

Mustangs take seventh win in a row

The Heppner Mustang football team won their seventh game in a row by defeating the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots by the score of 52-0. Heppner, the third ranked team in the state, completely dominated the game from the very start and picked up their second conference win of the season.

The Mustangs kicked off to start the contest and the outstanding defense forced a Tigerscot punt. Mason Lehman fielded the ball, got some fantastic blocking and took the kick back 57 yards for a Mustang touchdown. The score was 6-0 only a minute and a half into the game.

After another Weston-McEwen punt, the Mustangs went on a six-play drive that ended in a score when Blake Wolters ran the ball four yards for the touchdown. Wolters then ran in the 2-pt. conversion to make the score 14-0. The next Tigerscot possession was stopped when Kason Cimmiyotti intercepted a pass. The teams then traded possessions and the first quarter ended with the score 14-0.

The next Heppner score came early in the second quarter when quarterback Jayden Wilson passed the ball to Mason Lehman for a 20-yard touchdown play to make the score 20-0.

The Mustangs pinned the Tigerscots deep in their own territory on the kick-off and that led to another Heppner score. Gavin Hanna-Robinson broke through the line and blocked a Weston-McEwen punt and the ball rolled through the end zone for a safety. That gave the Mustangs two points and a 22-0 lead at this point.

After the teams traded possessions several more times the Tigerscots punted the ball to the Mustangs. Mason Lehman fielded the ball at the 42-yard line and ran it all the way back for another touchdown. Kannon Wilkins kicked the extra point to give the Mustangs a 29-0 lead at halftime.

The Tigerscots kicked off to start the second half



Kannon Wilkins (42) kicks for the extra point while Jordan Sweeney (80) looks on. -Photo by Damon Brosnan.

and the Mustangs needed only one play to score again. Wilson dropped back and found Mason Lehman open and hit him with a 68-yard touchdown pass. The Wilkins PAT kick was good again and the Mustangs led 36-0 only thirty seconds into the half.

Weston-McEwen fumbled the ball on their next possession and Conor Brosnan fell on it. The Mustangs couldn't get a drive going on this possession and gave it right back to the Tigerscots.

Cimmiyotti then stepped in front of a Weston-McEwen pass and intercepted it to give Heppner the ball back at the Tigerscot 35-yard line. The Mustangs scored five plays later when Wolters ran 13 yards for the touchdown. Wilkins made the PAT kick to make the score 43-0.

On the Heppner kick-off, the Tigerscots fumbled the ball and Jace Coe recovered it to give the Mustangs great field position. Heppner scored on the very next play when Wilson hit Jackson Lehman with a 19-yard touchdown pass. Once again, the Wilkins PAT kick was good and the Mustangs now led 50-0 as the third quarter came to an end.

The rest of the game would be played with a running clock because of the 45-point rule. Heppner scored early in the fourth quarter when the Weston-McEwen punter mishandled the ball and then kicked it out of the back of the end zone for a safety. That made the

score 52-0 in favor of the Mustangs.

Both coaches cleared their benches at this point of the game and let the younger players get some valuable varsity game ex-

perience. The teams traded several more possessions and the game ended with the score 52-0.

The Mustangs had 10 first downs in the game to only three for the Tigerscots. Heppner rushed the ball for 143 yards and Weston-McEwen was held to minus four yards rushing. The Mustangs had 115 passing yards in the game and the Tigerscots minus five. Overall the Mustangs had 258 total yards and the Tigerscots minus nine.

Wilson was 4-9 passing the ball for 110 yards and three touchdowns. He had one pass intercepted in the game. Cimmiyotti was 1-2 for four yards passing and Casey Fletcher as 1-1 for one yard.

