

Heppner Mustangs volleyball team on a roll

The Heppner Mustangs volleyball team has continued to work hard and is on a roll this week, with their determination earning them a three-way tie for the top spot in their Blue Mountain Conference league standings at 5-1, placing them just behind the first-place team. They are ranked 8th overall for OSAA 2A.

On September 21, the Mustangs hosted the Stanfield Tigers in an intense five-set match, ultimately securing the victory. Coach Wilson commended the team on their mental toughness and ability to adapt, stating, “What a game!!” Each player contributed to the hard-fought win, making it a true team effort. Despite early struggles, the Mustangs refocused and rallied, utilizing effective strategies to overcome Stanfield’s strong net defense. Coach Wilson took pride in the team’s determined performance.

Heppner vs. Stanfield: W 3-2, 23-25, 10-25, 25-21, 25-23, 15-8. Stats: Ava Gerry: 11 kills, 16 assists, 4 aces, 12 digs. Maya Payne: 10 kills, 18 assists, 20 digs, 3 aces. Hallee Hisler: 10 kills, 4 digs, 1 block. Morgan Cutsforth: 7 kills, 19 digs. Katie Spivey: 1 kill, 37 digs, 1 ace. Kadie Henricks: 15 digs. Kelley Nairns: 1 block. Delaney Stefani: 5 digs.

On September 25, the Mustangs traveled to McLoughlin High for a non-league match, winning in five. Despite struggles, the team pulled together and persevered, working hard to make crucial plays at the right moments. Coach Wilson praised the team on their resilience and ability to keep pushing through to win.

Heppner vs. McLoughlin: W 3-2, 25-23, 27-25, 24-26, 23-25, 15-12. Stats: Ava Gerry: 6 kills, 9 assists, 3 aces, 6 digs. Maya Payne: 4 kills, 9 assists, 7 digs. Hallee Hisler: 10 kills, 7 digs, 2 blocks, 11 aces. Morgan Cutsforth: 1 Kills, 13 digs, 6 aces. Katie Spivey: 2 kills, 17 digs, 1 ace. Kadie Henricks: 8 digs, 1 kill. Keeley Nairns: 3 blocks, 6 digs.

The Heppner Mustangs faced the Irrigon Knights on September 28, and experienced a roller coaster ride of highs and lows during the match. Despite feeling stuck and struggling to find momentum in their “funk”, they worked tirelessly and emerged victorious in the end. This match showcased their unwavering determination and fighting spirit; they are hungry for success and will stop at nothing to achieve it.

Heppner vs. Irrigon: W 3-2, 25-23, 22-25, 25-7, 20-25, 18-16. Stats: Ava Gerry: 4 kills, 18 assists, 6 aces, 8 digs. Maya Payne: 7 kills, 12 assists, 10 digs. Hallee Hisler: 17 kills, 2 digs, 1 block, 1 ace. Morgan Cutsforth: 3 kills, 25 digs, 13 aces. Katie Spivey: 28 digs, 1 ace. Kadie Henricks: 6 digs, 2 kills. Keeley Nairns: 1 kill.

On September 30, Heppner hosted a thrilling three-way competition featuring Grant Union and Enterprise. Despite a lackluster performance against Grant Union, resulting in a three-set loss, the Mustangs fiercely bounced back in their match-up with Enterprise. They completely turned the game around with exceptional play at the net and an unstoppable service line, ultimately taking the win in three sets.

Heppner vs. Grant Union: L 0-3, 17-25, 17-25, 14-25. NO STATS.

Heppner vs. Enterprise: W 3-0, 25-10, 25-12, 25-11. Stats: Ava Gerry: 4 kills, 8 assists, 5 aces. Maya



Maya Payne tips the ball over the net. - Photo by Susan Hisler



Hallee Hisler goes up for the spike. - Photo By Susan Hisler



Morgan Cutsforth ready to serve. - Photo by Susan Hisler

Payne: 4 kills, 7 assists, 1 ace. Hallee Hisler: 5 kills, 2 aces, 1 block. Morgan Cutsforth: 2 kills, 3 aces. Kadie Henricks: 7 aces. Katie Spivey: 2 kills, 5 aces. Avree Lathrop: 1 kill. Olivia Ogden: 1 kill.

