

Chili dinner to help trip expense



Darcee Padberg

By Anne Morter
A benefit chili dinner will be held Thursday, October 11 at the Lone High School cafeteria to help Darcee Padberg with the expenses she incurred on a volleyball trip to Australia last August. Chili will be served by the bowl, with a baked potato or as a chiliburger. Homemade pie, coffee and milk will also be available. Meals, which will be served between 5 and 7 p.m. will be priced on an ala carte basis.

Darcee, currently a freshman at Linn Benton Community College in Albany, was a setter on last year's State B runner-up volleyball team from Ione. She starts for LBCC and has seen plenty of action so far this season. She received an invitation to join an International Sports Exchange Volleyball team when they traveled to Australia in August.

The volleyball team made up of girls from Oregon and California traveled with a cross country team, which gathered its members from Wisconsin, Arizona and Georgia as well as Oregon and California.

Darcee's team flew from Portland to Los Angeles and then on to Sidney, a 14 hour flight. Arriving in Australia required not only a change in time zones but a change in seasons since they were in the middle of winter there. According to Darcee, the weather was not severe, just cool and sometimes damp but quite a turn around from the scorching August weather at home.

While there, the team played three volleyball games against local high schools and did a good share of sightseeing. They witnessed a huge Australian road race, The City to Surf, where close to 200,000 people participated. They also saw the Opera House, visited a wildlife park and zoo, toured a winery, rode horses, learned to throw a boomerang, witnessed a sheep shearing and held a koala bear.

The team members got to spend one night with an Australian family. Families in the well-to-do suburb of Sidney, Balkum Hills, adopted an American for a day and a night, giving the young people a chance to experience Australian family life.

Darcee sums up the experience as a "once in a lifetime chance" to see new places, meet new people and learn about a different culture firsthand. "It was quite an experience" she said, "and well worth it."

Darcee is the daughter of Marvin and Tana Padberg of Ione.

Umatilla JV's beat Mustangs

The Heppner Mustang JV's traveled to Umatilla Monday, October 8 to face the Vikings JV's and came out on the short end of 32-2 score. The Viking JV's had just nipped Heppner 14-6 three weeks ago so the margin of victory was surprising.

Umatilla burned the Mustangs with the big play repeatedly. They struck first on a 78 yard touchdown pass from Russell Proctor to Shawn Sunday to lead 6-0 at the first quarter break.

On the first play of the second quarter, Darren Gossett stepped in front of a Scott Coe pass and sprinted 55 yards for their second score. They scored again just before the half on their only real sustained drive of the day. Quarterback Joe Taft bulled over from the two yard line for the touchdown. The pat was good. Umatilla led at the half 20-0.

After getting challenged by coach Payne and coach Presley about their poor tackling and sloppy execution

of the first half, Heppner put together a good offensive series to start the third quarter after stopping the Vikings. After being stopped, a good punt by Dawayne Dunaway and a penalty pinned Umatilla deep in their own territory. A ferocious pass rush sacked the Viking quarterback in the end zone and Heppner had their only points on the afternoon and trailed 20-2.

The Vikings scored at the end of the third quarter on a Proctor to Leonard Meeks 37 yard touchdown pass.

Umatilla's last score came on a 64 yard interception returned for a touchdown by Mario Trujillo.

The loss, evening the JV record at 2-2, comes on the heels of a good performance against the Pilot Rock varsity. Next action for the Mustang JV's is a road game in Boardman against the Riverside Pirate JV's at 5 p.m. on October 15.

