

3 long runs

# ★ Mustangs stun Buck J.V.s 18-0 ★

Three long runs, one a punt return by a lineman, boosted Heppner's Mustangs to an 18-0 victory over the Pendleton junior varsity last Thursday in Pendleton.

Heppner pounded out the win, out rushing their hosts, 265-63. Pendleton had 65 yards in the air while the Mustang aerial attack netted just six yards on three completions.

The first Heppner score came on what Mustang coaches called a fluke play. A Pendleton punt went about 15 yards, only about five yards off the ground. The bullet landed in Mark Parker's

arms, a Heppner lineman that had been passed up by most of the Buckaroo punt coverage defenders.

The only man between Parker and the end zone was the punter. John Schiller layed him out with a block and Parker, not known for excessive speed, bounced into the end zone from 51 yards out.

In the second period, Brian Marlin, this week's Player of the Week, ran a reverse on the first play after a Buck fumble. The fumble had the Bucks flustered enough and when the reverse came, it messed them

up even more.

Marlin rambled 50 yards and with the aid of a Dale Holland block, skipped to paydirt for a 10-0 halftime edge.

The third period was a dormant one scoring-wise, but on the first play of the fourth quarter, the Mustangs got untracked again.

Dennis Peck, an up and coming sophomore, ran 71 yards with the football to glory after a drive of 23 yards.

The Mustangs were inconsistent in the opening half, but came back with a balanced offensive attack in the second half.

"We played good defense," Head Coach John Sporseen and assistant Dale Conklin agreed. The defense caused five turnovers, three by fumbles and two by Marlin interceptions.

Sporseen said Heppner took the "poop out" of Pendleton with the punt return by Parker. He said Heppner "tricked" the Bucks on the reverse, and that was it. Peck's TD just added icing to the cake.

In the second half, the head mentor explained, Heppner, using substitutes freely, wore down the Bucks, tiring them

out.

Steve McLaughlin paced the Mustangs offensively, gaining 81 yards on 14 carries. Marlin had 74 yards on 10 carries. Peck had 71 yards on one carry and Wayne Seitz added

39 yards on eight carries.

Jerry Cutsforth was one for two with his passing, gaining 12 yards. Bruce Young's two for four lost six yards.

Marlin and Schiller each had 21 points on defense.

Marlin, with a pair of interceptions, also had three assisted tackles, five unassisted. Schiller had three assists, one unassisted and sacked the Buck quarterback four times.

Tim Daly had 15 points,

including a fumble recovery. Following Daly, Chris Rauch had 10 points, Cutsforth nine, Parker 12, and Marty Smith, nine.

Heppner faces winless Wasco County here Friday at 8

## Arlington wins 54-28

# Cards fall in last game

Ione's Cardinal gridgers may not have won a lot of ball games, but they did win the respect of fellow players in the Big Sky Conference.

The never-say-die Cards finished up their season last Friday, falling to a strong Arlington Honker squad, 54-28. The loss knocked the young Cards into a 2-7 record. They whipped Cascade Locks last week and received a forfeit from Dufur this week because disciplinary action forced Dufur to cancel their remaining ball games.

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On the ground, after a miserable first half, the Cards erupted to gain 235 yards, paced by the 103 yard effort of sophomore Kevin McCabe. Arlington garnered 200 yards on the ground.

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ground attack with 103 yards on 16 carries, a 6.5 yard average. Gari Gaustad gained 58 yards on 11 carries. Terry Starr managed 53 yards on 13 carries and Stefani carried three times for 21 yards.

On the end of Stefani's passes, Robin LaRue gained the most yardage, packing four passes for 67 yards. Scott

Sherer grabbed one for 40 yards, Todd Sherer caught four for 27 yards.

Gaustad led the defensive unit for Ione, grabbing 12 unassisted tackles and two assists. McCabe had 10 unassisted grabs and one assist. Scott Sherer had six unassisted and four assists and Stefani had four and six.

Scott Sherer cracked his sternum in the game when he fell on another player's shoe.

