

Wahtonka hands Mustangs second loss of season



Photo by Mike Hoyer

No. 12 Dick Devin gets ready to pass off to (25) Scott Jones Friday night as they played against Wahtonka.

By Casey Pedro

The Wahtonka Eagles handed the Heppner Mustangs their second league loss in two weeks as the Mustangs slim their chances for a playoff spot.

"Even though we lost the game, I was proud of the way the team played. As a unit, we played one of the best games we played all year," said head coach Tim Birkby.

Defensively, the Mustangs held Wahtonka 100 yards short of their offensive average while Heppner obtained their offensive average of over 240 yards a game.

In the first half, it was a scoreless game as the two teams see-sawed their offensive and defensive attacks.

In the third quarter, the Mustangs came out after receiving the ball and rushed 60 yards on 10 plays scoring the first touchdown of the game with Russell Britt scoring on a 3 yard run.

Wahtonka then scored later in the third with running back Dan Drury scoring on a one yard run, then run-

ning in the two point conversion.

Late in the fourth quarter, the Mustangs scored on a 18 yard strike from Dick Devin to Tim Hays, who came in to replace starting receiver Duane Ball who had received a leg injury.

Wahtonka answered back on the kick-off as Drury ran the ball back 85 yards with place kicker Tim Grant kicking the conversion putting the Eagles up 15-14.

"I feel there were some questionable calls by the officials at critical times, but I was still very pleased by the way the team never gave up and tried to the end to gain a quick touchdown. The loss of Duane Ball will be a hard one to overcome," said Birkby.

"The Heppner audience had just about as many spectators or more than Wahtonka," Birkby added.

Heppner plays next Friday night at 7:30 p.m. as they travel to play the Wasco County Redsidies who are 0-7 in league play this year.

Cards drop V.B. game to Arlington

By Sean Warren

The lone volleyball team traveled to Arlington Tuesday, Oct. 20, to take on the defending State Champs.

The Varsity team played very good volleyball despite losing both games.

Junior Angie Rudisill led the Cardinals in the serving department scoring 4 out of the Cardinals 7 points.

Unfortunately, the Cards dropped the games 15-7, 15-10.

The Cardinals played better in the second game, however, making the score closer and giving Arlington a run for its money.

Jo Cupps played very solidly in the game with nine good receives

and two good blocks.

The J.V. team, however, played one of the best games of the season in a spectacular win over the Arlington J.V. team.

The Cardinals were led by sophomores Darcee Padberg and Linda Morter who both played excellent on offense. Defensively, sophomore Mary Cupps and junior Katie Doherty both played superbly in their win.

The Cards took the first game on a heartstopper that could have gone either way, 15-13.

The J.V. team also took the second game in the match 15-12 to round out the sweep.

First game Arlington 15-7; second game Arlington 15-10.

Statistics	League				Season			
	1	2	3	4	W	L	T	W
Wahtonka	1	2	3	4	5	2	5	2
Heppner	0	0	8	7	15	5	2	5
Heppner-Britt 3 run (Angell kick)	0	0	7	7	14	4	2	4
Wahtonka-Drury run						3	3	4
Heppner-Hays 18 pass from Devin (Angell kick)						3	4	2
Wahtonka-Drury 85 kick return (Grant kick)						1	5	1
						0	6	0

JV's capture win by defeating Pilot Rock

Heppner's J.V. Volleyball team got back on the winning track October 20 defeating Pilot Rock for the second time this season, this time easily in two games 15-9, 15-12.

The Fillies who had been working on attacks across the net at practice prior to the Rocket match, produced 26 attacks, successfully turning 14 of those into kills for 54% ace hits. "We had lacked getting good hits to our opponents the last three matches when we needed them. We had relied heavily on our strong serving. This match showed the girls they could set the ball up and hit," said J.V. coach Susie Hisler.

Sophomores Kim Stookey and Dulcie Palmer turned in all around performances. Stookey once again showed quickness saving balls and keeping balls going into the opponents court, along with aggressive play at the net going 4-4 on attacks with 100% being kills. Palmer's 9-9 serving in game one, finished strong again in the serving department 11-12, worth 8 points. Dulcie had good sets at the net, too, due to good passes from teammates. She also contributed 4-5 spike attacks, 4 being kills.

Nikki Brisbois sitting out one serving rotation still managed 9-11 and

8 points in that department. Brisbois had a fine match of passing and setting. Tracey Bond gave the Fillies extra depth with 4-4 serving and good hustle and quickness all over the court.

In games one and two Heppner substituted heavily trying to play all twelve players and take the match in two games. In game two Heppner saw Pilot Rock making a comeback bid with better serving. Heppner started to struggle a bit on serve reception, especially in one position where Pilot Rock serves were going. "Jenny Martin was the difference of winning or losing game two. I'd already subbed three girls in that one position, but no one could pick up the serve. Jenny went in and put two serves over the net and during the rally passed two super bumps up to Dulcie, enabling us two kills for points 14 and 15 to cap the game and match.

Sometimes the girls get down when they don't enter a game at the beginning, but whether it's point 1 or 14 and 15, each point is important. All the girls played and contributed to the win.

As of press time Wednesday, the J.V.'s will have completed their 1987 volleyball season last Tuesday night in a home match with Stanfield. Results will appear next week.

Ione football players of the week

By Sean Warren

The lone football players of the week of October 19-23, are senior Gary Rea and sophomores, Bryan Doherty and Bryan Basford.

All three of the players played very well on offensive pass blocking. The three linemen also played well defensively, getting several tackles apiece.

All three linemen are starters and have played well the whole season.

Players of the Week

By Casey Pedro

The Heppner Mustang offensive and defensive players of the week are Tim Hays and Gene Lancaster.

Hays, a second string receiver caught three passes for 66 yards including a touchdown reception that put the Mustangs ahead with two minutes left in the game after replacing injured receiver Duane Ball.

"Although Tim has not played much varsity, he stepped in and did a good job when needed," said coach Tim Birkby.

Defensive player of the week was Gene Lancaster who finished the Wahtonka game with 19 defensive points, dropping the ball carrier twice for a loss, and a fumble recovery which resulted in Heppner's second touchdown.

"Gene has been a major force all year as a defensive tackle. He has drawn double-team and sometimes triple-team blocking from opposing teams," Birkby noted.

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