

Mustangs win Blue Mountain Conference defeating Tigers 42-28



#42 Caden George scoops and scores after a punt was successfully blocked while Cameron Proudfoot in the game vs stanfield at home on Friday - Photo By Tylynn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner Mustang football team won their Blue Mountain Conference game against the Stanfield Tigers by the score of 42-28. The Mustangs (6-1 overall, 3-0 BMC) won the game despite not having quarterback/safety Landon Mitchell playing and turning the ball over three times to the Tigers. Landon broke a collarbone in the game against Riverside/Ione. He had successful surgery and will be back for basketball season.

The Mustangs scored the first four times they had the ball in the game. Their first score came as new starting quarterback Mason Orem led a nine-play drive to paydirt when Caden George ran the ball in from 4 yards out for the touchdown. That gave the Mustangs a 6-0 lead early in the game.

Stanfield scored quickly on their first drive. The Mustangs came right back with a score of their own when Hayden McMahon raced 63 yards for a touchdown. That made the score 12-8 in favor of the Mustangs.

Once again, the Tigers quickly scored to take the lead 14-12, but that lead was short lived. Orem led the Mustangs on a six-play drive to score again as Cameron Proudfoot ran the ball 37 yards for the touchdown. Caden George threw the ball to Orem for the 2-pt. conversion to make the score 20-14 Mustangs.

On the next Stanfield possession, Nick Wenberg

intercepted a pass to give the Mustangs great field position near mid field. On the very next play Hayden McMahon outran the Tiger defense for a 45-yard touchdown. That made the score 26-14 at the end of the first quarter.

The Tigers went on a long drive, but the Mustang defense stopped them on downs at the Heppner six-yard line. The Mustangs took over but fumbled the ball to give Stanfield great field position. Stanfield took advantage and scored on the next play to pull closer by the score of 26-22 midway through the second quarter.

The teams traded possessions for the rest of the quarter and the score was 26-22 at halftime.

Heppner kicked off to start the second half. On a Stanfield running play, Landon McMahon caused a fumble that Caden George scooped up and ran 33 yards for a Mustang touchdown. Caden ran in the 2-pt. conversion to make the score 34-22.

Stanfield went on a long drive, but it was halted when Cameron Proudfoot intercepted the Tiger quarterback. The next Heppner drive was halted when they fumbled the ball to Stanfield. The Tigers went on to score again to make it 34-28 as the third quarter came to an end.

The next Heppner drive went deep into Tiger territory and was stopped again with another Mustang fumble. The Heppner defense stepped up and

made Stanfield turn the ball over on downs at mid field. Six plays later the Mustangs scored when Caden George ran the ball in from 5 yards out. Caden scored the 2-pt. conversion on a run to give the Mustangs a 42-28 lead.

Heppner stopped Stanfield on their next possession and Orem took a knee on three consecutive plays to end the game with the Mustangs getting the win by the score of 42-28.

The Mustangs had 367 total yards in the game and Stanfield 328. Heppner ran the ball for 335 yards and had 32 yards passing.

Caden George completed 1 pass for 32 yards to Nick Wenberg. Leading the team in rushing was Hayden McMahon with 186 yards on 11 carries. Cameron Proudfoot rushed for 91 yards on 14 rushes and Caden George gained 69 yards on 16 carries.

Leading the defensive charge was Caden George with 16 tackles. Jaime Cavan had a big night defensively with 10 tackles and Wenberg had 7. Cameron Proudfoot was next with 6 and with 4 tackles each were Orem and Landon McMahon. With 3 tackles in the game were Owen Guerra and Caleb George. Finishing the game with 2 tackles each for the Mustangs were Hayden McMahon and Lane Critchlow.

This week the Mustangs will travel to Athena to take on the Weston-McEwen Tiger-scots.

Mustangs lose 2 out of 3 away games

On Thursday, October 12, 2023, the Mustangs hit the road to face off against Stanfield's Tigers. Despite an intense battle at the net against Stanfield's powerful hitters, the girls ultimately fell short. Although Heppner did not secure the win, their efforts impressed Coach Wilson. Our girls matched Stanfield's high-energy hits and net play, making it an exciting and challenging game.

Heppner vs Stanfield: L, 1-3: 25-23, 25-27, 13-25, 24-26. Stats: Ava Gerry: 9 kills, 13 assists, 10 digs, 7 aces, 1 block. Maya Payne: 9 kills, 15 assists, 11 digs, 1 ace, 2 blocks. Hallee Hisler: 10 kills, 18 digs, 2 aces, 3 blocks. Morgan Cutsforth: 9 kills, 19 digs, 1 ace. Katie Spivey: 20 digs. Avree Lathrop: 1 kill, 3 digs, 1 ace. Olivia Ogden: 5 digs.

On Saturday, October 14, 2023, Heppner traveled to Enterprise to compete against Enterprise and Grant Union. In their first game against Grant Union, the Mustangs started strong but struggled to finish. The girls attacked the ball and moved well but struggled to stop their opponent's big hitters.

Heppner vs. Grant Union: L, 1-3: 25-27, 20-25, 25-20, 14-25. Stats: Ava Gerry: 9 kills, 9 assists, 8 digs, 2 aces. Maya Payne: 6 kills, 15 assists, 8 digs. Hallee Hisler: 9 kills, 18 digs, 1 ace, 3 blocks. Morgan Cutsforth: 5 kills, 18 digs, 1 block. Katie Spivey: 19 digs, 1 ace. Avree Lathrop: 1 kill, 8 digs.

In their second game of the day, the Mustangs went head-to-head with the Outlaws. The girls started out slowly and had trouble picking up steam. But once the girls stepped up their communication game, everything fell into place, and Heppner took home the W!

Heppner vs. Enterprise: W, 3-1: 25-20, 23-25, 25-16, 25-9. Stats: Ava Gerry: 5 kills, 15 assists, 8 digs, 3 aces. Maya Payne: 8 kills, 9 assists, 12 digs, 1 ace. Hallee Hisler: 12 kills, 6 digs, 1 ace, 1 block. Morgan Cutsforth: 5 kills, 15 digs, 2 aces. Katie Spivey: 15 digs, 1 ace. Oliva Ogden: 4 digs. Avree Lathrop: 1 kill, 8 digs, 1 block. Kadie Henrichs: 1 block.



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This classic split level 2 bed, 2 bath home overlooks Heppner with a relaxing back deck and beautiful backyard. 1 car garage leads into the lower game room/office with bathroom. New furnace in 2020 with ac and air purifier, new roof in the last 5 years, new carpet in 2021. Cozy living room, dining room and bedrooms. Upper and lower Sqft is approximate. 140 S Gilmore St. MLS#:23505395



Sold!

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This house is ready to go. Recently updated windows, kitchen and bathroom. Heat on demand water heater, new paint, fridge, washer, dryer and dishwasher. Large back yard. Within walking distance of the Heppner pool, high school and softball field. 485 W Morgan St. MLS#: 23328135



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