

# Mustangs shut out W-M 7-0

Heppner and Weston-McEwen were locked in a scoreless defensive battle until Dennis Peck raced 77 yards with the second half kickoff to give the Mustangs an important 7-0 CBC victory over the Tiger-Scots Friday.

The win evened the Mustangs' record at 2-2 while Weston-McEwen was dropped from the unbeaten ranks with a 3-1 mark.

Tightfisted defense by both teams kept offensive totals low as Heppner outrushed W-M 98 yards to 47 yards. The Mustangs fell into the minus category in passing yardage while the Tiger-Scots picked up 86 yards through the air. Only seven first downs were recorded in the game with the host Mustangs holding the edge four to three.

Freshman Bryce Powell led Heppner's defenders with 18 points on four assists, four solo tackles and two stops in the W-M backfield for long losses. Bryan Marlin, Steve Marlatt and Sam Myers each were credited with 13 defensive points including one sack a piece for Marlatt and Myers and two sacks for Marlin.

The Mustangs cashed in on three Tiger-Scot turnovers as Myers covered a fumble and Peck and Joedy Marlatt both picked off interceptions.

The tone of the game was set



Here I come...

early as Heppner shut down the Tiger-Scots first drive. Marlin dropped a W-M runner in the backfield and then on their end and 18 batted down a pass to force a punt.

Heppner crossed midfield as Marlin gained nine of his game-high 90 yards but a Jerry Cutsforth to Marlin pass came up short of another first.

Heppner defender Bryan Marlin (39) eyes a Weston-McEwen runner as he sheds a blocker and closes in for the tackle. Steve Marlatt (44) approaches with help from behind. The Mustangs held the Tiger-Scots scoreless in Friday's 7-0 win.

After another exchange of punts, a Heppner miscue and penalty pushed the Mustangs back to their own eight forcing another kick. Weston-McEwen took possession at the Mustang 37 before tackles by Steve Marlatt and Jim Kenny along with Myers' fourth down stop ended the threat.

Heppner again moved into Tiger-Scot territory as Peck and Marlin handled the running duties. The drive stalled and Marlin was forced to punt again.

After the defense held, Marlin had the Mustangs on the move with a 30-yard run to the W-M 40 until Heppner lost the ball on a fumble near

the end of the half.

Opening the second half, Peck gave the Mustangs all the points they would need. It appeared Heppner would increase its lead when Myers recovered a fumble deep in Tiger-Scot territory at the 20 but Marty Smith's field goal attempt was blocked.

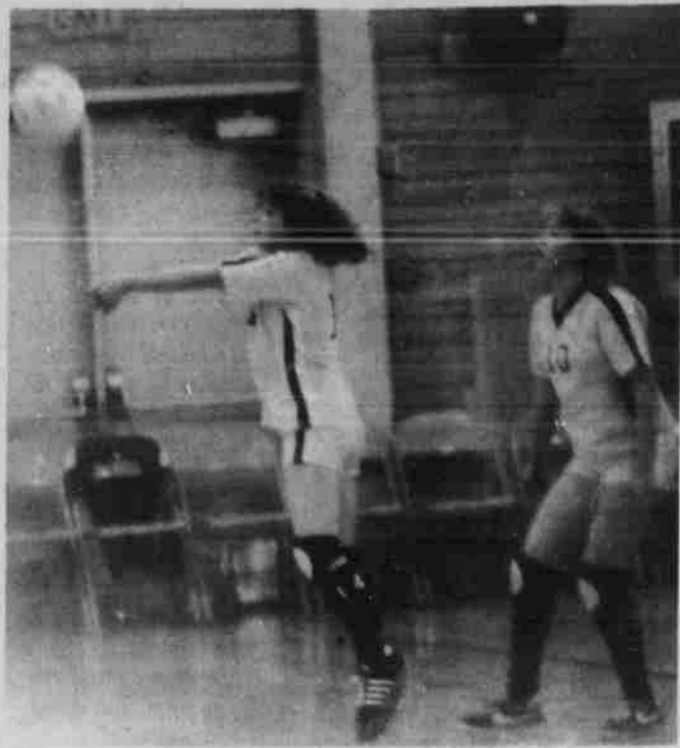
Weston-McEwen threatened again, moving to the Heppner 15 late in the third quarter. Marlin turned in a sweep and Kenny broke up two straight passes to give the Mustangs the ball at their own eight.

