

Mustangs defeat Prospectors 58-14

Ranked 2nd in OSAA 2A football

The Heppner Mustang football team won their eighth game of the season by defeating the Grant Union Prospectors by the score of 58-14. The Mustangs (8-0,5-0) are currently the second ranked team in the OSAA 2A Football State Rankings.

Grant Union kicked off to start the game. The Mustang offense marched down the field and scored seven plays later. Quarterback Mason Orem handed the ball off to Al-akae Rodriguez who high stepped his way from 18 yards out for a touchdown. Tripp Stewart ran the ball in for the 2-pt. conversion to make the score 8-0.

After a Prospector punt on their next possession, Heppner scored again just two plays later. A 14-yard run by Stewart set up a 16-yard touchdown pass reception by Caleb George for the score. Orem called his own number and scored the 2-pt. conversion to make it 14-0 midway through the first quarter.

The Heppner defense forced another Prospector punt that Stewart fielded at the 15-yard line. He then sprinted towards the Mustang sideline and picked up some great blocking from his teammates. The blockers formed a wall that Stewart slipped behind. He then outran the entire Grant Union team for an 85-yard punt return for a touchdown. Nick Wenberg blasted through the line for the 2-pt. conversion to now make the score 22-0.

Keaton Coiner sacked the Grant Union quarterback for an 8-yard loss on the first play of their next possession. They then fumbled the ball on their next play and Rodriguez recovered it for the Mustangs deep in Grant Union territory. The next Heppner score came when Orem found Keaton Coiner behind the Prospector defense and hit him in stride with a 39-yard touchdown pass. Rodriguez scored the 2-pt. conversion to make the score 30-0 with two minutes to go in the first quarter.

The Mustang defense forced another Prospector punt. The Mustangs would score again when Hyden

McMahon sprinted 37 yards for a touchdown. That made the score 36-0 at the end of the first quarter.

After another Grant Union punt, the Mustangs scored again. A six-play drive that was highlighted by a 37-yard run from scrimmage by Hayden McMahon led to the score. Stewart blasted through the line for a 2-yard touchdown. That made it 42-0.

Grant Union put together a small drive, but it ended when Ryan Haugen made a big hit on the Prospector running back and he fumbled the ball. Ryan then recovered the ball for the Mustangs near midfield. Orem then threw the ball to Keaton Coiner for a 10-yard gain. On the next play, Keaton caught a short pass from Orem and he out raced the entire Grant Union defense for a touchdown on a play that covered 47 yards. Rodriguez then scored the 2-pt. conversion to make it 50-0 at halftime.

The second half of the game was played with a running clock and many of the younger Mustangs' players saw significant and valuable varsity playing time. On the first Prospector possession, their quarterback had a pass picked off by Lucas King that gave Heppner the ball at the 44-yard line of Grant Union. Joseph Albitre had runs of 15 and 24 yards on a drive that ended when new quarterback Caylan Proudfoot hit Andrew Lindsay with a 10-yard touchdown pass. Proudfoot then passed the ball to Albitre for the 2-pt. conversion to make the score of the game 58-0.

The Grant Union quarterback broke free at the line of scrimmage and scored on a 63-yard touchdown run to make it 58-6 at the end of the third quarter.

The teams traded possessions several more times and the Prospectors scored again with three minutes left in the game to make the final score of the game 58-14.

Heppner scored touchdowns on their first six possessions of the game and finished with 20 first downs and Grant Union had 9. The Mustangs ran for 265 yards and the Prospectors

had 168 with most of those coming late in the game. Heppner had 158 yards passing the ball compared to Grant Unions 21. For the game, Heppner had an impressive 423 total yards and Grant Union finished with 189.

Orem was 7-11 passing the ball for 148 yards and 3 touchdowns. Proudfoot finished 1-1 for 10 yards and a score. Keaton Coiner caught 5 passes for 130 yards and 2 touchdowns to lead the Mustangs. Caleb George had a reception for 16 yards and a touchdown, while Andrew Lindsay had a catch for 10 yards and a score. Wenberg had 1 catch for 2 yards for the team.

A balanced running attack was led by Hayden McMahon who had 3 carries for 77 yards and a touchdown. Albitre carried the rock 3 times for 42 yards and Wenberg 4 times for 38. Rodriguez finished with 31 yards and a rushing touchdown while Stewart ran for 23 and a score. Darby Spivey had a carry for 17 yards, Orem had 15 and with 11 yards in the game was Zach Brown. Caleb George and Jackson Coiner each finished with 5 yards rushing for the Mustangs. With 1 yard rushing for the team was Zion Ramos.

On the defensive side of the ball, Lucas King led the Mustangs for the second week in a row with 8 tackles in the game. Landon McMahon contributed 7 big tackles and with 6 each were Rodriguez and George. With 4 tackles each were Keaton Coiner, Lane Critchlow and Gage Heideman. Finishing the game with 3 tackles each were Jaime Cavan and Albitre. With 2 tackles each were Wenberg, Kooper Miller and Jace Wilson. With 1 tackle each in the game were Brown, Ryan Haugen, Mason Haugen, Andrew Lindsay, Spivey and Stewart.

The Mustangs finish Blue Mountain Conference play this week as they host the Enterprise Outlaws on Friday night. The game will be played at 7 PM on Les Payne Field at Greg Grant Stadium.

Heppner's football field is named after coach Greg Grant

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quarterfinal and semi-final appearances.

