

Mustangs post 26-0 victory over Bobcats

The Heppner Mustangs used hard running, accurate passing and a swarming defense to post a 26-0 victory over the visiting Union Bobcats Friday, Sept. 6, at the Morrow County fairgrounds.

Heppner scored twice in the first quarter and once in the second quarter to build an early lead and then let the entire roster play in the second half. The Mustangs started fast, scoring on their first two possessions. Sophomore quarterback Rick Koffler hit veteran Jason Britt with a play action 37-yard bomb to cap a quick six play 52 yard drive. The pat was unsuccessful and Heppner led, 6-0.

Jim "Wild Thing" Kindle, who ran with authority all night, threw a halfback pass for 31 yards to senior



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Jim Kindle racks up some of his 100 yards against Union

Ryan Currin for a touchdown the next time Heppner got the ball. The pat was also no good and it was 12-0 for the home team. The extra point kicking was one of the few negatives for the Mustangs.

Union had six possessions in the first half and all of them were three plays and punt. The swarming defense, led by Kindle, Currin, senior Charlie Rathbun, Shane Munkers and Britt, stifled the Bobcats at every turn.

Meanwhile the Mustangs were running the ball down the Bobcats' throats. Kindle scored on a rumbling, bumbling, stumbling, spinning, twisting 37-yard play in the second quarter. T.R. Riehl, a hard-running junior halfback, ran the pat in to

make the score 20-0 at the half.

Kindle capped the Mustangs' scoring for the night with a one-yard run in the third quarter. The drive covered 55 yards and took 10 plays.

A flair pass from Koffler to Kindle for 20 yards and a sweep, netting Kindle 25 of his 100 yards for the night, were the big plays in the drive. Both Kindle and Riehl benefited from the good early season blocking of juniors Ryan Pence, Shane Munkers and Kevin Kilkeny and sophomores Dwayne Dunaway and Joe Lindsay.

The defense kept Union in check. The Bobcats got their first down of the game with 2:05 left in the third quarter.

Coach Grant cleared the bench in the third and fourth quarters as Heppner went on to post its first victory without a loss for the season.

The Mustangs were without the services of senior Travis Greenup, out with an early season injury and junior Scott Coe, hurt in an automobile accident. Both could be back for the Mustangs' next game.

Heppner travels to Joseph Friday, September 13 for a 1 p.m. contest. The Eagles of the Wapiti League won their opening season game, 27-14 over the LaGrande JVs.

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Heppner: Britt 37 pass from Koffler (kick failed); Currin 31 pass from Kindle (run failed); Kindle 37 run (Riehl run); Kindle one run (pass failed).

	Union	Heppner
First Downs	4	12
Rushes-Yards	18-12	44-276
Passing yards	12	84
Passes	2-9-1	3-6-0
Punts-Ave	6-30	1-40
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	8-110	11-85

Huston and Marie Lesley celebrate 72nd anniversary



Huston and Marie Lesley share some cake

Around 75 guests gathered at the Hardman Community Center to help celebrate the 72nd wedding anniversary of local residents, Huston and Marie Lesley.

Dressed in pink and white outfits and looking as though they were posing for the cover of a bride magazine, this very trim, spry couple cut the first slices of a huge three-tiered wedding cake. Pink decorations and flowers graced the dinner tables and adorned the walls of this old building that was remodeled and has become a popular meeting place.

Now a young 95 years of age, Huston grew up on the family ranch near Monument. He enlisted in the Army when he was 21 and spent 2 1/2 years in the service as a non-commissioned officer during World War I.

After he returned home he met Marie at a dance in Monument. Though they both became young adults in the John Day region, they never met during childhood. But it was at that dance that Marie said she was immediately attracted to "that good-looking guy in uniform."

Marriage vows were exchanged in a John Day church on September 1, 1919. Huston was dressed in a fashionable blue suit with bell bottomed trousers. Marie wore a fancy white dress, but no veil. Her accessories included yard flowers fashioned into a bouquet by the groom's younger sister.

A honeymoon camping trip was delayed until Huston completed repairs on his \$80 investment in a used automobile. For lack of a tent, the couple fashioned tree boughs into a shelter when rain persisted in showering them during the honeymoon. Their pioneering skills came in handy then, as well as during their early years on the family ranch.

In 1926, Huston took over the stage line from Canyon City to Long

Creek, where they made their home. Roads became more passable than mere rutted tracks, Huston said, and vehicle dependability improved from the days when car axles broke or other repairs were part of a day's journey.

In 1940, they moved to Portland to work in the shipyards during World War II. Three years later they sold their home in Estacada and headed back for Eastern Oregon.

