

# Short on turnout, short on experience Cardinals face PV

"I just hope we can hold our head above water... just hold on this year," Gordon Meyers, lone Cardinal football coach said last week.

Meyers, looking at an 11 man turnout last Monday, can truthfully call this year a builder.

"It'll be an interesting year," he says, noting that the Cards this season will have little experience on the turf.

There are only two senior boys in that class. Meyers recruited one of them, Bill Tewa. He is the lone senior, upperclass, returner.

Dennis Thomson and Clint Carlson round out the junior class, passing off a lot of responsibility onto younger sophomores and freshmen.

Four sophomores are returning lettermen in Kevin McCabe, John Lindstrom, Danny Mcelligott, and Scott Sherer.

In the freshmen class, there are about 14 boys. Six of them are out and Meyers is hoping for at least three more.

Ione is plagued not only by lack of numbers this year, Meyers says.

"We're tiny and young. We have a few guys with better than average speed, but nothing really speedy," Meyers said. He was optimistic and said that he hoped to win games this year.

"You never know about the young kids," he said.

Ione is running daily doubles this week, readying for their season opener next Friday against Powder Valley on the Ione gridiron at 2 p.m.

The Card's schedule has a tough lineup, boasting five home games and four away tilts.

At home, Ione will face Powder Valley, Spray on Sept. 24, Wheeler on Oct 15, Cascade Locks on Oct. 22, and Dufur, the season ending homecoming match, on Nov. 5.

The Big Sky Conference eight man squad will face Touchet on the road on Sept. 17, Mt. Vernon, Oct. 1; Culver on Saturday, Oct. 9 and Arlington on Oct. 29.

Meyers will be assisted by Di La Rue, assistant coach.

... just hold on this year!



Gordon Meyers



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# S P O R T S

# RCA cowboys, cowgirls ride away with \$12,878

Two scorching days. 250 Rodeo Association Cowboys. And \$12,878.40.

What do they all have in common?

They all merged at the same time on Morrow County's rodeo grounds for three big RCA shows.

The professional cowboys and cowgirls sauntered away from Heppner Sunday evening with a total purse of over \$12,000 tucked neatly in their hip pockets.

The RCA entrants came up with a little over \$12,000 and Morrow County donors came up with almost a thousand more for added money to bring in bigger and better names than ever before.

And the big names came. Camarillo, Warren, Ferguson, Evetts...

There was no all-around RCA cowboy chosen this year because the donations this year were in the form that the cowboys prefer... greenbacks. Last year an all-around prize was given.

The saddle bronc riding, the initial rodeo sporting event, brought oohs and ahs from large crowds at the fair grounds. Randy Dains of Gooding, Idaho stayed on for eight seconds, producing a 73, worth \$428 to that cowboy.

What seemed to be the crowd favorite, bull riding, was taken with a score of 78 by a Ponoka, Alberta cowboy, John Dodds, earning him \$529.

Bareback riding was won by Dale Trotter of Calgary with a 75, worth \$470 to him. Kim Gripp of Herford, Texas won the calf roping

with an impressive 10.6 clocking, worth \$780 and more points in the RCA standings.

A Cutback, Montana cowboy, Dana Perry, won the steer wrestling championship with a 4.5 time for \$662.

In team roping, it was almost inevitable from the start who would be in that championship spot. Leo Camarillo, his two brothers Jerald and Reg, and H.P. Evetts highlighted a star studded team roping roster.

And they won. Leo Camarillo, Oakdale, California cowboy, gained up with Evetts, Hanford, California and ended up with a super, 6.8 second clocking, worth first place and worth \$611 to each roper.

Right behind them, .3 of a second slower was Jerald and Reg Camarillo who split \$1010. Both of those cowboys are from Oakdale, Calif.

In girls barrel racing, GRA point getters and money

winner was Patty McCain of Olex, Oregon and Gail Petska, Norman, Oklahoma, who split first place with a 17.6 timing for \$135 each.

The bareback event had \$1176, saddle bronc \$1225, bull riding, \$1323, calf roping \$1950, steer wrestling \$1656, and team roping \$4214. That added up to \$11,544. GRA barrel racing added \$509 and Heppner added money of \$825 made the total purse a whopping \$12,878.40.

# Attendance spotty as Mustangs eye Condon

Attendance is still spotty but John Sporseen, Heppner High School grid mentor, is eyeing some potential players as the Mustangs' opening game waits around the corner.

The Mustangs will take on rival Condon next Friday night at 8 p.m. in Heppner.

Sporseen said the regular players are showing up with semi-regularity, making at least one practice a day during this week's daily double schedule.

"The defense is coming along good," the head coach said, "but our offense is way behind. We'll know one play real well... I'm a simple man," Sporseen said with a chuckle.