Coach Grant is third in the all-time wins list in the State of Oregon and has over 300 wins here in Heppner.

Mustang public address announcer Ken Grieb said during the ceremony, "Coach, you have given Mustang fans everywhere some great Friday nights and awesome Saturday afternoons. Your tireless commitment, dedication and contributions to the Mustang football program, our school and community are to be commended. But really, more importantly than all the wins and success of the Mustang football program, is the relationships that you built with your players over the years. They became better young men because of being around you, being taught by you and being coached by you. And for that, every parent and grandparent of those boys' thanks you. Therefore, from this day forward, and forever more, as long as Mustang football is played here. This facility shall forever be named- Greg Grant Stadium".

A large banner was then unfurled at the top of the announcer's booth that displayed "Greg Grant Stadium". The banner will hang during Mustang home games until the new metal sign that is being built can be permanently placed at the facility. That sign will say, "Les Payne Field at Greg Grant Stadium".

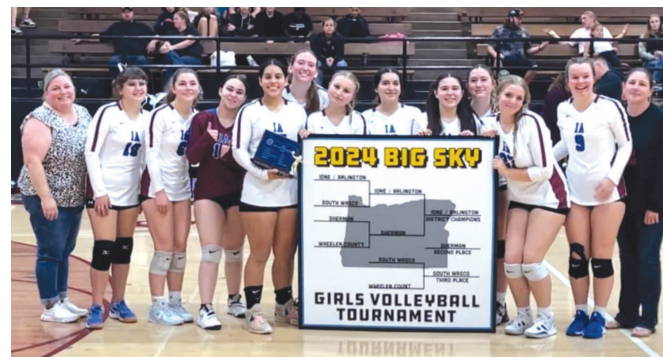
Athletic Director Jeremy Rosenbalm presented Coach Grant with a personalized autographed football commemorating this special event. He also presented flowers to Virginia Grant who was there along with their children Kellen and Sophie.

It is a well-deserved honor for a man and family who have given so much to the Heppner community.

Electric Co-Op Annual Meeting November 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.

Ione-Arlington volleyball wins Big Sky Tournament



The Ione Volleyball team after winning the Big Sky Tournament. -Photo from the Ione School District Facebook page.

The Ione Arlington Girls Volleyball team took first place at the Big Sky Tournament for the second consecutive year. They defeated South Wasco in three sets to advance to the championship round where they defeated Sherman County in three sets. The Cardinals beat the Dalles Huskies

25-0, 25-18, and 25-19 and defeated the Resides 27-25, 27-25, and 25-23. Phegley Padberg was named to the second team all-stars. Senior Victoria De La Torre was named the first all-stars. The girls will be hosting Elkton in the first round of the 1A state tournaments on October 30th.

Mustangs defeat GU at the BMC Dist. tournament



The Heppner Volleyball team. -Photo contributed.

Heppner 3, Grant Union 1, Annie Flower-Hallee Hisler had 12 kills, five blocks and 18 digs in leading the Mustangs to a 25-8, 25-23, 23-25, 25-14 victory over the Prospectors in the semifinals of the Blue Mountain Conference District Tournament in Stanfield. "They knew they needed this game," Heppner coach

Mindy Wilson said of her team. "Grant Union had nothing to lose. We did not take any point lightly." Isa Payne added 10 kills and 24 digs for Heppner, while Katie Spivey had 19 digs, seven kills and four aces, Ava Gerry 18 digs, 14 assists and 10 kills, and Maya Payne 18 digs, seven kills, 20 assists and four aces.

Nov. 5th ballot measures that may affect you

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Cons: Adds regulatory requirements for cannabis businesses, an industry already subject to strict regulations.

Potential to deter business investments or increase operational costs, which may affect wages or employment opportunities.

Measure 25-102 (Local) - North Morrow Vector Control District Levy Renewal

This local levy renewal seeks to extend a four-year funding measure at

a rate of \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The levy would finance mosquito control initiatives, which are essential for reducing the risks of mosquito-borne diseases, maintaining equipment, and providing public education on vector control strategies.

Pros: Provides critical funding for mosquito control, reducing risks of West Nile virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses.

Supports community health initiatives, especially in agricultural areas prone to high mosquito activity.

Cons: Adds to property tax bills, a concern for property owners already facing multiple tax levies.

Some argue funds could be allocated to other public health needs, and private mosquito control measures may be sufficient.

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This cozy 1950s home, located in a peaceful community, offers a blend of classic charm and modern comforts. The 3-bed, 2-bath property features a finished basement with two bedrooms and a bonus room, perfect for extra space or an office. The well-maintained yard, complete with mature fruit trees, provides a relaxing outdoor space. Essential appliances, including a fridge, range, washer, and dryer, are included, making it move-in ready. Sold as-is or with conventional financing, this charming home is ready for you to make it your own! 285 W ARCADE ST Lexington MLS# 24676541

COLUMBIA BASIN ELECTRIC ANNUAL MEETING and LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Condon Elks Lodge – Condon, OR

Registration 11:15 a.m.

Lunch 12:00 p.m

Meeting to Follow - Door Prizes

Free to all members in our service territory

BIRTHRIGHT

Birthright of Morrow County will be having a 4-year anniversary dinner with a speaker on Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 5:00 pm. St. Patrick's Parish Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 per person or \$35.00 a couple. Purchase tickets at Murrays or pay at the door. Call for more information at 541-676-0530. Please come out and support us!