

Mustangs drop season opener



Bryan Padberg (28) blocks out TigerScots in Heppner's 6-0 opening season loss.

By Ashley Conklin
Plagued by penalties and a sputtering offense, throughout the game, the Heppner football team's ill-fated result was a season opening 6-0 loss to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots in a non-conference game last Friday night.
The Mustangs were flagged nine times for 75 yards and gained only 77 yards of total offense, with all of those coming via the running game.
Weston-McEwen did not fare much better as they had 11 penalties for 110 yards and produced only 114 yards of total offense, gaining 103 yards on the ground.
Neither team scored in the first half as penalties, poor field position, and an inability to move the ball bothered both squads. The closest either team came to scoring in the opening 24 minutes of play was when the TigerScots' Bill Copenhaver was far short on an attempted 45-yard field goal.
The second half story was pretty much the same as the one in the first half, but Heppner appeared to be on-the-move late in the fourth quarter

when two 15-yard penalties put the ball on the Mustang 47-yard line. However, Heppner quarterback Joe Taylor fumbled on the next play and Weston-McEwen's Chris Smith recovered on the Mustang 45.
From there the TigerScots put together a 5-play, 45-yard drive that was capped when John Shanks took a handoff and darted inside, then outside to score on a 21-yard run on third down-and-6 with 3:24 left on the clock.
Heppner got the ball back, but was unable to get a first down and Weston-McEwen ran out the clock.
"We had a lot of mistakes and we need to correct those in order to win a game," head Mustang coach Tim Birkby said. "There were some good things that did happen for us in this game, though."
The game did take its toll on Heppner however, as starting tight end and defensive end Mark Fishburn went down in the fourth quarter with a dislocated shoulder. Fishburn will be out approximately 3-4 weeks and Birkby must now find somebody to replace Fishburn, par-

ticularly at tight end where the Mustangs were already weak and inexperienced as a receiving unit.
Heppner will travel to Stanfield this Friday to play the Tigers in the conference opener for both teams. Game time is slated for 7:30 p.m.

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Weston-McEwen	0	0	0	6	6
Heppner	0	0	0	0	0
Weston-McEwen-J. Shanks 21 run (pass failed)					

	Weston-McEwen	Heppner
First Downs	6	8
Rushes-Yards	44-103	36-77
Passing	2-5-11-0	0-3-0-0
Total Offense	144	77
Return Yards	11	46
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	4-2
Penalties-Yds	11-110	9-75
Punts-Average	4-34.3	3-32
Rushing-Weston-McEwen: J. Shanks 6-60, Pike 14-51, Davis 3-7, Copenhaver 1-(-2), Carson 4-(-2), Hanson 13-(-11). Heppner: Taylor 14-38, D. Pedro 9-38, Bushcke 7-26, Padberg 1-8, Britt 5-(-33).		
Passing Weston-McEwen: Hanson 2-5-11-0. Heppner: Taylor 0-3-0-0.		
Receiving Weston-McEwen: J. Shanks 1-9, Copenhaver 1-2. Heppner: none.		
Missed Field Goals-Weston-McEwen: Copenhaver 45, 35.		

New Cardinal coach looks for winning season

By Ashley Conklin
With a new coach, and a new offense, the lone football team hopes for a new beginning as they head into the 1986 season. Taking over as the new head coach in lone is David Presley, while Del LaRue returns for his 16th season as an assistant coach.
Last season the Cardinals finished fourth in the Big Sky Conference with a 2-4 league record and an overall record of 2-6, the first time the Cardinals did not have a winning record since 1977.
Presley comes to lone from Willamette University where he was a line-backers coach. Presley feels that his experience as a defensive coach will be a big benefit as he switches to coach an offense (LaRue will again handle the defense for lone).
"As a linebacker coach I had to analyze offenses all of the time in order to see what we could do against them," Presley said. "Because I spent so much time breaking down offenses and seeing what did and didn't work against them, I came to understand what it took to make an offense work."
Presley will again have the Cardinals running out of the "1" formation, but does plan to change things by installing a run-and-shoot offense. "Right now the kids are just starting to learn the offense, but they seem to be picking it up real well," he said.
One thing the Cardinals did not have last season was experience. That will change this year though, with nine returning lettermen helping comprise the 14-man roster.
lone will have a great deal of that experience in the backfield where junior Kevin Ball returns at quarterback, senior Chris Rea returns at one running back position, and junior Ken Snider is back at the other running back spot.
The Cardinals should be improved up front as well where sophomore Dustin Padberg (6'2", 180 lbs) returns at center. Senior Robert Adams (6'1", 190 lbs.), a transfer from Ukiah, will help shore up the line at one guard spot. The other starter at guard should be senior Kierin Doherty.
If there is one inexperienced weak spot on offense, it may be at end. Junior Tim Beeson and sophomore Brian Ball, both returning lettermen, will start there.
"With Robert Adams moving in

that should really bolster our line," Presley said. "We also have good depth there which really helps."
The run-and-shoot offense may prove to be a problem for lone. "Our quarterbacks need to develop some accuracy and neither one has a really good arm," he said. Whereas Kevin Ball was the starter a year ago, Presley said that the job is between Kevin Ball, Snider, and Brian Ball.
Defensively, the Cardinals will pretty much stick with a 4-2, although Presley says that LaRue may change that from time to time.
On defense, lone should be again pretty well set with the strong nucleus of returners and acquisition of Adams. He and Padberg will start at tackle, while Beeson and Doherty will anchor the end spots. Rea and Snider will play at linebacker, with the secondary comprised of Kevin Ball and junior Dick McElligott, another returning letterman.
Despite last year's record, Presley

