

FOOTBALL

NEW YEAR, NEW QUARTERBACK

By the Numbers

[Paul Ryan- Senior #5]

20 Touchdowns

5 Sacks

1709 Total Offensive Yards

65.5 Total Tackles

140 Total Points



Paul Ryan

Sophomore Brady Ketchum takes on big leadership roll

Story by Lauren McCollum

With his second season of football right around the corner, Brady Ketchum practiced a lot over summer to prepare for the upcoming year. Training included scrimmaging other teams along with speed and agility training.

After Drew Adams, the Mustangs' four-year starting quarterback, graduated in 2018, there was a big role in the team that needed to be filled. Ketchum was a quarterback on the freshman team last year, and he fell completely in love with the position. This year as a sophomore, he took on the quarterback position at the varsity level.

"Drew was a really good mentor," said Ketchum, "and he's taught me so much, anything from teaching me

how to take a proper three step drop to being a leader from the quarterback position."

Being a younger kid on a team with a lot of talented upperclassmen, Ketchum's mindset going into the season was to help all of them the best he could and hopefully get some wins.

Stepping into this position Ketchum was nervous, but having a supportive community and teammates has helped him adjust to the position a lot.

"Brady knows the game of football really well," said teammate Andrew Louwagie, a senior. "He's done a great job of stepping into a big leadership position for our team and is always working hard to get better."

"There's nothing like Mustang football," said Ketchum. "It's such a bonding experience different from anything I've ever done before."

Ketchum completed the season with 1375 total passing yards and 14 touchdowns.



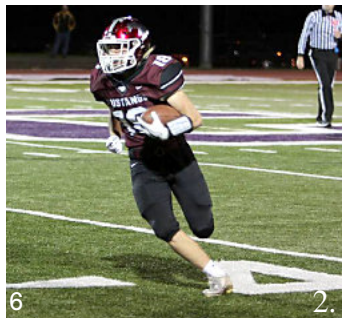
1. Senior running back Paul Ryan takes the handoff from quarterback Brady Ketchum during the game against West Delaware. Photo by Caroline Voss.

2. Running back Zach Baker, junior, carries the ball towards the end zone in the first half of the final game of the season against Louisa-Muscatine. In the final game of the season, the Mustangs defeated Louisa-Muscatine 40-0. Photo by Paige Zaruba.

3. Junior Sam Adams holds the ball for senior kicker Tyler Elliott to kick the extra point in a game against West Delaware. Photo by Caroline Voss.



4. Nick Casey, senior, lunges toward the Louisa-Muscatine quarterback as he sacks him during a game on Oct. 19. Casey tied with Paul Ryan for most sacks on the season. Photo by Paige Zaruba.
5. Aydan Holub-Schultz, Ryan Clark, and Mitchell Louwagie celebrate after a defensive touchdown by Nick Casey during a game against West Delaware. Photo by Caroline Voss.





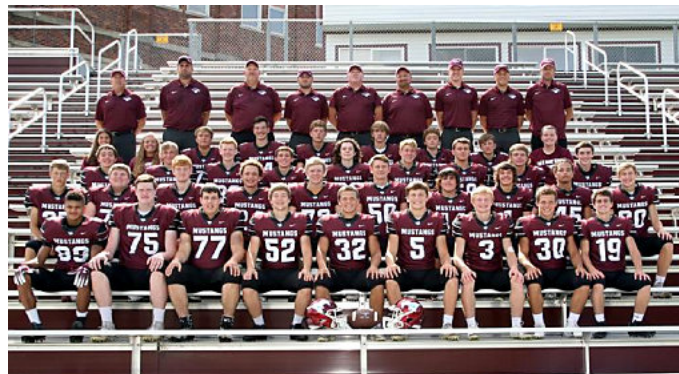
Catching Air: Detrick Vondracek, senior, jumps above his defender to reach for the ball in the endzone. The Mustangs beat the Falcons 40-0. Photo by Paige Zaruba.



Above: Senior Ryan Clark reaches out to tackle the West Delaware player with the ball. Photo by Lauren McCollum. **Below:** Paul Ryan tackles the Louisa-Muscatine defender as junior Wyatt Stanbro runs forward to assist. Ryan led the team with 42 solo tackles and 65.5 total tackles on the season. Photo by Paige Zaruba.



Above: Seniors Paul Ryan and Blake Booth celebrate after Ryan's touchdown in the second quarter against West Delaware. The Mustangs won the game with a score of 35-33, but later reported an illegal substitution of a player accidentally exceeding the 6-quarter limit for the night. The result was recorded as a 0-2 loss for the Mustangs. Photo by Caroline Voss.



VARSITY FOOTBALL. *Front Row:* Detrick Vondracek, Noah Guillaume, Trevor Schorg, Joe Hunter, Andrew Louwagie, Paul Ryan, Blake Booth, Mitchell Louwagie, Ryan Clark. *Row 2:* Tyler Niehaus, Wyatt Stanbro, Alex Deeb, Noah White, Matt Vislifel, Tucker Dickson, Nick Casey, Tyler Elliott, Parker Hampton, Ike Appleton. *Row 3:* Graham Bradbury, Garrett Hormann, Sam Adams, Zach Baker, Keegan Neville, Nolan Brand, Aydan Holub-Schultz, Max Shady, Jace DeLancey. *Row 4:* Molly Louwagie, Mackenzie Ketchum, Travis Hines, Kean Kamerling, Logan Griebel, Aidan Nosek, Brady Ketchum, Collin Swantz, Anika Perry. *Back Row:* Coach Matt Appleton, Coach Brad Meester, Coach Jason Nosek, Coach Matt Haddy, Coach Lance Pedersen, Coach Dan Ketchum, Coach Preston Pedersen, Coach Ben Knake, Coach Vance Ellison.

Season's Scores

Team	Us-Them
Solon	14-34
CPU	16-21
West Delaware	0-2
Maquoketa	42-7
West Liberty	9-27
Tipton	68-8
Camanche	53-21
W. Burlington	41-8
Louisa-Muscatine	40-0