

# In Homecoming action Mustangs run over Redsidies, 23-8



Photo by Tom Rahl

Quarterback Joe Taylor (20) Runs behind blocking of Scott Buschke (29)

**By Ashley Conklin**  
Heppner's varsity football team used Heppner High School's 1986 Homecoming theme, "Live it to the Limit," in fine fashion last Friday night to defeat the Wasco County Redsidies 23-8 in Columbia Basin Conference action.

The Mustangs, 4-3 in CBC play and 4-4 overall, are out of contention for either CBC playoff berth, but hope to have a winning season for the first time since 1982 when they meet the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, Oct. 31. Heppner has a bye this Friday night.

The Mustangs were in high gear all night as they pounded out 289 yards rushing, 311 total yards and 17 first downs. Meanwhile, Wasco County had only 35 yards rushing and 29 passing for 64 total yards of offense.

However, the Redsidies were able to stay in the game as Heppner turned the ball over four times and were flagged for 13 penalties resulting in 144 yards of damage.

The Mustang offensive attack was led by Scott Buschke who had the finest outing of his career with 108 yards on 19 carries. David Pedro, running the ball in the first half only, had 67 yards on just six carries as eight Mustangs saw rushing action.

The Heppner defense allowed Redside quarterback Mike Earl only seven completions in 16 attempts for 29 yards. Earl was also intercepted and sacked three times.

Dick Devin spearheaded the defensive effort with two interceptions, 10 tackles and 20 total defensive points. Also in double figures in defensive points were Gene Lancaster (13), Bob Riehl (12), Jess Jeffreys (11), and Joe Taylor (11).

Things didn't start out well for the Mustangs; however, Wasco County kicked off to start the game and after the ball bounced around was recovered by the Redside's Dan Thomas on the Heppner 26 yard line.

Kelly Lawson carried nine yards to the 17 and things looked bleak for the Mustangs until Wasco County failed to convert a fourth down and -9 on the nine when Mike Reynolds was dropped for a 1-yard loss.

A penalty put Heppner back on the five before Buschke carried 12 yards to the 17 and 13 yards to the 30.

On third and 10, Taylor hit Troy Hyatt for a 16 yard strike and a first down at the 46. From there Pedro took over and put the Mustangs in the end zone. Pedro dashed 10 yards from his own 41 to the Wasco County 49 and then 15 yards to the 34.

On second down Pedro appeared to be tackled for a loss but shook off the tackle and rambled in from 30 yards out for the first score of the game. Taylor hit Bryan Padberg with the extra points and Heppner led 8-0 with 3:47 to go in the first

quarter.

The Mustangs were back in business when Earl was called for an intentional grounding penalty on the Heppner 32 and the Mustangs took over on their own 37.

Buschke carried seven yards to the 44 and a face mask penalty put the ball on the Redside 41.

On third and -9 from the 40 Buschke carried 12 yards to the 28 and a first down and later picked up another first down on an 11 yard run to the 12. From there Buschke carried to the five and then went in from the five yard line.

Craig Angell split the uprights with the extra point and a 15-0 advantage with 4:41 left in the half.

Wasco County threatened to score just before the half ended, but were turned away on a 12 yard loss to the Heppner 29 on an Earl to Thomas pass as the horn sounded.

However, at the beginning of the third period it was the Mustangs that were turned away.

After Jeffreys and Pedro sacked Earl on his own 32, Padberg intercepted Earl on the 41 and returned it to the 40.

On third and seven from the 37, Padberg ran a reverse eight yards to the 29 and a first down and Buschke went six yards to the 23.

But, as Taylor went back to pass he fumbled and Wasco County recovered on the 27.

Devin came up with his first interception a few moments later at the 31 and this time Heppner did capitalize.

Buschke gained seven yards to the 13 for a first down and then to the 10 but a clipping penalty moved the ball back to the 25.

On the next play Padberg ran the reverse 25 yards for the touchdown and Angell hit Pedro with the extra points for a 23-0 lead and 2:52 remaining in the third period.

The Redsidies got on the board in the fourth quarter after the Mustangs failed to capitalize on a fourth down on their own 40.

Lawson ran three yards to the 37 and a personal foul penalty moved the ball to the 22.

A pass interference penalty moved the ball to the 10 before the Mustang defense moved Wasco County back to the 17.

But on fourth and 16 Earl hit Myron Wilcox with a touchdown pass and Lawson ran in the extra points to cut the lead to 23-8 with 7:11 to play.