was glad to come into the lone program. "There's really no pressure on me to produce this season, because of last year's record," he said. "I can build the program up this way and I don't have to worry about delivering a state championship team, or give the fans an undefeated season." Nevertheless, Presley still would like to make the Cardinals into winners again.
"Our long range goal this season is to have a winning season," he said. "From there if we happen to make the playoffs, great, but if not, that's okay, too, because we just want a winning season."
Condon, last season's Big Sky Conference champ, seems to again have the "right stuff" to win the league. But don't count lone out. "We should be in the thick of things," Presley said. "I think we'll be able to give some teams some pretty good games."
lone will kickoff the season at home on Friday with a non-conference date with Dayville beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Fillies hope to gain return to district

By Ashley Conklin
After a very memorable 1985 season, the Heppner varsity volleyball team this year hopes just to return to the district tournament.
Under first-year coach Julie Reynolds, the 1985 Filly volleyball team went undefeated in Columbia Basin Conference Eastern Division play, won their first-ever District 7-A volleyball title, won their match with Pine Eagle in the regional tournament, placed fifth in the Class "A" state tournament, and finished with a 16-3 overall record. However, seven of last season's top eight players, including five of six starters, graduated. The Fillies do return senior Missy Eubanks, a first-team Eastern Division all-star a year ago, however.
At first glance, 1986 would appear to be a rebuilding year for Heppner. Not so, says first-year coach Terri Gentry, the assistant coach a year ago. "I don't think it will be that much of a rebuilding year, because most of these girls have played together on the junior varsity level for the last two years," she said.
Senior Cindy Stroeber and junior

Shannon McLaughlin finished out the year with the Fillies last season and did see some action in the state tournament. However, McLaughlin hasn't practiced yet this season due to a bout with mononucleosis this summer. Gentry says that when McLaughlin does return, then and only then, will a decision be made about where, when, and how much she plays.
Senior Tina Davidson also saw some varsity action a year ago and will be counted on heavily this season. Also on the varsity roster at this time are seniors Kellie Brannon and Tareena Nash; junior Jeanie Fitzsimmons, a transfer from Condon; and sophomores Sandi Turner and Nance Wright. Gentry does plan on shuffling people back and forth from the varsity and junior varsity teams and from the junior varsity to the "C" teams when necessary.
How much of a factor will inexperience be for the Fillies this season?
"Inexperience will definitely be a big factor at the start of the season," Gentry said, "but we have a couple of big tournaments early on that will

be important to us, because we'll be able to see how we adjust to a pressure situation."
"Everybody has worked well together as a unit and has adapted to the new people we have this year," adds Gentry, "and as the season goes on this should be a tremendous asset for us."
Gentry sees the CBC Eastern Division as a wide open race, but does rate Umatilla a slight favorite above the rest. "I think we do have a good chance of making it to the district tournament though," she said. "I think we have good quality players and if they continue to work well together throughout the season, we'll be in good shape. Our number one goal is to make it to the district tournament."
Besides inexperience, Gentry sees something else as a weak point for the Fillies. "We don't have a lot of numbers to work with this year," she said. "We only have 22 people out this year and it may get tough to field three teams throughout the entire season."
Those on the junior varsity team this year include senior Sheri Piper; juniors Kim Bond and J.J. Osmin; and sophomores Michelle Beck, Jill Conklin, Tami Lindsay, Christy Stroeber, and Michelle Wallis.
Comprising the "C" team will be freshmen Jennifer Currin, Angela Lewiston, Jennifer Martin, Kelly McLaughlin, Mary Osmin, and Lana Schmidt. Also new this year will be Susan Hisler who will be an assistant varsity coach and will coach the junior varsity and "C" teams.
"At this point I'm real pleased with all of the hard work that everybody has put in and I think as far as the varsity team is concerned, I think we have the ability to be a contender for a district tournament spot," added Gentry.

Advisory council on aging meets

BY JUSTINE WEATHERFORD
More than 120 senior citizens attended the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council meeting of District 12, the counties of Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Wheeler, at the home of Rollin Reynolds, district director, at Meacham on August 28.
Vera Cooley, Irrigon, the council president presided, as reports were given and plans made for continuation of the district's sixteen mealsites and other activities.
Twenty-one from Heppner and lone attended; eighteen including driver Dot Halvorsen, traveled on the county senior bus. Fifteen seniors from Irrigon, the Stokes Landing Center, traveled in that center's newly purchased bus.
Deputy State Ombudsman, Paula Rinehart from Salem, explained the new Oregon Ombudsman Program and urged some seniors to take special training with her. Director Rollin Reynolds told of the healthy expansion in District 12 during the recent ten years. He discussed requirements for fiscal years 1988, 1989 and 1990.
It was announced that three new members have been appointed to the Heppner Senior Citizen Center Board: Ray Boyce, Everett Keithley and Dr. Wallace Wolff, who join Chairman Jane Rawlins, Mary Goheen, Suzanne Jepson, Lynnea Sargent and Freida Slocum in directing the planning for a senior center building in Heppner.
A special feature of this annual meeting was a noontime appearance of Oregon's senior U.S. Senator Bob Packwood who spoke about coming tax changes and who answered questions.

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