Sporseen is optimistic this week. For one reason, his big men, two of them that last week weighed 260 and 240, have shaved off 19 pounds between them.

"I like movement more than size," Sporseen said, saying that "quick kids is the key to being successful."

As far as speed, Sporseen has a few with quickness to draw from. Out like a bullet last week was senior Wayne Seitz, a wingback that toured a 40 yard sprint in five seconds flat. Sporseen says he should break into the four second ranks this week.

Sporseen has developed an agility speed drill that he deems better than a 40 yard dash for determining speed. The quick one in that drill was Dale Holland, a freshman that Sporseen said will see some varsity action at either the tight end or split end post. Holland is a lanky 6-1, 170 pounder.

The head mentor is looking over 11 seniors that have showed some regularity at practice.

They are: Steve McLaughlin, 5-8, 165 pounds, tail back;

Jeff Cutsforth, 5-11, 159, split end; Carl Christman, 6-0, 170, split end; John Schiller, 5-7, 142, fullback; Tom Skow, 5-5, 171, fullback; Mike Smith, 6-5,

Grieb, 5-9, 194, guard; Bruce Young, 5-10, 155, tight end-quarterback; Sam Myers, 6-0, 156, guard; Jim Kenny, 5-6, 136, wing back; Don Mc-

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248, tackle; Tim Daly, 5-10, 140, back; Chris Rauch, 6-1, 194, tackle; Mark Parker, 5-6, 176, guard; Dave Allstott, 5-11, 168, quarterback; and Seitz, 6-0, 151, wingback.

The Mustang weakness this year could be in the backfield's lack of experience. Except for Allstott, the Heppner backfield has seen only limited action in the past.

Allstott was the regular QB last year and according to Sporseen, throws the ball well. Seitz was second string wingback last year and Skow had limited action last year in the backfield.

The Mustangs will run out of an I formation with a flanker. On occasion, don't be surprised to see a power backfield on short yardage plays.

Sporseen is semi-conservative, offensively. He said he figures his offensive attack to be 60 per cent on the ground and 40 per cent in the air.

He said he realizes a team has to establish a ground attack before they start throwing the football.

Heppner's junior class boasts some size also. Sporseen is looking at the following players: Bob Smith, 5-10, 204, guard; Marty Smith, 6-3, 229, tackle; Jerry Cutsforth, 6-0, 160, wingback; Jack Yocom, 5-3, 136, tailback; Ken

Ewen, 5-7, 155, center-guard; and Chris Wright, 6-0, 181, center.

Sporseen is high on Wright, the three Smiths and Parker when he starts talking about a defensive line. Those five, he says, are contenders for the three inside positions. He said he is seriously considering a six man defensive line to utilize these big men.

Those five combine for a total weight of 1038, and an average front line of 207 pounds.

At the defensive end spots, Sporseen is picking between Rauch, Schiller, and Jeff Cutsforth right now.

Linebacker spots have the head mentor confused. His best two choices so far are Skow and Allstott but he hates to slap his key offensive backfield men into linebacker, man-eater spots. Especially Allstott.

McLaughlin, Christman, Yocom, Jerry Cutsforth and Kenny all are a toss-up right now for the four defensive backfield spots as halfbacks and safeties.

Specialized men will be Bob Smith kicking off and eventually extra point boots and Parker as punter.

Christman, McLaughlin and Seitz should get the nod as kick-off and punt returners.

See next week's Gazette-Times for the Heppner-Condon line-up.

# Barbara Cutsforth grabs one of 22 bighorn tags

The computer drawing to select successful applicants for controlled deer, elk, cougar, and bighorn sheep seasons was conducted last Friday by the Fish and Wildlife Department. Those who were successful in any of the drawings have already been mailed notification. Those who have not received notification within a week should assume they were not successful.

Some 30,587 applications were received for 43,800 controlled deer permits. Applicants could list both a first and second choice on the application card. However, some applicants who asked for two popular areas were unsuccessful in both their choices. Only 25,588 permits were filled by the drawing leaving 18,212 unfilled permits. These permits will remain unfilled.

Elk permit applications were down substantially this year, partly due to cow seasons which will be held separately from bull seasons and partly, no doubt, to an increase in license and tag

fees which took effect this year.

A total of 16,172 applications were received for 7,625 controlled elk permits. Again, some applicants were unsuccessful because they asked for two popular areas. At the same time, 114 permits in three eastern Oregon areas went unfilled. As with the untaken deer permits, these will not be filled.

All 125 cougar permits were filled from among some 1,065 applicants.

As always, there was great interest shown in a limited number of permits for bighorn sheep. Some 3,281 applications were received for this year's 22 tags. All tags were filled in the drawing. There are five separate hunts scheduled on three areas this year for bighorn sheep.

Two permits are authorized for one hunt in the Owyhee area and successful applicants were Timothy A. Sowa from Milwaukie and Charles Sundstrom of John Day.

