

Defense key to Mustang win

By Casey Pedro

Defense was the key in the Mustangs 9-7 win over rival Riverside Pirates last Friday night.

Heppner is now 3-0 in the Columbia Basin Conference.

The Heppner Mustangs had nine players in double figures for defensive points including four sacks, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries. Riverside's longest play from the line of scrimmage was only 12 yards. The game deciding factor came in the third quarter as Duane Ball and Craig Angell tackled Rick Holden in the end zone for a safety.

Heppner made its only score in the first quarter set up by Angell's fake punt 20 yard pass to Ball converting the first down and keeping the Mustang drive alive. On the next play, quarterback Dick Devin connected with Ball in the end zone for a 3-yard pass play, with Angell kicking the extra point making the only score for either team in the first half.

In the third quarter, Angell punted the ball out-of-bounds inside Riverside's 10-yard line setting up the safety. Angell and Ball dumped Riverside's Rick Holden in the end zone for the game deciding score. An inadvertent whistle kept Heppner's Devin from running a Riverside-fumbled lateral for a touchdown.

In mid fourth quarter, Riverside's back Rick Holden scored from three yards out with Reyes kicking the extra-point making the score 9-7.

It was a costly game for both teams as several players were



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Riverside's Rob Starke tackles Heppner Mustang Russell Britt in Friday nights game hosted by the Riverside Pirates.

injured. Mustang coach Tim Birkby attributes the win to field position and the safety. "We were able to get the

ball down the field and keep them in a hole and away from scoring position most of the night," Birkby said. "We had a strong defense that bent but didn't break," he added.

Heppner's next game will be at home as they host the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The Tiger-Scots are led by running backs John Pike and John Shanks. Weston-McEwen is 1-1 in the Columbia Basin conference.

	R	T	A	F
Riverside	0	0	0	7
Heppner	7	0	2	0

Heppner-Ball 3 pass from Devin (Angell kick). Heppner-Holden tackled by Ball and Angell in end zone for safety.

Riverside-Holden 3 run (Reyes kick).

	Riverside	Heppner
First Down	11	3
Rushes-yards	41-136	25-28
Passing-yards	7-24-78.2	3-13-33.0
Total offense	224	61
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties	5-50	6-75
Points-average	5-22	10-28

	Rushing	Passing	Receiving
Heppner, Jones	10-11	Britt 10-28	
Riverside, Holden	23-65	Connell 17-72	Michael 1-9
Heppner, Devin	2-12-13-0	Angell 1-1-20-0	Riverside Tovey 7-24-78.2
Receiving-Heppner, Ball	3-33	Riverside Michael 3-23	

Outstanding players named

By Casey Pedro

Heppner Mustang outstanding offensive and defensive players of the week were Craig Angell and Duane Ball as the Mustangs beat the Riverside Pirates 9-7 in a key victory.

Angell, punter and kicker, had a 29-yard average on punts and a 40.5 yard average on kick-offs. Angell also had a fake punt in which he passed to Duane Ball to set up the only Mustang touchdown. In the third quarter, Angell punted out-of-bounds inside Riverside's 10-yard line. That set up Mustangs' safety which proved to be the game winning denominator.

Ball, a senior, was selected Defensive player for his steady play at free safety. Ball assisted on the safety with Angell and had one interception to stop a Riverside drive in the fourth quarter. Ball had nine tackles and a total of 14 defensive points. This season, Ball has two interceptions to lead the Mustang defense.

Cards fight hard against Grizzlies

By Sean Warren

The lone volleyball team traveled to Helix Tuesday, Sept. 22 in one of the most exciting games this year.

The Cardinals were led by strong serving at the start of the first game by Rondi Tews. Also leading the way for the Cards were juniors Michele Papineau and Angie

Ione takes 3rd in volleyball tournament

By Sean Warren

The lone volleyball team played in their first major tournament this year Saturday, Sept. 25 at The Dalles.

Rules of the tournament required each team to play one game against each opposing team to decide who would play for places.

The first team the Cardinals drew for the match was the Wahtonka Eagles.

Ione lost the game 15-10 but the Cardinals played well with very balanced scoring by senior Rondi Tews and junior Jill Nelson.

Sophomore Jo Cupps also chipped in two kills to add scoring for the Cardinals.

The Eagles won and later went on to take first place in the tournament.

After waiting an hour to play again the Cardinals went up against the Goldendale Wolverines.

Ione put up a good struggle but lost the valiant effort 11-15.

Next on their grueling struggle was the excellent team put together by Columbia Christian. Several players played well but the Cardinals seemed to have a lack of communication and team work. They again lost the game 15-12.

Despite the three straight losses the Cardinals bounced back for the fourth game against the Wahtonka Junior Varsity.

The Cardinals played like a well oiled machine in their win, everyone did well and teamwork was at a high as they defeated the Wahtonka Junior Varsity 15-11.

The next team they faced was the mighty Blue Devils of Condon.

The game was close and could have gone either way in the final minutes but the Cardinals won 16-14 stunning the Blue Devils.

Since the Cardinals had lost their first three games the most they could do was take third place if they managed to beat Goldendale who had beaten them soundly the first time they had met.

But the Cardinals were confident in their team and their ability to play tough.

The game became very tense after the Cardinals dropped the first game 15-6.

The Cardinals fought back with intensity snatching the second game 15-9.

The change in the Cardinals playing was due to players hustling and playing with the will to win.

Sophomore Jo Cupps did a superior job spiking to keep the Cardinals in front.

With the game tied at one apiece the Cardinals, led by sophomore Linda Morter's serving and good spiking by senior Rondi Tews, defeated Goldendale 15-13 to take third place in the tournament.

Game 1: Ione-10, Wahtonka-15.
Game 2: Ione-11, Goldendale-15.
Game 3: Ione-13, Columbia Christian-15.
Game 4: Ione-15, Wahtonka J.V.-11.
Game 5: Ione-16, Condon-14.
Match: Ione-6, Goldendale-15, Ione-15, Goldendale-9, Ione-15, Goldendale-13.

Rudisill. Papineau made several good dives to ignite the Cardinals to try and win in the hard fought match. Rudisill added a spectacular dig to add a point, but unfortunately the Grizzlies took the first game 15-13.

After a brief rest, the Cardinals took the floor determined not to drop the second game. Mary Cupps connected on several key serves early in the game to put the Cardinals ahead, but as usual the Grizzlies fought back with intensity.

Sophomores Judy Jepsen and Jo Cupps both played very good volleyball in the second game win. Jepsen came off the bench to add a new threat to the Grizzlies in the

scoring department. Cupps, a front court starter, added several spikes of her own to lead the Cardinals to a 15-13 victory in the second game.

The stage was set for the dramatic third game to decide the winner of the contest.

In the third game all of the players pulled together and communicated well. Angie Rudisill did an excellent job setting the ball. Jo Cupps who was on the other end of Rudisill's good setting provided several kills in the third game. But in the end the Grizzlies won the game 17-15 taking the match 2-1.

Game 1: Helix-15, Ione-13.
Game 2: Ione-15, Helix-13.
Game 3: Helix-17, Ione-15.

Player of the Week

<p>Offensive</p>  <p>Craig Angell #90 5'11" 155 lbs. B Junior</p>	<p>Defensive</p>  <p>Duane Ball #26 6'1" 140 lbs. E/B Senior</p>
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