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Mustangs Open With Win Over Clatskanie



Brock Hisler works for yardage against a Tiger defender-Photo by

The Heppner Mustang football team opened their season with a home win over the Clatskanie Tigers by the score of 27-20. The Mustangs start the season as the second ranked team in 3A football and were a tough first game of the season opponent. The Mustangs start the season out as the fourth ranked team in 2A football as voted on by the coaches.

The uneventful first quarter was penalty filled as both teams were try to work out the first game of the season jitters. Both teams were able to move the ball but they just traded punts several times and the quarter ended with no score.

The Mustangs had the ball at midfield to start the second quarter. It only took four plays for them to put points on the board as quarterback Jayden Wilson scored on a 22 yard run. Kannon Wilkins kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 7-0 lead.

Clatskanie scored a

touchdown with just over a minute to go in the first half to make the score 7-6. An unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Tigers forced them to kick off from deep on their own side. Heppner got good field position and started their drive near midfield. After a short pass completion to Jace Coe, a 13 yard run by Wilson and a 14 yard scamper by Blake Wolters, the Mustangs scored when Jackson Lehman completed a pass to Mason Lehman for an 11 yard touchdown with only 12 seconds left in the first half. That made the score of the game 13-6 in favor of the Mustangs at half-time.

The second half started with Heppner kicking off to the Tigers. The defense forced a punt and the Mustangs took possession at their own 45 yard line. On the very next play Wilson hit Mason Lehman with a pass that covered 55 yards for another score. Wolters ran the ball in for the 2 pt. conversion to give the

Mustangs a 21-6 lead.

Clatskanie then went on a long drive that resulted in a touchdown to bring the score to 21-12 as the third quarter ended.

On the Tigers' first series in the fourth quarter, Kason Cimmiyotti intercepted a pass and ran it back 35 yards to give the Mustangs good field position. A drive of seven plays resulted in another Heppner touchdown when Wilson ran the ball in from 2 yards out. That gave the Mustangs a 27-12 lead with six minutes left in the game.

The Tigers scored on their next possession to make the score 27-20. They then attempted an onside kick that Jason Rea scooped up to give Heppner the ball near midfield. The Mustangs couldn't move the ball and faced fourth down. Punter Gavin Hanna-Robinson took the snap and ran around right end for a big first down. Heppner was then able to run out the clock and Wilson took a knee on the last

two snaps of the game. Heppner got a big win over a good team by the score of 27-20.

Heppner had 17 first downs to 15 for the Tigers. The Mustangs had more yards rushing than the Tigers 239-72. Clatskanie had 220 passing yards and the Mustangs had 119. Heppner had 358 total yards for the game and the Tigers 292.

Wilson was 8-10 passing the ball for 108 yards and a touchdown. Jackson Lehman was 1-1 for 11 yards and a score. Mason Lehman caught 6 passes on the night for 82 yards and 2 touchdowns. Jackson Lehman caught one pass for 32 yards and Coe had two receptions for 5 yards.

Wolters led the Mustangs in rushing with 92 yards on 11 attempts. Wilson finished with 87 yards and Mason Lehman had 41. Brock Hisler finished with 10 yards and Hanna-Robinson ran for 9.

A tremendous team defensive effort was led by Wolters and Hanna-Robinson who finished with 7 tackles each. Jason Rea had 6 and with 4 tackles each were Roy Collins, Cimmiyotti and Hisler. With 3 tackles each were Mason Lehman, Jackson Lehman and Hayden Hyatt. Wilson, Coe and Kevin Rea finished with 2 tackles each and with 1 tackle each in the game were Matt Orem, Casey Fletcher and Conor Brosnan.

This Friday night the Mustangs will travel to Mill City to take on the Santiam Wolverines. Santiam is always a strong team and started the season ranked second in the OSAA Coaches Poll.

Chamber Announcements

Saturday, September 28, 1 p.m. – Award winning Oregon pianist John Nilsen in concert, Heppner United Methodist Church. John Nilsen, a “world renown” pianist, will be passing through the area that weekend. There will be no charge for the concert, but a free will offering will be taken. Nilsen will have CDs available for purchase at the church. This is open to the public.

