

Mustangs dominate Enterprise Savages, win 14-0

Conventional wisdom says control the ball against a big play, passing team to win, and that's just what the Heppner Mustangs did in whipping the Enterprise Savages, 14-0, in the first round of the Class 2A State Football championship game Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

The highly touted Savages, ranked sixth in the last 2A coaches poll and from the always tough Wapiti League, came into town with a big play offense that passed on three of every four downs.

The Mustangs used a ball control offense and a defense that bent but would not break to advance to the quarterfinal round for the first time under coach Greg Grant.

The Mustangs started the game with a drive that was a sign of things to come for the Savages. Heppner drove 69 yards on 11 plays with quarterback Rick Koffler sneaking the last yard for the touchdown. The drive had three big plays. Koffler hit split end Len Brittner with a 20 yard completion on third and eight to keep

the drive alive. Senior halfback Scott Coe blasted 10 yards for another first down and Koffler kept on the option for a 12 yard gain. Fullback T.R. Riehl bulldozed four yards to the one yard line and Koffler finished the drive. Brittner kicked the pat and it was 7-0 with 7:37 remaining in the opening quarter.

Meanwhile Enterprise was testing the Mustang secondary on every down. Brittner, Koffler, Kevin Payne and Jim Tellechea along with linebackers Coe and Riehl, gave up a few small gains but came up with big plays to turn away every Savage attack.

The defensive line got better, as the cool afternoon wore on, in pressuring the quarterback and completely turned back the run.

Senior quarterback Brent Eddy was 10-26 in the passing department for 146 yards for Enterprise, but had four costly interceptions that stopped potential drives.

Enterprise threatened once in the first half with an 11 play drive but was stopped as Koffler intercepted an Eddy pass and returned it to the 35 yard line.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Len Brittner makes one of his two interceptions in the game.

One play earlier Brittner played perfect defense and end Rob Brown, a 6'8" leaper, was called for offensive pass interference in the endzone.

The second half was amazing.

The Savages ran only 12 plays the entire second half and only three plays from scrimmage in the fourth quarter.

Joe Lindsay, Shane Munkers, Kevin Kilkenny, Ryan Pence and

Dwayne Dunaway allowed the Mustangs to hang onto the ball by completely blowing the Enterprise team off the ball. Coe and Riehl each had their best game of the season at running back. Coe gained 106 yards on 20 carries and Riehl gained 100 yards on 20 carries. Time and time again these two backs either sliced through the line or drug a Savage with them to keep drives alive.

The Mustangs scored on their first possession of the second half. A 17 play drive that took almost eight minutes resulted in a six yard touchdown run by Coe. Brittner added the pat for a 14-0 lead.

Enterprise had one drive toward the end of the third quarter. Eddy teamed up with senior flanker Lance Homan for a 43 yard completion to the Mustang 21 yard line. Len Brittner intercepted Eddy as the fourth quarter started at the one yard line to stop the drive.

Heppner sealed the game with another gigantic drive. The Mustangs ran 18 plays and consumed almost nine minutes on the clock. Coe, Riehl, Payne and Koffler took turns carrying the ball in the drive that stalled inside the Enterprise 30 yard line.

Two plays later Brittner intercepted his second pass to halt the Savages for the last time.

Local sports enthusiasts recall that this is the first time Heppner has ever beaten the Savages.

The Mustangs travel to the Oregon Coast Saturday, Nov. 21,

to take on the Warrenton Warriors in quarterfinal action. The Warriors were first in district one and beat the Gaston Greyhounds 15-6 on Saturday. Game time is set for 1 p.m. at Warrenton High School.

HIT play a hit

HIT players presented "Dirty Work at the Crossroads" at Heppner High School Sunday night, Nov. 15 to a large audience responding with plentiful applause, boos, hisses and ahs.

Jim Raible, Ione High English and drama instructor, playing the most villainous villain and Lea Mathieu, Ione United Church of Christ pastor, as the villainess, were audience pleasers as were Aleida Goodyear "tempted, tried and true" and Bryce Tucker, both Heppner High School students as the heroine and hero.

Another cast member with special audience appeal was Heppner High school student Tony Beckett, as the faithful rustic hired man. His solos, "Fred, Tell Them to Stop" and "I Saw Esau Kissing Kate" brought the house down.