Mustangs JV's blast Rockets 36-6

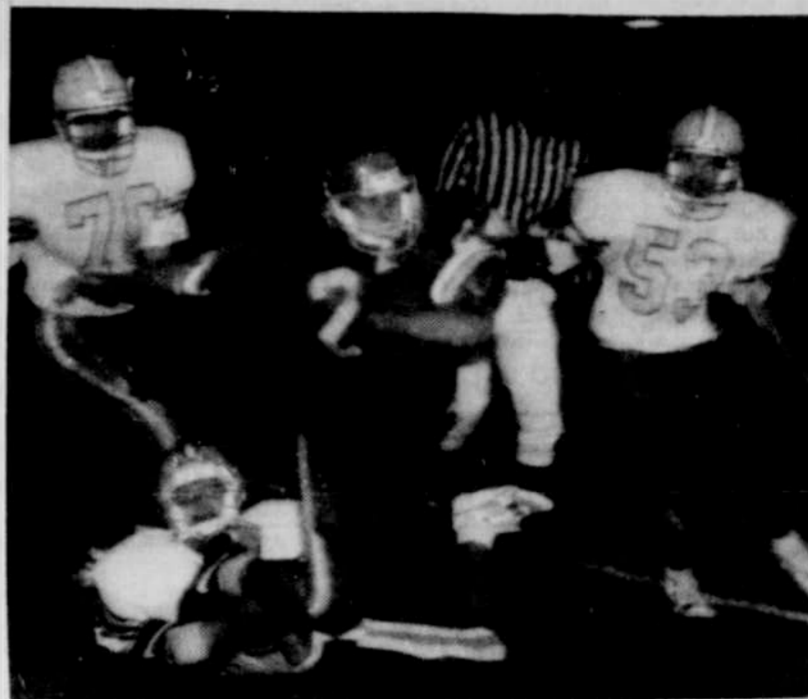


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Ryan Currin (24) is tripped up by Pilot Rock tackler

The Heppner Mustangs trotted out their younger players and galloped all over the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets, 36-6 Friday, Oct. 5 in Heppner.

The Rockets had already forfeited the league game scheduled for October 5 against the Mustangs but brought their entire squad over, 15 players in uniform, to face the Mustangs. The Mustangs played with their whole roster minus the seniors. This was the second week the Rockets had forfeited a league game because of small numbers as a result of injuries, disciplinary problems and ineligible players.

The Mustangs opened the scoring on their first possession, driving 63 yards in eight plays capped by a two-yard plunge by junior Travis Greenup. T.R. Riehl, a sophomore running back, converted the pat and Heppner led, 8-0.

The defense shut down Pilot Rock on every possession in the first half. The Rockets didn't get a first down. Shane Munkers, Kevin Kilkenny and Jim Kindle spent more time in Pilot Rock's backfield than the Rockets' own players.

Heppner scored again in the second quarter on a six play 70-yard drive with freshman Leonard Brittner scoring the first of two touchdowns he had on for the night from the one-yard line. The two big plays in the drive were Rick Koffler to Ryan Currin passes covering 40 and 23 yards. The pat was no good and Heppner led, 12-0.

The Mustangs scored once more with 1:10 remaining in the half when Koffler passed to Currin in the end zone for a 26-yard touchdown.

Freshman quarterback Koffler was 6-10 for the night with 144 yards. Junior Ryan Currin was on the receiving end of all of them. The half ended, 20-0, for the Mustangs.

The first possession of the third quarter the Mustangs scored again on a seven-play drive with the Koffler to Currin combination scoring from 20 yards out. Jason Britt ran in the pat to make the score 28-0.

On the Rockets next possession, the quarterback downed the ball in the end zone rather than get sacked. The safety made the score 30-0.

The Mustangs closed out their scoring with 42 seconds left in the quarter with Brittner scoring again from the one-yard line. Freshman Kevin Payne carried the ball three times for 28 yards during the drive.

Pilot Rock finally scored with 1:33 remaining in the game on a keeper by Kres Waite. The pat failed and the final score was 36-6.

Heppner spread the ball-carrying around with Riehl carrying four times for 33 yards, sophomore Scott Coe getting 30 yards on five carries and Payne picking up 49 yards on seven carries.

Leading the defensive charge in the second half were freshmen Trautt Greenup and Ryan Munkers.

The Mustang varsity will see action this Thursday, October 11 hosting the Wahtonka Eagles. The Mustangs will be looking to even the score with the Eagles who used a late-game score to defeat Heppner in The Dalles last year. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the Morrow County fairgrounds.

Ponies down Ione 26-8

By John Qualls

The Heppner Ponies faced off against the Ione Cardinals in their second game Sept. 27 at Ione. Heppner kicked the ball to Ione but kept them from scoring. The Ponies got the ball and quarterback Matt Keersmaker pitched the ball to Chris Dickenson who with the help of some lead blocks scored a touchdown. Dickenson also ran in for the extra point.

