

# Mustangs wrap up Condon

Heppner took on Condon, the cold and the point spread Friday and bested all three as the Mustangs held up their end of the bargain in a bid for a conference championship.

The 19-6 win over the Blue Devils gave Heppner the maximum number of points for the game under the Columbia Basin Conference tiebreaker system but unfortunately Oregon Trail was not so cooperative in its contest with Sherman County.

The Mustang chances for an outright championship rested on a six-point Blazer win but Sherman's 19-15 victory bought the Huskies a ticket into the district playoffs this week at Elgin. Heppner finished the year in sole possession of second place with a 6-2 conference mark—one game behind the Huskies.

Both teams had trouble generating much offense in the first half as efforts were hampered by the cold weather and a light rain. At intermission, the Mustangs held a three-point lead on the strength of Bob Smith's 29-yard field goal in the second quarter.

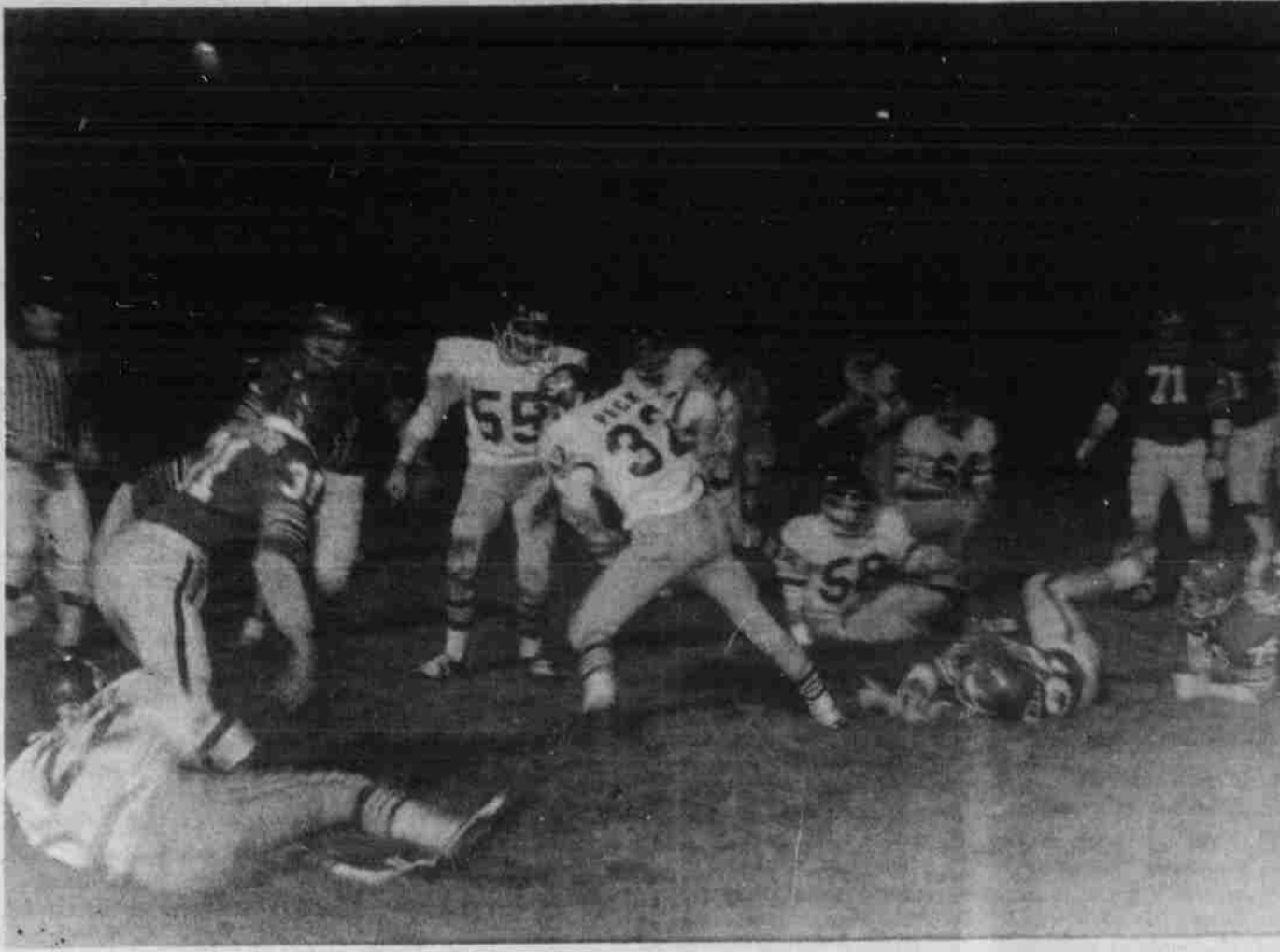
Further into the game, Heppner warmed to the occasion and wound up with 198 yards of offense to 122 for Condon. Quarterback Jerry Cutsforth connected on four of nine passes for 35 yards and Dennis Peck hit two of three halfback passes—both good for touchdowns. Peck passed to tight end Dale Holland for the Mustangs first touchdown and later found Bryan Marlin for a 14-yard score.