New to the stage, Chris Burkenbine as the widow Lovelace died a truly "meller-drammer" death in the first act. Cyde Estes as the rich New York society Mrs. Aterbilt portrayed effectively the "old dragon" that her French maid Fleurette oolala (Janet Lacey) called her. Missy Wallace as the city society girl fainted most "meller-drammatically" when spurned by the fallain and Paula Spicer-Kuhn as Little Nell drew applause with her solor "I am Nobody's Darling. Nobody Cares For Me".

Pianists for the evening were Debbie Wryn of Ione and Marlene Currin, Heppner.

The final effect of a night train rushing down the track toward the audience was engineered by Chuck Nelson who was also director of the outdoor garden stage set, complete with live blooming plants.

In the dessert hour preceding the curtain, the audience, seated at candlelit tables, enjoyed a wide selection of desserts served by the Heppner Soroptimists.

Box officer manager Jenny Bingham was assisted by ushers Kelly Rafferty, Bonnie Hill, Jo Bingham and Kay Foster, Heppner Junior High students, all in old-fashioned long dresses.

A second performance will be on the Ione High School stage November 24 with dessert beginning at 6:30 p.m. Curtain time is at 7:30 p.m.

Fillies lose match

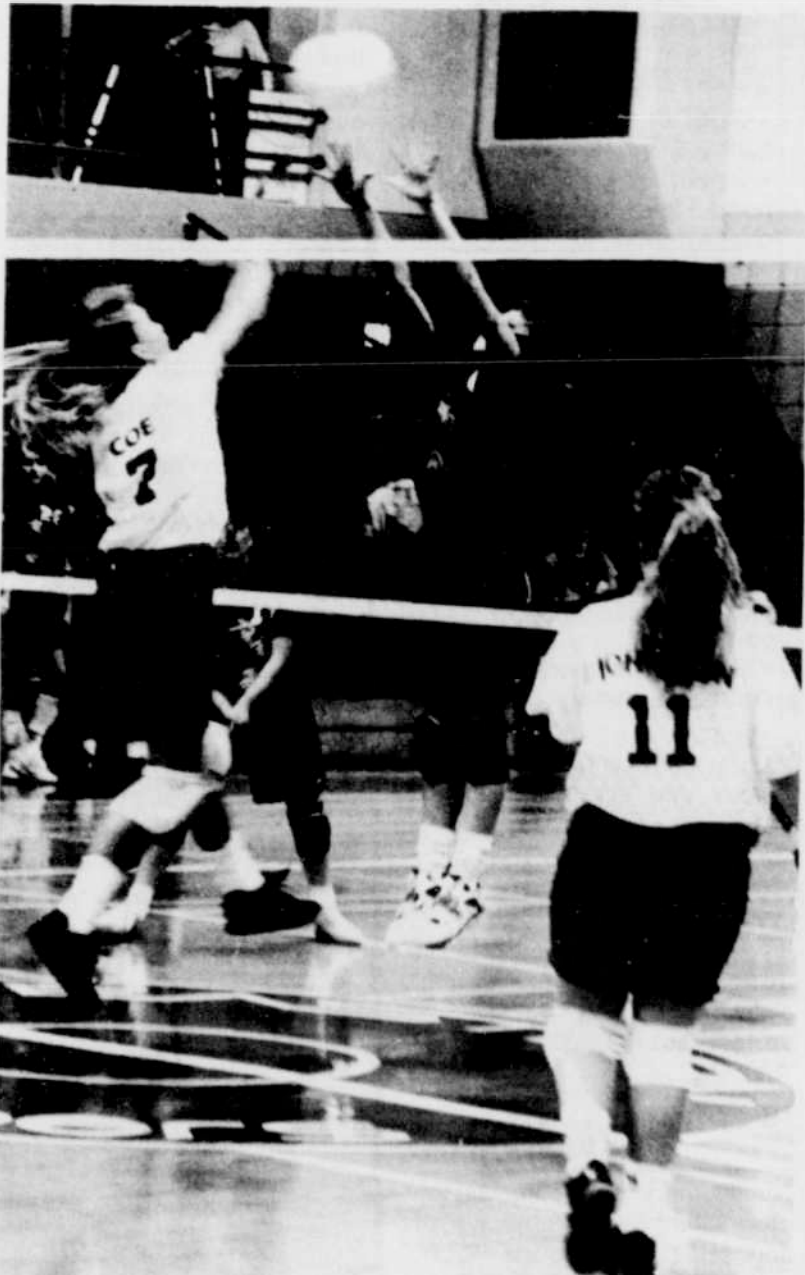


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Char Coe plays defense at the net

