



Ione's Dennis Stefani gets the pass away before being sacked by Powder Valley defenders.

# Too hot, too young, too tired Cards fall short

It was a basic case of too youngs, too hots, and too longs for the Cardinals of Ione last Friday. The Cards bumped heads with Powder Valley in their season opener and dropped the eight man football game, 22-6.

"You never feel good when you lose," Gordon Myers, Ione head coach said, "but the kids did a pretty good job."

Five freshmen started for Ione in the humid heat Friday in the 2 p.m. clash. Many of the players had to go both ways on offense and defense without much break time.

"We got tired. I just didn't have enough players to give em a rest," Myers said. "A lot of kids had to go the whole game. It's not that they are in bad shape, they just need a rest once in a while."

"Heart?" Myers asked himself. "They gave just about everything they had."

Despite the heat and inexperience, Ione gave a fair showing. Kevin McCabe, a sophomore back, was the team's highlight. McCabe gained 114 yards in the contest, rushing for 27 and catching seven passes for 87 yards.

Another Ione back, Terry Starr, came up with two first downs on "shear effort" and

gained 26 total yards, Dennis Stefani, Ione's freshman QB, fired the ball for 13 of 25 and 118 yards.

Powder Valley's quarterback, Hodgson, completed only six of 12 passes but garnered 150 yards in the air. Two passes, both for touchdowns, came in the fourth

period to tight end, Tim Taylor for 30 and 70 yards each.

PV out rushed Ione, 148-44 and had 11 first downs to Ione's six.

One other bright spot for the Cards was McCabe's punting. The soph booted six for a total of 227 yards and an average of

37.

Powder Valley drew first blood late in the first quarter when Hodgson snuck the ball in from the one yard line. A pass to Taylor gave PV an 8-0 lead.

Heppner came back in the fourth quarter on the first play from scrimmage. Stefani hit

McCabe with a 40 yard pass to the left for Ione's first tally of the year. A conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

Ione was caught twice by the same play when Hodgson threw to Taylor for two more touchdowns. The first went for 30 yards and the second for 70. Ione goes to Touche Friday.

## Monday night

# Mustang JV's slap PR, 18-2

Heppner's Mustang junior varsity quarterbacks completed only four passes Monday night but three of them set up touchdowns as the JVs slapped Pilot Rock, 18-2.

Eric Clow and Brian Marlin were the signal callers for the Mustangs in the 6 p.m. contest Monday.

In the second period, Clow hit Marlin with a 20 yard pass and followed it with a 10 yard aerial to Dale Holland. Bryce Powell, the leading ground gainer, took it in for pay dirt from the five on the next play.

In the third period, Marlin took over the passing and hit Randy Worden with a 23 yard bomb that was stopped at the Pilot Rock three yard line. Jack Yocom scampered up the middle for the touchdown.

Following a handful of penalties and a few offensive plays, Yocom scored again for the Mustangs with a 7 yard, off tackle jabb.

The Rockets two point safety came in the third quarter when a bad hike soared over the Heppner punter's head and he was thrown down in the end zone.

Ron Young and Jody Mariatt led the defensive tasks with the most tackles.

The Mustang JV's next game will be Sept. 25, hosting Sherman County. A game scheduled with MacHI for next week has been cancelled.

# Heppner bumps Condon

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Sporseen gives one point for an assisted tackle, two for an unassisted tackle and four points for the fumble recovery.

Mark Parker, who piled onto the Ione Blue Devil fumble, had 12 points, followed by John Schiller, Chris Wright and Marty Smith with 10 each.

While the Mustangs slowed Condon's offensive attack, Sporseen was still concerned with the Heppner tackles. He called the arm tackling "horrible" and said game films showed constant arm tackling.

"We'll be alright," he said though, "providing everybody learns by their mistakes and we buckle down."

Both teams were offensively dormant in the first period, battling to a scoreless tie at

the end of the first 12 minutes.

In the second quarter, Heppner took advantage of good field position and behind Allstott's commandeering, moved the ball to within the Condon 10 yard line. Two plays later, from the four, Skow went off tackle for the first touchdown of Heppner's 1976 season. McLaughlin booted the extra point and the Mustangs led, 7-0.

The half ended that way but Condon came bouncing back in the third period. In that stanza, Heppner was fighting it's way out of it's own territory when the ball was fumbled and a Blue Devil covered it up.

From the 20 yard line, Condon marched to the five where quarterback Mack McIntosh carried it in. A two point conversion gave Condon a one

point edge.

Heppner moved into the final period trailing by one. But a long pass from Allstott to Christman gave the Mustangs the momentum and the field position to take the game away from their rivals.

Christman was tripped up at the one after the pass and a hearty run of 86 yards. Allstott dove into the end zone for the go ahead TD.

Condon, in a do or die situation, began to stalk back down the field. But, with a little over a minute and a half remaining, Allstott picked off a Condon pass and the Mustangs ran the clock out for the victory.

Heppner goes to Pilot Rock today (Thursday) for an 8 p.m. encounter with the Rockets.

# Ione Jr. High gridders

Ione's junior high gridders take on Arlington today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. Coach Jerry Martin has a large turn out of eighth graders and a total roster of 18 players.

Eighth graders this year are Scott Martin, Greg Rietmann, Leslie Thompson, Mark Patton, Shawa LaRue, Richard Ladd, Treve Peterson, Brett Sherer, Alan Roberts, Steve Gaustad, Craig Rea, Mike Leavitt and Paul Snow.

The Ione seventh grader, Jeff Hams, is joined by six graders Dennis Starr, Donnie Taylor, Craig Gutierrez, Tim Patten and manager, Duane Fetsch.

# Janice Healy WSJRA queen

Jana Steagall, Lexington, was named Western States Junior cowgirl all-around and Heppner's Janice Healy was chosen Western State's Queen for 1977 during a weekend of rodeo'ing at John Day.

The John Day rodeo was the final for the WSJRA. Many Morrow County competitors took top honors.

Maureen Healy placed in junior girl's calf riding and won the goat tying. Mary and Mike Currin, Heppner; Dawn Peterson, Ione, tied

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