



Hit'em.....harder! Lone head coach Gordon Meyers drills linemen during practice session.

Bigger squad gives Cardinals high standing in Big Sky conference

A seasoned and somewhat bigger lone football squad should give the Cardinals their best shot in recent years at being among the leading contenders in Big Sky Conference competition.

The 1978 lone starting lineup will be minus only one player

from last year's starting bill—Gary Gaustad. Most of this year's starting squad are juniors and seniors, who have played regularly since their freshman days.

Although the Cardinals still lack the weight and height of some of their opposing teams

in Big Sky play, "we're closing the size gap," commented head coach Gordon Meyers. "Most of the kids have put on five to ten pounds since last year."

A strong passing game is expected to be the Cards' biggest asset this year, with

Dennis Stephani, now in his third year, once again at the helm in the quarterback's slot. "We know we can throw and catch," said Meyers. "Depending on how well our line can hold out, we can be dangerous. . . We're going to try throwing 40 to 50 per cent

of the time, if necessary, and run a little power and a little spread.

The redbirds' kicking game should be another plus this year, with returning senior Kevin McCabe, one of the league's leading punters, back on the field in the linebacker and running back positions.

Meyers, who said he was reluctant to single out individual players for praise prior to the start of the season's football action, noted that the Cards roster boasts three potential all-conference players, "six to eight top-notch ballplayers, with the rest not far behind."

The Cardinals' head coach said he was pleased with preseason workouts and the mental attitude of his players.

Mustangs among top contenders in Columbia Basin Conference race

A smaller starting lineup for Heppner High School will take to the gridiron during the 1978 football season, meaning that "we will have to be faster and tougher than the other teams" in order to remain a top contender, head coach John Sporseen said.

While other coaches in the district and several sports-writers have predicted that Heppner is favored to take top honors in the conference this season, Sporseen was more cautious. "We should place somewhere from the middle up," he said. "All I can say," he joked, "is that we're undefeated until we lose a game."

A total of 48 turned out to draw uniforms in hopes of participating on the 1978 Mustang team. It remains to be seen who will be selected to fill a number of starting positions. The season's first contest will be played this Friday at 8 p.m. in Pilot Rock.

On the plus side for the Heppner lineup this year, 10 lettermen are returning to the squad. Brian Marlin and Dennis Peck, who Sporseen termed "the two fastest backs in the league," are among the returning veterans, and this year are not encumbered with the hand and finger injuries they played with during the 1977 season.

The Mustangs kicking game and special squads "should be real strong again this year," according to Sporseen, noting that Heppner's kicking skills "saved our

bacon in at least three games last season."

The Mustangs' offensive line "is the best blocking line I've ever coached," Sporseen said. The line includes 190-lb.

Jim Parker, Jody Marlatt, Scott McEwen and former end, Ron Young.

The quarterback's position

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Local contestants bring home Junior Rodeo finals awards

Morrow County's youthful rodeo competitors wound up the 1978 junior rodeo season in the winner's circle, bringing home a truckload of prizes from the Western States Junior Rodeo Assn. Finals last weekend in LaGrande.

A total of 14 Morrow County cowboys and cowgirls qualified to take part in the finale, which culminated a 13-rodeo season, featuring performers from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Nevada. Winning all-around honors for her outstanding performance during the 1978 season in the girls' senior division was Jana Steagall. Jana, who captured the all-round title for three consecutive years while competing in the junior division, was presented a hand-made saddle. Placing third in the senior girls' all-around race was Cindy Dougherty, with Janice Healy in fifth place and her sister Maureen, in eighth.

Runner-up to the all-around title in the junior division was Trisha Mahoney, with her sister, Tara, placing seventh in that division. Trisha was awarded a sterling silver

trophy buckle for her efforts. Brett Sherer was runner-up in the junior boys' division for all-around, also winning a trophy buckle. Fellow county residents Cliff Dougherty placed fourth and Brad Huwe, sixth.

Lawrence Rice placed in the number eight position in the five-state race for the all around title in the boys' senior division.

Season-wide winners in individual events included Brett Sherer's first place win in the junior pole bending event, with Trisha Mahoney placing third and Tara Mahoney coming in sixth. Morrow County took four of the first five places in the junior division steer dobbing competition, with Brett taking first place, Brad Huwe third, Tara fourth and Trisha fifth.

Trisha Mahoney and Brett Sherer were involved in a three-way split for fifth and sixth place honors in junior team roping, with Trisha also ending the season in sixth place in the junior barrels.

Cliff Dougherty finished the season in second place in the junior division calf riding event, and in third place for calf roping. Lee Rice took sixth place in junior calf roping.

In the final senior division standings, Janice Healy was the season's number-one performer in barrel racing, followed in fourth place by Jana Steagall who also took fourth in steer dobbing.

Jana was the Western States top rated breakaway roping performer, with Cindy Dough-

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