

# Mustangs burn Blue Devils, 14-12

The Columbia Basin Conference champion Heppner Mustangs will enter quarterfinal playoff action against Elgin with an 8-1 season record, following Friday's 14-12 come-from-behind win over Condon.

With the CBC crown already clinched going into the Condon game, the Mustangs demonstrated motivation and playing skill that Heppner fans hope will advance the Mustangs past the quarterfinal stage for the first time in state playoff history.

Heppner got on the scoreboard first during Friday's home game against the Blue Devils, when the Mustangs' leading rusher, Dennis Peck, ran back a punt 34 yards for a touchdown. A Doug Holland kick made it 7-0 Mustangs.

The second quarter was scoreless, but the Blue Devils came back strong in the third, scoring TDs on a two-yard run by Marion Weatherford, the CBC's leading ground gainer, and a 24-yard pass play from Mark Griffith to Logan Harris.

The score remained 12-7 in Condon's favor going into the fourth, until Heppner surprised the Blue Devils with a halfback pass play from Peck to Dale Holland, good for 52

yards and a Mustang touchdown. Doug Holland booted in the extra point, making it 14-12 Mustangs.

Condon posed a continuous threat in the final six minutes of the fourth, until Doug Holland intercepted a Blue Devil pass in the closing

moments to ice the game for the Mustangs.

Holland's interception, along with other key defensive efforts during the contest "made the game for us," commented head coach John Sporseen. Mustang defenders recovered three Condon

fumbles, and snagged three interceptions during the course of the game. In addition to Doug Holland, brother Dale Holland and Dennis Peck were credited with pass pickoffs.

The Heppner defense allowed Weatherford—with 1,200

yards in rushing for the season—only 39 yards on the ground during Friday's game. On the other hand, the Blue Devil defense limited Peck to 46 yards in 18 carries.

Heppner's other top ground gainer, senior fullback Bryan Marlin, suffered a sprained

ankle during a low tackle after making a key first down. Marlin was sidelined for the remainder of the game, and has not been able to take part in Mustang practice sessions this week. The standout senior has also been receiving whirlpool heat therapy.

However, Sporseen said he was "confident that Bryan will be ready for Saturday's game."

Scouting reports indicate that the Elgin team, Heppner's foe in the upcoming playoff action, consists of a number of "really big kids,"

Sporseen said. "In fact, they're the biggest team I've coached against. They're a grind-it-out, run right at you kind of team...We'll try to spread them out a little, but basically, we'll try to operate like we've done all year—just do our thing."

## Ione Booster Club slates activities

The Ione Booster Club will hold a spaghetti dinner immediately following the Nov. 18 playoff game between the Big Sky Conference champion Cardinals and either North Powder or Mount Vernon.

The dinner will take place in the Ione High School cafeteria just after the conclusion of the playoff game at Ione. Cost will be \$2.50 for adults, and \$1.75 for children under 12.

Ione Boosters will also be selling Cardinal jackets within the next several weeks. The jackets will be solid red, with a Cardinal logo at the chest. Cost for the jackets will be \$15. Purchase of a booster jacket will eliminate the requirement of paying \$5 dues to join the Ione booster organization.

The Boosters will use funds from the jacket sales, spaghetti feed and club dues towards paying off the cost of lighting improvements at Ione's football field. About half of the \$3,500 cost remains to be paid. Persons wishing to donate to the booster club's lighting fund are urged to contact IHS Principal Chuck Starr.

An Ione Booster Club meeting will be held next Tuesday at 7 a.m. in the IHS cafeteria. Coffee and donuts will be served.

## Ski Swap

Saturday at

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A ski swap has been scheduled for Nov. 11 at Blue Mountain Community College by the college ski club in Morrow Hall rooms 121 and 122. It will feature items for both the cross country and downhill skier.

Three free movies, information on skiing and representatives from local ski areas will be available to the public during the 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. event. The swap provides an opportunity for people to buy or sell used ski equipment and clothing.

Items for the swap will be received at the college during the week of Nov. 6 to Nov. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. in Morrow Hall room 124. These items will be displayed and people will be on hand to help fit equipment. A 10 per cent sales fee will be collected by the college club on items sold.

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