

HHS athletes collect awards, honors

Bryan Marlin and Maureen Healy were chosen as Most Valuable Players on their respective varsity teams during

Heppner High School's Fall Sports Dessert honoring members of the football and volleyball squads.

The awards were presented at the annual ceremony held in the school cafeteria.

Calling it a "most unusual season grid coach John Sporseen said he was proud of the way his team came back after a somewhat shaky early season.

"It took a lot of intestinal fortitude to come back after the loss to Riverside," Sporseen said of his team which put together a string of tough victories to finish alone in second place in conference standings.

In addition to Marlin, special awards went to Marty Smith, Best Lineman; Dennis Peck, Best Back; Bryce Powell, Most Improved and Bruce Young, Most Inspirational.

To the 1977 Filly volleyball team, Coach Sherri Brock presented awards to Jackie Mollahan, Top Server; Diane Holland, Most Aggressive; and Shelley Thompson, Most Improved, to go along with Healy's MVP.

Six volleyballers were honored as Heppner's representatives to the conference all-star list. Mollahan and Healy were both named to the first team; Janice Healy was picked for the second team and Holland, Laurie Harrison and Marie Yocom received Honorable Mention status.

Coach Michelle Portmann passed out awards to the freshmen and junior varsity volleyballers after Coach George Koffler kicked off the ceremonies with his junior



Most Inspirational

Senior Bruce Young accepts Most Inspirational award from head football coach John Sporseen. Also receiving special football awards at the Heppner High School Fall Sports Dessert were: Bryan Marlin, most valuable player; Bryce Powell, most improved; Marty Smith, best lineman; and Dennis Peck, best back.

varsity football awards. Following the presentation of awards HHS Principal Jim Bier said the evening represented a fulfillment of two aspects of the athletic pro-

gram as seen from the administrator's viewpoint. Bier said the objectives of "turning out the best ladies and gentlemen we can and involving as many students as possible" had both been realized by the fall sports teams at the high school. He credited the coaches and the players for completing a successful season.



MVP

Filly volleyball coach Sherri Brock presents Most Valuable Player Award to Maureen Healy. Other varsity players receiving awards were: Diane Holland, most aggressive; Shelley Thompson, most improved; and Jackie Mollahan, top server.

Basketball league to begin Sunday

City League basketball play will begin on an informal basis Sunday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner High School gym.

Informal play will continue for two weeks until players have a chance to form teams. All teams must be finalized by Sunday, Dec. 4, with regulation league play beginning the following week. Games will be similar in format to last year and no player or team additions will be accepted after the Dec. 4 deadline.

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RUSHING

NAME	TC	YDG	YL	TYG	AVG
Kevin McCabe	94	526	74	452	4.81
Gari Gaustad	60	574	5	569	8.62
Terry Starr	48	169	3	166	3.46
Dennis Stefani	60	165	94	71	1.18
Gregg Rietmann	8	61	2	59	7.38
Robin LaRue	4	24	4	20	5.00
Shawn LaRue	3	5	3	2	.66
Barney Rea	2	12	12	12	6.00
Marvin Johnson	7	51	6	45	6.40
Todd Scherer	2	9	9	9	4.50
	295	1596	193	1403	4.76

PASSING

	ATT	COM	INT	YDS	%	TDs
Dennis Stefani	139	77	9	908	55	11
Kevin McCabe	19	9	1	118	47	1
Barney Rea	4	2	1	9	50	0
Danny McElligott	4	2	0	33	50	0
	166	90	11	1061	54	12

DEFENSIVE POINT LEADERS

	TACKLES	ASSISTS
Gari Gaustad	43	88
Kevin McCabe	32	84
Terry Starr	26	83
John Lindstrom	19	64
Robin LaRue	26	28
Danny McElligott	23	28
Gregg Rietmann	16	33

Glancing at the Ione Cardinal roster before the season started, you'd have to give the team two strikes right off the bat—short on experience and lacking in size. The Cards carried eight freshmen, nine sophomores, three juniors and only two seniors.

As it turned out, both of the seniors missed more than half the season due to injuries. None of the starters weighed more than 175 pounds and most were considerably lighter. Not exactly the makings of a promising year.

But a closer look told a different story. The sophomores had spent their first year on the field rather than on the bench. The experiences gained in that campaign were carried over. What the Cards lacked in size they compensated with determination.

The result was a successful year, a winning season and the prospect of better things to come for the football fortunes of Ione High School.

Young Cardinals complete turn around season, finish 5-4

PASS RECEIVING

	PC	YG
Gari Gaustad	10	89
Gregg Rietmann	11	92
Robin LaRue	24	324
Danny McElligott	28	299
Kevin McCabe	14	176
Terry Starr	3	17
Duane Felsch	1	5
Marvin Johnson	1	29
Todd Scherer	4	22
Scott Scherer	1	8
	90	1061

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	TDs	XP	SA	TPs
Gari Gaustad	10	2		64
Dennis Stefani	6	3		42
Kevin McCabe	6	3		42
Robin LaRue	3	3	1	26
Danny McElligott	2	5		22
Gregg Rietmann	3	1		20
Terry Starr	2	1		14
Scott Scherer	1			6
Todd Scherer			1	2
	33	18	2	238

PUNTING

Kevin McCabe	37.4 avg.
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KICKOFFS

Dennis Stefani	43.9 avg.
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TEAM SCORING

	Avg.
Ione 238 pts.	26.4
opponents 208 pts.	23.1

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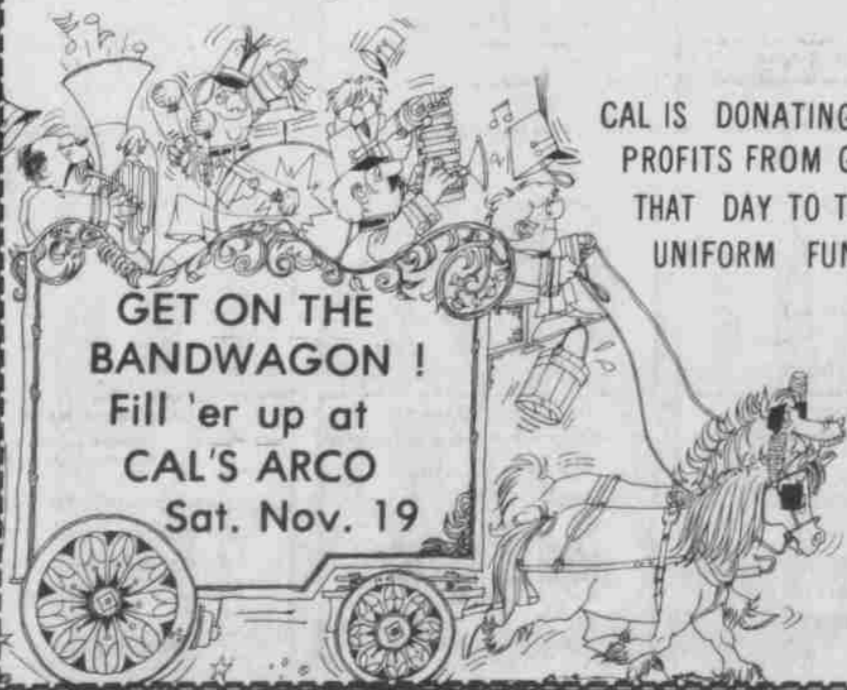
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