The Ponies kicked off the ball again. The Cardinals were held back for the second time. Keersmaker handed the ball off to John Qualls with some good fakes and Qualls ran it in for a touchdown. The extra

point was no good. Heppner kicked off again stopping Ione for the third time. Keersmaker pitched the ball to Dickenson who ran it in for another touchdown. The extra point was again no good. The score at the half was 20-0, Heppner.

In the second half the Ponies played more good defense. Keersmaker ran in for his first touchdown of the day on a quarterback sneak but missed the extra point. The Cardinals got the ball and started moving up the field quickly scoring a touchdown and making the extra point. The final score of the game was Heppner 26, Ione 8.

Ponies play Cubs

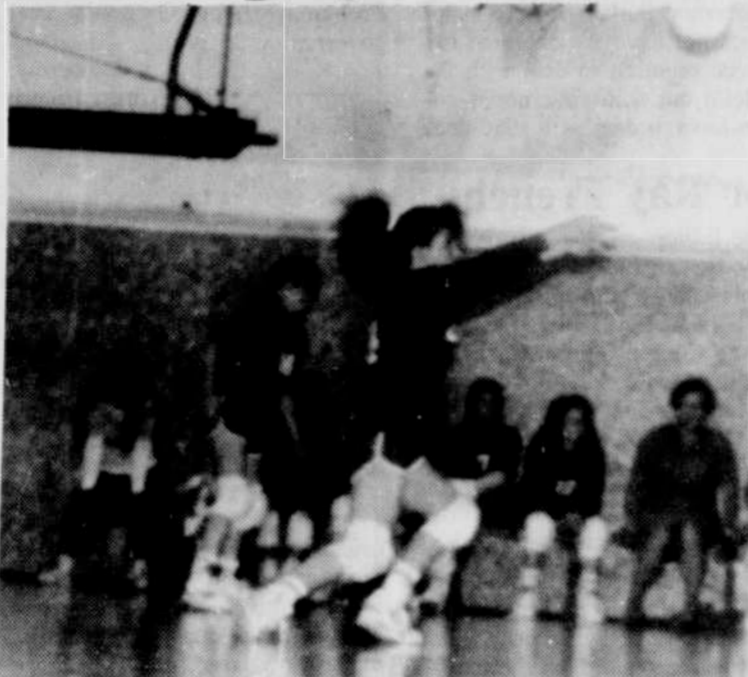


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner 7th grader returns ball against Cubs.

By Kelsie Evans

On October 4, the Stanfield Cubs faced the Heppner Ponies in a volleyball game at Heppner.

The first game to play was the seventh graders defeating the Cubs two out of two games. The score of the first game was 15-7. The girls played with a lot of team work and confidence which also led them to victory in the second game, 15-9 to win the match.

The eighth graders played next also winning two out of two games.

The team set-up-pass set kill and had many powerful serves which made them successful in the first game 15-9. In the second game the team also won to pull off the match 15-5. The team remains undefeated.

A third game saw the seventh and eighth graders playing together against the Cubs. The Cubs came out victorious 11-15. The team worked together during both games and almost pulled it off but the Cubs set it up and beat the Ponies in the second game 9-15. The next game is October 11 at Pilot Rock.

Free pizza feed planned

By Anne Morter

The Ione Youth Group is sponsoring a free pizza feed for all interested high school students on Wednesday, October 17 at 6 p.m. after sports practice, in the basement of the United Church of Christ. The pizza

feed will also include ice cream sundaes for dessert. After dinner a full agenda of the Youth Group activities for the year will be outlined. Anyone wishing further information may contact Cathy Halvorsen at 422-7107 or Jeri McElligott, 422-7257.

Ponies beat Stanfield 13-6



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Chris Dickenson (10) makes nice gain against Stanfield

was no good. The score was tied at 6-6.

In the second half quarterback Matt Keersmaker pitched the ball to Chris Dickenson who ran it in for a touchdown with John Qualls running for the extra point. The Ponies played hard defense after the first play. The defense intercepted two passes, sacked the quarterback and recovered fumbles. The Ponies season record is 3-0. Their next game will be at Pilot Rock Thursday, Oct. 11. Game time is at 4 p.m.

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