

Mustangs clobber Pilot Rock 38-7

by Andy Gorman

Last Friday night, the Heppner Mustangs took on the Pilot Rock Rockets and grabbing victory over the Rockets, the Mustangs took pride in clobbering them with a 38 to 7 shocker.

As the referees took the pleasure in throwing the coin into the air, the Mustangs lost the toss and were forced to make the opening kick off.

The Pilot Rock pep band played the National Anthem and before anyone else could say anything, head coach John Sporseen yelled "All right, let's go." It was timed ever so perfect, because as soon as he said that the opening line up started for both teams and the kick off was soon under way.

Doug Holland booted the opening kick off for 45 yards and, as the Rockets were not able to gain much yardage against Heppner's defense, Pilot Rock was forced to punt. John Murray gained 29 yards the very first offensive play. Quarterback John Bier then pushed himself through the line, running 21 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Joe Mollahan was attempting the extra point kick, but the ball was snapped too high and Mollahan was tackled trying to run the ball in. The score was then six to zip in Heppner's favor.

As Heppner was lined up for the second kick off, Murray

kicked the ball 50 yards but it bounced out of bounds on the ten. Pilot Rock took the ball on their own 40.

The Rockets had the ball and tried to run a play around the side, but (in a sense) didn't quite make it. They tried a pass play, but were intercepted by Rick Cole.

Heppner then had the ball and quarterback John Bier was forced to run the ball on the outside, for no receivers were open. He was forced out of bounds as one of Pilot Rock's defensive players hit and tackled him. There was a penalty called against Pilot Rock.

In the next play, another penalty was called against Pilot Rock for encroachment which cost them a total of 20 yards.

In the very next play, Bier ran 15 yards through the line for a T.D. The extra point attempt by Mollahan failed, making the score 12-0 in Heppner's favor.

It was Holland's turn once again to boot the kick off. As the ball flew 52 yards, it was the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Pilot Rock had to punt once again and sent the ball 20 yards. The Mustangs gained yardage which put the ball to the nine-yard line. Doug Holland took a handoff from Bier for a T.D., then Bier made a pitch to Holland who ran it in for the

extra points. The score now was 20 to nothing, Heppner.

Holland came right back and kicked off 50 yards. Just as Pilot Rock attempted to make a pass play, Murray intercepted and ran 35 yards for a touchdown. Mollahan failed at the extra point kick attempt. The score then was 26-7.

And talk about action. Holland came right back and booted a 37-yard kick off. Pilot Rock took a penalty for being off sides. They were on Heppner's 29-yard line when back-up quarterback Jeff Orr, threw an interception. Pilot Rock ran 70 yards down the side line for a touchdown and made the extra point, putting the score up to 26 to 7.

Earl Hammond was doing a great job in the line to rush the quarterback. Wes Marlatt made a great tackle right as the half ended. The score was still 26-7, Heppner.

During second half action, Pilot Rock kicked off for 39 yards. Rick Cole ran 79 yards for a touchdown. Mollahan attempted the extra-point kick but the ball was snapped too high and he was tackled after diving on the ball.

Heppner bounced back off the rebound while Murray booted a 50-yard kick off to the Rockets. They again tried to gain yardage but were forced to punt.



photos by Andy Gorman

John Murray gains ground against Rockets

When Heppner had the ball, quarterback John Bier tried to run the ball down the side lines but was hit hard. He was carried out of the game, saying, "I think I will be able to play this game if everything goes all right." End of third quarter. Bier was later transported to a hospital.

Back-up quarterback Jeff Orr was sent in and right of the bat connected three passes in a row, two to Curran and one to Murray, gaining a total of 39

yards. With the ball moving like that, it didn't take the Mustangs long to get the ball to the three-yard line. They pulled a quarterback sneak and Orr made the touchdown. The extra point attempt was no good because of a high snap. He had to run again but was tackled.

This game leaves Heppner and Weston McEwen tied for a 7-1 season. Heppner's next game is Saturday, Nov. 15, at Elgin. Game time is at 1 p.m.

Heppner begins 3rd consecutive year of post season action

Saturday's opening round Class A state football playoff game at Elgin will mark the sixth appearance for the Heppner Mustangs. It also is the third consecutive year for post-season action.

The HHS gridders will be out to break a jinx that has plagued them throughout their playoff history—the Mustangs have never advanced beyond the quarter-final round of action.

