

Mustangs open season with impressive win over Panthers



Hayden McMahon runs down a Gold Beach player during the Mustang victory Friday night. - Photo by Tylinn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner Mustang football team opened its 2023 season with an impressive 42-14 win over the Gold Beach Panthers. The Mustangs (1-0) came into the game as the second-ranked team in the opening OSAA 2A Football Coaches poll, and the Panthers were highly ranked at third. Heppner coach Greg Grant has a very young team that certainly looked impressive in its first game of the season. Look for good things from this team as it will continue to improve as the season goes on.

Gold Beach scored on its second possession of the game to take a quick 6-0 lead. After the Panther kickoff, the Heppner offense only needed four plays to score as quarterback Landon Mitchell connected on a 33-yard pass play to Cameron Proudfoot for a touchdown. Mitchell then threw to Caden George for the two-point conversion score to give the Mustangs a 8-6 lead.

The Heppner defense forced a Panther punt, and on the next Mustang possession the quick strike offense scored again when Mitchell connected with Caden George on a 25-yard touchdown pass. That made the score 14-6.

A bad punt by the Panthers gave the Mustangs a short field to work with and they quickly scored again when Mitchell found Mason Orem open in the end zone and passed him the ball for a four-yard touchdown. The score was 20-6 at halftime.

Gold Beach kicked off to start the second half and Heppner scored just four plays later as Hayden McMahon took a handoff and sprinted to the end zone for a 28-yard touchdown. Orem then caught the two-point conversion pass from Mitchell to give the Mustangs a 28-6 lead.

The Heppner defense stymied the Panther offense once again and the Mustangs then scored when Caden George caught a 27-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell. Nick Wenberg ran the ball in for the two-point conversion to give the Mustangs a 36-6 lead to end the third quarter.

Seniors Matter menus for September

On Sept. 12, South Morrow County Seniors Matter will be serving Baked Ziti, garden salad and dressing, cheddar garlic biscuits and dessert at its Tuesday lunch.

Other September meals are:

Sept. 19—Biscuits and Gravy, scrambled eggs and dessert.

Sept. 26—Tamale casserole, garden salad and

A six-play drive the next time Heppner got the ball ended with a score when Caden George took a handoff and blasted through the line on a four-yard touchdown run. The score now was 42-6 early in the fourth quarter and the rest of the game was played with a running clock.

Gold Beach went on a long drive and scored late in the game to make the final 42-14.

For the game, Heppner had 21 first downs and Gold Beach 19. The Mustangs ran the ball for 254 yards and the Panthers 240. Passing yards were the difference as Heppner ended with 196 and Gold Beach only 61. Total offense for the game was Heppner 450 yards while Gold Beach finished with 301.

Mitchell was 9-16 passing the ball for 196 yards and five touchdowns. The receivers were led by Caden George, who caught 5 balls for 114 yards and three touchdowns. Cameron Proudfoot had two catches for 64 yards and a score while Orem caught two balls for 18 yards and one touchdown.

Leading the team in rushing was Caden George with 84 yards on seven carries. Hayden McMahon was next with 75 yards and a touchdown on eight attempts. Finishing with 57 yards rushing was Cameron Proudfoot, and Mitchell had 37. Wenberg carried the ball for a one-yard gain.

On the defensive side of the ball, Caden George led the Mustangs with 11 tackles. Mitchell and Jaime Caven were next with nine, and Cameron Proudfoot finished with eight. Landon McMahon had seven tackles in the game and Orem recorded five. Wenberg and Lane Critchlow each had four tackles for the Mustangs. With two tackles each were Hayden McMahon and Owen Guerra. Contributing one tackle each in the game were Keaton Coiner, Caleb George and Alakae Rodriquez.

The Mustangs travel to Knappa this week to take on the always tough Loggers. Knappa is currently the ninth-ranked team in the OSAA 2A Football Coaches poll.

dessert.

Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner. Seniors 60 and above may donate what they can toward the cost of the meal. Those 60 and younger are asked for a suggested donation of \$5.

No to-go plates or delivery are offered at this time, but diners may bring empty containers for a portion to take home.

A View from the Hill

By Doris Brosnan

This month, the Community on the Hill will be making a few changes as they prepare for the Fall season and change in the weather, changes they view as life necessities, knowing they will be accompanied by opportunity.

After September 8, the Friday-afternoon social hour will move indoors, where the cooler weather won't affect the ambiance, but the 4 o'clock cocktail hour will certainly continue.

As outdoor activities diminish, weekly focus on crafts will return, with the Fall theme featured on the first one. Activities director Deb Green has been away for a couple of weeks, so Makayla Silvia has stepped up to plan and supervise these activities, proving herself totally capable and creative.

The expert care given the Terrace's vegetable garden and flower planters continue to impress everyone and extend their growing seasons. Thanks to Jerry Green and Alex Camarillo, the Terrace's produce continues to be featured on the menus, and Bev Sherman and Virginia Peck have the touch that will keep the flowers blooming into the Fall. Having good eyes that notice details, such as cobwebs, is another benefit the Terrace appreciates from these daily caregivers.

As is always true, Willow Creek Terrace gratefully accepts donations of produce from other local gardeners. This summer, Hal Bergstrom, Rita Dezoete's Hedman family, and Joyce Ward's family are some who have shared many great sources of fiber and vitamins from their gardens. Everyone says, "Thank you."

Walking the sidewalk perimeter of the facility is included by several Residents in their daily routines, thus enabling them to better see and appreciate their yard. And some Residents who had previously avoided this activity have apparently changed their attitudes, thanks to Anna Grace Wenberg. Anna Grace especially enjoys opportunities to share time and conversation with the Residents, but her nighttime work shift precluded much interaction, so she has returned beyond her shift work to walk and talk with

some Residents.

