downs in the game and Weston-McEwen had 12. Heppner rushed for 279 yards and held Weston-McEwen to 105 yards. Heppner ended up with 315 total yards compared to 154 for the Tigerscots.

Wilson was 2-11 passing the ball for 23 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Kevin Smith came back from injury and completed a pass for 13 yards. Blake Wolters led the Mustangs in receiving with one catch for 16 yards. Hanna Robinson caught a pass for 13 yards and Beau Wolters had one catch for seven yards and a touchdown.

Beau Wolters led the way in rushing yardage with 151 on 15 attempts and had three touchdowns. Dougherty was next with 72 yards on ten carries and also scored three times. Hanna Robinson finished with 34 yards rushing and Wilson had ten. Blake Wolters and Kannon Wilkins finished the game with 9 yards rushing each.

On defense, Wyatt Steagall led the team with eight tackles in the game. Hanna Robinson and Matt Orem were next with seven tackles each. Wilson, Dakota Howard and Tyler Carter all had five tackles for the Mustangs. Dougherty, Beau Wolters and Zach Bredfield each had four tackles while Keegan Gibbs recorded three. With two tackles were Derek Howard, Logan Burrig, Charles Cason and Jordan Sweeney. With one tackle each in the game were Wilkins, Peyton Lehman, Roy Collins, Kevin Rea and Blake Wolters.

The Mustangs have a bye in their schedule this week with the next game on Oct. 13 when they host the Culver Bulldogs.

Mustang volleyball team takes on Tigerscots and Tigers

The Heppner Mustang volleyball team got two big wins last week to bring their overall record to 13-5 and 3-1 in conference play. Heppner defeated the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots in four sets by the scores of 27-25, 16-25, 25-15, 25-23. They then swept the Stanfield Tigers 25-13, 25-15, 25-12. The Mustangs are currently the 7th ranked OSAA 2A team in the state and sit in second place in the Columbia Basin Conference.

In an exciting first match against the Tigerscots, they set the tone for a great night of high school volleyball. It was a back and forth set that saw the Mustangs trail 19-18 before they made a run to take the lead. Weston-McEwen battled back and the score was tied at 24-24. It was also tied up at 25-25 and the set could have gone either way. The Mustangs scored the last two points to take the win at 27-25.

Heppner started the second set up five points, but a few missed opportunities and the constant hitting pressure from the Tigerscots saw them take the set 25-16. The third set saw Heppner struggle and trail early, they then rallied to tie the score at 11-11. From there on the Mustangs took control and outscored Weston-McEwen 15-4 to win the set 25-15.

In the last set of the evening, Heppner was down 17-12 when they caught fire and rallied to tie the score 19-19. The set looked as if it would be over when the Mustangs took the lead 21-19 and 22-20. They then pushed the lead to 24-20 and the Mustang fans were cheering for the final point and the win. A rally by the Tigerscots pulled



Reiah Waite sets the ball up while (l-r) Morgan Correa, Jenna McCullough and Shayna Osmin get ready for the kill in Thursday's game against Pilot Rock. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

them to within 24-23, but the Mustangs got the final point and won the exciting set 25-23 and the match 3-1.

Heppner coach Mindy Wilson said "This was a battle till the end, neither team was willing to give in. We had some times that we struggled, but we dug deep as a team and fought for it."

Morgan Correa led the Mustangs with ten kills and five blocks while Jacee Currin led the team with 16 assists.

Heppner continued their winning ways as they swept the Stanfield Tigers before a large crowd of fans at home. They also had a loud cheering section of Mustang football players rooting them on.

The Mustangs took control of the match early

and never looked back. They controlled the tempo of the match and put the Tigers away early in every set. All of the Heppner players got in to play in the match and did very well.

Jenna McCullough had a big night and finished with five kills and two blocks. Nicole Propheter also had five kills on the night, but it was Correa who led the team with six. Correa also had five serving aces in the match.

The Mustangs have two tough matches this week as they travel to take on the top ranked team in the state, the Culver Bulldogs on Tuesday and then visit the Pilot Rock Rockets in another important conference match on Thursday.

Local students excel at BMCC

Jose Castillo, Michael Mason and Angela Tipton were named to the Dean's List for the 2017 summer term at Blue Mountain Community College for maintaining a 3.4 to 3.84 GPA. Honor roll recognition for their 3.0 to 3.39 GPA went to Daniel Moore, Andruw Sorenson and Beth Reeves.



Ione FFA Chapter in conjunction with Irrigon FFA and Heppner FFA raised over \$12,000 at the Morrow County Fair on a donation hog to purchase school and backpack supplies for all the schools in Morrow County. Pictured (L-R): Maggie Flynn, Morgan Orem, Emily Taylor, Sonia Medina, Ariana Estaban-Solorio, Austin Morter, Roman Rodriguez, Wyatt McNary. Seated is Daniel Eubanks. -Contributed photo

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