Peck was the leading ground gainer with 67 yards on 26 carries and Marlin picked up 64 yards on 13 runs. Holland, Marlin and Peck each caught two passes in the game.

Most of Condon's yardage total was credited to Marion Weatherford who gained 105 yards on 26 carries.

Condon took the opening kickoff and moved to the Heppner 20 before Peck grabbed an interception on third down. The Blue Devil defense held, forcing the first of Marlin's five punts—good for a 41.0 yard game average.

Bryce Powell then covered a Condon fumble and the Mustangs marched to the Blue



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Devil 15 before losing the ball on another fumble. Unable to move against the Heppner defense, Condon punted and the Mustangs drove to the 12-yard line aided by Marlin, Peck and Jim Kenny runs. When Peck was stopped for two yards on a third down draw play, Heppner settled for Smith's field goal and a three-point lead.

Following an exchange of punts, Heppner took the offensive when Peck deflected a Condon pass into the hands of Powell for the Mustangs second interception of the game. Peck then gained 11 yards up the middle but Marlin lost the ball at mid-field.

The Mustang defense again forced a punt to give Heppner another shot with two minutes left in the half. A deep pass to Marlin was picked off but the defense shut down the Condon attack forcing another kick. Attempting a last minute drive before halftime, Heppner lost the ball on downs but Powell quickly regained it

Dennis Peck leaves fallen Blue Devil defenders in his wake as he runs through traffic in the Mustangs 19-6 win over Condon. Coach John Sporseen called the game one of the hardest hitting contests of the year.

with his second interception as the half ended.

Heppner came out firing in the second half as Peck picked up a first down, Marlin ran for eight, Cutsforth kept the ball for another first, Peck went for seven and Peck passed 27 yards to Holland for a touchdown. Smith's kick upped the Mustang lead to 10-0.

The Blue Devils came back to move the ball to the goal line before the Heppner defense dug in to hold on downs on a disputed fourth down call. After an irate Blue Devil fan ran on the field to protest what he thought was a touchdown, Condon was nailed with a 15-yard penalty, courtesy of the fan, and Heppner was given some breathing room.

Two Heppner offside penalties moved the ball back to the six and Marlin punted to the 47 as the third quarter ended.

An interference call gave Condon a first down at the 10 and the Blue Devils scored to close the gap to 10-6. Condon threatened again when a blocked punt was recovered at

the Heppner 20 but the Mustang defense again stopped Condon at the 12. Peck and Marlin both picked up first down yardage before a third down pass fell incomplete and Marlin boomed a 69-yard punt that went out of bounds at the Condon one-yard line with three minutes remaining.

Marty Smith nailed the Condon quarterback in the endzone for a safety and a 12-6

lead. Condon's attempt at an onside kick did not go the required 10 yards and Heppner controlled the ball until Marlin punted for a touchback with 45 seconds to go.

Jim Kenny intercepted a desperation pass and returned it to the 14 setting up the Mustangs final score—a Peck pass to Marlin. Bob Smith then recovered a fumbled kickoff as the game ended.

## End of year golf tournament Nov. 19

Willow Creek Country Club will host its final golf tournament of the year Saturday, Nov. 19, beginning at 10 a.m.

The event will be an 18-hole, medal play, cross-country event with the course layout completely rearranged from normal play. A \$1 entry fee is payable at tee-off time. Further information on the tournament can be obtained by calling tournament directors Dave Harrison or John Edmunson.