Mustang football team wins opener over Knights; Mustangs 2nd in 2A



A Heppner Mustang receiver catches a touchdown pass to help defeat the Irrigon Knights 52-14 in their conference opener - Photo by Tylinn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner Mustang football team won their Blue Mountain Conference opener by a score of 52-14 over the Irrigon Knights. The Mustangs (4-1 overall and 1-0 BMC) are currently the second-ranked team in the OSAA 2A Football Rankings.

Heppner kicked off to start the game and traded possessions with Irrigon. The Knights drove deep into Mustang territory before they were stopped on downs at the Heppner 18-yard line. Heppner would score on a five-play drive that was highlighted by a 78-yard run by Caden George. The Mustang’s first touchdown came when Landon Mitchell passed the ball to Caden George for a 2-yard score. Mitchell then ran the ball in for the 2 pt. conversion to make the score 8-0 at the end of the first quarter.

On the next Irrigon possession, Mitchell stepped in front of a pass and intercepted it to give the Mustangs the ball. A 76-yard pass play from Mitchell to Caden George led to a 3-yard touchdown run by Hayden McMahon. Mitchell passed to Mason Orem for the 2 pt. conversion to make the score 16-0 early in the second quarter.

Once again, Irrigon drove the ball deep into Mustang territory. The Heppner defense then stepped up and stopped them from scoring. The Mustang offense took over and scored again seven plays later. This drive saw runs of 21 yards by Caden George and 31 by Hayden McMahon. The score came as Mitchell found Orem in the end zone with a 6-yard touchdown pass. Hayden McMahon ran the 2 pt. conversion in to now make it 24-0.

Irrigon scored on their next possession to make it 24-6. They then kicked off and the Mustangs scored just two plays later. A Mitchell 21-yard pass completion to Orem led to another Orem catch of 42 yards for a Mustang touchdown. Mitchell then passed to Orem for the 2 pt. conversion to make the score 32-6 at halftime.

The Knights kicked off to start the second half and tried an onside kick that the Mustangs recovered near midfield. Heppner scored three plays later as Mitchell found Cameron Proudfoot open and hit him with a 36 touchdown pass. That made the score 38-6 just 30 seconds into the second half.

The Heppner defense forced an Irrigon punt and the Mustangs got good field position. A run of 22 yards by Hayden McMahon and a 33-yard gain by Cameron Proudfoot led to a 1-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell to Orem. The 2 pt. conversion was scored on a pass from Mitchell to Nick Wenberg. That made the score 46-6 midway through the third quarter.

The rest of the game would be played with a running clock as the Mustangs were ahead by more than 35 points. Irrigon scored on their next possession to make the score 46-14.

The teams traded possessions and then the Mustangs scored again when new quarterback Caylan Proudfoot passed the ball to Martin Medina for a 19-yard touchdown. That made the score 52-14. On the final Irrigon possession of the game, Conner Wilson caused a Knight fumble and he also recovered the ball to give the Mustangs possession. Heppner then ran the clock out to finish the game

with a 52-14 victory.

Heppner had 497 yards of total offense. They rushed for 270 and passed the ball for 227. Irrigon had 294 total yards, 279 rushing and 15 passing.

Mitchell finished the game 8-11 passing the ball for 208 yards and 5 touchdowns. Caylan Proudfoot had 1 pass completion for 19 yards and a touchdown.

Orem had 5 pass receptions for a total of 94 yards and 3 touchdowns. Caden George caught 2 passes for 78 yards and a touchdown. Cameron Proudfoot had a catch for 36 yards and a score while Martin Medina also caught 1 ball for 19 yards and a touchdown.

Caden George led the team in rushing with 160 yards on 10 carries. Hayden McMahon was next with 56 yards on 3 carries and he scored a rushing touchdown. Cameron Proudfoot followed with 42 yards on 4 carries in the game. Caleb George ran the ball for 12 yards, Alakae Rodriquez had 11 and Tripp Stewart finished with 7.

Leading the team in tackles was Cameron Proudfoot with 8. Wenberg and Landon McMahon were next with 7 each. Owen Guerra had 6 tackles and Stewart 4. With 3 tackles each were Caden George, Jaime Cavan, and Conner Wilson. Mitchell, Orem, Caleb George, Hayden McMahon, and Keaton Coiner finished the game with 2 tackles each. With 1 tackle each in the game were Ryan Haugen and Kooper Miller.

The Mustangs will welcome the Riverside Pirates to Les Payne Field this Friday night, Oct. 6, for their homecoming game.

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