

Aggressive Mustangs pounding hardwood

Often times, a new coach brings with him a new style, a new attitude, a new philosophy. But Chris Borgen is a self-proclaimed "copier."

Borgen, in his first year at Heppner High School, will command the hardwood squad this winter through a vigorous 21 game schedule that begins with AA powerhouse Grant Union in a little over two weeks.

Borgen is somewhat of a disciplinarian with philosophies on basketball much like those of his two idols, John Wooden,

Chris Borgen is a native of the Seattle-Tacoma area in northern Washington. Borgen was a three year starter at Clover Park High School in Seattle, the state's largest AAA school.

He went to Whitworth College in Spokane on a scholarship and played a lot of basketball his first year but had to "ride the bench" much of the time in his three final years. He coached junior varsity ball his senior year at Whitworth and also helped some of the area high school programs.

Heppner is his first high school coaching and teaching job, where he instructs English classes. Chris is married to his wife Kathi and they have a nine month old son, Justin.

former UCLA roundball mentor and Bobby Knight, successful coach of Indiana.

"I'm a great copier," Borgen said flatly. "There's not much innovation in basketball anymore."

Borgen listed a few strong feelings toward hoopsters. He listed aggressiveness as number one, so Mustang fans should be in for a scrapping basketball season. Along with Borgen's main ingredient for a winner, his recipe also will include fundamentals, poise, patience, industriousness, alertness and a good team attitude.

He sounds like a foreman at times, barking commands to his workers. And that's what he's got...workers.

"I'm really pleased with this group of players," Borgen said. "They work hard and do everything I ask. They don't even bat an eye. They're willing to pay the price."

Borgen, high on the team's second week attitude, says he'll rely heavily on aggressiveness and is putting his ball club through drills just to prepare them for some scrappy contact.

"I don't want to create a foul problem," Borgen said. "We

Doctors told Dave Allstott, senior forward and standout grid star, that he won't be starting basketball till at least January.

Allstott broke his right wrist in the first football game and discovered it at the end of the season. His left shoulder was dislocated midway through the season.

may not be as quick or tall as the next team, but there is no reason why we can't be as aggressive."

The young head coach is working with a man-to-man defense with a pickup press at the three-quarter or half court mark. "We're working our tails off on loose ball fouls, taking a charge, two on one aggressive rebounding."

One of Borgen's plans almost sums up his entire attitude on aggressive basketball. He's got a riot squad.

That's right. It will be somewhat of a platoon of scrappy defenders, going in to "press and harass" an opposing team for three minutes or so. Long enough to fluster the opposition and change the momentum. A good defense, Borgen maintains, can create pride.

Along with his pressure defense, Borgen will incorporate a motion offense with passes where a player screens away from the ball. It's a tough offense to defend.

Borgen may be listed into a new mode of coach. A fight, fight, fight attitude is still obviously evident, but Borgen isn't a man to walk away from a problem, either.

Borgen said his squad of 14 varsity members is "receptive" to his winning attitude and that they "talk about it" and define their idea of success.

For many fans, Borgen's promise of no stall will be welcome. "I might slow down the pace if we get ahead at the end," Borgen said, noting the words "poise and patience," but said he did not intend to stall.

He's not a run and gun coach, either. But he will use a controlled fastbreak.

Borgen's club is down to 14 after a turnout of 39 for varsity, JV and sophomore basketball. Another 18 turned out for frosh ball.

On that 14 man varsity, Borgen said a couple players would alternate between JV and the top roster. He intends no further cut.

Seven seniors add needed leadership to the hardwood. The biggest man on the team is Mike Smith, a 6-5 center. Other seniors include Kevin Haguwood, a 6-1 forward; Dave

Heppner is a victim of circumstance this season in basketball action. The Columbia Basin Conference is split into two parts, a west and east, and the Mustangs are in the stronger half.

In the Heppner division are Weston-McEwen, Pilot Rock, Umatilla, and Oregon Trail. Umatilla is the pre-season favorite. Two teams from those five go on to district playoffs. In the other division, Sherman County is the favorite against Riverside, Condon and Wasco County. Two teams will go on from that division to district too.

Allstott, a 6-1 guard; Carl Christman, a 5-10 guard-forward; Wayne Seitz, a 6-0 forward; Tom Skow, a 5-8 guard; and Chris Rauch, a 6-2 center.

Juniors are Kenny Grieb, 5-9 guard; Bruce Young, 5-10 forward; Mark Huddleston, 5-11 forward; Sam Myers, 6-2 forward; and Jerry Cutsforth, 6-0 forward. Two sophomore guards, Brian Marlin and Dennis Peck also are on the list. Marlin and Peck are both 5-9.