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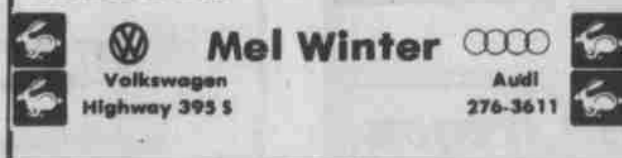


in the recent National Service Managers Contest.

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## Heppner athletes honored Monday

Fall athletes at Heppner High School will be honored Monday, Nov. 14, at the Fall Sports Dessert in the high school cafeteria.

Special awards will be presented to both the football and volleyball team members. Letters will be awarded and all-league selections will be announced.

To the members of the 1977 Mustang Football team will go special accolades including Most Valuable Player, Most Inspirational, Outstanding Back, Outstanding Lineman—all determined by player balloting—and a Most Improved award, selected by the coaching staff.

Members of the Filly volleyball squad will be singled out for awards including Most Valuable Player, Most Improved, Top Server and a distinctive award termed, uh, Miss Hustler?

The activities begin at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend. Parents of the athletes are asked to bring a dessert. Refreshments and ice cream will be provided.

## Sporseen, "Our pass defense was excellent."

The Mustangs saved some of their hardest hitting efforts for their season finale with Condon in a well-played game that resulted in a 19-6 Heppner win.

Mustang coach John Sporseen said it was one of the best efforts his team has put together and he had words of praise for all aspects of the Mustangs performance.

"Our pass defense was excellent," Sporseen said. "That's been one of our highlights all year long."

The Heppner secondary came up with four interceptions in the game—one by Dennis Peck, one by Jim Kenny and two by Bryce Powell. Condon was limited to one yard of passing offense in completing only one of 12 attempts.

"The blocking was defi-

nately a plus, we opened some good holes in their line," Sporseen said. "On offense, most of our yardage came on lead plays and sweeps and the halfback option pass worked really well."

Again, Sporseen cited the punting performance of Bryan Marlin who punted five times for a 41 yard average. One punt late in the game traveled 69 yards and went out of bounds at the one-yard line.

"He's saved our bacon on plenty of occasions this year," Sporseen said of Marlin.

The Mustang defense was led by Dennis Peck with 16 defensive points. Following were Joedy Marlatt with 14, Marty Smith with 13, Jim Parker with 12 and Bryce Powell with 11.

Sporseen said the defensive effort of the Mustangs was

helped by a Condon offensive pattern which he called "very predictable".

"In the first half they only used two formations—one for running plays and one for passing plays," Sporseen said. "We could tell what was coming as soon as they came up to the line of scrimmage."

Sporseen said the Blue Devils changed their pattern a bit in the second half.

"It confused us for a little while but we were able to adjust to it."

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Thursday Night Ladies, November 3, 1977

Team Standings	Won	Lost
Kinzua Corp.	24	12
Murray Drugs	23	13
Ray Boyce Ins.	22 1/2	13 1/2
Cal's Cafe and Lounge	20	16
Mabel Heath	17	19
Columbia Basin	16	20
Gateway Toyota	15 1/2	20 1/2
Heppner Bowl	9	27

HIGHlights:  
June Beilenbrock, 204 Game  
Faye Ruhl, 533 Series  
Columbia Basin, 978 Team Game  
Columbia Basin, 2678 Team Series

Thursday Night Ladies, October 27, 1977

Team Standings	Won	Lost
Kinzua Corp.	24	8
Ray Boyce Ins.	19 1/2	12 1/2
Murray Drugs	19	13
Cal's Cafe	19	13
Mabel Heath	16	16
Toyota	12 1/2	19 1/2
Columbia Basin	12	20
Heppner Bowl	9	23

HIGHlights:  
Faye Ruhl, 205 Game  
Faye Ruhl, 516 Series  
Kinzua Corp., 958 Team Game  
Murray Drugs, 2631 High Series

Spartanets, Nov. 1, 1977

Team Standings	Won	Lost
MCGG	24	12
Gardner's	21	15
Central Market	20	16
Coast to Coast	19	17
Sears	18 1/2	17 1/2
Peterson's	16 1/2	19 1/2
Jerry's Mobil	13	23
Bucknam's Tavern	12	24

HIGHlights:  
Roberta Klaus, 201 High Game  
Roberta Klaus, 499 Series  
Central Market, 956 Team Game  
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