

Fillies split league matches with Umatilla

In a CBC mini volleyball tournament held in Stanfield October 20, the Heppner Fillies split league matches with an upset loss at the hands of Umatilla 16-14, 15-7, and a big win over Stanfield 15-13, 15-4. The encounter between the three schools was a first this season, as the mini tournaments are set up to help cut down on traveling.

Match No. 1 featured the Heppner Fillies vs. Umatilla. The Fillies, plagued with continuous passing errors, were upset in their first bid against Umatilla this season. Heppner, trying to recover from somewhat of a mid-season slump, started out well and took a 4-2 lead before missing a serve. Umatilla copied. Heppner took the side out and sent Kelsie Evans to the line, followed by Holly Eckman who sent down a block in kill fashion to lead, 5-2.

Heppner began to roll with consistent serving behind Jenny Krein. The Fillies lead 9-6, with Umatilla trying to creep into the picture. Sara Greenup took her hand at the service line and upped the score to 12-8. Things began to crumble for the Fillies as numerous passing errors began to take their toll on the young varsity squad. Umatilla raced back taking advantage of the passing errors and outlasted Heppner, 16-14.

Game two was tough from a natural standpoint as Heppner could not handle the Umatilla serves, resulting in passing errors and Umatilla quickly storming to an early 7-1 lead. Krein then served an ace, followed by Eckman's kill on a block and another ace serve by Krein to rally back to 7-4. Umatilla, calling time out, broke Heppner's regained momentum and cast another spell to the Filly back row to send the game and match out of reach, 15-7. On the brighter side, Heppner, back on track in the service department, went 38 out of 40 serves for 95 percent during the match.

Match No. 2 made Heppner come right back onto the court to challenge host Stanfield. Heppner, a bit down and dejected, regrouped and rose to the occasion working their way back from an early 4-0 deficit behind Jodi Johnston and Rondi Robinson serves to trail 7-3. The Fillies lost momentum and found themselves in a hole, down 12-6. Senior Donita Sharp came through for the Fillies with a superb serving effort, going 7-7, including three aces to rally Heppner back within two points, trailing 12-10. Floor leader, Holly Eckman set to Krein, resulting in a kill off the spike, followed up by a Johnston ace serve on the line as Heppner took the lead 14-13 and carried out the win 15-13.

In game two, Heppner worked hard as a unit, taking serious control of their destiny. Now playing a good brand of volleyball, the Fillies rushed out behind Johnston and Krein serves to lead 6-0. Floor duties, run by Eckman, sent the ball to Evans who carried out a nice ace spike to up the score 7-0. This time Eckman passed the ball to Jodi Johnston who connected for an

ace spike. Donita Sharp once again came through at the line for an ace serve. Heppner hit a lapse as Stanfield tried to ease back in at 8-4. Rondi Robinson continued to shine for Heppner and came up with a big block and kill at 10-4. Evans stepped up to the service line and drove 5-5 across the net to take the game and match, 15-4. Heppner regained some faith in themselves with the win and had an excellent night, serving 77-81 for a 95 percent effort. Setters Johnston and Eckman continued to set well throughout the matches. Coach Terri Gentry cited the troubled area in the passing department, which is the hot seat, and an area that they will be trying to conquer. "Our team is young, and we had girls with strong serving tonight and back-up from players to put the points on the board. Our back row play is going to come," Gentry said. Hot servers include Robinson 12-12, Johnston 16-18, Krein 15-15, Sharp 9-9, Eckman 7-7, Evans 9-9 and Greenup 9-11.

The Fillies next and last home game is October 29 against a tough Weston-McEwen team. Senior Donita Sharp will play her last game at home and Chrissy Schultz, still out with a broken bone in her hand will also be honored.

Crop insurance deadlines near

The Federal Crop Insurance Corporation is reminding Pacific Northwest farmers who have federal crop insurance that final planting dates for 1993 winter wheat are drawing near, Dan Sheldon, FCIC's Spokane regional service office director said. "We want to remind insured farmers the final planting date for 1993 winter wheat has been moved to the fall in several counties in Oregon, Washington and Idaho," Sheldon said. "To be insurable, any acreage of annual crops must be initially seeded on or before the final planting date."

Sheldon added that crop insurance agents are aware of the counties, the final planting dates in those counties, and know which current contracts are af-

ected by the change.

Sheldon also reminded all farmers that the sales closing date for crop insurance on wheat is October 31. "This deadline is especially important to many growers, because they must purchase insurance for 1993 on the same crops for which they will be seeking 1992 disaster assistance payments," he said.

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