Heppner trounces Stanfield 26-8 in final season game

Eric Thompson (38) avoids tackle in Friday's game against Stanfield. photo by Jon Mitchell

By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs, with the help of Eric Thompson and a stingy defense, defeated the Stanfield Tigers in their final game of the season 26-8.

Eric Thompson scored all four of Heppner's touchdowns and rushed for 131 yards on 13 carries and Mark Way was 3 for 8 for 60 yards and two interceptions. (Way, with his two interceptions, tied the club mark held by Jeff Orr last year.)

The defense was also a big reason for Heppner's victory. After an opening 64-yard drive that led to a Stanfield 8-0 lead, Heppner marched back.

With a 16-yard run by Thompson, Rick Rhiel then made a diving catch for the two-point conversion to tie it at 8-8 at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, things started off good for the Mustangs as John Moyer recovered a fumble and returned it to the 20 . From there, Thompson ran in three yards for his second touchdown and a 14-8 lead at the half.

Thompson accomplished the same feat once each in the third and fourth periods with runs of 64 and 21 yards.

The Mustangs' only outgained Stanfield by 10 yards on the ground, but passed them by 33 yards in the air. When asked about his comments on the season, Coach Craig Kitching stated, "I thought it was a real positive season. We played well early and then leveled off during the middle. I think we played better our last three games than anyone in the league. If there was a trophy for the most improved team in the league, I think we would be in the running."

When questioned about next year, the coach said, "We have to work on weights and the JV's have to mature and grow up. It is too early to tell now, but it's not too early to start."

Heppner finished the season at 3-6.

A ten gallon hat, when filled, can actually only hold 3/4 of a gallon.

HHS JV Volleyball team boasts 10-1 win-loss record

By DANA REID

As the season ends, the Heppner High JV volleyball players came out with a great win-loss record of 10-1. The best in a long time. The Fillies beat Condon twice, Arlington once, Weston-McEwen twice, Umatilla once, Stanfield twice, and Pilot Rock twice. They lost to Umatilla once.

The JV Filly team consisted of Dana Reid (10), Cammie Papineau (12), Missy Gates (14), Andrea Ball (20), Missy Eubanks (22), Jennifer Hughes (24), Sandy Kelsay (30), Jodi Mattison (32), Penny Connor (34), Tina Davidson (4), Janice Martin (42), Kim George (44), and Coach Karen Howe.

When asked how the Fillies thought their season turned out, they replied:

"I thought we had a great team. We had the quality to make it all the way. For a few games we lost confidence in ourselves and our teammates but when we got the confidence back we did great. We had the enthusiasm and participation a team needs to be number one," said player Dana Reid.

"It's nice to have a 10-1 season, that really meant something to me, but next year we will work together 100 percent all of the time instead of just once in awhile," replied player Andrea Ball.

"The best match we played all season was our first match against Umatilla. We were serving and moving well on the court. The girls worked as a team trying to bump, set and spike. They were communicating and playing their own positions. This teamwork was fun to watch but what really stood out in my mind was their enthusiasm and will to win. They gave 100 percent of themselves during the game and it paid off. All of us were mighty proud of that win! We finished our season 10-1, which is the best JV record achieved by a team that I have coached. They were a fun group to work with," said Coach Karen Howe.

Heppner 'C' team ends season after 5 games

By DANA REID

The HHS "C" team ended their season with a 2-3 win-loss record. Unfortunately the "C" team didn't play many games but despite the letdown they had the enthusiasm and played well. The Fillies beat Umatilla once and Ione once. They lost to Umatilla, Ione and Weston-McEwen each once.

The team consisted of Trina Palmer, Tareena Nash, Beth Forrar, Cindy Stroeber, Kim Wright, Staci Toll, Paula Heatherly, Cindy Davis, Christy Rathbun, Missy Schoonover, Jacklynn Robinson, Stacey Kennedy, Sheila Sieler, Sherry Speakman, Sherri Dittman and Coaches Karen Howe and Barb Stefani.

When asked how the Filies thought the season turned out they replied:

"I thought the season was fun. We would have had more fun if we would have had more games but there was nothing anyone could do to help that. But I thought we had a pretty good season," said player Cindy Stroeber.

