



A Mustang defender zeroes in on Echo's Rick Hale in game played at Standfield Friday.

(G-T Photo)

## Mustangs blast Blazers

A couple breaks at the right time, good pass protection, and another good defensive effort enabled Heppner's league leading Mustangs to pound a hapless, Oregon Trail last Friday, 21-0.

Heppner's defense continued to improve. In their first game, the defense gave up 124 yards to Condon. The next week, Pilot Rock gained 84 yards and this week the defense shut Oregon Trail's offense down with just 72 yards passing and rushing.

"If our defense continues to improve," John Sporseen, head coach, said, "we're going to be something else." The Mustangs remained in a tie for the league lead in the Columbia Basin Conference with 3-0 Umatilla.

Heppner went to the air against Oregon Trail, the combined schools of Echo and Standfield, surprising the Blazers on more than one play.

Heppner garnered a total of 198 yards, while holding the Blazers to less than 75. In the air, Heppner picked up 112 yards on the eight for 13 pass completion efforts of senior signal caller, Dave Allstott.

Sporseen cited an excellent pass protection as the key to the aerial attack's success. Sporseen said Allstott had to run out of the pocket only once in the game played in Standfield.

Carl Christman returned as Player of the Week this week after receiving four passes for 84 yards, including one 25 yard touchdown pass in the third period.

On the ground, Tom Skow led the attack with 40 yards on 10 carries. Steve McLaughlin added 28 yards on nine carries and Wayne Seitz had 15 yards on six carries.

While the pass protection was good, it was a tough defense that gave the offense

its breaks.

Heppner hit the scoreboard in the first period twice. The first TD came on a three yard off tackle plunge by Skow, following a 61 yard drive that included a 29 yard pass to Christman.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Mustang defense shoved OT into a hole in their own territory. And, on the same set of downs, the defense was pummeling OT quarterback Don Sutton with rampaging red dogs.

One defensive effort threw Sutton for about a 12 yard loss. As he was going down under a couple Mustang jerseys, he let the ball fly. The short wobbly pass of not more than five yards stuck in the outstretched hands of defensive tackle, Mark Parker, who skipped the 26 yards into the end zone. That touchdown gave the Mustangs a 14-0 lead and stunned the Blazers.

In the third period, a punt was being taken by Christman when Blazer defenders bounced the leading Heppner receiver and jarred the ball loose. In excellent field position, the Blazers marched to the Heppner six yard line and threatened to score.

The defense held them there for two downs before Christman picked off a pass in the right flat and put it back at mid field, 50 yards away.

Heppner succeeded in marching the ball into Blazer territory but penalties put them back to the 25. Facing a fourth and 20 situation with the first down at the Blazer five, Allstott went to the air and hit Christman in the end zone on the left side for the third and final TD.

Christman's average stayed at 30 yards per reception with the 84 yard night. Oregon Trail's biggest threat, Rick Hale, an Echo back, picked up 49 yards on 14 carries.

John Schiller led the defense with 18 points, grabbing two unassisted tackles and four assists. Marty Smith picked up nine unassisted tackles and received praise from Sporseen. Parker and Christman each had four unassisted efforts and Skow had five. Defensively, Sporseen was pleased with his ends, Schiller and Tim Daly.

"Condon ran at Schiller. Pilot Rock scouted that game and ran at Daly. Oregon Trail scouted and went back to Schiller. It didn't work either direction. Riverside will probably come back at Daly." Heppner hosts the Pirates from Riverside Friday at 8 p.m.

Riverside, 21-0.

Sherman County, the team Heppner faces in two weeks, did not play a league game.

Heppner has outscored their foes, 54-14, giving up a total of 281 yards in three outings.

Heppner faces Riverside on the Mustang turf this Friday at 8 p.m.

COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE	
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HEPPNER	3 0
Umatilla	3 0
Weston-McEwen	2 1
Pilot Rock	1 2
Oregon Trail	1 2
Condon	1 2
Sherman County	1 1
Wasco County	0 2
Riverside	0 2

## Heppner knotted in 1st

For the third week in a row, Heppner's Mustangs have impressively improved. For the third week in a row, they have held their opponent to one touchdown or less. For the second week in a row, the Mustang defense has saddled their opponents offense with less than 100 total yards. And, most importantly, for the third week in a row, the Heppner Mustangs have won!