Saturday, October 26, 3-9 p.m., Fall Festival organized by the Heppner Outreach Committee and volunteers, Morrow County Fairgrounds. There is a \$2 admission charge per person. There will be carnival games and crafts, tractor rides, vendor market, food, beer garden from 6-9 p.m., live music with Dallin Puzey and Cory Peterson.

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Cardinals VB Team Comes Out Swinging

The Ione-Arlington Cardinal volleyball team has come out swinging this season posting a 3-2 pre-season record. Their two narrow losses have come to Big Sky rival Dufur and the second ranked team in the state, North Clackamas Christian.

The Cardinals first played a doubleheader August 30, making quick work of the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles in three, 25-13, 25-22, 25-18. Ione-Arlington served 93 percent, with junior libero Ola Rietmann going an amazing 21-21 from the service line and contributing six digs. Senior right side hitter Megan Doherty had six digs also, as well as serving 7-8. Junior setter Eva Martin went 10-11 from the line and had eight assists, senior middle blocker Emma Rietmann went 14-15 and had five kills, sophomore outside hitter Grace Ogden went 7-8 and had two kills, sophomore outside hitter Isabella Mastriona went 5-6 and two kills and five digs, and senior middle blocker Tresslyn McCurry had four kills.

The Cardinals then fell in a tight matchup to host Dufur Rangers, 22-25, 14-25, 26-24, 22-25. They again displayed their cool heads at the service line, serving 92 percent as a team. Martin posted six assists and went 13-14 from the service line, Ogden went 12-13, Emma Rietmann went 16-18 and had six blocks and eight kills, Doherty went 15-16 and

had four digs, Mastriona went 9-9 and had five kills, and Ola Rietmann had ten digs. “The girls played great. At one point in the third set, it was do or die time; we were down 24-20. I told them to go out there and make six quick points, and they did, winning the set in extra points. They worked really hard, didn't get down on themselves, and kept fighting. I'm very proud of them,” said Coach Becky Wagenblast. The Cardinals then traveled to Helix to play a doubleheader against Riverside and host Griswold, beating both teams by winning every single set. They beat the 3A Riverside Pirates 25-18, 25-15, 25-21. Emma Rietmann served 14-15 with two aces and had five kills, McCurry had four kills and four blocks, Ogden went 11-13 with five kills, Martin went 13-16 with one ace and four assists, Ola Rietmann went 11-12 with three aces and four digs, Mastriona went 8-8 with one ace and eight digs, and Doherty went 7-8 with two aces.

They then beat Helix in three, 25-19, 25-15, 25-14. They again served 93%. McCurry went 9-9 with five kills, Ogden went 14-15 with two aces and three kills, Martin went 14-15 with three aces and seven assists, Emma Rietmann had seven kills, Mastriona went 10-11 with three aces, Ola Rietmann went 3-3 with four digs, and Doherty went 10-11 with three aces. “Megan

Doherty lit up the gym. She was on fire all night. She served, hit, passed—everything—great. But she's a real team leader too, encouraging the girls, helping them learn new rotations, inspiring us all. She had a tremendously successful evening, and I'm very proud of her,” said Wagenblast.

The Cardinals hosted second ranked North Clackamas Christian at the Arlington gym this last Saturday. It was a close matchup, but the Cardinals ultimately fell 21-25, 18-25, 18-25. McCurry went 8-9 with one ace and had eight blocks, Emma Rietmann went 5-5 with nine hits and six blocks, Doherty went 11-13 its one ace, and Mastriona went 10-12 with two aces and three kills. “We played a very good team tough. I think with a little more confidence, we could have had them. If we meet them again this season, we definitely will,” according to Wagenblast.

The Cardinals will host their first home game of the season in Ione this Thursday against defending Big Sky Champions South Wasco County. “It should be a very good matchup. My girls are excited and ready to play. I hope everyone makes the effort to come watch; you won't be disappointed! These girls are making us all very proud!” said Coach Wagenblast.



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