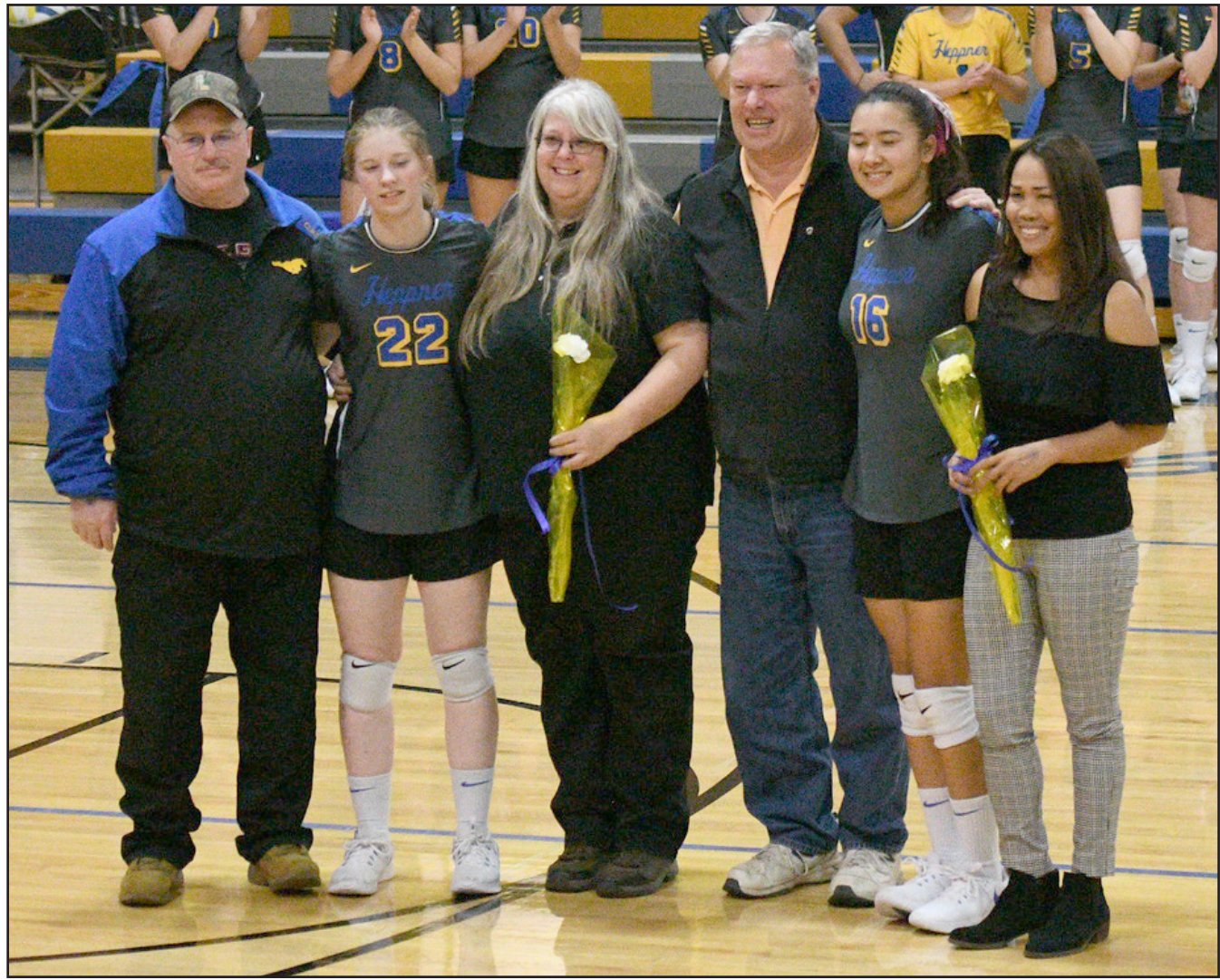
Mason Lehman caught two passes for 88 yards and two touchdowns while his brother Jackson Lehman also had two catches for 22 yards and a touchdown. Brock Hisler caught one pass for four yards and Jordan Sweeney had a catch for one yard.

Leading the team in rushing was Wolters with 76 yards on 12 carries and he scored two touchdowns. Evan Kollman had two rushes for 27 yards and Wilson carried it five times for 23. Hisler packed the ball one time and gained 17 yards on the play.

The outstanding defensive effort was led by Wolters who had seven tackles in the game. Matt Orem was next with six tackles and Hanna-Robinson, Cimmiyotti and Jason Rea all finished with five. Brosnan finished with four tackles and with two tackles each were Kellen Grant and Coe. Several players had one tackle each in the game and they were Mason Lehman, Kollman, Hisler, Kevin Rea, Mikel Jaca, Roy Collins, Jackson Lehman, Ty Boor and Zander Fisher.

The Mustangs will put their undefeated record on the line again this Friday night as they travel to John Day to take on the Grant Union Prospectors. Game time is 7 p.m.

Mustang senior volleyball girls honored



Senior girls and their parents were honored at last week's game. Pictured are Suzy Cason (22) with parents Jim and Kirsti Cason and Nicole Propheter (16) with parents Gary and Nancy Propheter.

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