

The Heppner  
**GAZETTE-TIMES**  
**SPORTS**

# Mustangs nose past Pilot Rock

## 7-0 in first game of Season

The Heppner Mustangs began the 1978 grid season the right way—entering the win column in Friday night's season opener against Pilot Rock.

The only scoring in the contest came in the early moments of the second quarter, on a quarterback sneak by Mustang helmsman John Bier from one yard out. Doug Holland kicked the conversion point, making it 7-0. The score remained static for the remainder of the game, but not without a few close calls.

Pilot Rock drove to Heppner's one yard line in the closing minutes of the first half, and was within the Mustang ten on one other occasion.

"We moved the ball pretty well throughout the game," commented Heppner Head Coach John Sporseen, "but a couple of our drives got stopped by penalties. . . We had offsidess called against us something like four plays in a row during one series."

Heppner's attack was almost entirely on the ground, with Bier attempting only three passes—one of them complete to Brian Marlin for a 12-yard gain. The Mustangs logged a total of 231 yards in rushing, compared with 146 for the Rockets. Heppner running backs had sticky fingers during the Pilot Rock contest, not once fumbling the pigskin in their 51 rushing plays.

The Mustang defense showed its spine during the Rockets' two close calls near the Heppner goal line. Heppner defenders held Pilot Rock to 146 yards on the ground and 36 in the air. Defensemen forced and recovered a fumble, and Brian Marlin and Lionel Wood each picked off Rocket passes—Marlin running his interception back for 11 yards. Marlin booted the ball four times during the game, his punts averaging a respectable 36.5 yards. Runbacks on the punts

by the Rockets were limited to a total of four yards.

In other statistics, Marlin led the Mustangs in rushing, tallying 140 yards in 24 carries for a 5.8 yard average gain. Dennis Peck was next with 77 yards on the ground in 17

carries, averaging 4.5 yards per scramble—Heppner's team rushing average during the game.

Coach Sporseen singled out Marlin, Parker, Dale Holland and Jody Marlatt for praise for their defensive efforts

during the game.

This Friday, Heppner will make another road trip, this time to Stanfield. The Tigers of Stanfield were upset last Friday 7-0 by Wasco County, in a contest that ended a 24-game losing streak by the

Redsides. Game time is 8 p.m.

Heppner's first home game will come Sept. 22 against Riverside. The Pirates suffered a 17-0 loss to Wahtonka during their opening game last Friday.

# Come-from-behind thriller gives Cards 24-20 win over Touchet

Adrenalin was flowing in Ione Friday evening, when the hometown Cardinals pulled off a stunning 24-20 come-from-behind win over Touchet of Washington in the closing minutes of their season opener.

Touchet overpowered Ione during the first half of the game, enjoying a 20-0 lead over the Cardinals going into the end of the third quarter. The larger Washington team scored on an explosive 85-yard run by 190-pound senior Mike Stanley, and a pair of 20-yard passes. The Indians muffed two conversion attempts.

But the pattern changed in the closing minutes of the third period when Greg Rietmann scrambled five yards to paydirt, with quarterback Dennis Stefani picking up the conversion points on a pass to Robin LaRue.

Ione's defense stiffened during the fourth quarter. Then disaster appeared to strike. As Ione regained control of the ball and began a drive to the Touchet goal, an Indian defender intercepted a Stefani pass. Luckily, holding was called on Touchet during the play, giving the Cards a 15-yard bonus. Ione capitalized on the next play, as Kevin McCabe ran 12 yards for the second Cardinal TD. A Stefani to Dan McElligott pass added two more to the scoreboard,

leaving Ione with a deficit of only four points.

With 3:34 remaining on the clock, Stefani stepped back to pass. Unable to find a receiver, he broke through a gap in the Touchet line, sprinting 40 yards to the goal line. The Ione quarterback ran in the conversion points, creating a four point Touchet deficit.

The Cardinals prevented Touchet from sustaining a drive, then took over control of the ball, and allowed the

remaining seconds of the game to tick away.

Ione defenders held Touchet to 77 yards and no points during the final quarter, although during the earlier part of the game, they had difficulty controlling the passing game of Indian quarterback Rocky Pisca, who connected for 263 yards in the air.

The eight Cardinal defensemen took down their opponents nine more times, with half of the Card defenders

logging more than 10 tackles.

"That's team defense," said Ione coach Gordon Meyers, noting that it took "a great effort by everybody" to shake off first-game jitters and capture a come-from-behind win.

On Friday, the Cardinals will face North Powder in another home game, starting at 7:30 p.m. Last week, the Badgers overpowered Echo 36-6.

The Willows Grange will meet Thursday, Sept. 21 for a potluck dinner at 12 noon, Willow Grange Hall.

STUB NO

To be torn off by one of the Board Members

### SAMPLE SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT

**For the Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District**  
Tuesday, September 19, 1978 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.  
At the Morrow County Building, Irrigon, Oregon

To Establish a Serial Levy for the District Effective 1 July 1979  
The Amount of the Serial Levy is \$12,800.00 for Seven Years

Mark a Cross (X) or a Check Mark (✓) in the voting square after the word "YES" or after the word "NO" for the answer voted for

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held September 19, 1978 from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., at the Morrow County Building for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the Irrigon Rural Fire Protection District the question of establishing a Serial Levy for Seven years for the district effective 1 July 1979, pursuant to the Oregon Constitution.

The reasons for this Serial Levy are: 1. To purchase a new 2000 gallon tank fire truck with equipment. 2. To increase the water capacity of our trucks to the rural areas. 3. To help provide better fire protection to all the fire district.

I VOTE FOR THE SERIAL LEVY YES

I VOTE AGAINST THE SERIAL LEVY NO

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