

Destroy Wasco County 42-0

Mustangs Clinch Third



Heppner registered its second consecutive shutout and grabbed third place in the Columbia Basin Conference with a convincing 42-0 thrashing of Wasco County here Friday in the season finale.

The Mustangs, who finished 6-2 in CBC play and 7-2 overall, mounted a 21-0 half-time edge and never looked back in overpowering Wasco (0-8).

"I think we did better than most people expected of us this year," said Mustang head coach John Sporseen of the third place effort.

Indeed, Heppner was not highly regarded entering the '76 campaign. But led by their first-year mentor, the Mustangs ripped off five straight victories to launch the season. Back-to-back setbacks to Umatilla (8-0) and Sherman (7-1) were the only roadblocks to an otherwise perfect mark.

Karl Christman hauled in two touchdown passes from quarterback Jerry Cutsforth and Bruce Young caught one TD pass and threw for another to spearhead the onslaught over Wasco.

Cutsforth connected with Christman on a 28-yard aerial strike early in the going for the contest's first score. Jim McLaughlin ran for the two-point conversion and Heppner led 8-0 after the first quarter.

Young scooted in from one yard out early in the second stanza and Wayne Seitz grabbed an eight-yard TD toss from Young later in the period. Bob Smith's point-after-touchdown gave the

Mustangs a 21-0 lead at intermission.

Sporseen, who started all 11 of his Mustang seniors on defense, said he was pleased with his club's spirit and enthusiasm and feels the winning momentum could carry over into next season.

"The kids stayed up for it and played well," he said. The win should give us some momentum for next year plus it gives our seniors a good feeling going out. Naturally, we're pleased."

Christman, who finished the game with five receptions for 122 yards, hauled in a 14-yard pass from Cutsforth to begin the second half. Mark Parker added the PAT.

Sophomore Dennis Peck, just one of several Mustangs who'll return next year to battle for the CBC title, scampered 19 yards for a score minutes later. Smith's PAT boosted the home squad out from 35-0 after three periods.

Jim Kenney picked off an errant Redside pass and rambled 52 yards for a touchdown to round out the scoring surge.

In other CBC action Friday, undefeated and playoff-bound Umatilla clinched the crown outright with a 37-8 spanking of Riverside. Oregon Trail won its third straight with a thrilling 12-9 overtime decision over Pilot Rock.

And in a game which Heppner anxiously awaited the outcome, Sherman blasted Weston-McEwen 30-13. That gave the Mustangs undis-

puted claim to third place while the Tiger-Scots slipped into fourth. A W-M win, however would have put Heppner, Sherman and W-M in a three-way deadlock for second place.

Sporseen, who is assisted in the coaching department by Dale Conklin and George Koffler, enjoyed great success for his first season in the CBC, generally regarded as one of the state's toughest A classification circuits.

The Mustangs shared first place with Umatilla for over half the season. They beat Condon, Pilot Rock, Oregon Trail, Riverside and Weston-McEwen to open the season. Then came the hard-fought losses to Sherman and Umatilla before they closed with whitewashings over Pendleton's JV's and Wasco County.

Sports Dessert Scheduled

Athletes who participated in football and volleyball during the past semester are invited to attend the Fall Sports Awards Dessert, to be held Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 6:00 p.m. at the Heppner High School. The Dessert will honor the athletic participation of every one who took part.

All athletes, cheerleaders and parents are invited. Parents are asked to bring a dessert.

First 200 game

Fiesta Bowl resounded with applause as Verna Brinda finished her third game. The 120 average bowler had rolled a 216 game, 96 pins over her average. It was Verna's first 200 game. She received her Bicentennial 200 patch from the league and a 200 pin from the bowling lane.

Another 200 game was bowled the same evening with Doris Flynn rolling a 211. She also was awarded her 200 patch.

Central Market took 3 from Gardner's Men's Wear despite Verna's high game for Gardner's. Central took honors for high team game with a 952 and high team series with a 2671.

Coast to Coast won 3 from Fiesta Bowl and Peterson's Jewelry took 3 from Morrow County Grain Growers. Peterson's retained first place by 1/2 a game.

Standings	W-L
Peterson's Jewelry	21-11
Central Market	20 1/2-11 1/2
Morrow County Grain Growers	17-15
Fiesta Bowl	15 1/2-16 1/2
Gardner's Men's Wear	13-19
Coast to Coast	9-23

Ammo recalled

Hunters who use 30-30 rifles should check their ammunition. It could be faulty.

Federal Cartridge is recalling certain 30-30 rifle cartridges.

Ione youth paces team

Glen Griffith, Ione, was the overall high point member for the Blue Mountain Community College intercollegiate livestock judging contest at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, last week. The BMCC livestock judging team won second place, missing first by two points. That distinction was taken by Colby College of Kansas.

The team placed well in all divisions, according to Paul Davis, advisor, but excelled in the horse judging competition. Deanne Forester of Terrebone was third high individual among 60 contestants in the horse division. Other team members were Rodd Bunch, Durkee, Leroy Baldwin, La Grande, and Roger Recurds, Milton-Freewater.

