

Heppner girls defeat Mustangs remain undefeated, beating Weston-McEwen 3-2 Tigerscots 20-0



Hallee Hisler jumping to return the ball to Weston McEwen. - Photo by Tara Proudfoot

Heppner beat Weston McEwen last Thursday 26-24, 25-15, 20-25, 20-25, and 5th set 15-8 to sweep both matches played against WM. The Mustangs are tied at the top of league with Stanfield, both at 6-1 for league play. Heppner has been rolling along and has an impressive 17-6 overall season record, and a high state No.6 ranking. Stanfield comes in with a 12-5 overall record with wins against good teams and they have climbed up to No. 4 ranking in the State. This also came Saturday after they beat Crane, who is 1A and ranked No. 1 in the State. Heppner started out slow on the Homecoming night match, digging a huge hole and then chipped their way to a 26-24 first set win. Second game they dominated behind tremendous hitting and blocking from Hallee Hisler a senior and

won 25-5, WM put a triple block on Hisler, which isn't seen very often. Hisler had a great night. The momentum dwindled in game 3 with WM taking it 20-25, Freshman Isa Payne contributed to all skill areas, with Hisler still dominating behind the sets of Maya Payne, and Ava Gerry. Back row play from Katie Spivey lifted the Mustangs but game 4 went to WM 20-25. Heppner controlled game 5 with team play and won 15-8. In the 4th and 5th games Maya Payne found the floor for numerous kills. Other players adding depth, Olivia Ogden, Avree Lathrop and Keeley Nairns. This Thursday is the showdown with Stanfield who won the first contest between these teams. Thursday's match can determine who wins the league and who hosts the District Tournament.

Heppner High School homecoming parade



Heppner High School students, after riding in the Homecoming parade, gather on the large shamrock in the center of Main Street, cheering and chanting, surrounded by supportive community members. - Photo by Chris Sykes.

On Friday, the students of Heppner High School held their annual Homecoming Parade. The high school students arrived downtown on trucks and floats, making their way down main street Heppner.

As they reached the center of Main Street, they gathered in a large circle around the shamrock painted in the middle of the road.

As the crowd gathered around—parents, young children, and other mem-

The Heppner Mustang football team remained undefeated for the season with a 20-0 victory over the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots. After a long and exciting week of Homecoming events, the Mustangs (6-0,3-0) stood strong and took care of business in their quest for a Blue Mountain Conference Championship. The Mustangs are currently the second ranked team in the OSAA 2A State Football Rankings.

Both teams traded possessions early in the game as the stingy Mustang defense worked hard to contain the high powered Tigerscot offense. Early in the second quarter, Alakae Rodriguez stepped in front of a Weston-McEwen pass and intercepted it. Rodriguez then took it to the house to score the first touchdown of the game and give the Mustangs a 6-0 lead.

The Heppner defense held the Tigerscots on their next possession and the Mustang offense took over. A six-play drive that was highlighted by a 70-yard run by Zach Brown, ended in a Mustang score when Mason Orem passed the ball to Nick Wenberg for the touchdown. That gave the Mustangs a 12-0 lead with just over three minutes left in the first half.

After the Mustang kickoff, Orem intercepted the Tigerscot quarterback to give Heppner great field position at the 22 yard line. The Mustangs attempted to get another touchdown before the half ended, but time ran out as they got the ball down to the two-yard line. The score at halftime was 12-0 in favor of the Mustangs.

The teams traded possessions three times in the third quarter. One of the Tigerscot possessions was stopped when Tripp Stewart recovered a Weston-McEwen fumble near mid field. The Mustangs

were unable to capitalize on the turnover and the third quarter end with the Mustangs still ahead 12-0.

The Heppner defense stopped the Tigerscots early in the fourth quarter and the Mustang offense took over. The Heppner offensive line dominated the line of scrimmage as the Mustangs went on a 15-play, 54-yard drive of all running plays. The drive ate up nine minutes of the game clock and ended with another score when Stewart ran the ball in from 16 yards out for a Mustang touchdown. Orem passed the ball to Rodriguez for the 2-pt. conversion to give the Mustangs a 20-0 lead with just over two minutes left in the game.

Weston-McEwen went on their own drive to try and get a score and not be shut out by the stout Mustang defense. They made it all the way to the five-yard line where the Mustangs made the tackle as time expired in the game to give Heppner the victory by the score of 20-0.

The Mustangs had 265 total yards in the game.

They ran the ball for 235 and passed it for 30. The Tigerscots finished with 173 total yards in the game.

Orem was 2-3 passing the ball for 30 yards and a touchdown. Wenberg had a catch for 19 yards and a score while Brown caught 1 pass for 11 yards.

Brown led the Mustangs in rushing with 110 yards on 6 carries. Stewart finished with 48 yards and a touchdown on 6 rushing attempts. Rodriguez had 46 yards for the team, Hayden McMahon 16 and Orem 15.

Leading an outstanding defensive effort by the Mustang team was Rodriguez with 10 tackles

and an interception. Brown finished with 7 and with 5 tackles each were Orem, who also had an interception, Jaime Cavan and Landon McMahon. Keaton Coiner had 4 tackles for the Mustangs and with 3 each were Wenberg and Owen Guerra. Stewart finished with 2 tackles and a fumble recovery and Joseph Albitre had 1 tackle in the game.

This week, the Mustangs will travel to Boardman to take on the Riverside Pirates in a Blue Mountain Conference game. The game time is set for 7 pm.

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Oregon Department of Forestry Wildfire Risk Map Released for Morrow County Property Owners

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) has published its updated Wildfire Risk Map, categorizing properties as low, moderate, or high wildfire risk. Morrow County property owners are encouraged to visit the link below and review their property's classification.

Those who believe their risk level is incorrect have 60 days from the release of the final map to file an appeal. Appeals must include supporting documentation, such as evidence of fire mitigation or property changes.

Visit the ODF Wildfire Risk Map Portal to review classifications and find more information about the appeals process at the link below.

For more information, contact the Morrow County Planning Department: Stephen Wrecsics, GIS Analyst at 541.922.4624

<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Pages/wildfire-hazard.aspx>



Electric Co-Op Annual Meeting Thursday, Nov. 7th

The Annual Meeting of the Members of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is planned as a luncheon for Thursday, Nov. 7th at the Condon Elks Lodge in

Condon. Registration starts at 11:15 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 p.m. The annual meeting and election of Directors will follow the lunch. Multiple door

prizes will be awarded. All members are welcome to come and learn about their Electric Co-Op.