

Gregg Rietmann (34) gained yardage against Condon Friday night as the Cardinals produced a 38-22 lesson to the former 11-man football visitors. The Cardinals are 8-man football state champions and vying again for the title this year. Friday afternoon, they take on North Powder in an away game.

Running Cardinals

Cardinals overwhelm Condon, 38-22

By Teena Lindstrom
Ione, defending state 8-man champions, defeated Condon Friday night 38-22 under a new scoreboard donated by the Kinzua Corporation in the Cardinals' first non-league game.

Cardinal Coach Gordon Meyers cited the blocking of his offensive line composed of Treve Peterson, Terry Starr, Glen Krebs, Jerry Rietmann, Mike Conklin and Robin LaRue.

"Defensively, the kids were great, shutting Condon down to practically nothing. And especially for an opening game, we played rather well, with few penalties and offside and showed a lot of poise as the veteran team that they are," the Coach said.

Condon, new to 8-man football from 11-man Class A, was held to a plus 6 yards total yardage in the first half.

Scoring the first touchdown of the game and season was Gregg Rietmann on a 27-yard

sprint. The extra point failed.

Continuing the scoring in the second period, Shawn LaRue stepped in from 3 yards out. Treve Peterson ran the point after touchdown for another 2 pts.

Jim McCabe snared an errant Blue Devil pass and scampered 15 yards into the end zone. Running in the extra point was Cardinal Q.B. Dennis Stefani. Closing out the first half scoring for the Cardinals was Peterson on a 12-yard reception from Stefani. The half ended on a failed conversion attempt.

Opening the third quarter, Cardinals Leslie Thompson and Jeff Key dropped the Blue Devil punter in his end zone for a two point safety.

Final scoring for Ione was on a pass completion from Stefani to Robin LaRue for 13 yards. Rietmann added final points of the night with a 3-yard P.A.T.

The Blue Devils finally scored in the fourth quarter

against Ione's reserves, when Morris Weatherford ran over 5 yards out. Mike Cooney converted the extra point for two points.

Robin Miller scored from the 3-yard line to score the Devil's second touchdown. The extra point attempt was unsuccessful.

Closing out the Blue Devil's scoring attack was Monty McIntosh on a 23-yard pass from Eric Harrison. Cooney made the extra point for two. The Cardinals travel to Powder Valley next Friday to take on the North Powder Badgers who had an easy victory over Echo.

Coach Meyers said that North Powder could possibly be the toughest game of the season for the Cardinals after North Powder's victory over Echo Friday night. The team will also be playing on its home turf between LaGrande and Baker on Friday afternoon. The Badgers play all their games at home in the afternoon while the Cardinals play mostly at night.

Team Statistics:
Ione 38 Condon 22
Scoring—Ione
First Quarter: Rietmann, 27 yard run, P.A.T. failed
Second Qtr: Shawn LaRue, 3 yd. run, Peterson, 2 pts., P.A.T.
McCabe, interception, 15 yd. run, Stefani, P.A.T. 2
Peterson, 12 yd. pass, from Stefani, P.A.T. failed
Condon
Fourth qtr: Weatherford, 5 yd. run, Cooney, P.A.T. 2
Miller, 3 yd. run, P.A.T. failed
McIntosh, 23 yd. pass from

Mustangs over Stanfield Tigers, 20-0

Heppner's Mustangs rolled up 283 yards rushing on the way to its first victory of the season against the Stanfield Tigers Sept. 7. Heppner shut out the Tigers 20-0.

John Murray scored the first touchdown in less than a minute with a 40-yard run following a fumble recovery by Dale Holland after the opening kick-off. Chris Zita scored the next touchdown on a 15-yard run following a long drive in the second quarter. Murray added the last six points on a two-yard plunge in the final stanza.

Although Heppner's passing attack amassed only 27 yards, quarterback John Bier did connect on 5 of 14 passes. The Mustangs had a total yardage of 310 yards while Stanfield had only 112.