Arlington had built a 22-0 lead before the Cards got untracked with a Stefani bomb.

Amsell scored on the opening kickoff for the Honkers, rambling 83 yards to paydirt. Stefani found Scott Sherer

open late in the first period, connecting on a 40 yard pass that went to the end zone.

The second period was scoreless for both teams, but Ione came bouncing out after a chewing at half time. The Cards scored twice in the third stanza, first on a Starr plunge from five yards out. Stefani went to LaRue on a 61 yard bomb for the second.

Gaustad scored from four yards out before the Honkers mustered their four TDs of the period. Proctor went in from three yards for the final tally.

Greg Connor scored seven and Mike Currin six on their way to a 13-12 nip over the Suns. The Suns, alone in fourth at 0-2, gained all 12 of their points from standout bomber, Rodney Cole.

The unmarried Knicks, paced by a five point effort from Sporseen, slapped back the Celtics, still winless, 8-6. Behind Sporseen, Kelli Bergstrom had two and Robert Bost added one point.

For the Celtics, coached by Jim Ackley, Tom James scored four and Penny Connor added two.

In the other game, the Jazz bumped off the Cavaliers for a share of second place at 1-1. Jazz, coached by Dave Allstott, was paced by Wanda Riley and Rod Taylor, both scoring two points while Jodi Padberg and Todd Gorham each added one.

The Cavs, held to just three points, got two of these from Tony Hazlewood and a third from Scott Conklin.

## 'In two years...' Meyers

Ione did find out what they could do if they had the incentive. After the first half, the Cards had only gained 22 yards on the ground. Head Coach Gordon Meyers barked his way in and out of the half time dressing room and it worked.

The Cards bounced back with 213 yards on the ground in the second half.

"It was the maddest I've been in some time," Meyers said. "I told the kids they were wasting the whole year by playing like that. In the second half, they started doing things that they are capable of doing."

Ione out tallied the Honkers in total offense gained, but the scoreboard told the story. Both squads had 11 first downs. Ione's Dennis Stefani completed 11 of 28 passes with two interceptions for 134

yards. Arlington's hurlers completed nine of 17 with one interception for 105 yards.

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"When they scored, they were as happy as if we'd won the game. When we beat Cascade Locks, you'd have thought we won the state championship," Meyers said with a remembering smile.

"They're good kids; I enjoyed this year even though we weren't winning."

Meyers said the Cards are already talking about next year. He's a little apprehensive about tagging a trophy to the Cards next season, though.

"We'll really have to grow and develop before we're competitive," Meyers said, noting that his ten freshmen, the bulk of his 16 man team, will still be just sophomores.

Looking at a possible 500 season next year, Meyers himself can't help but look toward the 1978 grid season.

"In two years, we'll be very competitive," he said. "We'll be able to start telling the other teams who is going to win and who isn't," he said with a chuckle.

"We can't get anything but better," Meyers notes. "We aren't going to get any smaller."

Calling it "interesting," Meyers confessed that he'd never had a year where he didn't win at least half his ball games. "It's been a learning experience for the kids and a learning experience for me, too."

The Cards are losers this year, but only time will tell how Meyers can make winners out his learners.

## Kegler's Korner

Jo Pettyjohn, bowling for Peterson's Jewelry, was really in the groove last week as she put together games of 171, 201, and 165 for a 537 series.

Jo and her team also bowled a 944 game and a 2630 series. All this excellent bowling moved Peterson's Jewelry into the top spot.

Central Market tied one game with Fiesta Bowl to give each team 1/2 a point. Their series ended with Central Market 2 1/2 and Fiesta Bowl 1 1/2.

Morrow County Grain Growers took 3 from Coast to Coast. Janice Paustian converted the 5-8-10 split while Phyllis Cole picked up the 5-10.

Standings

	W-1
Peterson's Jewelry	18-10
Central Market	17 1/2-10 1/2
Morrow County Grain Growers	16-12
Fiesta Bowl	14 1/2-13 1/2
Gardner's Men's Wear	12-16
Coast to Coast	6-22



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