

Cardinals defeat Honkers

By Anne Morter
The lone Cardinals evened their season record at 1-1 by defeating the Arlington Honkers on the gridiron last Friday. The cards scored on their second play from scrimmage and never looked back, racking up a 58-28 final score. The game was played in Arlington.
The outcome was never in doubt with lone holding a 28-12 edge at halftime. The Cards chalked up 351 total yards, 300 on the ground and the remaining 51 in the air. Arlington managed just 150 total yards. Lone had 17 first downs.
Leading rusher for lone was Brian Holtz with 10 rushes for 60 yards and one touchdown. Mac Lovett carried the ball six times for 57 yards and two touchdowns and Jim Holtz

contributed 53 yards on four carries and ran for three touchdowns. Cardinal quarterback David Wagenblast carried the ball seven times for 10 yards and was 6-8 in the passing department for 51 yards.
Coach Gregg Rietmann was pleased with the win. "All the guys played well. Everyone played in the game and the younger kids played really well," he said. He did commend the Arlington team for playing hard the whole game despite the lopsided score.
Next up for the Cardinals are the Condon Blue Devils. The league rivals will square off this Friday at 7 p.m. in Condon. The Cards hope to be ready. "The Arlington game was a good one to prepare for Condon," says Rietmann.

Cards take second

By Anne Morter
The lone Lady Cards played their way to a second place finish in the Wahtonka Tournament last Saturday in The Dalles. The tournament was set up in a round-robin format where each team played a full match against all the other teams. The Cardinals defeated the host team, Wahtonka, in two games to kick off the tournament. They then defeated league rival, Condon, in two games before falling to Goldendale, WA., in two games.
"The tournament went really well," said lone coach Jocelyn Jones. "We did a lot of good things and just a few bad things, and the bad things are very correctable. I was pleased with our performance," she added.
The loss to Goldendale came at the end of a long day of volleyball. Jones thought her team may have been mentally tired by the time they

reached that game. "We weren't tired physically but our mental stamina was down. Volleyball is such a head game—it requires a lot of thinking," said Jones.
Junior Nancy Morter was named to the tournament All-Star team. Jones credits her with smart play at the net and good work reading the defense.
Jones also commended junior Kari Morgan with a very consistent tournament. Her passing statistics were the best on the team and she had 100 percent serving. She also played well at the net, chalking up two stuff-blocks.
The Lady Cards have a busy week of volleyball ahead of them. Besides a league game against Echo (which was played after press time) they take on Heppner in a non-league contest in lone on Thursday and then travel to Condon on Friday for another league match.

32-yard field goal the winner Heppner uses late-game heroics to win



Brandon Pedro (84) carries the ball against Ritzville.

The Heppner Mustangs used a seesaw battle and late game heroics to fashion a 23-21 victory over the visiting Ritzville, Washington, Broncos Friday, Sept. 14 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. The win, Heppner's second against no losses, was a cliffhanger against a small, young, but hardworking Ritzville team.
The fourth quarter produced several swings of momentum and wasn't decided until Travis Greenup returned a Bronco fumble 59 yards to the Heppner 26-yard-line as time ran out.
The Mustangs got themselves back into the game with a 74-yard touchdown gallop by Cory Graybeel with 9:36 left in the game. Graybeel, a transfer from Stanfield, was seeing his first action of the year and rushed for 198 yards on 13 carries. The TD brought Heppner within 21-20 and coach Grant went for the lead with a two point pat. It failed and white knuckle time set in.
The Mustangs tried an outside kick and recovered it, only to fumble it away three plays later. The Broncos were ripping off big chunks of yardage and heading for the score that would have put the game out of reach when Bob Krein made a circus catch interception of a deep Ritzville pass.
The Mustangs took over on their own 14-yard line with 5:26 left in the game. They stormed down the field with big gainers of 35 yards by Graybeel and 24 yards by Doug Devin. Devin had a nifty touchdown run called back and the drive stalled. With the ball on the Ritzville 16-yard line, Rick Osmin lined up for a field goal attempt. Osmin, with

an injured elbow making it impossible for him to do anything but kick for the evening, booted a 32-yard field goal. The perfect kick, with 1:46 left, gave Heppner a 23-21 lead and the apparent victory. Someone forgot to tell the Broncos.
Ritzville started from their own 25-yard line and marched down to the Heppner 8-yard line on two long runs by Bronco Jason Hilzer and two major penalties by the Mustangs. With 20 seconds remaining and the Broncos having a dandy kicker of their own, it looked like only a miracle could save Heppner. Enter Jim Kindle. Ritzville, instead of lining up and kicking a game-winning field goal, called a pass play. Kindle blitzed and separated the Bronco quarterback from the ball. Greenup picked it up and the game was over.
The game was a seesaw battle from the beginning. The Mustangs drove 80 yards in nine plays, all on the ground, to open the scoring. Graybeel, Devin and Kindle all ran with authority.
Bob Krein snuck in from the one-yard-line for the score and Osmin booted the pat. Heppner led after the first quarter 7-0.
The Broncos answered back with a mixture of runs and passes and with 40 seconds gone in the second quarter tied it up on a quarterback sneak by Darin Danekas and a Hilzer pat.
Heppner scored again after a Brandon Pedro interception and 30-yard return. Krein scored again and the pat was good, making it 14-7, Heppner. With 43 seconds left in the half, the Broncos scored again to tie it up, 14-14.
Ritzville took their only lead of the game after a six-minute drive to open the third quarter with a third and goal, 18-yard touchdown pass from Danekas to Matt Hille. Hilzer kicked the pat and it was 21-14 Broncos. That set up the exciting finish.
The Mustangs, playing without Osmin and Scott Coe who are both possibilities for next week, were led by Bubba Burt and Kevin Bond on the defensive line and Devin and Jason Britt in the secondary. The defense had trouble with the Ritzville running and passing attacks at different times of the game.
Coach Grant said that "the Mustangs executed much better than against Union last week. The thing we must work on is mental discipline." Cutting major penalties at the wrong times and over-pursuit by the defense, Grant said the Mustangs "did enough things right to win but did enough things wrong to lose."
Next up for Heppner is LaPine High School, a 2A school from Central Oregon. LaPine stomped Crescent 58-6, Friday and should be the Mustangs toughest test before the league season begins. The game will start at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Heppner	Ritzville
8 First Downs	14
39/357 Rushes/Yards	32/207
0 Passing	87
0-0-0 Att/Comp/Int	7-15-2
323 Total Yards Net	264
3-2 Fumbles/Lost	3-2
7/65 Penalties/Yds.	5/40
Heppner	7 7 0 9 23
Ritzville	0 14 7 0 21

