

## Mustangs shut out Warrenton 21-0

The Heppner Mustangs galloped into the state class 2A semifinals Saturday, Nov. 21 with a 21-0 victory over the over-matched Warrenton Warriors at the Oregon Coast.

The game, played before an overflow crowd of Heppner supporters, was a carbon copy of the last two Mustang victories that featured a ball control offense and a dominating defense that has posted three shutouts in as many weeks.

Hundreds of diehard Heppner fans made the trip to the northwest corner of the state to watch the Mustangs quarterfinal action against a Warrenton team that had a 1,000 yard rusher and had been rated as high as fourth in the state in the Oregon football poll. What they were treated to was another Heppner victory that looked like a kids game of mud pies with a ball.

The field had standing water of two to three inches from the recent rains and the rain fell continuously during the game. But it didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the quick and strong Mustang team.

Heppner kicked off to the Warriors and proceeded to pick up the first of two fumbles by fullback Josh Morris. Morris, who gained over 1,200 yards on the ground this year, was frustrated the entire afternoon by the front line of Shane Munkers, Kevin Kilkenny, Dwayne Dunaway, Tony Burt and Ryan Pence. He gained only 42 yards on nine carries on the afternoon. Dunaway punctuated the defensive mastery of the Warrenton team with several vicious blindsides sacks of the Warrior quarterback. The secondary was solid again and linebackers T.R. Riehl and Scott Coe flew to the ball all afternoon.

Warrenton stopped Heppner on its first possession inside the Warrior 30 yard line. The Warriors then put together their only real drive, going 65 yards with the help of a 15 yard pass completion, an offside penalty and a questionable pass interference call against safety Len Brittner. The drive stalled as the first quarter ended.

By now the grass on the field had turned to mud, the footing was treacherous and the Mustangs were ready with a drive that is quickly becoming a trademark of this team.

Quarterback Rick Koffler, halfbacks Scott Coe and Kevin Payne and fullback T.R. Riehl took turns lugging the pigskin down the field on a 72 yard touchdown drive that ate up almost eight minutes on the clock. Koffler ran a quarterback keeper behind the blocking of center Joe Lindsay and guard Ryan Pence for a seven yard touchdown run. Len Brittner picked up an errant pat snap and, scrambling right, hit tight end Tony Burt with a pass deep in the end zone for an 8-0 lead that they took into the locker room at the half.

After a scoreless third quarter, the Mustangs cranked up their running game again. Scott Coe, who had another super performance with 137 yards on the ground on 21 carries, slid into the end zone with a five yard touchdown run. The pat was no good and Heppner had a commanding 14-0 lead with eight minutes remaining.

T.R. Riehl intercepted a Warrior pass to set up a third Mustang

touchdown. Riehl took it into the end zone with a one yard run for Heppner's final touchdown. Brittner made the pat for a 21-0 victory. After the game several nonstarters were "helped" into some of the larger mud holes by the victorious Mustangs.

Warrenton could only muster 40 yards total on the ground on 20 carries. The Mustangs rushed 58 times for 288 yards. Lyons, the Warrior quarterback was 1-7 in the rain with an interception while Koffler was 0-2 for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs were penalized four times for 50 yards by the officiating crew. The officials drew the ire of the huge Heppner crowd several times with their inconsistent spots. Warrenton wasn't penalized on the afternoon.

The Mustangs return home Saturday, Nov. 28 to do battle with the Crow Cougars. The winner will play in the state championship game against the winner of the Vale-Lost River contest. Game time is 1 p.m. at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

## Big Sky League all-stars announced



First team l-r: Jason Proudfoot and Deacon Heideman.



Second team l-r: David Wagenblast, Mac Lovett and Aaron Heideman.



Honorable Mention l-r: Bridger Baker and Jared Ashbeck



Second team l-r: Crystal Minster, April Taylor, Melissa McElligott. Not pictured Danielle Stefani

Two seniors from Ione High School were selected on the Big Sky League All-Star volleyball team recently. Crystal Minster and Danielle Stefani placed on the second team and April Taylor and Melissa McElligott received honorable mention.

In football action Deacon Heideman and Jason Proudfoot were chosen on the first team of offense and defense in the Big Sky All-Star selections. Heideman was selected as an offensive

guard and a defensive lineman. Proudfoot was chosen as an offensive end and a defensive back.

