

Heritage JV Football At Polk

Thursday, October 1

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
MHHS	6	6	0	0	8	20
Polk	6	6	0	0	6	18

Sam Howell hit a wide open Ian Boone with a two point conversion pass in overtime as the Mountain Heritage Cougars overcame a strong big play Polk team for a 20-18 victory.

The Cougars (4-1, 1-1) received the opening kick and marched down the field and scored on a short run by Luis Romero. The Wolverines then received the ball and tied the score on a 61 yard pass play. After stopping the Cougars on their next possession, Polk again used their passing attack to record a pass play over more than 50 yards and were once again in business deep in Cougar territory. Mountain Heritage appeared to stop Polk, but were flagged for defensive pass interference on a play where it looked like the ball was uncatchable by the receiver. With new life at the Cougar 10, Polk marched in to take a 12-6 lead. Mountain Heritage on their next possession marched 60 yards down the field, with their drive being aided by a pass interference call on Polk when the defensive back ran over the Cougar receiver. The drive, which was entirely on the ground, culminated with a six yard run by Howell, which knotted the score at halftime.

Both defenses settled down in the second half and the game became a defensive struggle, where field position became critical. The Cougars managed three first downs on one drive and were able to move the ball from deep in their territory and keep Polk on their side of the field. Both teams also had interceptions in the fourth quarter to stop the other team's drive.

In overtime, Polk received the ball first and appeared stopped after they ran a play for a loss and incurred a penalty. However, their strong passing attack enabled them to strike quickly from the 21 yard line and take a 18-12 lead. The two point conversion failed and this turned out to be the crucial play of the game. When the Cougars took the ball, they stuck to their ground game and tied the score when Howell ran five yards. When they lined up for the two point conversion, everyone expected another run, but Howell found Boone wide open on a beautifully designed play for the conversion and the hard fought win.

The Cougars travel to Owen next Thursday in what promises to be another tough game.

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