

# With 16 returning lettermen, new coach expects improved season

By ASHLEY CONKLIN  
The Heppner High School football team returns 16 lettermen in hopes of improving on last year's 0-9 record.  
Heppner has a new head coach this season, Tim Birkby who has been an assistant coach for four seasons. He takes over for Craig Kitching who had a 3-15 record in two seasons. Birkby's assistants will be Les Payne who is in his eighth season as an assistant coach and Lee Block who is in his first season as an assistant (see related story).  
The Mustangs return seven offensive starters and three defensive starters. Dave Pedro and Alex Lindsay return at fullback and tailback respectively, but Birkby says the two backfield positions are between Pedro and Lindsay, plus Scott Buschke. Chris McLaughlin started at tight end a year ago as did Kevin Hughes, Bob Riehl, and Troy Hyatt at guard and Jason Palmer at tackle.  
The defensive starters who return are Joe Taylor (defensive back), Scott Buschke (nose guard), and Gene Lancaster (tackle). However, Buschke has been switched to linebacker. Birkby is very high on Palmer who has been looking very good at the linebacker position in

practice. Palmer will also handle all of the punting chores.  
The Mustangs will return to running the option out of an "I" formation. The biggest question mark is who will quarterback the team. Last year's starter, Ron Doherty graduated. Taylor backed up Doherty last season and started the final game of the season. Others Birkby is looking at are Todd Lindsay, Ryan Duncan, and Dick Devin.  
Birkby looks at his offensive line to gain tremendous experience this season and get better with each game. "The option will be new to the linemen, but they should be able to pick it up and become more productive as the season progresses," he replied.  
Birkby expects one thing of his defense this year. "We must tackle better," he remarked.  
Riverside (Boardman) won the Columbia Basin Conference a year ago with Wahtonka of The Dalles finishing second. Birkby looks at Umattilla to take the CBC crown this year. "They (Umattilla) are returning a lot of people which gives them a big advantage. Riverside and Wahtonka should battle it out for the second spot."  
Whereas last year's team finished with a 0-9 record, Birkby looks for his team to improve this season.

"When you finish with an 0-9 record you can't do anything but improve. We'll win a few games this season and should finish about in the middle of the pack in the CBC," he said.  
"I've been pleased with the enthusiasm of the team and the high spirits thus far. Hopefully this will carry into the season," the coach concluded.  
Other returning letterman from last season are senior Mike Storm, juniors - Kevin Curnutt, Gene Harris, and Scott Dougherty; and sophomore Scott Jones.  
Those among the other 27 out for football are seniors - Jack Estburg, Todd Lindsay, Loran Hayes, Tony Clement, Marty Buschke, and Shad Jefferies; juniors - Rob Poorman and Pradith Thongdy; sophomores - Doug Marlatt, Roy Farley, Jerry Gray, Mark Fishburn, Duane Ball, Mike Van Schoeck, and Scott Davis; and freshmen - Craig Angell, Dick Devin, Mike Mahoney, Barney Lindsay, Bryan Padberg, Jerry Brosnan, Jim Brosnan, Ted Schwarz, Jess Osmin, Jess Jefferies, and Steve Arbogast.  
Heppner's opening game will be at home against the Stanfield Tigers on Friday, September 6 at 7 p.m.

## New assistant football coach



Lee Block

By ASHLEY CONKLIN  
Lee Block, most recently of Noxon, Montana, has joined the coaching staff at Heppner High School. He joins Les Payne as assistant coach of the Heppner Mustangs football team under the direction of head coach, Tim Birkby.  
Block and his wife, Darcas, have three daughters, Tabitha, 16; Vashli, 13; and Phoebe, 10. In addition to coaching at H.H.S., Block will teach math and computer classes.

Prior to teaching math and computer science during the 1984-85 school year at Noxon, he spent a year working in the special education field at Battle Ground, Washington and a year substitute teaching and taking course work at Portland State University.

A member of the football team, Block graduated from Ortonville High School in Minnesota in 1959. He graduated from Southern Oregon State College at Ashland in 1965 and earned a masters degree at Syracuse University. In addition to teaching math for three years at Medford High School and to teaching and coaching at Camas, Washington, for one year, he has several years experience working for private enterprise. From 1969 until 1974, he was a research chemist in pulp and paper at the Weyerhaeuser plant in Longview, Washington.  
From 1975 to 1976 he was in a special research project, oxygen pulping, at Everett, Washington. From Everett, Block moved on to Plymouth, North Carolina where he spent two years as a project engineer in process and product quality control at the Weyerhaeuser mill. In 1979 Block moved back to Vancouver, Washington, where he worked until 1982 for Boise Cascade which time, he decided to return to education.

Block says that the Heppner community is a very friendly place and I'm looking forward to the upcoming school year."

## What's Your Opinion



Question: "Are you looking forward to school starting?"  
"Yes," said Sherri Warnock of Pilot Rock. "I want to see my friends, but I don't want the work."

"Yes" echoes Barbara Court, recent also of Pilot Rock. "I'm looking forward to seeing all of my friends but not the teachers."

## Payment limitation deadline set

September 30, 1985 is the final date farmers can report and be paid for completion of federal conservation cost-share practices and still have their earnings count toward their 1985 payment limitation.

