

Mustangs win fourth game in a row

The Heppner Mustang football team won their fourth game in a row with a 38-2 win over the Irrigon Knights. The Mustangs (4-2 overall, 1-0 BMC) controlled the game from the start and the outcome was never in doubt.

Conor Brosnan kicked off for the Mustangs to open the game. Heppner held Irrigon from getting a first down and forced a punt. On the first offensive series for the Mustangs, they put together an eight-play drive that ended with a score when Jayden Wilson ran the ball in from one yard out. Wilson then threw to Mason Lehman for the two point conversion to give the Mustangs a quick 8-0 lead.

The Knights then put together a nice drive but it ended when Jackson Lehman intercepted a pass to give the Mustangs the ball right back. They couldn't move the ball and had to punt it back to Irrigon.

The Mustang defense got the ball back again and then the offense scored when Mason Lehman took a handoff and raced 56 yards for the score. Wilson then dropped back and hit Logan Burright with a pass to score the two point conversion giving the Mustangs a 16-0 lead.

On the next Irrigon possession, Evan Kollman stepped in front of a Knight pass and intercepted it to give the ball back to the Mustangs. That led to another Heppner touchdown as Wilson threw to Mason Lehman in the end zone for a 14 yard score. Mason then caught the two point conversion pass from Wilson to give the Mustangs a 24-0 lead at halftime.

When the second half started, Jackson Lehman intercepted a Knight pass and ran it back 37 yards to give the Mustangs the ball inside the Irrigon 10 yard line. Mason Lehman then scored a touchdown on a five yard run up the middle of the line. Blake Wolters carried the ball in on the two point conversion play to give Heppner a 32-0 lead at this point early in the third quarter.

The Mustang defense once again forced a three-and-out of the Knights and the offense scored again right away. A four-play drive that saw Gavin Hanna-Robinson carry the ball for 13 yards, Wolters have two carries for 19 yards and then Mason Lehman took it to the house from 35 yards out for the touchdown. That made the score 38-0 at the end of the third quarter.



Conor Brosnan (56) kicks off to open the game with the Irrigon Knights. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.



Kellen Grant (51) and Jason Rea (62) block while Blake Wolters runs the ball down the field in the homecoming game against Irrigon last week. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

At this point of the game the Heppner coaches began to substitute freely and let the regulars get some rest. The game experience for many of the younger players will serve the Mustang football program well into the future. Irrigon scored their only points on a broken play by the Mustangs that resulted in a safety. Heppner got the ball back near the end of the game and the Mustang quarterback took a knee two times to run out the clock and give the Mustangs the 38-2 victory.

The Mustangs amassed 320 yards of total offense and held Irrigon to 193. The Knights ran 57 plays in the game and Heppner only 39 and Irrigon had the ball for twice as many minutes as the Mustangs. It was the quick strike offense of the Mustangs that proved those statistics meaningless.

Wilson was 4-7 passing for 142 yards and a touchdown. Mason Lehman caught two balls for 60 yards and a touchdown. Burright had one catch for a 61 yards gain and Hanna-Robinson had one reception for 21 yards.

Mason Lehman led the team in rushing with 100 yards on just four attempts. He scored three rushing touchdowns in the game. Wolters ran the ball for 68 yards on 17 carries and Hanna-Robinson gained 15 yards on four attempts. Brock Hisler ran the ball one time for a three yard gain.

On the defensive side of the ball, Jason Rea led

the team with 10 tackles. Wolters and Tyler Carter were next with seven tackles each and with five each were Hanna-Robinson and Burright. With four tackles each were Keegan Gibbs, Matt Orem and Jackson Lehman. Recording three tackles each in the game were Hayden Hyatt and Mason Lehman. With two tackles each for the Mustangs were Wilson, Kollman and Jace Coe. Rounding out the tackles in the game with one each were Charles Cason, Jordan Sweeney, Roy Collins, Conor Brosnan and Brock Hisler.

The Mustangs will get back into Blue Mountain Conference play this Friday night when they host the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots at Les Payne Field.

