

Cards defeat Condon 28-8 in Big Sky action

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

In their first Big Sky Conference game this season the Lone Cardinals defeated the Condon Blue Devils 28 to 8. Lone is 1-0 in the conference and 3-0 overall. Lone is in third place in the Big Sky behind Cascade Locks and Echo, who are both 2-0.

On Lone's first play from scrimmage following a Condon punt, Howard Leavitt broke loose for a 63-yard touchdown run. Craig Hams ran in for two making it 8-0, Lone.

Still in the first quarter, following an Lone fumble, the Blue Devils tallied. Quarterback Kevin Pierson fumbled, but Dave Aamodt picked it up and ran 28 yards. Aaron Fitzsimmons ran in the conversion and it was 8 to 8.

Lone stopped themselves with turnovers and as a result Condon had the ball most of the time. The Blue Devils threatened at the end of the first half but couldn't score. The intermission count was 8-8.

Leavitt added another touchdown, a 3-yarder in the third period. Leavitt made the conversion and Lone led 16 to 6 entering the final stanza.

The Cards added 12 more in the fourth. Hams sprinted 39 yards for six and quarterback Randy McCabe went seven yards to make the final figure 28-8.

Leading Lone's defense were linebackers Mark Meyers and Hams with 21 and 19 tackles respectively. The Cardinals' front four also did a very good job putting pressure on the quarterback all night.



Craig Hams (44) fights for yardage against Condon Blue Devils.

photo by Wayne Hams

Offensively, Leavitt carried 21 times for 171 yards while Hams rushed for 111 yards on 14 rushes. Lone had 306 yards rushing and 312 yards of total offense.

Dave Aamodt led Condon with 23 rushes for 144 yards. The Blue Devils had 206 yards on the ground and 251 yards total.

Commented Head Coach Ron Mack, "We stopped ourselves in the first half but we played very good in the second half. We had a good pass rush

on their quarterback all night and that shows the capability of our front four. Our entire defense played great the whole game."

The Echo Cougars will play Lone in Lone on Friday, Oct. 7, in a very important contest. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

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| Condon | 1 | 2 |
| Lone | 8 | 0 |

Lone-Leavitt 63 run (Hams)

run) Condon-Dave Aamodt 28 run (Fitzsimmons run) Lone-Leavitt 3 run (Leavitt run) Lone-Hams 39 run (pass failed) Lone-McCabe 7 run (run failed)

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| First downs | 10 | 9 |
| Rushes, yards | 44-206 | 39-306 |
| Passing | 3-15-45-0 | 2-8-6-1 |
| Total yards | 251 | 315 |
| Return yards | 99 | 31 |
| Punts, average | 3-27.3 | 2-32.5 |

Fumbles, lost 3-1 4-3 Penalties, yards 6-30 3-35

Rushing-Condon: Dave Aamodt 23-144, Fitzsimmons 13-38, Pierson 6-18, Lear 2-6. Lone: Leavitt 21-171, Hams 11-111, McCabe 3-6, Meyers 1-18.

Passing - Condon: Pierson 3-12-45-1, Fitzsimmons 0-3-0-0. Lone: McCabe 1-6-2-1, Meyers 1-1-4-0, Leavitt 0-1-0-0.

Receiving - Condon: Lear 2-23, Fitzsimmons 1-22. Lone: Hams 1-4, Meyers 1-2.

Heppner defeated by Umatilla Vikings 14-19

By MELISSA PRIVETT

There was still excitement in the air as the Heppner Mustangs walked off their home field Friday night after being defeated by the Umatilla Vikings 14-19.

With four seconds left in the fourth quarter, Eric Thompson threw a pass to Greg Orr and it was completed down to the eight yard line. The crowd roared their approval but were soon disappointed when the referee said that the pass was made beyond the line of scrimmage.

Though the team and the onlookers were not happy with the call, Coach Craig Kitching commented, "I assumed it was the right call. I don't think he'd make the wrong call on purpose."

It was because of that call that the Mustangs did not gain the points that they needed to win the game. But Heppner did start off the scoring when John Moyer made the first touchdown in the first quarter on a two-yard run. Greg Orr scored on a 50-yard pass interception, followed by Eric Thompson running in the extra point in the fourth quarter.

The gap in the second quarter that the Mustangs failed to fill with touchdowns was kept active by Umatilla's Rob Silmanca, who made all of his team's three touchdowns; the first on a touchdown pass and the others on rushing. He also kicked the extra point.

Umatilla was expected to play well, but so was Heppner. "I was impressed with the way we came back," stated Kitching, referring to a previous game against Sherman. "We shouldn't have dug ourselves a hole in the second quarter. They scored all of their points then."

This was partly because of the Mustang's offensive playing. Kitching replied, "We had problems blocking the right people. Umatilla was sending their linebackers through the line and we weren't picking them up. That led to them tackling our backs behind the line of scrimmage."

"Defensively we had some mental lapses and it cost us points. We just need to use our

heads more, block the right people, and go to the right areas of defense," the coach added.

What were the general attitudes of the players before the game? Kitching answered, "Nervous. We thought we could win. We expected a tough ball game and it was. We go into every ball game expecting to win."

But whether those feelings had any effect on how they played resulted in another comment from the coach. "It's good to be a little bit nervous and on edge. It keeps the adrenalin flowing. We were anxious, but I don't think that affected us, just the breakdowns. Not by nervousness, just not thinking."

The Mustangs will travel to Wahtonka High School at The Dalles this Friday for the game against the Eagles at 7:30 p.m.

Wahtonka has been scouted by Heppner and they appear to offensively run a lot of "man in motion" in every play.

"They are bigger than we are. That's nothing new to us," Kitching laughed.

