

# Mustangs open season with rival Blue-Devils

Heppner High School opens its 1976-77 varsity football schedule with rival Condon in three weeks.

The opener, slated for 8 p.m. at the Morrow County rodeo grounds, sets Condon against Heppner on Sept. 10.

Following that game, the Mustangs will have games each week with Columbia Basin conference foes.

John Sporseen, head mentor at HHS, said he has heard that Umatilla and Sherman County

will be the teams to beat. He won't, however, count out his own Mustangs.

Along with those three, Sporseen and company will have to put up with the likes of powerhouses Riverside and Weston-McEwen, along with Wasco County and Pilot Rock.

Last year, in the CBC, there were three teams in the top ten in the state. Riverside was fifth, Weston-McEwen sixth and Sherman County, a respectable eighth. With history like that, the Mustangs will have to be ready.

Bucking off opponents down the line, the Mustangs will face in order, Condon, Pilot

Rock, Oregon Trail (combined Stanfield and Echo) Riverside, Weston-McEwen, Sherman, Umatilla, Pendleton JVs (non-conference) and Wasco County.

Of those, all are conference testers except Pendleton's Buckaroo seconds. Condon, Riverside, Sherman and Wasco County will all be home games.

Heading this year's Heppner coaching staff is John Sporseen, newly hired grid iron mentor from Scio. Along with Sporseen, also athletic director, will be the able bodied Dale Conklin and George Koffler.

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First days of daily doubles were conditioning drills. Coach John Sporseen looks on. (G-T photo)

## Steagall paces rodeo'ers

Morrow County cowboys and cowgirls placed respectively last week in the Tri-County Junior Rodeo in Prineville.

A Morrow County barrage of young competitors invaded Prineville Aug. 20 and 21, coming home with two first places and a handful of other top spots.

Leading the way was junior division leader Jana Steagall of Lexington. Miss Steagall won the junior poles, tied for fourth and fifth in barrels with Maureen Healy, was fifth in calf riding and sixth in goat tying.

Other junior division winners included Brett Sherer, Ione, second in poles; Todd Sherer, Ione, tied for fifth in poles; and Maureen Healy, sixth in calf riding.

Cindy Dougherty paced the senior division action with a first place triumph in poles. Dawn Peterson was third in a tie in steer dodging; Mary Healy tied for third in barrels, sister Janice was sixth in barrels; and the team roping duo of Jerry Gentry-Aaron McCall was fourth in that category.

Also participating but failing to place were Cliff Dougherty, Tara Mahoney, David Steagall, Lorie Childer and Glenn Griffith.

## Barrels, bulls added to rodeo

Girl's barrel racing and novice bull riding have been added to the event list for the Friday night Morrow County Rodeo.

The two new events will more than make up for the deletion of pony races. Pony racing has been cancelled because of insufficient entries in recent years.

The girl's barrel racing competition has been deleted from the program for the Wranglers Horse Show but is being added to the Friday night Morrow County rodeo. There will be a junior and senior division.

The junior division is for girls age nine-14 as of January 1, with an entry fee of \$7.50. The senior division is for girls age 15 and over as of January 1, with a \$10 entry fee.

According to Susie French, the stock contractor will bring some young bulls weighing from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds. The novice bull riding event has been added to permit novice contestants to enter this popular event without having to contend with the risk presented by the older and larger bulls.

Entries will be taken at the

rodeo office on Thursday (today). The entry fee is \$15 plus a \$5 stock charge. Anyone who has not previously won \$250 in bull riding and who is not a permit or card-holding member of a professional cowboy association is eligible.

## Over the tee cup

Men's team play is now in its final two weeks and winners will be determined during this period. Club championship play is underway and most have played their first rounds.

Missed last Sunday's play again but understand that Francis Doherty won top honors with John Edmundson a close second.

In Ladies play last week the low gross winner was Lois Hunt and Monica Jones had

the hot putter to win least putts.

The next major tournament will be the Lions Tourney on Sept. 11. This is the third year for this event and it appears it will be the largest. Entries are coming in from Hood River, The Dalles and Pilot Rock thus far.

Proceeds are sent to the Oregon Lions Sight Foundation to help them continue their many worthwhile projects.

## Refuge applications available now

Applications are now available for waterfowl hunting on the Oregon part of Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge. Applications for the first half of the season may be obtained from Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 239, Umatilla, Oregon 97782 or U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 3737, Portland, Oregon 97208. Applications for the second half of the season will be available October 1-31, 1976.

All applications for the first

half must be postmarked prior to September 15.

The controlled hunt was well accepted by the hunters last year. A few minor changes have been made, mostly to improve the goose hunting in the crop lands.

The hunting and permit procedure will be essentially the same as last year. General regulations include: 1. hunting by permit only; 2. waterfowl hunters must hunt from assigned blinds and 3. steel shot will be required.

## FFA'ers win big

Six members of Heppner's FFA chapter came away from Enterprise and the Wallowa County Fair last week, hands loaded with hardware.

The chapter competed in Greenhand and Advanced divisions. The Greenhand team took first place in their division and the advanced team settled for third behind Joseph and Enterprise.

In the individual competition, Julie Grieb took high point judge overall, followed by Jackie Mollahan in second and Ken Grieb, seventh.

The next judging competition for the FFA chapter will be at the Morrow County Fair and later at the State Fair in Salem.



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