Mustangs beat Enterprise

The Heppner Mustang volleyball team won one and lost two Blue Mountain Conference matches last week. Heppner lost to Grant Union 12-25, 22-25, 21-25 and then beat Enterprise 25-18, 24-26, 25-20, 25-23. The Mustangs then lost in five sets to Union 25-27, 25-17, 24-26, 25-20, 15-17.

Against the number two ranked Grant Union Prospectors, the Mustangs challenged every play and battled to the very end. They played Grant Union as tough as anyone has all year long in the final two sets. The defending state champion Prospectors are certainly looking as if they could repeat this year.

The Mustangs came out fast and never trailed the Enterprise Outlaws in the first set and won it handily. The score was tied at 10-10 and then the Mustangs took off and never looked back to win 25-18. A close second set saw seven ties with the last one being 24-24. Enterprise held on to win the second set 26-24.

Heppner started the third set strong and led 8-4. The Outlaws battled back to tie the score at 11-11. The last tie of the set was at 18-18 before the Mustangs took off and won 25-20. The fourth and deciding set saw the teams tied seven times before they reached 10 points. Heppner then jumped out to a lead until the Outlaws tied the score at 20-20 and 23-23. Heppner served out the set to get the win 25-23. With that win the Mustangs won the match 3-1.

The last time the Mustangs and Union Bobcats got together, they played a close five set match. Heppner won that match with an exciting 20-18 win in the fifth set. This match would be just as close.

Hunter Nichols first in Cross Country event

High school teams from Heppner, Condon/Wheeler, Grant Union, Nixyaawii Community, Pasco, Pendleton, Riverside, Stanfield, The Dalles, Umatilla, Weston-McEwen and Yakama Nation Tribal, along with middle school teams from Heppner, Condon, Grant Union, Riverside, Stanfield, The Dalles and Weston competed in the cross country tournament at the Thompson Ranch on Oct. 4. There was a total of 198 athletes competing.

The Heppner/Ione team placed third in the boys' varsity 5,000 meters event, with Hunter Nichols coming in first with a time



Jenna McCullough stops the ball as it comes over the net in the game against Enterprise. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

Heppner won that match with an exciting 20-18 win in the fifth set. This match would be just as close.

There were nine ties in the first set with the last one at 25-25. Union would squeak out the win in that set 27-25. The Mustangs then dominated the second set winning it by the score of 25-17. The third set would start out close with neither team having more than a two point lead all the way to when the Mustangs led 15-13. From there Heppner would stretch out their lead to 22-16. Union would rally to tie the score at 23-23. It was also tied at 24-24 before the Bobcats took the win 26-24.

The Mustangs led the fourth set all the way and

won by the score of 25-20. The fifth and deciding set to 15 would be a close one. The teams were tied at 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 before the Mustangs took control. They stretched their lead to 14-10 and were one point away from winning the match. Union battled back to tie the score 14-14. The Mustangs took a 15-14 lead and Union tied it up again. The Bobcats battled and got the next two points and won the set 17-15. With that win they also won the match 3-2.

This week the Mustangs host the number three ranked Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on senior night. They then travel to Pilot Rock to take on the Rockets.



Hunter Nichols crosses the finish line in the 5,000 meter event. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

of 16:19.0. Also placing from Heppner in the event was Hayden Qualls in 10th, Trevor Antonucci 20th, Colt Parker 22nd, Leo Waite 23rd, Tyson Vawser 25th and Christian Dubry in 30th.

The boys' junior varsity 5,000 meters event had Heppner in third place. Heppner took first place in the 3,000 meters middle school event.

Heppner girls placed fourth in the 5,000 meters varsity event, with Madelyn Nichols in 6th, Mackenzie Heideman in 10th, Sarah Knop 30th, Hannah Finch 33rd, Stephany Dubry 44th and Gracie Jewett in 45th.

Students help divert flood waters



This group of Heppner High School students helped fill sandbags to divert the flood water from coming into town during Tuesday's flood watch in Heppner (l-r): Hunter Nichols, Jason Rea, Gibson McCurry, Cason Mitchell, Tyler Carter, Logan Burright, Keegan Gibbs, Leo Waite, Zavier Glover and Kellen Grant. -Contributed photo.

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