Concentration will be needed for the Mustangs to win this game, along with blocking the right people and remembering their defensive assignments.

"Mental mistakes are what's standing in our way. We will work on ironing them out this week during practice," concluded Kitching.

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| First downs | 4 | 10 |
| Passes attempted | 4-10-3-20 | 5-15-4-77 |
| Rushing Plays | 35-91 | 36-119 |
| Offensive plays | 45 | 51 |
| Number of Punts | 4-32.7 | 3-31.6 |
| Punts returned | 1 | 3 |
| Kick-offs | 3-24 | 4-33.7 |
| Kick-offs returned | 3 | 2 |
| Fumbles-lost | 3-2 | 2-1 |
| Penalties, yards lost | 3-25 | 5-35 |
| Individual Statistics | | |
| Rushing: John Moyer 13-38, Alex Lindsay 2-2, Eric Thompson 8-36, Archie Lucas 5-8, Mark Way 5-33, Rick Riehl 1-5. | | |
| Passes Attempted: Mark Way 3-7-17, Eric Thompson 1-2-3, John Moyer 1-1-3. | | |
| Passes Caught: John Moyer 2-6, Eric Thompson 1-3, Greg Orr 1-11. | | |
| Passes Intercepted: Rick Riehl 1-10, John Moyer 1-5, Greg Orr 2-73. | | |
| Scoring: John Moyer: touchdown, Greg Orr - touchdown, Eric Thompson - run in extra point. | | |
| Punts: John Moyer 4-131. | | |
| Punt Returns: Greg Orr 1-4. | | |
| Kickoffs: Bob Harris 3-72. | | |
| Kickoff returns: Alex Lindsay 2-24, Rick Riehl 1-27. | | |

Heppner Fillies take close one from Umatilla

By DANA REID

Thursday, Sept. 29, the J.V. Fillies played an exciting game against the Umatilla Vikings. The game was played at Umatilla.

The first match was a close one. The Vikings made the first few points but the Fillies stayed right in there. The Fillies had super team work and were playing very well. They had very few serves that didn't go over the net. The serves for the Vikings were the same. The Vikings' serves were down hard in the back row. They really made the Fillies hustle and do a lot of talking. The Fillies weren't doing quite as well playing the ball after it was received and Heppner only made one point when the Vikings made two so the game went to the Vikings. The score was 15-17.

The Fillies were really fired up and ready to go now. They knew they had to win the next match to stay in the game. The Fillies had the first serve and it was over. The Vikings just weren't set to receive the ball so the Fillies scored. They were off to a good start, but later in the game the Vikings were serving well. With a little trouble at the net for the Fillies the Vikings scored a few more points and were ahead of the Fillies. But that didn't scare the Fillies. They were still in there. The Fillies were really hustling and ready for the ball, to be anywhere because Umatilla's serves would go anywhere. The Fillies started to get a handle on the ball and were bumping, setting and spiking them down. The Vikings were also doing the same. The score was getting tied back up again and it was close to the end of the game. The Fillies made some mistakes that they shouldn't have but they certainly made up for them and went into an extra long game with a final score of 15-13.

However, in the third match, which decided who would win the game, was an even tougher one. It was a fight to the finish. The Fillies won the coin toss and got the first serve. As the serve was hit over hard, the action started.

Both teams wanted to win the game and did their best. The score was close all the way through the game. Both

teams' serves were very good. The Fillies had a bit of trouble receiving at first, but after a time out and a pep talk, they were out to win. The Fillies picked the serves up and set them right to the setter for a spike. Towards the end of the game both teams were serving poorly. The ball went into the net or out of bounds but no points for either team were lost because both teams were having serving trouble. But if only took the Fillies a minute

and they knew their serves had to go in and they did. But that's all the time it took the Vikings to figure it out too, because their serves were in again, too.

The game was both exciting and scary. The score was tied up at one point, then the Vikings would score to put them in the lead, but the Fillies would receive it well and make it a side out. Then the Fillies tied the score again. Having to win by two

points, it was a long game. Both teams were playing well so the serve would be over to one team then back again. The Vikings were still spiking them. The ball was going down hard but the Fillies using their coverage and a few dives here and there. Heppner won. The score was 19-17.

The game was super. Both teams are awesome and made it an exciting game for the crowd to watch. There was a great turn-out in the stands. The team says, "thanks for

the support!"

"It was the best game I've seen played." "We did super and worked very well together." "got to want to make it happen and we did!" were a few comments from the JV players.

"We had kind of a slow start but I felt, over all, we did very good offensively and defensively and we outplayed Umatilla. A lot of team work was part of what made us win," said Coach Karen Howe.

Fillies' 'C' team wins match against Umatilla

By DANA REID

The "C" team Fillies played a tough game against the Umatilla Vikings on Thursday, Sept. 29 at Umatilla.

The first match was a tough one for the Fillies. It was the best match of the game. The Fillies really played well. They were hustling for every ball that came over the net. It

was a close game but the Fillies pulled through. The score was 15-10.

The second match was not good for the Fillies. They were having trouble receiving the ball. The Vikings' serves were coming over hard and the Fillies just weren't ready and moving enough to get under it and bump it up so the match went to the Vikings. The score was 15-0.

The third match decided who would win the game. The Fillies were now moving and talking more. The Fillies' serves were super. In this match the Vikings were having trouble receiving the ball so the Fillies continued their serving. The Fillies also played well at the net. They had a few bumps, sets and spikes that the Vikings weren't ready for.

The Fillies won the match and the game. The score was 15-0.

"The last game we didn't do well, receiving the serves but this game we did very well. I guess practice paid off. Most of the team felt good about winning," said Coach Karen Howe.

The Fillies will meet Weston-McEwen at Heppner at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6.

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