Provisions of the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) provide that the total of all federal cost-shares that a person may receive during a fiscal year shall not exceed \$3,500. The limitation is increased to \$10,000 if the farmer is participating with neighboring farmers to solve a mutual conservation problem under a pooling agreement. Participants under the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) have a fiscal year payment limitation of \$10,000. It is the farmers responsibility to abide by these maximum limitations.

Judy Buschke, County Executive Director of the Morrow County ASC Office today urged farmers participation under the ACP or FIP programs to report completed practices as soon as possible. In many cases a review by the Soil Conservation Service technician or the Service

Forester is required before payment can be authorized by the County Committee.

In order to help speed up the payment process farmers should provide a completed copy of the ACP-245, "Practice Approval and Payment Application," along with necessary weight tickets, invoices, and other evidence necessary to determine the cost of the practice.

"It would be very helpful if farmers who have completed their practices could file their application for payment by September 15," concluded Buschke. "This would help reduce the heavy workload that usually develops at the end of the fiscal year."

Buschke also noted that payments earned after October 1, 1985, will be credited to the 1986 payment limitation. Questions about filing completion of a practice and the payment limitation provisions can be answered by the County ASC Office staff at the Morrow County ASCS Office, Gilliam & Bisbee Bldg., Heppner, Ore. 97836, or by calling 676-9011.

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## W.C.C.C. Golf



### Over the Tee Cup August 20

Lois Hunt won the String Tournament with a nice 36. Twenty-seven ladies turned out for the event. The string tournament is a fun event with string measured for each person according to her handicap. The string can be used to improve the lie of the ball anywhere on the course as long as the string lasts. —  
Winners were as follows:  
First flight  
Lois Hunt - first; Pat Edmundson - second; Muriel Palmer and Wanda Willis tied for third.  
Second flight  
Betty Rietmann - first; Lucille Peck and Jodi Padberg - second; Betty Chrisman - third.  
Third flight  
Norma French and Lucille Massey - first; Dorris Graves - second; Bernice Lott - third.

### Ladies Duffers Wednesday, August 21

Low gross - Harriet Evans  
Low net - Mary Beamer  
Least putts - Betty Christman  
Closest to pin - Bebe Munkers  
Long drive - Betty Christman

### Ladies Duffers Wednesday, August 14

Low gross - Harriet Evans  
Low net - Mary Beamer  
Least putts - Betty Christman  
Closest to pin - Bebe Munkers  
Long drive - Betty Christman

### Over the Tee Cup August 6

Low gross - Bev Wilson  
Second low gross - Wanda Willis  
Low net - Dorothy Hawkins  
Least putts - Lucille Peck  
Dorris Graves, Lorena Jones  
Closest to pin - Marcia Anderson  
Long drive - Bev Wilson

### Over the Tee Cup August 13

Low gross - Bev Wilson  
Second low gross - Lois Hunt  
Low net - Lorena Jones  
Least putts - Dorothy Hawkins and Wanda Willis  
Closest to pin - Sharon Harrison  
Long drive - Marcia Anderson  
Special award - Lucille Massey

### Ladies Duffers Wednesday, August 14

Low gross - Harriet Evans  
Low net - Lota Tibbles  
Least putts - Neoma Bailey and Lucille Massey  
Most specs - Harriet Evans

## Farm stored grain requires quality checks, proper maintenance

With more than 1,844,245 bushels of loan grain stored on Morrow County Farms, Judy Buschke, Executive Director, Morrow County ASCS, today urged producers to continue to check the quality of their farm-stored grain to assure that it remains in good condition.

"Proper maintenance of farm-stored grain - whether it's in the grain reserve or under loan - is the full responsibility of the farmer, she said. When wheat or other grains are stored on the farm for extended periods, regular inspections are required in order to detect insect infestation or grain deterioration. The market value of infested wheat may be substantially reduced if the insect damage is sufficient to lower the grain quality.

Buschke said ASCS is currently inspecting random samplings of wheat, and barley in the reserve. Where problems exist, producers will be instructed to recondition the grain, rotate it with new crops or repay the loan. "Farmers should not rely on our spot checks as a substitute for their regular inspections, however."

The ASCS official said: "We expect farmers to continue good B.M.C.C. to resume hours

Regular office hours will resume at Blue Mountain Community College Monday, Sept. 26.

Starting on that day, offices at the college will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. During the summer months, the college adopts a four-day work week with extended hours for employees. The four-day work week results in a substantial energy saving for the college.

Persons planning to enter the college fall term should plan to come to campus to take the placement test required of all entering full-time students. The placement test is given at 8 and 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m.

Following the placement test, students visit with a college counselor about career goals and are assigned a faculty advisor. At that time, the student is given a registration appointment for fall term.

Registration at the college is by appointment on Sept. 19, 20 and 23. Classes start at the college Tuesday, Sept. 24.

management practices and regular inspections to protect and maintain the quality of farm-stored grain. The slightest relaxation of these procedures could result in storability problems and poor quality grain. Anytime farmers are in doubt as to the quality of loan grain, they should contact our office at once."

Farmers are also reminded to obtain ASCS authorization before commingling, rotating, moving or selling grain under loan. Penalties will be imposed when the grain is removed or disposed of before repayment or before a release authorization is obtained from ASCS.

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