For the third week in a row, Heppner remains knotted in a first place tie with powerful Umatilla. The Vics bounced Wasco County, 38-7, allowing the first score against the Vikings.

While Heppner had little trouble disposing of Oregon Trail, 21-0, other teams had a little tougher time. Weston-McEwen slipped past Pilot Rock, 14-12; and Condon bombed

## Card netters split pair

Ione's Cardinal volleyballers split last week, bumping Condon but falling to Arlington in a pair of non-conference tilts.

Against Condon, the varsity

bounced the Blue Devil girls in the first match, 15-9. The second game was a little tougher, but behind Debra Palmer's 10 point effort, Ione outlasted, 16-14.

Condon's junior varsity slapped Ione in the earlier match, 15-9 and 15-3.

Ione's JV's whipped Arlington but the varsity fell. In the JV clash, Lisa Martin's 16 points sparked Ione to a three game win, dropping the first game 15-6 and bouncing back for the win with 15-10 and 15-9 triumphs.

The varsity fell in two games, 15-1 and 15-8. Ione's varsity is made up of Susan Thompson, Debra and Donna Palmer, Dawn Peterson, Darcy Rea, Grace and Carol McElligott and Natalie Tew.

The junior varsity consists of Robin Leavitt, Jan Peterson, Jeannie Piening, Michelle Connor, Tanna Hams, Janet,

Michelle and Mariba McElligott, Lisa Martin, Lori Edwards and Kathy Gutierrez.



Carl Christman

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# S P O R T S



DARLA COOPER

## Fillies triumph

Darla Cooper sparked the Heppner Fillies past Wasco County Tuesday night, but it took three games to do it.

Heppner started off with a 15-12 win but Wasco County came bouncing back. Maupin took the second game, 15-12 to even the tally. In the third and rubber match, Heppner slapped the Wasco County Red-sides, 15-12 for the triumph.

Cooper, who had 12 points as super server, took Player of the Week honors also.

Heppner fell in the junior varsity contest, 15-7, 11-15 and 15-11. Wendy Myers scored 12 points to pace the JVs.

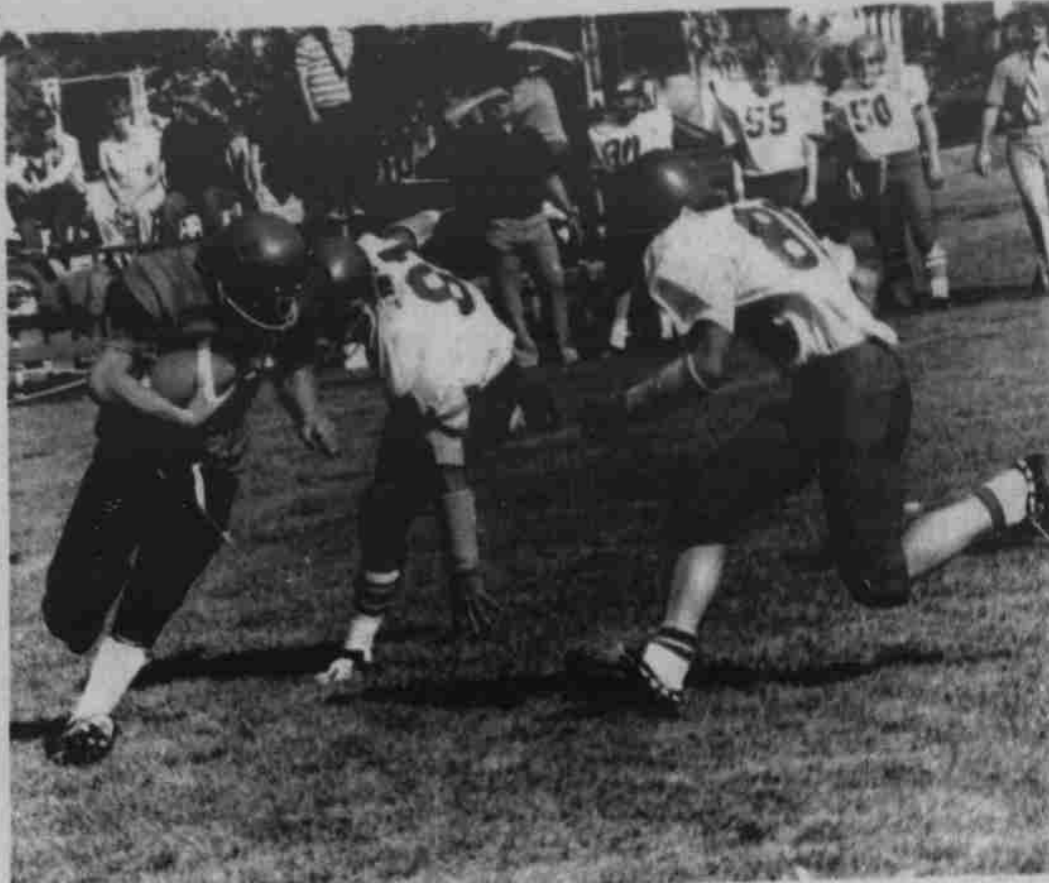
Heppner travels to Hermiston Thursday for a 4 p.m. contest.