Team alternates who did not compete that day are Archie Osburn, Monument; Howard Houch, Baker; Rick Danielson, Enterprise, and Jeff Newman, Jerry Walters and Andy Cant, all of Hermiston.

VB team grabs fourth

It's called the "consolation" championship.

And Heppner High School's highly-touted volleyball team gets some consolation after grabbing fourth place at the district volleyball tournament last Saturday at Pendleton's Blue Mountain Community College.

"Heppner was the toughest team we played this year," admitted Oregon Trail coach Kenna Panches after the state playoff-bound Blazers defeated the Mustangs 15-11, 15-11 in first round action.

Heppner went on undefeated the rest of the way but had to settle for fourth place.

"They're tough," said Panches of Heppner which finished undefeated during regular season play.

The Mustangs, coached by Rebecca Randall, continued in district action with consecutive victories over Umatilla and Weston-McEwen.

They got past the Vikings 15-13 and 15-13 and disposed of the Tiger-Scots 15-5 and 16-14 for fourth.

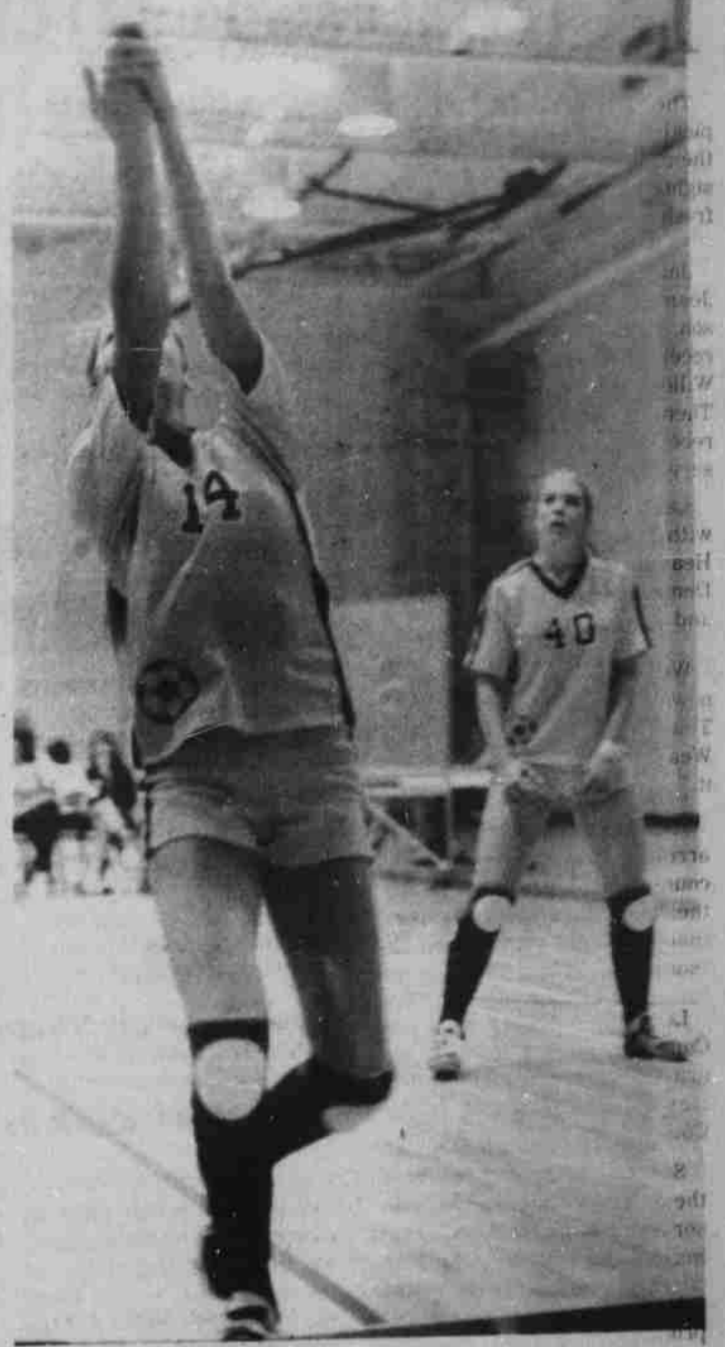
Oregon Trail, which advances to Portland with a perfect 15-0 mark, slipped by Riverside and Sherman for the district crown.

Helix defeated Riverside for third place.

Heppner's volleyball program looks promising in the future. Combined with the varsity's outstanding '76 performance, the Mustang Jayvees, under coach Michel Portmann, had a season record of 6-3 with high scorer for the year Wendy Meyers with 42 points.

"Good spirit and teamwork was the key to the winning season," explained Portmann.

And even the junior JV's, which wound up with a 2-5 overall mark, figure heavily in the program, says Portmann.



"Although the junior JV's did not have a winning season, they have shown great improvement and good teamwork," she said.

Included in this season's varsity performance was a widespread road win at Hermiston High School, an AAA classification school.



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