The Fillies were eliminated fast in the Regional playoff games held in LaGrande Saturday night Nov. 14. They lost the first two sets of volleyball action to the Imber Panthers. The Panthers went

on to beat the Weston-McEwen TigerScots for the second place berth in the state championship games. A more detailed story will be in next weeks Gazette-Times.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Scott Coe is wrapped up by Enterprise defender. Coe gained 106 yards, his best game of the year.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Holly Eckman sets the ball for the Fillies

BOWLING

Thursday Nite Ladies November 12		W	L
MCCG		27 1/2	13
Tazmo's		25	15
B & C Repair		19	21
Kinzua		18	22
Bedrock Bowlers		16	24
High game: Phyllis Piper 212.			
High series: Phyllis Piper 486.			
Splits converted: George Nairns 3-10; Candi Rudisill 5-10.			

Dime A Dozen November 8		W	L
# 5		23	13
# 1		20 1/2	15 1/2
# 7		19	17
# 2		19	17
# 8		17	19
# 3		16 1/2	19 1/2
# 4		15	21
# 6		14	22
High game: Earl Foster 226 and Cindi Doherty 203.			
High series: Cindi Doherty 517 and Earl Foster 565.			
High team game: # 8, 815.			
High team series: # 2, 2,185.			
Splits converted: Katie McRoberts 3-6-10 and 8-7; Nicki Hartley 5-10; Harry Hartley 3-10; Nola Binschus 5-6-10.			

Dime A Dozen November 1		W	L
# 5		21	11
# 7		17	15
# 3 16 1/2		15 1/2	15 1/2
# 1		16 1/2	15 1/2
# 2		16	16
# 4		14	18
# 6		14	18
# 8		13	19
Splits converted: Ellis McRoberts 5-10; Dianna Hoeft 5-6-10; Ray Banka 5-8-10.			

Koffee Kup Keglers November 5		W	L
MCCG		27 1/2	8 1/2
No Pin Hitters		25 1/2	10 1/2
Hopeful Has Beens		17	19
3 J's		17	19
The Dregs		16	20
Hi Ho's		15	21
Late Commers		13	23
Gutter Dusters		13	23
High game: Linda Schultz 234.			
High series: Linda Schultz 535.			
Splits converted: Betty Mills 4-5, Darlene Scroggins 9-10, Karen Phegley 3-6-8-10.			

Thursday Night Ladies November 5		W	L
MCCG		25	11
Tazmo's		22	14
B & C Repair		19	17
Kinzua		16	20
Bedrock Bowlers		12	24
High game: Marie Rudisill 193.			
High series: Marie Rudisill 528.			
Splits converted: Fran Barnett 5-10 and Marie Rudisill 3-7.			

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# 2		16	16
# 4		14	18
# 6		14	18
# 8		13	19
Splits converted: Ellis McRoberts 5-10; Dianna Hoeft 5-6-10; Ray Banka 5-8-10.			

Koffee Kup Keglers October 29		W	L
MCCG		24 1/2	7 1/2
No Pin Hitters		23 1/2	8 1/2
Hopeful Has Beens		15	17
The Dregs		15	17
3 J's		14	18
Late Commers		12	20
Hi Ho's		12	20
Gutter Dusters		12	20
High game: Maude Hughes 196.			
High series: Linda Schultz 498.			
Splits converted: Janie Beamer 5-8-10.			

Thursday Nite Ladies October 29		W	L
MCCG		24	6
Tazmo's		19	13
B & C Repair		16	16
Kinzua		13	19
Bedrock Bowlers		11	21
High game: Kathy Cutsforth 203.			
High series: Cindi Doherty 534.			
Splits converted: Cindi Doherty 5-7, Gayle Gutierrez 4-5-7, Nola Binschus 3-10.			

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