In the first of two hunts on

the Steens Mountain area the six successful applicants were Carole J. Beebe, Junction City; Gary K. Breshears, Hubbard; Albert L. De Clerck, Forest Grove; David L. Kaufman, Sherwood; Richard A. Perkins, Astoria; and Jan R. Walker, Fall Creek.

The six hunters for the second Steens hunt will be Barbara A. Cutsforth, Heppner; Dan L. Erwert, Hillsboro; Sandra L. Letourneux, La Grande; George E. Reynolds, Idleyd Park; Margaret H. Spuller, Chiloquin; and Leonard E. Young, Klamath Falls.

Two hunts are also scheduled on Hart Mountain National Antelope Refuge. The four successful applicants for the first hunt were Wayne E. Davison, Mehama; Philip H. Detroit, Klamath Falls; Dan B. Long, Bandon.

Unsuccessful applicants will not be notified. For anyone who wants to double check, lists of all successful applicants are available at the Fish and Wildlife Department's Portland office and six regional offices at Corvallis, Roseburg, Newport, Bend, La Grande, and Hines.

# Over the tee cup

Visitations are over and the activities at the local fairways are winding down even though the weather is now beginning to cooperate.

Last Tuesday in women's play the gross prize was won by Annetta Klinger and net prize went to Jan Paust. There was a tie for least putts between Pat Lankford and Karen Dubuque. Tuesday evening Harriett Evans was low gross winner.

Sunday's men's play saw a 62 by John Edmundson top the

pack for low gross honors. Mike Lott and Judge Carmichael tied for low net prizes and Wil Phinney won least putts with 27 for the 18 hole event. Craig Cooley again proved to be the long ball hitter winning long drive on #6 and Jerry Daggett dropped the ball closest to the pin on #3 the first time around to win KP.

Those wishing to enter the Lions Golf Tourney on Sept. 11 may contact Dave Harrison or Neil Parks for entry forms.

Wheeler County Archery Club held their first Trial Shoot on Sunday, August 22, with 22 archers participating. Winning prizes for the men were: Henry Spivey 1st, Rod Springer 2nd, and tied for 3rd Raymond Reid and Bob Skinkard, Verlin Conner 4th.

# Wheeler holds first shoot

# Seasons adopted

# Quail season longer, chukar same

Bright spots on the upland bird hunting horizon are a more liberal quail season, a somewhat expanded spring turkey gobbler season, and a western Oregon pheasant season which will begin a week earlier than last year in hopes of having a little more hunting during drier conditions. Waterfowl hunters will have a long season nearly identical to last year.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission set hunting seasons for these groups of game animals and also adopted regulations for taking furbearing animals at a meeting held in Portland last Friday.

In response to good increases of both valley and mountain quail throughout most of their range, the Commission set a season which will open two weeks earlier than usual in western Oregon and one which will extend through the month of December east of the Cascades. The

daily bag limit will be 10 per day, just double what it was last year. The limit on quail has been reduced a few years ago in response to heavy winter losses and generally low populations.

Some 50 more hunters will have an opportunity to try for a spring turkey gobbler this year with an increase in permits from 300 last year to 350 for the coming season. Last year's popular Wasco area was divided into two new areas, a North Wasco area with 100 permits authorized and a South Wasco area with 200 permits. Forest Road 44 will separate the two new units. The Northeast area will again be open to 50 permit holders.

The pheasant picture looks somewhat brighter this year on all pheasant areas, with best population increases observed in Umatilla, Malheur, and Rogue Valley areas. The Commission adopted a hunting season similar to last

year except that in western Oregon it will begin and end a week earlier. The weather in Oregon is always a gamble but the earlier opening season is designed to increase the odds of having a few more rain-free hunting days.

A chukar season similar to last year was also adopted and hunters should find more birds than last year in nearly all areas.

There will again be a one-month season for forest grouse in eastern Oregon but in western Oregon the season will be a week shorter than last year, or seven weeks in length, because fewer grouse were noted this year in trend routes conducted by field biologists.

The hunting season for mourning doves and band-tailed pigeons will begin September 1 and continue through the end of the month with bag limits identical to last year. The bottom paragraph on page 20 of the 1976 Oregon Game

Mammal General Regulations indicates that dove hunting would not be permitted on September 1 in areas open to antelope hunting but his is an error. Dove hunting will open throughout southeast Oregon on September 1 along with the rest of the state.

The length of seasons and bag limits for other migratory birds remain virtually identical to last year.

Seasons for taking furbearing mammals will be the same as last year. The Commission added a provision to the regulations which requires trappers to check their traps at least every 48 hours. Most trappers check traps at least that often but the regulation was added to regulate an occasional abuse.

Complete upland bird and waterfowl season dates and bag limits follow.

