



The fillies gather around head coach Rebekah Randall. All smiles because of their common large lead, from left the girls are Deb Holland, Randall, Teresa Peck and Janice Healy.



Diane Holland (34) smashes a backhand over the net. Maureen Healy (14) and Teresa Peck (12) look on.

Filly netters all smiles



Top server Vicki Edmundson is averaging better than eight points per game.



Called the team's all-around player, Darla Cooper bumps the volleyball over the net. Cooper is also the floor general.

They bounce over to their waiting coach and huddle like a football team. The manager gives them water.

They laugh and smile. While most huddles work at strategic terms, this group seems to have more trouble thinking of what to yell when their huddle disembarks. They have little trouble back on the court.

"Hey, you guys, I don't like that 'Stomp 'em' one. Let's just say, 'Let's go.'"

Either way, Heppner's Fillies, undefeated in conference games with only a pair of dual falls in a tourney, have built themselves into district contenders with hopes of state playoffs.

Rebekah Randall's Fillies, (that's female Mustangs), haven't had the crowd support that turns out for the Mustang grid clashes. They haven't had the publicity or the community awareness.

But it hasn't seemed to bother them much. Since those losses in a tourney at Dayville, Heppner has won nine clashes in a row, including two wins over AAA Hermiston.

They are assured of a district berth even before the sub-district match, slated for Tuesday, November 2, in Condon. Because the Fillies are one of the two top teams in the Columbia Basin Conference West, they receive a first round bye and automatically head towards district hopes. District will be played on Saturday, November 6, in Pendleton at Blue Mountain Community College.

Down the line, the 12 Fillies have improved drastically since the beginning of the year.

Maureen Healy has improved 100 per cent in the last two weeks, according to Randall. Miss Healy, the younger of two sisters on the squad, has moved into the top spiker spot for Heppner.

Teresa Peck, a newcomer who has been out due to an auto accident, came out last week and according to the Heppner mentor, will help the team a lot.

Vicki Edmundson, the team's top server with 80 points in 11 games, is also a good setter.

Diane Holland, who was named to the all-tourney squad at the Dayville tourney, is an all-around player who would be a welcome addition to any squad.

Darla Cooper, who Randall calls the best all-around player on the team, has 73 points in serves and is a constant spirited reminder to teammates with yells of encouragement.

Janice Healy is called a good spiker and an improved server. Jackie Mollahan has come on in the last couple weeks as a respected server among HHS foes.

Deb Holland is termed an excellent back row digger and a good spiker. Lori Rea, who is used only to serve, packs a big punch in her small frame and has come up with 53 points on serves for Heppner.

Bonnie Schiller, a senior player, is capable of taking anyone's place, Randall said. Schiller is joined by junior

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Shelley Thompson and sophomores Marie Yocom and Tammy Lucas, who Randall calls good all-around players who can be substituted in when needed.

Team stats are impressive for the Fillies. They have won six of their nine victories in two games. Down the line, here are the Filly wins: Long Creek in three games, 15-11; 13-15 and 15-11; back to back losses to Dayville in two games 3-15 and 6-15; then to Union, 15-10, 3-15 and 3-15; from then, it has been all wins.

Wasco was the first of the four league triumphs, 15-12, 12-15 and 15-12; then Condon, 15-7 and 15-9; Sherman County, 15-11 and 15-9; and Riverside, 15-13 and 15-5. Tuesday, Ione was added to the list.

In non-conference games, Heppner has whipped Ione 16-14 and 15-2; Riverside 15-5 and 17-15; and Hermiston, an AAA team, twice. The first time it took three games, 9-15, 13-7 and 15-9. But last Thursday, in what Randall called the Fillies' best performance, Heppner outplayed Hermiston, 15-6 and 15-6.

The Fillies have outscored their opponents, 329-278. That's an average, in games, of a win, 13.3-10.6.

In conference games, the stats are even better. They are outscoring their CBC foes, 132-93. That's a game average of 14.6-10.3. And the Fillies are improving.

At district Saturday, their toughest game will probably evolve to Oregon Trail High School, which has incorporated a 9-0 mark.

While Heppner's gridders continue to win, the Fillies will stay on that shelf. But they're rattlin' it. They're winners, too, and they know it.

It's not Karate. Janice Healy (20) goes high in the air to spike a shot at Hermiston defenders. Looking is Teresa Peck and Deb Holland.

Fillies remain 1st after lone win

Heppner's Filly netters slipped past a stubborn Ione Cardinal squad Tuesday night to retain their unbeaten status. The win pushed Ione into a corner in the standing of the Columbia Basin Conference west.

A close, 15-14 tally was followed by a 15-5 rout.

For Ione, high scorer was Darcie Rea with nine points.

Ione took the junior varsity match. Marie Yocom scored 10 points in a losing effort as Ione smacked Heppner, 15-4.



Darcy Rea



Darla Cooper

Heppner, now 5-0 and assured of a berth in the district tourney next Saturday in Pendleton, slapped the Cards back to 2-3. Scores from around the league were not available.

Darla Cooper scored 12 points to lead the Fillies to their two game win in varsity

11-15 and 15-13. The JVs ended their season with a respectable, 6-3 record. Ione's Martha McElligott scored 10 points to pace the victors.

There was no junior JV match for the freshmen. Heppner netters finished with a 2-5 mark.

Blazers-Sonics, Cavs-Knicks tied

The Blazers and Sonics are locked in a tie for the lead in the fifth and sixth grade, while the Cavaliers and Knicks are bumping horns in third and fourth grade in Little League basketball in Heppner.

The Blazers opened their eight week season last Saturday with a 10-8 nipping of the Lakers. The Blazers, coached by Jim Ackley, slipped past Herzog's Lakers, sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The Sonics, coached by Chris Borgen, new head basketball coach at Heppner High School, bombed the Suns, the Odd Fellow sponsored club, coached by Lutsch.

The games left the Blazers

and Sonics at 1-0 and the Suns and Lakers at 0-1.

In third and fourth grade action, the Cavaliers overcame a freethrow point by the Celtics to grab a 2-1 victory and a share of the league lead.

The Knicks mustered a little better offense, tripping the Jazz at 14-8.

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The Cavaliers are coached by Herzog and sponsored by the Elks. The Celtics, coached by Ackley, are sponsored by Columbia Basin; the Knicks, coached by Borgen, are sponsored by Kinzua; and Jazz, coached by Lutsch, are sponsored by Gardner's.

Rietmann paces IJH

Ione Junior High's Gregg Rietmann ran for four touchdowns and four extra point conversions to lead Ione past Wasco County last Thursday, 32-0.

The lone club, undefeated, used runs by Rietmann of 10, five, and five yards. He also blocked a punt and recovered

it in the end zone for the fourth touchdown.

Scott Martin had a hand in on the PATs, throwing three times to Rietmann for six points and Rietmann ran the other in.

The lone club faces Condon today (Thursday).



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