



Mustang griddler John Schiller, center, watches from the bench as the waning seconds ticked away in Heppner's first loss Friday. Mustangs face unbeaten Umatilla at 2 p.m. there Friday. (G-T Photo)

Huskies stop Heppner, slows championship hopes

Heppner's unbeaten bubble was burst Friday night in front of a huge partisan crowd at the Mustang grounds by a stubborn, stingy Sherman County, 16-0.

The loss, which drops Heppner to second at 5-1, forces a Mustang win over Umatilla tomorrow to insure championship hopes. Umatilla is still unbeaten at 5-0 following a forfeit cancellation last week to Riverview, a non-conference foe.

Heppner was a step behind the Huskies all night Friday. But, they played scoreless with Sherman County for three quarters.

Sherman County thwarted the Mustang offense, stopping them after just 94 total yards. Sherman's Kevin Kasebery, a 175 pound sophomore, ran amok and piled up 204 yards on the ground. He also scored both Husky TDs. Heppner was without Chris Wright, regular center. Wright who was ill, should be back for Friday afternoon's tilt at Umatilla.

Without Wright, Heppner was forced to experiment and used three centers by the time the gun had sounded, ending the first stanza.



Dale Conklin, defense coach, gives orders to Chris Rauch Friday. (G-T Photo)

While Kasebery and Sherman were pounding out 296 yards in total offense, Heppner's backfield was gumming up 80 yards on the ground. Steve McLauhin, Tom Skow and Wayne Seitz each had 25 yards to their credit.

In the air, the Mustang attack backfired and was disastrous. Bruce Young threw five passes, completed one for minus two yards. He also had two interceptions.

Brian Marlin was one for one for 16 yards when a punt try was devoured by Sherman defenders and he passed in desperation to Skow.

Jerry Cutsforth threw the other Mustang pass which also went as an interception.

Both teams rapped out a sluggish three quarters, playing within each others 10 yard lines throughout the first half.

A big turning point in the game came in the third period. Heppner marched to the Sherman five yard line, threatening to score. A pass was thrown that hit the receiver in the hands but fell away. A field goal attempt failed.

Sporseen called that the turning point. Heppner had already held the Huskies within their own five yard line twice in the game before that crucial turnover.

In the fourth period, with about six minutes to go, Kasebery went off tackle on the right, broke to the left and was on his way. Marlin was the only defender with a shot at Kasebery but when referee Jim Eardley fell in his way, causing Marlin to fall, Kasebery had an unattested jaunt, 45 yards to paydirt.

The second TD came with less than two minutes to play. A blocked punt, one of two by Mark Parker, gave Heppner needed momentum with the ball on the Sherman 40. But an intercepted pass thwarted the effort and sent Sherman towards the goal.

A few plays later, Kasebery drove over from three yards out with the touchdown that insured the victory.

Parker paced the defensive unit with 22 points on a pair of blocked punts. Carl Christman had 17 points on five tackles and Marlin had 16 points. Marlin blocked one pass and recovered a fumble, along with two unassisted tackles. Jim Kenny had 14 points and John Schiller, 11.

Heppner travels to Umatilla this Friday for a 2 p.m. encounter with the leagues only undefeated squad.

Unbeaten Fillies remain 1st; lone drops to second tie

Heppner's Filly volleyballers blasted Riverside Tuesday night to remain undefeated and grabbed a two game lead over the second place squads. Ione fell to Sherman County and stayed in a three way tie for second.

The Fillies, 4-0, will go into Nov. 2 sub-district in Condon as the number one team,

despite what happens next week against Ione. That first place spot gives the Fillies a bye in the first round of action.

Behind Heppner, Ione had the upper hand until they fell to Sherman Tuesday night in two games. That leaves the Cards, Sherman County and Riverside all knotted with identical 2-2 records.

Condon fell to Wasco County at Maupin Tuesday and are sitting in a tie at 1-3.

Heppner ripped Riverside in two straight games Tuesday, giving up just eight points. Led by Jackie Mollahan's eight point effort and the all-around play of Maureen Healy, Heppner won, 15-3 and 15-5.

