



MOUNT VERNON HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANG FOOTBALL

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From the Desk of Head Coach Lance Pedersen

Good Morning,

It is hard to believe we are already into week 7 and we are in October. I am very proud of our players and coaches. They have worked extremely hard this season and pre-season to prepare for this brutal schedule. Each day they come to work with a mission in mind and a very positive attitude.

This year we have lost to the #3, #9, and #10 teams in class 3A. We are the smallest school in class 3A and we were in every game that we played against these opponents. They were very good and so is our football team.

This week is homecoming and we play host to Maquoketa at 7:15 at First Street field. Prior to the game we will be recognizing Coach Bellamy and what he gave to the Mustang Football program, the school and this community. Please come early to celebrate a man who made such a positive impact on so many lives.

I am also looking for parent volunteers to help sell "cowbells" for the occasion. I will have start-up cash available and just need people to help with the sales. Please email me if you can help.

With 3 regular season games to go we are looking forward to our trip to Central Dewitt and then finishing the regular season at home on senior night. The RPI should be out soon and the only thing we can control is going 1-0 each week the next three weeks. Then with a little help we may have a chance to be a wild card team. None of that matters if we do not go 1-0 each of the next three weeks.

The most important game on our schedule is this Friday and I look forward to a great crowd and a great night of football.

Youth Football Night: What a huge success, it made me smile seeing so many young football players run through the helmet with their eyes so wide and their smiles even wider. Thank you to all our players, parents, youth coaches for making such a positive difference in these players' lives.

High Five Friday: Still going great, check out our twitter feed for photos.

Recruiting: Coach Ketchum and I would love to help in any way. I sent out emails and resumes to 5 schools last week.

Coach Bellamy: We will recognize Coach Bellamy's success at our homecoming game. Cow Bells will be sold at the game!

Cow Bells: Cowbells are in and they look great. I will be selling them all week from the middle school and we will have a group selling them at the game as well.

Rinicker/Schumacher Meals: In an attempt to help the Riniker and Schumacher family a sign-up has been created to provide weekly meals for the families. If this is something you could help with and would like to do I will be attaching the link below. Thank you

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054FADAA22A5FB6-meals>



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Concession Help: The Booster Club is looking for concession stand help. This is actually a good time and the booster club does help with uniforms on a cycle.

<https://signup.com/go/NkCXmMh> High School Games

<https://signup.com/go/qUHyDxN> Middle School Games

Volunteers: There are always tasks that need to be done in the game of football. There are a lot of moving parts and we could use your help. Let me know if you are interested.

Athletic Complex: If you would like more information on this please let me know and I will direct you to the correct person. Here is a link to the new athletic complex web page: <https://sites.google.com/mvcsd.org/mvactivitiescomplex>

If you would like to give to this project here a link:

https://www.mountvernon.k12.ia.us/uploads/4/1/2/8/41286333/activities_complex.pdf

I look forward to explaining more about this project and what it means for our football program in the next newsletter.

YOU make the call:

Ball goes out of bounds on the kick-off, what is the ruling?

- A. Five yard penalty and re-kick
- B. Ball placed on the 35 yard line
- C. 10 yard penalty from the spot the ball go out of bounds
- D. A or B The receiving coach gets to decide what to do.

YOU make the call PART 2:

The offensive team is called for holding on a pass play 7 yards behind the line of scrimmage. The ball is completed 15 yards downfield. Where is the ball placed?

- A. Ten yards from the original line of scrimmage
- B. Ten yards from the catch
- C. Ten yards from the spot of the foul
- D. None of the above

As always if you ever have any questions please feel free to email me and I will do my best to get back to you within 24 hours. If for some reason I do not (excluding the weekend) please send again or try to give me a call.

Sometimes parent emails go to my spam folder. The best way to find the correct answer is to ask the person who has it!

It is a great day to be a Mustang!

Coach Pedersen

Answer to the YOU make the call

D. The Kick-off receiving team decides if he wants the kicking team to rekick or take the ball at the 35 yard line. A couple of years ago Williamsburg had a great kick-off returner and we wanted to keep the ball away from him we kicked it out several times and they made us keep re-kicking it.

Part 2

C. In what is arguably one of the worst calls in the game of football the penalty is enforced from the spot of the foul. In this case the penalty is a 17 yard penalty on the offense. A kid could have punch someone and had less of a mark-off. My goal over the next year is to convince the rules committee that thus is a very bad rule. The penalty should be from the previous line of scrimmage letter A. With all of the shot gun teams in today's almost every holding penalty is a major penalty (15 yards or more). That is just not right.



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Upcoming Dates [Online Football Calendar Link](#)

Oct. 8 vs Maquoketa
Oct. 15 @ Central Dewitt
Oct. 22 vs. Vinton Shellsburg

Mustangs in Pictures



**MUSTANG
FOOTBALL**

2021 SCHEDULE

AUG. 27 @ ANAMOSA
SEPT. 3 SOLON
SEPT. 10 @ TIPTON
SEPT. 17 CENTER POINT-URBANA
SEPT. 24 @ BENTON
OCT. 1 ASSUMPTION
OCT. 8 MAQUOKETA
OCT. 15 @ CENTRAL DEWITT
OCT. 22 VINTON-SHELLSBURG
OCT. 29 STATEPLAYOFFS TBD
NOV. 5 STATE QUARTER-FINALS
NOV. 13 STATE SEMI-FINALS
NOV. 19 STATE FINALS

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