Last year Heppner won its first football playoff game with a 54-6 victory over Lost River. This was the first year of the expanded 16-team series and Heppner lost to St. Mary's of Medford, 14-6, in a hard fought quarter-final game.

Heppner first appeared in Class A playoffs in 1948 and lost to Union by a single touchdown in a game played in a mud bath.

It was not until 1970 that the Mustangs returned to post-season play and dropped a 50-6 decision to Pine-Eagle, a team that also dashed the local gridders' hopes of a state championship in 1974, 1977.

Elgin, this Saturday's foe, dropped Heppner, 25-6, in 1978. Six starters from this year's eleven were members of that

team and have revenge for that loss on their minds. They are seniors, Ray Miller, Brett Sherer, and John Bier, and Juniors, Earl Hammond, Doug Holland, and John Murray.

Should Heppner emerge victorious Saturday, the Mustangs would host Corbett next weekend at Heppner in another quarter-final contest and a chance to break the jinx.

But first the local gridders must get by Elgin. What must they do to win? "We have to stop their inside running game and generate offense ourselves against a very stiff defense," said head coach John Sporseen. "They are very run-oriented and pass only

sparingly. We must stop the run."

Both teams enter the contest with identical 8-1 season records. The Huskies are co-champions of the Wapiti League with Enterprise and Heppner is co-champion of the Columbia Basin Conference with Weston-McEwen.

Heppner fans were troubled last Friday night as starting quarterback John Bier was injured against Pilot Rock. His injury was a pulled tendon in the ankle and is undergoing treatment and therapy this week. According to Coach Sporseen, his chances of starting at Elgin are "50-50."

Game time at Elgin is 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Ione takes a victory at last league game

by Michelle LaRue

Ione traveled to Echo on Friday, Nov. 7, for their last league game of the season. The Cards returned home with a victory, 73-42.

Echo kicked off to open up the game and Gregg Rietmann was back to receive for the Cards. Rietmann caught the ball on the 14-yard line and sprinted 84 yards into the end zone. Shawn LaRue ran in for the extra points.

On Echo's first offensive play of the game, Treve Peterson picked off a Cougar pass and ran 60 yards for a touchdown. The run for the extra points failed. This made the score 14-0 for the Cards before they ran their first play from scrimmage.

The Cougars fumbled the ball on Ione's 24-yard line and Tim Patton recovered for the Cardinals. Rietmann scored on a 4-yard run for the Cards and LaRue ran in for the extra points.

Echo scored the next touchdown as Justin Harvey ran 18 yards into the end zone. The run for the extra points failed.

Ione was forced to punt, with Leslie Thompson booting the ball 44 yards downfield. The Cougars capitalized on this with a pass play that took them into the end zone. The extra points were no good. The score at the end of the first quarter was 22-12.

On Ione's first play of the second quarter, Denny Starr threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Rietmann. The run for the extra points failed.

The Cougars returned the score with a pass from Shane Correa to Harvey for a 14-yard touchdown. The pass for the extra points failed.

On the Cards next offensive play, Rietmann ran 74 yards for a touchdown. LaRue ran in for the extra points, making the score 36-18.

The Cougars made the next touchdown on a Correa 2-yard run. Correa threw a pass to

Pat Seifer for the extra points. LaRue made the last touchdown of the half on a 4-yard run. The extra points were no good. Halftime score was 42-26.

The Cardinals opened the second half when Jeff Hams threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Treve Peterson. Rietmann ran in for the extra points.

The Cougars were forced to punt on the next set of plays. Jim McCabe received the punt and returned it 69 yards for a touchdown. The pass for the extra points failed.

Hams made the next touchdown on a 47-yard run. Howard Leavitt ran in for the extra points. Echo made a touchdown on a 23-yard run by Bink Ramos. Harvey ran for the extra points.

Ione's last touchdown came when Leavitt scampered 21 yards into the end zone. Craig

Hams ran for the extra points.

The last touchdown of the game came when Harvey scored on a 1-yard run. Andy Saylor ran for the extra points. The final score of the game was 72-42.

Echo had three turnovers in the game, one coming on an interception by Treve Peterson and the other two on fumbles; Tim Patton and Richard Ladd each had one recovery. Ione had one turnover, coming on a fumble.

