

BLEACHER SEATS



With Robb Rush

Three-and-one, and just another face in the crowd. Number 1—It is too bad the Mustang offensive line didn't show up for the game until the fourth quarter. Number 2—It is too bad we missed the extra point. Number 3—It is too bad we fumbled the ball during the Kansas Plan tiebreaker. It is difficult to pin down the reason for losing a football game. It is hardly ever one single play, so we can rule out numbers two and three. Item number one tells the story. As a matter of fact, but for a couple exceptions, the Mustang bench didn't seem aware there was a game going until the fourth quarter. The Mustang offense wasted three quarters of the football game, which put the spotlight on the missed kick and fumble. A similar performance against Sherman County, and the Mustangs can just about kiss the CBC championship good-bye.

Now for the good news. The Mustang defense played their usual tough ball game, keeping the game in reach against a quick, enthused Tiger-Scot team.

Dale Holland played a very steady game, reminding me a little of a young Ted Hendricks. What do they call Hendricks? A "mad" something. I believe it fits in the zoo.

Steve Marlatt is becoming a force to be reckoned with. Steve is hitting harder and pursuing better each week. I wonder what goes on when he and brother Joedy have a dispute? I bet a good promoter could sell tickets for ringside seats. (Do you suppose a popcorn vendor could make any money? Maybe a band-aid concession would be better.)

Another player is starting to emerge in the defensive backfield. Lionel Wood intercepted another pass Friday night, making it one each game. Lionel doesn't stand out so much for hard hitting as he does for consistently being in the right place at the right time.

The fans get an A- this week. What an effort! Fighting and braving the onslaught of deer hunting traffic to drive to Athena. It is good to see that a number of Heppner sideliners who made the trip are not parents of players. When these people make a trip like that, it means they are dyed-in-the-wool fans. (This doesn't mean the parents aren't true fans, but they do have a special interest.)

The traveling fans are an enthusiastic lot, and vocal. Too bad it doesn't rub off on the home crowd.

The Ione Cardinals continue their winning ways by downing Mount Vernon 40-8. I bet that after the last two games, the "stat" people have had to start working out with the team. In the last two games the "Run and Gun Cards" have scored 92 points. That means a lot of running up and down the sidelines for the statisticians. They probably never thought they would have to get in shape just to keep records.

BMCC to host Oct. 8 benefit roping event

A benefit roping contest, sponsored by the Blue Mountain Community College Rodeo Club and the Mustangers, will be held Sunday, Oct. 8, in Mustang Arena, starting at 11 a.m. Events will be held in pro-novice and open roping divisions, each with \$15 entry

fees. There will be no stock or office charges. Half the entry fee funds will go into a jackpot for contestants, with the remainder to be placed in the Wade Kamm Benefit Fund. Further information may be obtained by calling 276-8583 or 276-4801.

The Heppner GAZETTE-TIMES SPORTS

Fillies near top of V-ball league race

The Heppner Fillies moved to within one game of first place in league volleyball standings last week, after posting wins over Sherman County and Ione.

Heppner beat Sherman 15-13 and 15-11 during the varsity contest with Jackie Molohan racking up 13 points to become the Fillies' top server of the game.

In Jayvee action against Sherman, Heppner took three games to win, scoring 15-9, 12-15 and 15-3. Sherman's C team outdistanced Heppner 15-1, 4-15 and 15-12.

In action against Ione on Thursday, the varsity Fillies shut out the lady Cards 15-0 in the first game, and put the match away in the second game by a narrower 15-10 margin.

Carol Cheney, with six points was high server for Ione, followed by Michelle McElligott with two.

"I think we played better in the first match than what the score shows," commented Ione Coach Barb Stefani. "We just couldn't serve well." In the second game of the match, "we got our serves over much better, set them up and spiked 'em." Coach Stefani noted.

Heppner's Jayvee squad came from behind to nip their Cardinal adversaries 11-15, 15-10 and 15-9. The C team was also victorious over Ione, winning in two games by a 15-5 and 15-10 margin.

Here are the standings in league volleyball action as of the end of September:

	Win	Losses
Condon	5	0
Heppner	4	1
Wahtonka	3	2
Wasco	2	3
Sherman	2	3
Riverside	1	4
Ione	0	5

Heppner will travel to Maupin today, Oct. 5 to take on Wasco County in a game starting at 5 p.m.



Have a ball

Jeff Hams hands off to Bruce Millman during closing quarter of Ione-Mount Vernon game, as Cardinal coach Gordon Meyers and Ione teammates look on from sideline.

Cardinals swarm past Mount Vernon 40-8

By Janet McElligott

Ione blasted Mount Vernon by a score of 40-8 last Friday during the Cardinal's final pre-season game.

Again, Ione was in control from start to finish, as the

Cards scored on the third play of the game, with a Dennis Stefani to Kevin McCabe 32-yard pass. The Card team scored TD's twice more in the first quarter, with a two-yard touchdown dash by Gregg Rietmann, followed by a Stefani to Dan McElligott pass, hauling in the extra points. The next scoring attack was a daring 65-yard run by halfback McCabe. Dennis Stefani again connected on a pass, this time to Robin LaRue. The Cardinal team was 22 points ahead before the Mount Vernon Bears knew what was happening.

Late in the second quarter the Bears found their goal line when an 18-yard pass and a two-point conversion play gave them a score of eight.

Ione immediately countered with a 10-yard Gregg Rietmann run. A few plays later a 34-yard Stefani-McElligott pass hit paydirt leaving the Bears on a cold front, and 26 points behind as halftime rolled around, the Cards leading 34-8.

Ione scored one last time in the closing minutes of the third quarter. Dennis Stefani tossed a pass to LaRue for 25 yards and a final score of 40-8.

"This game tunes us up for next week's league play," remarked Ione Coach Gordon Meyers.

The Redbirds connected on 12 of 18 passes for an impressive 67 per cent and 185 yards, as compared with the Bears 15 for 34 pass completions with four Cardinal

interceptions. Ione also out-powered their opponents on the ground level, racking up 185 yards to Mt. Vernon's 100 yards. McCabe boosted his punting average for the sea-

son to 45 yards with a 68-yard boot he unleashed against the Bears.

The Cards open regular season play against Dufur at Ione on Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Sports Log

Varsity Football

Oct. 6
Heppner vs Sherman County at Heppner, 8 p.m.
Ione vs Dufur at Ione, 7:30 p.m.
Riverside vs Wasco at Boardman, 7:30 p.m.

Jayvee Football


Oct. 9
Heppner vs Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 6 p.m.

volleyball

Oct. 5
Ione vs Riverside at Ione, 5 p.m.
Heppner vs Wasco at Maupin, 5 p.m.

Oct. 10
Ione vs Sherman at Ione, 5 p.m.
Heppner vs Wahtonka at The Dalles, 5 p.m.

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