The Redsidies had another chance to score with under a minute left to play, but Devin squelched the drive with an interception inside the Heppner 30 and the Mustangs ran the rest of the clock out.

"It was a good game for us, but we need a better overall performance to beat Pilot Rock," Heppner head coach Tim Birkby said.

Statistics	1	2	3	4	F
Wasco County	0	0	0	0	8
Heppner	8	7	8	0	23
Heppner - D. Pedro 30 run (Padberg pass from Taylor)					
Heppner - Buschke 5 run (Angell kick)					
Heppner - Padberg 25 run (D. Pedro pass from Angell)					
Wasco County - Wilcox 17 pass from Earl (Lawson run)					

Wasco County	Heppner
First downs	11
Rushes - yards	32-35
Passing	7-16-29-3
Total Offense	64
Returns	19
Fumbles lost	2-0
Penalties yards	7-65
Points average	2-31.5

League	Wins	Losses	Win %
Wabaska	8	0	1.000
Beverly	5	1	0.833
Stanfield	4	2	0.667
Heppner	4	3	0.571
Unatilla	3	3	0.500
Weston-McEwen	3	4	0.429
Sherman County	2	4	0.333
Pine Bluff	1	5	0.167
Wasco County	0	6	0.000



Homecoming Queen Missy Eubanks with her escort Trent Harrison



Homecoming activities downtown Friday.

# Cardinals take overtime victory

**By Ashley Conklin**  
The lone Cardinal football team played an overtime game for the first time in their school history against the Culver Bulldogs on Thursday, Oct. 9. It was well worth the wait, though, because the Cardinals came through with a 34-28 victory.

"It was the first time a tie ever had to be resolved here and it was definitely something new for the community," head coach David Presley said.

The Kansas overtime came when Ken Snider scored on a two-yard run with 53 seconds left and the extra point attempt failed.

The bulldogs got the ball on Ione's 10 yard line to start things out in the Kansas system but were unable to score in four downs.

Ione got the ball back and Kevin Ball scooted into the end zone from three yards out on a broken bootleg play.

Things started out in Culver's favor though with two first quarter touchdowns and a 12-0.

The Cardinals did take a brief

16-12 lead early in the third period. Snider scored on a one-yard run and Ball added a 38 yard run as Snider added both extra points on runs.

Culver took a 28-16 lead on a touchdown in both the third and fourth quarters.

Ione came back with 12 fourth quarter points as Ball started things out with a 28 yard touchdown from Snider.

Both teams were nearly equal in total offense with Ione pounding out 300 total yards and Culver managing 274 yards.

The Cardinals gained 195 yards on

the ground and added 105 in the air while the Bulldogs cut loose for 240 rushing yards.

Statistics	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Culver	1	2	0	8	0	28
Ione	0	8	8	12	8	34
Culver - Minor 12 run (passed failed)						
Culver - Ford 7 pass from Ubarck (pass failed)						
Ione - Snider 1 run (Snider run)						
Ione - K. Ball 38 run (Snider run)						
Culver - Minor 3 pass from Ubarck (Ione pass from Ubarck)						
Culver - Minor 1 run (Ford pass from Ubarck)						
Ione - K. Ball 28 pass from Snider (run failed)						
Ione - Snider 2 run (run failed)						
Ione - K. Ball 3 run (no conversion attempted)						
First Downs: Culver 17; Ione 19						
Rushes, yards: Culver 53-240; Ione 31-195						
Passing: Culver 5-14-34-1; Ione 4-8-105-0						
Total Offense: Culver 274; Ione 300						
Returns: Culver NA; Ione NA						
Fumbles Lost: 1-0; 3-2						
Penalties - Yards: Culver 8-65; Ione 6-40						
Points, average: Culver 9-0; Ione 9-0						

# Fillies made quick work of Rockets

**By Ashley Conklin**  
Both the varsity and junior varsity Heppner volleyball teams made quick work of the Pilot Rock Rockets on Thursday, Oct. 9. The varsity Fillies came out on top 15-12, 15-2 while the JV team won 15-7, 15-11.

"Pilot Rock had a really good server who gave us some problems in the first game," head coach Teri Gentry said, "but we were able to pick up her serves in the second game."

Missy Eubanks and Tareena Nash had another good match for the varsity Fillies at the net as did Tina Davidson who runs the Heppner offense.

"Our front line has really improved with the addition of Tami Lindsay," Gentry said. The addition of Lindsay (5'10") bolsters an already-tall front line of Eubanks (5'8") and Cindy Stroeber (5'8").

Gentry also had high praise for Kellie Brannon, the emotional leader of the Fillies.

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