## Ione Jr. high wins

Ione's junior high gridders kept up their winning tradition with a 34-14 triumph over rival Heppner Thursday.

Leslie Thompson led the lone scoring punch with touchdown runs of 30 and 46 yards. Scott Martin had a one yard TD plunge. Shawn LaRue raced 20 yards with an interception. Mark Patton ran a 35 yard reverse to pay dirt and Gregg Rietmann scored two extra points.

Ione faces Oregon Trail today.



Gary Gaustad churns for yardage against Spray tacklers. (G-T Photo)

## Cards drop Spray

"It wasn't real productive but it was better than Touch-et," Gordon Myers, Ione Cardinal grid mentor said of Friday's "freaky day" that saw the Cards lose three starters and the football game to Spray, 28-0.

Kevin McCabe, the Cardinal grid general, collided with a bench in a run in the first period and hurt his leg. He is doubtful for this week. In the second quarter, Terry Starr, a tough freshman running back, jammed all the muscles in his neck. He won't play this week. And Robin LaRue, a back up backfield man, badly bruised muscles near his elbow and is also doubtful.

That shortens Myers' list of players from 16 to 13 and stifles his veteran backfield.

Even though his starting backfield was gone, there were bright spots for the Cards. Like the running of Gary Gaustad and the receiving of Scott Sherer.

Gaustad, a 5-10, 160 pound freshman, who played defensive tackle last week, got the nod in the back field and churned up 107 yards on 19 carries. Sherer caught eight passes for 54 yards from his end position.

Ione was 11 for 22 with five costly interceptions in the game. Trailing 14-0 at the half, Ione came bouncing back in

the third quarter, looking to score. But a pair of interceptions gave the ball back to Spray and they turned the advantages into TDs.

Ione mustered 70 yards in the air, but with Gaustad running the ball, managed 157 yards on the ground.

Spray threw for 41 yards and rushed for 289 against the young Ione defense.

"They never gave up. That's all I can ask of 'em," Myers said. Ione threatened inside the Spray 20 yard line three times in the second half but couldn't punch the ball over the end zone.

Gary and Jim Gordanier led (Continued on Page 7)

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## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Christman returns as P. of W. after 84 yards on 4 receptions Friday. He scored 1 TD and 4 tackles.

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Sherer was a standout for Ione, both on offense and defense. He had 54 yards in receptions and 9 tackles.



Scott Sherer

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## Rawlins tops golfers

Charlie Rawlins swung a mean stick Sunday. Rawlins smacked the long drive and put together his irons and short game too to take low gross honors in Sunday's

Willow Creek play day. Clint McQuarrie took low net with a 53. Dave Harrison had the least putts with 27 and Jerry Olsen won closest to the pin.

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