Garden Bugs

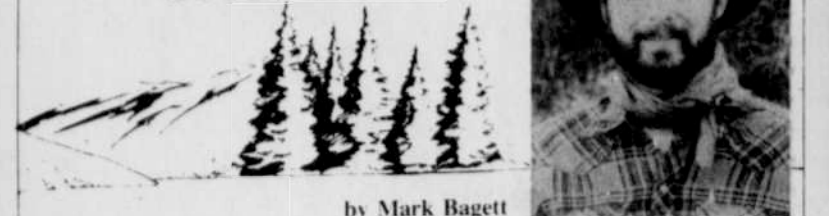
By Delpha Jones
The Lexington Garden Bugs met at the home of Dorothy Burcham for the regular meeting and to plan the fall activities. The annual plant sale is planned for Sept. 22 at the Lexington City Hall with bulbs and plants for sale. There will be a food sale in conjunction with the plant sale. Those present for the meeting were Marie Steagall, Annetta Padberg, Lois Allyn, Kathy Tellechea and the hostess, Marie Steagall won the door prize.

WCCC Golf

Ladies Day
September 11, 1990
Flight A: low gross-Lois Hunt; low net-a tie between Martha Peterson and Eileen Padberg; least putts-Bev Wilson; chip in-Lois Hunt and Carol Norris #3 and Eileen Padberg

#2; birdie-Maggie Izzett #4; most specs-Martha Peterson.
Flight B: low gross-Neoma Bailey; low net-Jo Pettyjohn; least putts-Lucille Massey; most specs-Maggie Izzett.
Flight C: low gross-Maude Hughes; low net-Lori Straley; most specs-Maude Hughes and Lori Straley.

EASTERN OREGON OUTDOORS



by Mark Bagett

Low Water Levels can Point to Fish Locations

It's kind of ironic, really, that warm-water fish should be named as such. During the early spring, eastern Oregon bass and crappie enthusiasts thank their lucky stars for each fish they manage to pull from still-frigid waters, and eagerly await the warm air and water temperatures of summer. After all, these are warm-water fish they seek.
Fishing picks up as the water continues to warm and, for a brief period just before and during the spawn, it would seem as though anyone could catch these fish. But just as fishing conditions begin to get comfortable, the hot bite tapers off. (In all fairness, we have to exclude the Brownlee Reservoir crappie fishery from this summation, as this dynamite fishery typically remains strong from early spring through early winter; the bass there, on the other hand, are quite a different story.)
This brings us to the present point in time—late summer. Not only are the fish still lazily caught up in their summer doldrums, low water levels in most of the region's reservoirs have reduced the once-fertile shorelines to sterile, stinking expanses of exposed lake bottom. To make matters worse, hot weather coupled with the lack of fresh, incoming water often results in dangerously low levels of dissolved oxygen. Hence, fish activity is restricted even further.
But as dismal as the situation seems, astute anglers who recognize these problems can actually use them to point the way to concentrations of fish. For example, where low oxygen is a factor, fishing the windy side of a reservoir—especially where a steep, rocky bank falls into deeper water—can often be more productive. Waves crashing onto shoreline rock forces oxygen back into the water, while the surface current circulates it down the contours of the bank and into deeper water. Fish will tend to congregate here since increased oxygen levels extend into cooler, deeper water, and also because the wind and surface current concentrates nutrients and baitfish along the shore.
When warmwater fish—especially bass—do come to shallow water to feed (usually during early morning,) the lack of shoreline cover (due to low water levels) simply means that any existing structure will often hold that many more fish. A lone stump along an otherwise barren bank is a good example, as is a large boulder or bluff amid a profusion of smaller rocks.
While fishing Phillips Reservoir in Baker County recently, I found a large, partially submerged root was sticking up from a shoreline break that drops into 25 feet of water. After taking a nice largemouth from the woody tangle on a topwater bait (a Zara Spook) I returned several times during the course of the day and fished it with grubs, each time nailing a fish or two.
A similar situation happened at a Prineville Reservoir bass tournament earlier this month. Since the reservoir is extremely low, most of the competing anglers plied basically the only remaining structure—chunk rock—with grubs, and caught some average-sized smallmouths. The winning angler, however, managed to find a log jam. The fish he took from this distinctly different structure—including two six-pound largemouths—clinched his bid for the top prize.
Crappies, too, can be frustrating during periods of warm, low water. Use a fish finder to for look tightly clustered schools in fairly deep water where sloping banks meet the flat lake bottom. Once found, they can still take a fair amount of coaxing before they'll hit, but for some reason, once you've snared one or two, the others seem to turn on.
The fact that the leaves on the willows and quakes have begun to turn colors doesn't mean the fish have been launched headlong into their fall feeding frenzy. But identifying areas of relief among otherwise stressful conditions can still put plenty of warm-water fish in your boat.

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