Heppner's junior varsity and freshmen squads also won. The JVs, paced by



Maureen Healy

Shelly Thompson's five points, won their match 15-4 and 15-7. Sandy Hudson scored 13 and Jana Steagall nine to lead the frosh to their victory, 15-5 and 15-4.

Ione's Cardinal girls, fighting to remain alone in second, fell to a strong and tall Sherman Husky unit Tuesday



Donna Palmer

in Moro.

Donna Palmer's five point effort was in vain as the Huskies overpowered the Cards, 15-1 and 15-8.

Jan Peterson scored 16 points to pace a stubborn Ione JV team in their triumph, 9-15, 15-5 and 15-8.

COLUMBIA BASIN WEST

	W	L
Heppner	4	0
Ione	2	2
Riverside	2	2
Sherman County	2	2
Wasco County	1	3
Condon	1	3

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JVs win again

Overtime again.

And again, a win.

Even though Heppner's Mustang junior varsity is on the average, being outscored each game by opponents, 9.8 to 9.6, they are still 4-1.

The only loss came to Sherman County.

Monday just kept up the

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JV cheerleaders, from left: Lauri Harrison, Janice Sherman, Maureen Healy. Below, JV team that has won last three games in overtime. (G-T photos)

Wheeler takes triumph, 29-0

It wasn't a good day for Ione Friday.

The Cardinal gridders were looking for their first win against Wheeler but didn't find it. They came out with the short stick, 29-0.

"Culver hurt us mentally," Ione head mentor, Gordon Myers said. "That was not the

caliber of ball that we're capable of playing. We wouldn't have beat Wheeler, but they shouldn't have shut us out."

Myers said the Cards were not over last week's "shell shocking" at the hands of Culver, 69-6.

"It demoralizes a team when they're beat like that and we didn't recover," Myers said.

Ione mustered 112 total yards, banking on 63 through the air. Dennis Stefani hit on seven of 19 passes but threw three interceptions, one of which went for a touchdown.

On the ground, Ione came up with 49 yards, paced by a 32 yard effort from Kevin McCabe and an 18 yard try by Terry Starr.

Robin LaRue caught two passes for 27 yards to lead the Cardinals. Todd Sherer caught two passes for 18 yards and Scott Sherer caught three for 13 yards.

Wheeler piled up 232 yards on the ground and added another 144 through the air. O'Neal rushed for 148 yards and Humphrey added 34. Greenfield, a 6-5 tight end, caught four passes for 97 yards.

Ione threatened more than once. One TD drive was thwarted when a pass was dropped in the end zone. The Cards drove to within the Falcon ten yard line three times, but couldn't come up with the puncher to score.

McCabe led the defense with 14 tackles. Gari Gaustad and Scott Sherer each had eight, La Rue had seven, and Starr, six.

Wheeler scored twice in the first period when O'Neal went 20 and 33 yards. In the second period, Brinkley went to Greenfield for a 43 yard pass score. Wheeler booted a field goal with a first and goal situation in the third and Humphrey intercepted and raced 45 yards with the TD in the fourth.

Peterson's MCGG bowling leaders

Peterson's Jewelry and Morrow County Grain Growers bowled against each other last Tuesday night but split the series 2-2 to remain tied for total games won.

Gardner's Men's Wear took three games from Central Market while Coast to Coast lost all four to Fiesta Bowl.

Judy Rickert's 193 game and 495 series helped Fiesta Bowl win the victory. Rhonda Lorenz substituting for Coast to Coast, converted the 5-10 split.

Standings:

	W-L
Morrow County Grain Growers	13-7
Peterson's Jewelry	12-8
Fiesta Bowl	11-9
Central Market	11-9
Gardner's Men's Wear	9-11
Coast to Coast	4-16

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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Brian Marlin

Brian Marlin stood out on defense despite the loss. He had one blocked pass and recovered a Sherman fumble at the Mustang three yard line.



Kevin McCabe

Kevin McCabe gained 32 yards on the ground, had 14 tackles and averaged 41 yards a punt in Ione's defeat.