

Cardinals beat Falcons 36-14

By Anne Morter
The lone Cardinals started out strong in their 36-14 victory over Wheeler County last Friday, Sept. 13 but stalled in the second and third

Mustangs ground Eagles

The Heppner Mustangs made the long trip to Wallow County Friday, Sept. 13 and came away with a lopsided 35-6 win over the Joseph Eagles. The win, the second in as many games against a Wapiti league team, was a carbon copy of their win the previous week.

Heppner started fast out of the blocks, scoring their first two possessions and four of the five times they had the ball in the first half.

Scott Coe was the big play man in the first touchdown drive. Coe, seeing his first action of the season, rambled 15 yards with a pitch to take Heppner into Eagle territory. Coe took a handoff and sprinted 17 yards up the middle for a touchdown with six minutes gone. Len Brittner added the pat and Heppner led, 7-0.

The Mustangs fumbled the ball twice in the opening drive. They had a total of six fumbles on the afternoon, losing two.

It only took two plays to get into the end zone the next time Heppner touched the ball. Jim Kindle bulled 15 yards with a pitch from quarterback Rick Koffler on the first play. Kindle led the team for the second week in a row with 75 yards on eight carries. Koffler faked the pitch on the next play and outprinted Joseph's secondary on a 34-yard touchdown jaunt. Brittner was good again out of a great hold by sophomore Kevin Payne on a bad snap and the Mustangs led, 14-0.

"Wild thing" Kindle scored from nine yards out with 6:22 remaining to cap a 9-play 51-yard drive. The pat was wide and it was 20-0.

Meanwhile the Mustangs defense was everywhere against the smaller Eagles. Linebackers Jason Britt and Travis Greenup punished the Joseph ball carriers. Greenup, in his first game after an early season injury, smacked the Eagles' Justin Harvey so hard on a running play he was done for the day.

Kindle and Shane Munkers, a feisty junior, along with Coe from the secondary, racked up the most defensive points for the Mustangs.

Rick Koffler ran the option well and scored on a four-yard keeper. The drive, which featured six different ball carriers, covered 55 yards. Brittner was perfect and it was 27-0 at halftime.

Coach Grant has done an excellent job of using the entire roster in both early season games. The Mustangs had one long scoring drive in the second half. There were several big plays in the drive. Quarterback Kevin Payne hit sophomore Jeremy Maddern with one completion and Jeff Botefuhr found Chad Doherty with a halfback pass down to the three-yard line. Botefuhr lugged it into the end zone. Freshman Chris Dickenson ran in the pat for a 35-0 Mustang lead with 5:49 to play.

The Mustangs thought they had a shutout as John Qualls stepped in front of a pass and returned it out to the Heppner 39-yard line. However, Heppner turned the ball over and Joseph scored on a 36-yard pass play from Williams to Wachschneider to make the final score 35-6.

Big defensive hitters in the second half were Dickenson, Botefuhr and Jim Tellechea coming up from the secondary.

After two practice games, the Mustangs get their first big test of the young season Friday night, Sept. 20 as they travel to LaPine to face a team that returns most of the squad who made it to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs last season. LaPine traveled to Heppner and scored an 8-6 victory last year in a game that wasn't that close.

The Mustangs will travel to Corvallis Saturday after the LaPine game and attend the Oregon State-Fresno State College football game. The Mustangs will also tour the improvements at Parker Stadium before the game.

Heppner 14 13 0 8 35
Joseph 0 0 0 6 6
Heppner: Coe 17 run (Brittner kick); Koffler 34 run (Brittner kick); Kindle 9 run (Kick failed); Koffler 4 run (Brittner kick); Botefuhr three run (Dickenson run).

Joseph: Wachschneider 35 pass from Williams (kick failed). stats set

	Heppner	Joseph
First Downs	14	3
Rushes-Yards	47-296	24-77
Passes	62	48
Passes	5-10-0	3-14-3
Punts-Ave	1-50	5-31
Fumbles lost	6-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	6-55	12-105



Photo by Wayne Hams

lone's Gabe Garcia (14) looks for running room against Falcons

quarters allowing the Falcons to stay in the game. The Cards lead was cut to a shaky 20-14 edge when sophomore Jason Proudfoot, intercepted a Wheeler pass. With that play, the Cards regained their early momentum, going on to score 16 points in the final period.

The Cardinals had 302 yards on the ground while holding Wheeler to just 131. The leading rusher was Gabe Garcia with 149 yards on 20 carries. Garcia also scored three touchdowns, two on runs and one 25-yard pass completion from David Wagenblast.

Quarterback David Wagenblast was 11-21 in passing for 133 yards and with one interception. Top receivers were Ryan Halvorsen with 73 yards and Proudfoot with 40, including one touchdown completion.

Defensively, guard Deacon Heideman led the team in tackles with 14 followed by Eric Orem with 12.

"We played a great first and fourth quarter," said coach Gregg Rietmann. "We stalled in the second and third and let them back in it. Overall, the team stuck it out and played hard," he added.

Next game for the Cards will be in Culver this Friday, Sept. 20 at 1 p.m. Rietmann doesn't know what

to expect of the Bulldogs, currently ranked ninth in the latest 1A football poll, but says the Cards are going into the game looking for their third win of the season.

The Cards have three games this week, all on the road. On Tuesday they traveled to Echo, Thursday they play Riverside and Friday, Culver for a key matchup.

JV Fillies win first match

By Lisa Willman

The JV Fillies showed promise of what to look forward to in the upcoming season in front of an enthusiastic home crowd Friday Sept. 6. The Fillies won 13-15, 15-8, 15-8 in a good example of teamwork.

The first game Heppner took the lead with sophomore Ruth Norton doing an excellent job blocking Union's spikes. Heppner utilized the three hits well and were ahead until Union made a comeback and won the game by two points.

In the second game Union took an early lead but the Fillies rallied to a comeback. Sara Greenup led the Fillies as they pulled ahead to defeat Union 15-8.

The third game was filled with excitement as both teammates were helping their respective teams out by talking to each other. Possession of the ball went back and forth several times. A key play for the Fillies was when junior Chris Schultz spiked, Union blocked and Schultz recovered to keep the ball in play. From that point on the Fillies hustled to work together as a team. Schultz and Norton dominated the nets with spikes. Sara Greenup and Jodi Johnston contributed with outstanding power serves to win by seven points, 15-8.

Baptist church to host Round-Up day

Sunday September 22, the Lexington Baptist Church will host its annual Round-Up day. The events of the day will begin at 9:45 a.m. for Sunday school, with church following at 11. Directly following church the Lexington Baptist will host a stew and biscuits lunch, free to all.

During part of the Sunday school and church country gospel music will be presented by the "Trinity Gospel Quartet" of LaGrande. Everyone is encouraged to dress western to go along with the theme and all are invited to come and bring a friend.

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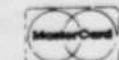
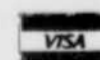
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