

The Heppner  
**GAZETTE-TIMES**  
**SPORTS**  
SECTION TWO

**Sports**  
**Log**

**Varsity Football**  
Sept. 29  
Heppner vs Weston McEwen at Athena, 8 p.m.  
Ione vs Mount Vernon at Mount Vernon, 2:30 p.m.  
Riverside vs Sherman at Boardman, 8 p.m.

**Jayvee Football**  
Oct. 2, Heppner vs Riverside at Heppner, 6 p.m.

**Volleyball**  
Sept. 28  
Heppner vs Ione at Ione, 5 p.m.  
Oct. 3  
Heppner vs Ukiah at Heppner, 5 p.m.  
Ione vs Wasco at Ione, 5 p.m.  
Riverside vs Condon at Condon, 5 p.m.

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**Mustangs come from behind to edge Pirates 12-7**



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**Scramble for six** Dennis Peck (32) goes around the right side with Riverside defenders closing in. A couple of good blocks and some scrambling moved Peck through the crowd and across the goal line seconds later.

Despite a number of penalty causing mistakes, the Heppner Mustangs posted an impressive come-from-behind victory over the powerful Riverside Pirates during Friday's first home game of the 1978 season.

Columbia Basin Conference		
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Heppner	3 0	1.00
Sherman	2 1	.667
Umatilla	2 1	.667
Wahtonka	2 1	.667
Weston-McEwen	2 1	.667
Condon	1 2	.333
Pilot Rock	1 2	.333
Riverside	1 2	.333
Wasco County	1 2	.333
Stanfield	0 3	.000

Heppner put two points on the scoreboard during the first quarter, when Mustang defenders tackled Pirate back Gary Gordanier in the end zone. During other first quarter action, a long-yardage Heppner pass play resulted in a touchdown—only to be called back due to a Mustang clip.

Riverside's Gordanier came back in the third quarter, romping 72 yards for a Boardman touchdown. The hard-hitting Heppner defensive lineup held Riverside scoreless for the remainder of the game, and forced a second safety in the final three minutes of the contest, by tackling a Pirate punter in the end zone.

The Mustangs then returned Riverside's free kick to its own 40 yard line, and began a march towards paydirt as the clock ticked down. At the 15-yard line, with 70 seconds remaining, Mustang back Dennis Peck sprinted 15 yards to put Heppner ahead for keeps. A conversion pass from Marlin to Zita ended the scoring.

Peck outrushed all other backs in the contest, logging a total of 122 yards on the ground in 18 carries. Riverside's Gordanier racked up 113 yards in 11 carries, with Heppner's Bryan Marlin rushing for 77 yards.

Neither team had much success with its passing game,

with Heppner picking up 35 yards in the air, and Boardman totaling 49.

Heppner lost 90 yards to penalties during the contest.

Senior linebacker Jim Parker led Heppner's defensive unit in head coach John Sporseen's complex defensive point scoring system, followed closely by Sophomore center Ray Miller and Dale Holland. Both Parker and Miller demonstrated that they had no aversion hitting, and hitting hard.

Another tough contest should be in store for Heppner on Friday when the Mustangs face 2-1 Weston-McEwen.

Heppner's win over Riverside kept the Mustangs in first place in Columbia Basin standings, with 3-0 record. Defending CBC champion Sherman County met defeat last week at the hands of Pilot Rock in a 9-7 contest. The Mustangs defeated Pilot Rock during the opening game of the season.

**Professional ping pong players are profiled**

Here are profiles of members of the Haitian professional table tennis team that will defend their world championship title in Heppner Nov. 18, when they meet the contending team from Thailand.

Zoltan Patakay, Haiti's team leader and player-coach, escaped from his Iron Curtain homeland of Hungary several years ago, and now lives in Canada.

Before turning professional, he was the Hungarian national champion, and had wins over top players from Russia, Yugoslavia and other Baltic states. On arriving in Canada, he was a Canadian amateur champion, and, after pro, posted wins over P.C. Chiang, the Chinese world professional

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**Heppner Fillies win Invitational; stand good shot at district tourney**

Standing 4-1 for the season, the Heppner High School Fillies volleyball team downed five sets of opponents in the past week, well on their way to district play-offs that loom in the future.

Last Thursday Heppner clobbered Riverside of Boardman in two straight 15-5

games. Coach Sheri Brock said "it was an exceptionally good match...one of the best we've played this year."

Jackie Mollahan was top scorer in the Riverside tilt with 11 points.

Saturday the Fillies hosted the Heppner Volleyball Invitational with Pilot Rock, Ukiah and Weston-McEwen. Heppner came out on top winning all three matches with Pilot Rock falling in second place ahead of Weston-McEwen and Ukiah.

In the opener for Heppner Jackie Mollahan dumped in 15 straight points in 15-1 and 15-5 games to lead the Fillies.

Wendy Meyers was credited with "a great job" by coach Brock for her 15 points in the second set of games against Pilot Rock. Heppner took the set 17-15, 6-15 and 15-11.

Downing Weston-McEwen in two straight games 15-1 and 15-3, Geri Grieb led the Fillies with 11 points.

Coach Brock was especially happy with the Pilot Rock tilt during Saturday's tourney in which both teams played excellent ball. "They were tough and wanted the win, but we were tough and wanted the win more," said the Coach, adding, "We played good team ball...had communication on the floor and good hustle after the ball."

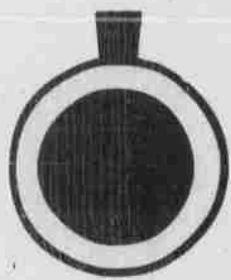
Jackie Mollahan and Wendy Meyers led the Fillies past Sherman County Saturday with 13 and 8 points respectively. Heppner took the match with 15-13 and 15-11 games.

In JV action this past week the Fillies lost to Riverside 15-4, 9-15, and 12-15. They came back Saturday however to down Sherman County 15-9, 12-15, and 15-3.

C-team scores last week show the Fillies beating Riverside in 15-10 and 15-13 tilts, but losing to Sherman in a three-game set, 1-15, 15-4, and 12-15.

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