The Cards passed 2 for 6 for 87 yards, both for touchdowns. Echo passed 10 for 22 for 101 yards with one interception. Ione rushed for 356 yards with the leading rusher, Gregg Rietmann, having 135 yards. Echo had 407 yards rushing; leading rusher was Ramos with 185 yards. Andy Saylor had 118 yards.

Ione 22-20-22-8-72
Echo 12-14-8-8-42

Bowling News

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1. - Three Holers, 2. - The Pytts, 3. - Three L'S, 4. - Hi Ho's, 5. - Gutter Dusters, 6. - Weary Wives, 7. - Newcomers, 8. - The Dregs.
- High individual game - Iris Campbell, 180.
High individual series - Billie Doherty, 494.
High team game - tie, Hi Ho's and The Pytts, both 544.
High team series - The Pytts, 1,539.
Splits - 1-2-10 - Betty Brown.

High point servers

by Sherry Cowett

During the last Heppner High varsity volleyball season high point servers from Oct. 14 to Oct. 30 are as follows:

Mary Kincaid (no. 20) junior, with 54; Kellie Hammond (no. 34) senior, 42; Carolyn Plocharsky (no. 10) senior, 41; Deann Connor (no. 14) senior, 26; Lynn Dee Devin (no. 24) senior, 21.

Varsity records from Sept. 21 to Oct. 3 were misplaced.

Other members of the team are Cindy "Cyd" Bowman (no. 12) senior; Paula Palmer (no. 22) senior; Nancy Miller,

(no. 30) senior; Margaret Kincaid, (no. 32) senior; Lottie Laughlin, (no. 44) senior; Sandra Ward, (no. 42) junior.

Cardinals-Leopards to size each other up Sat.; each has one loss

by Michelle LaRue

The Ione Cardinals will travel to Cove to meet the Leopards in a state quarter-final game Saturday, Nov. 15, at 1 p.m.

The Leopards are coached by Skip Pereira, in his first playoff berth in three years at Cove. The Leopards are the number one team from District 4.

The Leopards have a 4-0 league record and are 9-1 overall. It is unique in that both teams' one loss has been to the Arlington Honkers.

Offensively the Leopards are led by Danny Frank who has rushed for 2,150 yards for a 150-yard average per game. Doug Grosse, who has rushed for 1,500 yards, averages 110 per game. The Leopards are quarterbacked by Kenny Willis who has passed for a 100-yards-plus per game with a 60 percent completion average. Leading receiver is Mark Mullins. The Leopards like to mix up the pass and run about evenly, but use what is most successful for them.

Offensively the Leopards average 41 points per game while allowing only 18.5.

They use a variety of defenses and have a well-rounded defense with all eight players doing a good job.

Coach Pereira says his

receivers for the Cards are Treve Peterson who has caught five touchdown passes, and Jim McCabe.

Defensively the Cards run a basic 4-2 in running situations and a 4-1 in obvious passing situations.

The Cards' strengths seem to be their running attack, offensively, and their defense against the rush. Another strength is the play-off experience of the Cards, who have won back-to-back state championships the last two years.

The Cards' weakness may be their passing game which they have not used too much this year because of their strong rushing attack.

Coach Meyers sees the teams as equals with no clear favorite to win. Winner of the quarterfinal game will advance to the semi-finals against the winner of the Detroit-Camas Valley game.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



John Bier

Student Body President, Methodist Youth Group President, H-Club Member, Drama Club Member, Football Co-Captain, Varsity Baseball and Basketball player, John is a Senior at Heppner High School and has maintained a 3.0 grade point average.

In the past John has been involved in the band, drama, athletics and has been an active member of his class. He has a high level of citizenship and is responsible and dependable. He possesses a keen sense of humor which aids him in his leadership role.

John has been chosen this week's student of the week.

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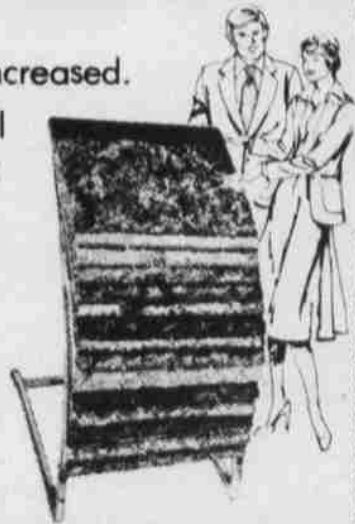
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