Unable to move, Heppner got a big break when a roughing the kicker call gave the Mustangs a first down at

the 35. Weston-McEwen again found itself in good field position when the Tiger-Scots came up with a Mustang fumble but Peck regained the ball with an interception at the Heppner six.

With less than four minutes to go, Marlin's fifth punt was partially deflected and W-M took possession at the Mustang 35. Kenny broke up another pass and Myers dropped the quarterback for a 17-yard loss to allow Heppner to take over on downs.

Heppner ran down the clock before Marlin's final punt pushed the Tiger-Scots back to their own 30 as the game ended.



Marie Yocom dinks a ball over the net as Filly teammate Jackie Mollahan backs her up. The Fillys fell to Riverside as the 1-2 teams in the Heppner Invitational here last Saturday.

## Fillies take second

Heppner volleyballers lost two matches to tournament-leading Oregon Trail but the Fillies beat both of the remaining entrants to take second place in last Saturday's Heppner Invitational.

The host team started the all-day, double-elimination tournament with a three-game victory over Pilot Rock as Jackie Mollahan totaled 22 points for the match including 11 consecutive points in the first game. Game scores for the opening match were 15-2, 14-16 and 15-12.

Heppner next met Oregon Trail—last year's state runner-up—and dropped the three-game match with scores of 15-7, 6-15 and 15-7. Team captain Diane Holland led the Filly scorers with 10 points in the match.

Rebounding from the loss, Heppner secured second place in the tournament with a three-game victory over Union as Mollahan scored 11 points and Janice Healy added 10. Game scores were 16-14, 7-15 and 15-10.

The Fillies fell a bit short in their rematch with the Blazers, losing a close match with game scores of 15-10, 14-16 and 18-16. Scoring was well divided with Mollahan posting six points to lead Heppner.

Mollahan was named top server for the tournament with 43 points while Holland and Maureen Healy were named to the All-Tournament team. Coach Sherri Brock cited the work of all the team's setters throughout the day.

Earlier in the week the Fillies traveled to Condon where they lost a three-game match to the Blue Devils with game scores of 15-6, 11-15 and 15-11.

against Riverside but there's nothing drastically wrong with our passing game." Sporseen expects things to improve when Jim Kenny is worked into the offense and Dale Holland and Dave Piper return from injuries.

## Sporseen, "Confidence grows."

With their backs against the wall—carrying a 1-2 record and facing consecutive games against Weston-McEwen, Sherman County and Umatilla—the Heppner Mustangs earned some breathing room Friday with a tough 7-0 win over the Tiger-Scots.

"When you come right down to it, our kicking game was the deciding factor," Heppner Coach John Sporseen said. "We put them in a hole several times."

The only score of the game came on Dennis Peck's 77-yard kickoff return and Bryan Marlin kept the Tiger-Scots at bay as he averaged 38 yards on six punts.

Of the game-winning return Sporseen said, "We noticed in scouting the team that they didn't leave a safety back on their kickoff coverage. We knew they would get burned on that sometime during the year."

Sporseen said the game was an exceptionally clean one, with only 70 yards in penalties stepped off against the two teams. The Mustangs' only injury in the contest was a broken right thumb suffered

by Marlin.

"It won't keep him out of any games but it does kind of end our option pass hopes for him," Sporseen said. "We came out healthier than any other game simply because we hit harder and you don't get hurt as easily that way."

Looking ahead to next week, Sporseen said the win gave his team a lot of confidence.

"Now I think we can give Sherman County a good game—before I wasn't so sure," Sporseen said.

If the Mustangs are to beat Sherman County, they will have to throw the ball more effectively than in the past. Sporseen said the team will work on the passing game this week in practice.

"It's a case of refining what we've got rather than bringing in something new at this time," Sporseen said.

Sporseen said he is not overly concerned with the Mustang passing attack which has netted a minus two yards in the past two games.

"We didn't need to throw that much against Weston-McEwen," Sporseen said. "Cutsforth had a bad game

## PEERLESS PICKS

We don't know if there was a little conspiracy or what—but Gene Pierce of the Bank of Eastern Oregon and Lyle Lowe of First National Bank claimed 10-1 marks in last week's Peerless Picks. Regulars Mike Sweeney, Jim Summers and Terry Hager all sat at 9-2 marks. This week the regular

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California at WSU	California	California	California	California	WSU
Alabama at Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Southern Cal
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Pitt at Florida	Pitt	Florida	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt
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