At Hardman, they said they ran out of gas. That delay became permanent, as they have been there 48 years. The Lesleys were the last shopkeepers in Hardman with a combined general store, garage and gas station. No more running out of gas, they said. The building, which was also the post office, became home. Marie served as post mistress for 23 years until rural mail delivery came about and the post office was closed because of the declining population of the town.

Their businesses also dwindled and they closed the doors eventually, but they never considered leaving there, they said.

Unlike those earlier days, when the plumbing was out back, water was carried from the pitcher pump on the community's well and they had no electricity, the Lesleys received a new television set as an anniversary present from their three daughters. Those daughters are Nellie Hobson, Lake Oswego; Genieve Woolery, Oregon City and Fern Yeakel, Seattle, Wa.

The Lesleys also have eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Huston is the eldest of 12 children, seven of which are still living. Coming to join the celebration were his sister, Lela Sloan, Pendleton and his brother Bill Lesley, Monument.

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Make It With Wool contest nears

By Anne Morter

The September 28 registration deadline for the District 11 "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest is approaching fast, reminds district director Maureen Krebs. The contest will be held October 12, a full month earlier than last year and will once again be held in Ione. Contestants must have their completed registration forms returned to Krebs no later than the September 28 deadline. Late entries will not be accepted.

The District 11 "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest is open to residents of Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler and Gilliam counties. Contestants may enter in one of the following categories: preteen 13 and under; juniors 14-17; seniors 18-24; and adults 24 and over. The category entered is determined by contestants age on December 31, 1991. Winners in the junior and senior divisions will advance to state-level competition.

Garments are judged initially on the entrant with appropriate accessories. Judges look for current fashion, appropriateness of fabric and style to the entrant, fit, poise and presentation and construction. After modeling, garments will be judged on inner construction and durability.

Entry forms are available at county extension offices. Fabrics Etc., the Pendleton Woolen Mills or from Maureen Krebs, Cecil Star Route, Ione, OR 97843.

Men's breakfast set at First Christian

By Anne Morter

The First Christian Church invites men of the community to the Men's Breakfast held on the third Sunday morning of each month. The first of this season will be at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 15. "It will be a time of good food, good fellowship and hopefully spiritual uplift. We invite speakers from our area to come and share with us each month," said Pastor Roger Scharen.

Ione wins season opener against Wasco County Redsides 36-16

By Anne Morter

The Ione Cardinals kicked off their football season with a win over Wasco County last Saturday, Sept. 7, but only after overcoming a somewhat shaky start. The Redsides scored first by sacking quarterback David Wagenblast in the end zone for a safety. The Cards survived those rocky first minutes and accounted for the next five scores in the game, while keeping Wasco county out of the end zone until the final quarter. Ione's first win of the season was a 36-16 victory.

Sophomore fullback, Brian Holtz, scored three touchdowns for the Cards while racking up 192 yards on just six carries. Overall, Ione ran the ball 42 times for 326 yards. The Redsides were held to just 35 yards on 24 carries by a stingy Cardinal defense. Finding success on the ground, the Cards did a limited amount of passing, completing five of 12 for 43 yards. Wasco County was eight for 19 in the air for 151 yards and one interception.

According to coach Gregg Rietmann, the Cards had trouble getting organized in the early going of the game. Another large problem was a 315-pound defensive lineman playing for Wasco County. Once the team settled down and made a few necessary adjustments, they were able to power past the Redsides. The Cards return an experienced

squad to the gridiron this year. They boast a strong offensive line, namely guard Deacon Heideman, a 200 pound junior; guard Aaron Heideman a 180 pound sophomore; and center Eric Orem a 160 pound senior. Junior quarterback David Wagenblast brings experience to the offense starting for his third year. The backfield promises to be a quick one with relative newcomer, Brian Holtz, already demonstrating his running ability from the fullback slot. Gabe Garcia, a 156 pound senior will share time with Mac Lovett, a 160 pound junior, in the tailback position.

Six starters return on defense and, in the words of coach Rietmann, "The defense gets stronger every week." Ione's first string defense held the Wasco County Redsides scoreless in last Saturday's outing.

The Cards finished last season with a 5-4 record and are definitely looking to improve on that. The next game for the Cardinals will be this Friday in Ione, when they take on Wheeler County. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

Ione: Touchdown-Brian Holtz, 57 yard run (PAT, Garcia run); Brian Holtz, 74 yard run (PAT Garrett pass from Wagenblast); Garrett, 7 yard pass from Wagenblast (PAT Halvorsen pass from Wagenblast); Brian Holtz 44 yard run (PAT run failed); Garcia, 10 yard run (PAT run failed).

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