Christman, Cooper, Rauch take honors at dessert

Carl Christman, Darla Cooper and Chris Rauch walked away with top honors Tuesday during the Heppner High School fall sports dessert.

More than 250 persons jammed into the HHS cafeteria to honor both male and female athletes from the fall sports of football and volleyball.

Four coaches gave presentations at the event, introducing players and thanking people for their work during the season.

Christman, a standout on both offense and defense this season, received along with Rauch, a sturdy lineman, top billing earlier in

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the day when the Columbia Basin Conference all-star selections were made. Both went both ways on offense and defense on the first CBC team. (See story opposite.)

John Sporseen, head mentor, who was trying to keep his presentation brief, announced the winners of five awards, four of those picked by team vote.

Christman strode away with both the outstanding back (for defense) award and the most valuable player. Christman led the defensive stats with 29 unassisted tackles and 43 assists during the season. He also had three pass interceptions. On offense, Christman caught 17 passes, four for TDs, and had a 24.1 yard average.

Rauch took the lineman award and the most inspirational. Rauch, who was also honored by the volleyballers for his cheering support this year, wore a blue T-shirt with the words, "Heppner Mustangs—Cardiac Kids" on it. Jim Kenney was voted by coaches as the most improved ball player. Kenney was a consistent defensive player at the end of the year, grabbing two interceptions.

John Schiller was also honored for his first team CBC selection at defensive end.

Sporseen said, "Emotion can take you a long way. It's amazing what a person can do with a lot of emotion. Sometimes," he said, "I can't get what I feel said."

Darla Cooper was the volleyballers' leading player this season and justly won the Super Server award with an impressive 102 points. She also took the most valuable player award and was named to the conference's first team all-star list.

Jackie Mollahan, by a vote of the players, was awarded the Miss Hustle award and Maureen Healy, a second team selection, took the most improved mark.

Rebekah Randall told the huge audience that "you can't ask for a better bunch of kids than here at Heppner High School."

Michelle Portmann, JV volleyball coach, who along with George Koffler, received the biggest laughs, introduced her freshmen netters and gave awards to Jeri Grieb, Miss Hustle and most valuable; Debbie Klaus, most improved; and Jane Steagall, super server.

On the JVs, Portmann gave awards to Marie Yocom, Miss Hustle and most valuable player; Tammy Lucas, also Miss Hustle; Michelle Cutsforth, most improved; and Wendy Meyers, super server with 42 points.

Other presentations were also made, including tributes to the cheerleaders, statisticians, timers, chain gang, referees, assistant coaches, and most of all, the fans.



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S P O R T S



Chris Rauch



Carl Christman



John Schiller

Three Mustangs named to first CBC All-Star list

Columbia Basin Conference league champion Umatilla dominated first team selections for the 1976 all-star football selections recently chosen by the league coaches.

The Vikings collected 10 berths on the first team, twice the number of any other team. Sherman County and Heppner each earned five spots. Riverside of Boardman had two, and Oregon Trail, Weston-McEwen and Condon each collected one.

There were two repeaters from the 1975 all-star team. Both are from Umatilla. Junior running back Jeff Watson and linebacker Jim Bailey gained first team recognition for two consecutive years. Condon's Marty McQuain was first team defensive back in 1975 and was chosen to the offensive team this year.

Four players were chosen for both offensive and defensive honors. Alan Donaldson, a senior guard, and Mike Brown, senior back, both of Umatilla, and senior tackle Chris Rauch and senior Carl Christman, both of Heppner, were the dual choices. Donaldson was the only unanimous choice of the coaches. That was for offensive guard.

Seniors dominated selections with six underclassmen, four juniors and two sophomores picked. Both sophomores are from Sherman County.

Pilot Rock and Condon led in second team selections with five each. Wasco County had four; Sherman County and Weston-McEwen, three; Riverside and Heppner, two; and Umatilla and Oregon Trail, one each.

OFFENSE FIRST TEAM			
POSITION	NAME	SCHOOL	YR.
End	Carl Christman	Heppner	Senior
Tackle	Ed Page	Sherman County	Senior
Guard	Alan Donaldson	Umatilla	Senior
Center	Jeff Carlson	Umatilla	Junior
Guard	Rick Kurz	Umatilla	Senior
	Craig Colquitt	Sherman County	Senior
Tackle	Chris Rauch	Heppner	Senior
End	Chuck Metcalf	Riverside	Senior
Quarterback	Mike Brown	Umatilla	Senior
Back	Jeff Watson	Umatilla	Junior

