

Heppner has strong defense but loses in Homecoming game



photo by Clark Wallis

Mustang running back Alex Lindsay evades tackler during game with Eagles last Friday night.

By TRAVIS HYATT
Last Friday night was Homecoming week for the Heppner Mustangs. Remember last year's homecoming game? The Mustangs probably played their best defensive game of the year against the number one team in the state, Enterprise, but lost 16-0.

The Whatonka Eagles are not the number one team in the state this year, but they're definitely not a pushover either, and just like last year the Mustangs have played their best defensive game of the year, so far.

"We played better defensively against Whatonka," states Coach Craig Kitching. "We still have a tendency to give up the big play in key situations. Once we eliminate that problem, I feel we can be pretty solid." But first, the young Mustangs have to score.

For the fourth time in five weeks the Mustangs were shut out, 21-0 against Whatonka. But don't sell them short, the Mustangs got inside the Eagles thirty twice, but failed to score. Once because of a fumble and the other because time ran out.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs ran into another top-ranked tailback in David Ferguson, who had touchdown runs of 6.5, and 3 yards and ended up with 125 yards on 25 carries. It was one of Ferguson's lowest output of the year.

"We're executing better on offense. Once we eliminate the mental mistakes we've been making, we'll be ok," says Kitching.

The defense played the most aggressive game they have played all year. Rick Riehl had two interceptions and Cam George had one. The Mustangs also sacked quarterback James Carpenter four times.

The Mustangs host Wasco County Thursday night at 7:30.

Passing: Whatonka-Carpenter 6-12 85 yds, Miller 1-3 35 yds, DesRochers 0-1. Heppner-Doherty 2-8 29 yds.

Rushing: Whatonka-Ferguson 25-115 yds, Baucum 5-33 yds, DesRochers 1-8, Carpenter 5-(20), Lighton 6-19, Malcolm 1-1; Heppner-Lindsay 11-22 yds, George 8-20, Doherty 4-(18), McConnell 3-14, Riehl 2-(3), Buschke 1-0.

Totals: Whatonka passing 92 yds, rushing 158 yds, total-250 yards. Heppner-passing 29 yds, rushing 35 yds., total 64 yards.

Currin named as returnee to Cal Poly rodeo team

Returnees will dominate the rosters when Cal Poly's rodeo teams open the 1984-85 season Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12-13, in their home arena, announced a release from California Polytechnic State University.

Competition will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 12 and at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 13. The rodeo is one of two National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Western

Freshman Fillies outplayed by Tigerscotts

By DANA REID

The Heppner Fillies freshmen team went up against the Weston McEwen Tigerscotts Thursday, October 4. The game was at Weston McEwen.

The Heppner Fillies went out ready to play. The Tigerscotts started the first match with a good serve which lead them to the first

point of the match. The Tigerscotts pulled ahead of the Fillies and a time out was called with the score 0-6. Weston McEwen set the ball up for bump, set, and spikes on Heppner, which they weren't used to. A good effort by the Fillies, but the Tigerscotts won the first match with a score of 2-15.

The Tigerscotts was mostly their

Junior Varsity team and a very experienced one at that. Heppner came back out on the court a little discouraged but didn't give up. Heppner started the second match with a scoring serve. There was some good volleys between the two teams but Weston McEwen was just too experienced and won the second match. The final score was 2-15.

JV. volleyball team loses to Weston McEwen

By DANA REID

The Junior Varsity volleyball team traveled to Weston McEwen Thursday, October 4.

Heppner started the first match with the serve. It didn't quite go over so the ball was turned over to the Tigerscotts. The Tigerscotts had a good serve and ended up receiving the first point. Weston McEwen was playing good ball and pulled ahead of the Fillies 0-5. A time out was called. Heppner went back in and was having trouble communicating. Heppner was also having trouble receiving the ball and Weston McEwen went on to win the match. The

final score was 6-15.

Weston McEwen served a good serve to start. The second match. The first point also went to the Tigerscotts. Heppner called a time out with Weston McEwen ahead 2-7. The Tigerscotts were making Heppner really move, with good spikes. Heppner was having trouble receiving the ball. There was some good volleys played and towards the end of the match the Fillies were serving really well. A time-out was called with the Tigerscotts ahead 4-12. Weston McEwen went back out and finished the game. The final score was 7-15.

"They didn't play well overall against Weston, but their serves were very good. When they got organized enough to spike, the spikes were good. Their lack of organization and team work during most of the game caused them to lose the match in two games. Near the end of each game they vollied and came back but they didn't have what it took to pull out a win," said Coach Karen Howe.

Coach Howe added, "I was disappointed with their performance and plan to do everything possible to be sure that there is never a repeat performance."

Heppner volleyball outscored by Tigerscotts

By DANA REID

The Heppner Varsity volleyball team traveled to Weston McEwen Thursday, October 4.

The first match was started with Weston McEwen serving and receiving the first point. Both teams were serving very well. Heppner was receiving the ball well and giving the Tigerscotts some good hard spikes. Heppner was really hustling and communicating well. There was a lot of good long volleys between the two teams.

With Weston McEwen ahead 8-12, the Fillies called a time-out. Heppner went back in fired up and ready to play. Heppner was making a come back and tied the score up 12-12. Weston McEwen then scored two more points and a time-out was called at 12-14. Back in the game the Tigerscotts scored the last point and won the match. The final score was 12-15.

The Fillies went in for the second match ready to win. They started the match with excellent serves and scored the first 5 points, to make the score 5-0. The serve was then turned over to the Tigerscotts and they scored 4 points. A time-out was called with the score 5-4 in favor of Heppner. Heppner was really hustling and serving well. The Fillies then went ahead 12-4. The serve was turned over to the Tigerscotts and they served well. The Tigerscotts then set the ball up and spiked it down hard to the Fillies. Heppner got a little discouraged and made a few too many mistakes. Weston-McEwen made a come back and went ahead 12-13. The match continued as the Tigerscotts scored the last two points and won the match 12-15.

"We played well at times but did not consistently have control of our hits. Serving was inconsistent in the first game, however, Dana Reid served 4 points to tie the game, 12-12. But we were unable to get the serve back. In the second game Heppner got off to a great start with Jodi

Padberg scoring 5 straight points, Janelle McElhany added 7 more points to give Heppner 12. We were capitalizing on Westons errors until the table was turned and Weston outscored us, 12-15," commented Coach Stefani.

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