"We didn't get to play many games but I had a lot of fun. We won three out of five games, I guess that's okay. I wish we would have done better. Sometimes we just got too down and couldn't get it together," said player Tareena Nash.

"The 'C' team was disappointed this year to find that they only had five games. This affected their morale. They went weeks in between games, where they had to practice every day. Even though practices were long, they still got very excited about their games. They were fired up but lacked the skills and experience to have a winning season. They finished with a 2-3 record. Their most exciting match was their match against Ione. They were fired up due to its being homecoming week. They played their best game that day. They were even able to set up some spikes," said Coach Karen Howe.

JV Fillies win last game of season

By DANA REID

The Heppner Fillies' JV volleyball team played their last game of the season against the Condon Blue Devils. The game was played at Heppner Tuesday, Nov. 1.

The Fillies were not very fired up when they went out onto the floor. The Blue Devils started the first match off with the serve. Heppner wasn't quite ready and couldn't return it so a point went to Condon. Condon continued to serve but Heppner did manage to return it. And the serve went to the Fillies. At the beginning of the first match, Heppner was doing very well with serves. But as the match continued on, Heppner's serves weren't all going over Condon was in the lead through most of the match and Heppner started to give it away. There were some pretty good bumps, sets and spikes for the Fillies but just not enough. The Blue Devils were really serving the ball hard and the ball went everywhere. Heppner just didn't know where the ball was going to go so the Fillies couldn't get behind it quickly enough. The first match went to the Condon Blue Devils. The score of the first match was 15-9.

Heppner went out on the floor for the second match a little more fired up. Heppner started the match with the serve. It didn't quite go in so it was side out and the ball was turned over to Condon. Condon served it over but the Fillies were ready for it and returned it back to the Blue Devils. The Blue Devils couldn't quite get it back over and the serve went back to the Fillies. The Fillis had a good serve and Condon couldn't return it. So Heppner scored the first point. The match continued on and Heppner had control most of the way through, but Condon did make the Fillies work for it and they did. The Fillies weren't quite moving as much as they could have but did well enough to win the second match. The score was 15-13.

This meant the Heppner Fillies and the Condon Blue Devils would play another match. It was important to both teams because it was for the game.

The Fillies started out with the serve. Heppner was a little more fired up. The Fillies were moving and talking more. Heppner was serving very well. The match consisted mostly of bumps, sets and spikes and both teams were doing very well. Ech was making the other team really hustle and go for the ball. Towards the end of the match, Heppenr started to slow down a little but kept it up enough to win. The score of the third match was 15-7.

"We did not play well. We weren't awake. We finally decided to play volleyball in the third match. Tina Davidson did have a good game," said Heppner Coach Karen Howe.

Jennifer Hughes returns volley. photo by Jon Mitchell

Grace Kelly was the first movie actress to appear on a postage stamp. She and Prince Rainier of Monaco, her husband, were featured on one in 1956 in commemoration of their marriage.

Influence of business, industry impacting vocational ed

The influence of business and industry is beginning to impact vocational education in Umatilla and Morrow Counties, according to Ed Glenn, chairman of the Vocational Education and Employment Training Council for the two counties.

Buck Walther, regional apprenticeship coordinator, Oregon Bureau of Labor & Industries, announced the development of a Programmable Controls Systems Operator apprenticeship program at the Council's Monday meeting. The program was developed with the cooperation of Kinzua Corporation, Heppner, and came about because Walther and Kinzua's President, Harry Kennison, are both members of the Council.

The new apprenticeship program is designed to train operators of computerized machinery. An orientation meeting for prospective apprentices and employers will be held at BMCC on Saturday, Nov. 5. Further information can be obtained from Norm Vorvick at 276-1260.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the Council received a report from Sam Pambrun, vocational director, Umatilla Education Service District, on a recent employer survey conducted by the Council. The survey was returned by 70 employers of 2,500 employees, and most employers cited positive work attitude as the most significant need in present vocational education programs, according to Pambrun.

With its survey work completed, Glenn directed the Council to begin development of specific recommendations for the vocational education training programs it hopes to influence. Glenn appointed committees to work on ways of developoing positive work ethic and to review sales and marketing training.

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