Heppner's offense was



The Heppner Mustang defensive unit stopped an offensive push Friday night by the Stanfield Tigers and shut them off from scoring, 0-20 in the season opener for both schools. The Mustangs see action Friday night against Riverside High School at Boardman. (Photo by Troy Borst).

forced to punt only once during the contest when Jim Parker booted the ball 41 yards. Murray led the rushing

attack with 127 yards on 21 carries for an average of six yards per carry. Doug Holland carried the ball for 72 yards and according to Coach John Sporseen "played a really good, all-around game."

Heppner is ranked first in the Columbia Basin Conference. The game tomorrow night at 8 p.m. in Boardman against Riverside promises to be on the bigger challenges of the season. Riverside defeated Union 26-6 in a non-league game last weekend.

Heppner's defense forced Stanfield quarterback Monte Ellis to take to the air. He was able to complete 7 of 21 passes for 100 yards while the Tigers could only push forward 12 yards on the ground.

Need ride, contact boosters

The regular meeting of the Heppner Booster Club was held Sept. 6.

Jerry Samples offered to set up a car pool going to the Boardman football game.

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It was discussed and decided to get Booster buttons to give card holders in order to establish a list of present card holders.

John Sporseen is contacting Pilot Rock for their Booster Club by-laws.

The meeting will be Oct. 2, 7 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. There will be a movie of the game and a surprise guest speaker.



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Monday Morning Quarterback

By Jim Hackett

All three Morrow County high school teams, the Heppner Mustangs, Ione Cardinals, and Riverside won their Friday openers this week and all demonstrated they will be tough to defeat in the coming weeks.

It was already expected by most fans that the Mustangs would be able to knock off Stanfield which chalked up a winless season last year and looks headed in the same direction in 1979. Look for a closely fought contest this year in the intercounty football game Friday between Heppner and Riverside. Still, with the Mustangs showing strong defense and serving as defending league champions, I'll give them the edge by 14 points.

Ione Cardinals will return as state champions if they show the type of defensive hitting and offensive might shown Friday night against Condon. Condon, an 11-man football team until this year, did not play clumsily scoring three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to come back from a 0-38 deficit by the end of the third quarter. The Cards were outstanding in their defensive pressure, stopping most of the opponents' running plays and showing a mixed offense of passing and running. Ione Quarterback Dennis Stefani looked like the Seattle Seahawk's Jim Zorn, firing passes to receivers and dodging tacklers. The team's play looked like end of the season rather than the season's opener and it is to the credit of the Ione coaching staff that they were prepared.

I will predict the Cardinals over Powder Valley by 20 points.

The Oregon Ducks' 33-19 victory over the Colorado Buffaloes may indicate a tight race for the Rose Bowl with the Washington Huskies and USC. The Oregon Journal called it the biggest opening win since 1970 and I will have to agree.

The Oregon State Beavers were not so fortunate losing 16-35 to New Mexico.

In other Pac 10 contests, the Huskies whipped Wyoming, 38-2. Arizona walloped the Washington State Cougars, 22-7, the USC Trojans defeated Texas Tech, 21-7 and the California Bears slid past the University of Arizona, Houston upset UCLA, 16-24.

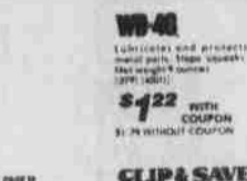
From these results, there will possibly be another close race for the Pac-10 championship and a trip to the Rose Bowl. I would think that the Ducks will have a strong chance of making it in the top 10 but anything can happen and since I am a UW graduate, naturally favor the Huskies and their star running back, Joe Steele.

Since this is my last sports column for the Gazette-Times, I would like to say that I've enjoyed covering the local sports scene for the short period that I've been here. I enjoyed refereeing this year's county horseshoe contest. If I had stayed, my next move would have been to support introduction of wrestling into area high schools but I will leave that challenge to its proponents.

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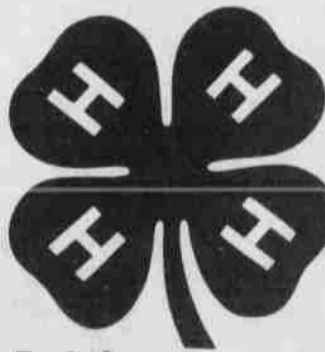
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