DEFENSE FIRST TEAM			
POSITION	NAME	SCHOOL	YR.
End	Joe Mesteth	Umatilla	Senior
Tackle	Chris Rauch	Heppner	Senior
Middle Guard	Alan Donaldson	Umatilla	Senior
Tackle	Eric Kalista	Sherman County	Senior
End	John Schiller	Heppner	Senior
Linebacker	Blake Cimiyotti	Umatilla	Junior
Linebacker	Charlie Beery	Oregon Trail	Senior
Linebacker	Jim Bailey	Umatilla	Senior
Halfback	Gordon Bosarth	Riverside	Senior
Halfback	Mike Brown	Umatilla	Senior
Halfback	Carl Christman	Heppner	Senior

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE—Ends: Joe Mesteth, Umatilla, Sr., and David Simantel, Sherman County, Jr. Tackles: Allen McCorkle, Wasco County, Sr., Scott Schmittler, Pilot Rock, Jr., and Bruce Kesler, Riverside, Sr. Guards: Tere King, Weston-McEwen, Sr., and David Griener, Condon, Jr. Center: David Hartley, Condon, Sr. Quarterback: Jeff Woodside, Wasco County, Sr., and Paul Fritz, Sherman County, Sr. Backs: Steve McLaughlin, Heppner, Sr., Mike Putman, Condon, Jr., Larry Peterson, Wasco County, Jr.

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE—End: Leland Jones, Weston-McEwen, Jr. Tackles: Lyle Nichols, Oregon Trail, Sr., and David Hug, Riverside, Sr., Brent Buschke, Pilot Rock, Jr. Middle Guard: Jerry Heimgardner, Pilot Rock, Sr. Linebackers: Mark Parker, Heppner, Sr., Brian Schaffer, Condon, Jr., Craig Colquitt, Sherman County, Sr., and Kim Sams, Weston-McEwen, Jr. Backs: Marty McQuain, Condon, Sr., Jeff Woodside, Wasco County, Sr., and Jim Post, Pilot Rock, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION—Bart Baunach, Sherman County, Sr.; Rick Hale, Oregon Trail, Sr.; Tom Skow, Heppner, Sr.; Charlie Alford, Weston-McEwen, Jr.; Ed Delph, Weston-McEwen, Jr.; David Simantel, Sherman County, Jr.; Mark Pattee, Condon, Jr.; Bob Walker, Pilot Rock, Jr.

Kegler's

Central Market moved into first place in the Sparetimers League by winning 4-0 over Peterson's Jewelry. Mary Kennison, bowling for Central, had high game of 189 and high series of 498 for the evening.

Morrow County Grain Growers won 4-0 over Fiesta Bowl, while Coast-to-Coast took 3-1 from Gardner's Men's Wear. Roxie Lovgren converted the 5-10 split.

On October 23rd and 24th, the Oregon State 800 Club Tournament was held at Myrtle Bowl in Coquille, OR. There were 233 bowlers attending the tournament. That weekend there were 118 games of 300 and seven 800 scratch series bowled.

Two Heppner women, Roberta Klaus and Fran Cook finished third in the doubles event. Fran took fourth place in all events and Roberta came in ninth in singles.

STANDINGS

	W-L
Central Market	24-11 1/2
Peterson's Jewelry	21-15
Morrow County Grain Growers	21-15
Fiesta Bowl	15 1/2-20 1/2
Gardner's Men's Wear	14-22
Coast-to-Coast	13-24

The Gutter Dusters and the Dregs remained deadlocked in a tie for first place in the Koffee Kup Kegler competition this week.

Both teams have 22-14 records, followed by the Weary

Korner

Wives at 17-19. After that, the rest of the race stays close, too. Iris Campbell rolled a 209 game for a 351 series this week, picking up the 7-3-10 split.

STANDINGS

	W-L
Gutter Dusters	22-14
The Dregs	22-14
Weary Wives	17-19
Happy Hookers	16-20
Three L's	16-20
Three Holers	15-21

Murray's Drugs holds a one game lead over Kinzua Corporation in bowling action at Fiesta Bowl in Heppner. Murray's, 23-13, leads Kinzua, 22-14, and four other squads. All are in the running but Columbia Basin Electric Coop, which has dropped to 3-31.

Darlene Arrington bowled the high game this week with a 209. Marge Eckman rolled a 508 series high. Ray Boyce Insurance, fourth at 19-17, had the high team game at 903 while Kinzua had the high team series at 2370.

STANDINGS

	W-L
Murray's Drugs	23-13
Kinzua Corp.	22-14
Cal's Cafe and Lounge	20-18
Ray Boyce Insurance	19-17
Gateway Toyota	19-17
Columbia Basin Coop	3-31

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Kerr wins

Harold Kerr is the winner of the first Willow Creek Country Club Consolation Tournament. He won over Bob Jepson 5-3.

Dave Harrison won the Annual Willow Creek Country Club Championship Match Play Tournament with a one up win on the 18th hole over Ed Gunderson.

Gunderson was the defending Club Champion and had won four matches running last year in the tournament and four straight this year before losing to Harrison.