As of August, two new Staff members have joined the daily routines and other activities at Willow Creek Terrace. Tracie Diehl and Michelle Carson both recently completed their training to become involved with life on the Hill. Administrator Leann Lankford reports that the need for outside support with the shift work has lessened now, with just one employee of Pioneer Memorial Hospital required to fill in each week, and she again emphasizes appreciation for those hospital employees who were coming three times a week for several weeks.

Lankford is also pleased to report that soon the Terrace's medical records will be handled electronically, eliminating the need for space-taking paper records, as well as greatly reducing the possibility of errors.

Another positive news flash is that the empty circle of dirt in the Terrace's front parking area will soon be gone! Lankford spoke to the foreman of Nelson Construction Co. during their work on the city street/highway and he offered to come to the Terrace yesterday with a crew and enough concrete to fill in the circle. A very thoughtful donation, indeed.

As Residents planned to become sidewalk supervisors during that process, they regretted that Randall Peterson would not be with them to see the job done right. Randal has moved to the long-term-care at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The silver lining for all who miss him is that he is only one hillside away and still enjoys visitors.

As weather changes and a slower pace seems to be settling in on the Hill, three birthday celebrations will add to occasions to look forward to this month: David Azevedo will share his birthday lunch with neighbors on the 10th. Rita Dezoete will follow suit two days later, enjoying friends and family at the table on the 12th. And Dorothy Green will end September with her big blowout birthday on the 30th, when she turns 100 years old! Everyone at Willow Creek Terrace views her longevity, physical spryness and mental intelligence as true gifts to be thankful for.

Over the Tee Cup

It was fair weather and sunshine for the nine ladies who participated in the ladies play day at Willow Creek Country Club on Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Low gross of the field went to Karen Thompson, while Virginia Grant had low net of the field. Jackie

Allstott had least putts.

For flight A, Eva Kilkenny had low gross and Tiffany Clement had low net.

For flight B, Sarah Rucker had low gross.

For flight C, Sharon Harrison had low gross and Kris Lindner low net.

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Morrow County Sports Round-Up

Football:

Heppner defeated Gold Beach 42-14

Riverside/Ione lost to Reedsport 0-34

Irrigon defeated Neah-Kah-Nie 66-44

Volleyball:

Heppner defeated Kennedy 3-0

Heppner defeated Vernonia 3-0

Irrigon defeated McLoughlin 3-0

Irrigon defeated Umatilla 3-0

Irrigon defeated Neah-Kah-Nie 3-1

Ione/Arlington defeated Dufur 3-1

Riverside lost to Pilot Rock 1-3

Boys Soccer:

Riverside defeated Oregon Episcopal 1-0

Riverside lost to Catlin Gabel 0-1

Irrigon lost to Trout Lake/Glenwood 0-7

Girls Soccer:

Riverside defeated Echo/Stamfield 3-2

Riverside defeated Grant Union 8-0

Irrigon lost to Trout Lake/Glenwood 0-3

Cross Country:

Heppner Girls, 4th at Ultimook Race

Heppner Boys, 18th at Ultimook Race

In the Coming Week

Football:

Heppner @ Knappa, 9/8/23 at 7 p.m.

Riverside/Ione v. Vernonia/Jewell, 9/8/23 at 7 p.m.

Irrigon @ Culver, 9/8/23 at 7 p.m.

Volleyball:

Heppner @ Griswold, 9/9/23 at 9 a.m.

Heppner v. Irrigon, 9/12/23 at 5 p.m.

Irrigon @ Umatilla, 9/7/23 at 5:30 p.m.

Irrigon @ Heppner, 9/12/23 at 5 p.m.

Ione @ Griswold, 9/7/23 at 4 p.m.

Ione @ McLoughlin (Griswold High School), 9/7/23 at 5:30 p.m.

Ione @ TBD (Griswold High School), 9/9/23 at 9 a.m.

Ione v. Sherman, 9/12/23 at 5 p.m.

Riverside @ Condon, 9/8/23 at 5 p.m.

Riverside @ Griswold (Helix High School), 9/9/23 at 9 a.m.

Riverside @ Umatilla, 9/12/23 at 5:30 p.m.

Soccer:

Riverside Boys v. Irrigon, 9/9/23 at 1 p.m.

Riverside Boys @ Umatilla, 9/12/23 at 6 p.m.

Irrigon Boys v. Umatilla, 9/6/23 at 6 p.m.

Irrigon Boys @ Riverside, 9/9/23 at 1 p.m.

Riverside Girls vs. Irrigon, 9/9/23 at 11 a.m.

Riverside Girls @ Umatilla, 9/12/23 at 4 p.m.

Irrigon Girls vs. Umatilla, 9/6/23 at 4 p.m.

Irrigon Girls @ Riverside, 9/9/23 at 11 a.m.

Irrigon Girls @ Echo/Stamfield, 9/12/23 at 4 p.m.

Cross Country:

Irrigon @ Wallowa County Invitational, 9/15/23

Riverside @ Sun Burn Invitational, 9/9/23

Heppner @ Runner's Soul XC Fest, 9/9/23

AWANA starts next week

Heppner AWANA Club will begin its 2023-24 club year next Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 6 p.m. with registration and an ice cream social for club members and their parents. The club will meet at the Christian Life Center ("dome church") in Heppner. All are welcome. Meetings will be held

from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays throughout the club year. The Christian Life Center is located at 535 W. Morgan St. in Heppner. For more information, contact Andrea Di Salvo at awana.heppner@gmail.com, 757-285-5792, or via Facebook Messenger.

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