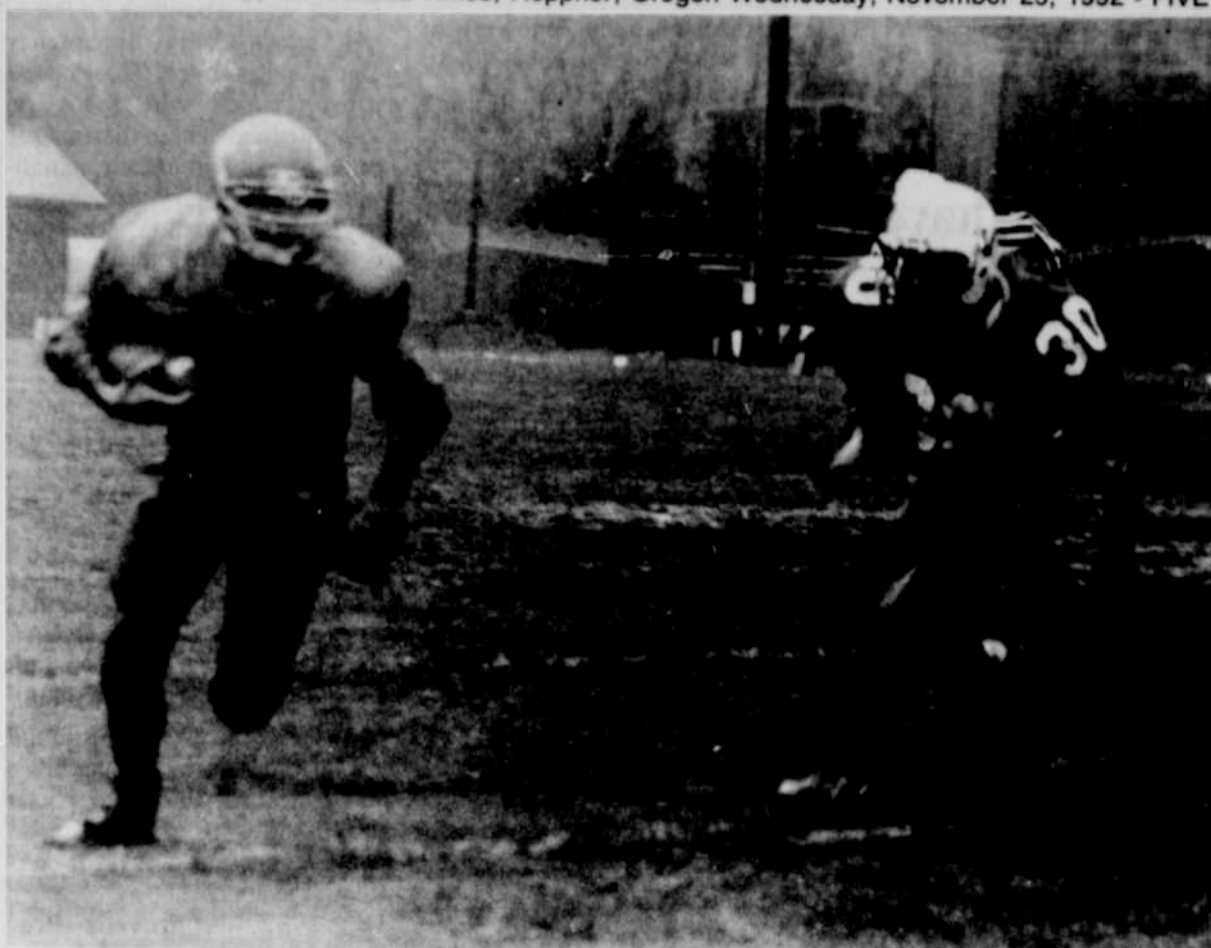
Second team selections on offense were Ryan Halvorsen as center, Mac Lovett as a running back and David Wagenblast as quarterback. Second team defense selections were Aaron Heideman, lineman; Mac Lovett, linebacker; and David Wagenblast defensive back. Honorable mention on offense went to Bridger Baker as end and on the defense were Ryan Halvorsen as lineman and Jared Ashbeck as linebacker.

## BMCC to offer farm management

Sign up for the 1993 Farm Business Management Program, offered through Blue Mountain Community College, is underway.

The year-long course is designed specifically for farm or ranch owners, lessees, managers, or record keepers. Systematic training is emphasized in various phases of farm financial management, according to program coordinator Alan Nelson. The program includes some class-type work as well as on farm visits by Nelson.

For more information about the program, contact Alan Nelson, at 276-1260, ext. 323.



Scott Coe outruns Warrenton defender Josh Morris (30). Coe gained 137 yards on 21 carries.

## Cardinal athletes honored

Ione High School Cardinal fall sports awards were presented on Tuesday, Nov. 17.

Football coach Gregg Rietmann commented that this had been the one of the best years he has coached. He said the kids worked hard and were great to work with. They all had goals and although they did not make it to the playoffs, they were highly successful in their 7-2 season. Coach Rietmann also felt the combined football camp at Heppner in early August was a big help in preparing the team for a great year. The Cardinals ended their season with a win at Echo. During the game several team members changed their normal positions to try other areas of the playing squad with successful results. Seven players received JV letters and 18 players received Varsity letters.

David Wagenblast was selected the teams most valuable player and Ryan Halvorsen as the most inspirational player. The coaches selected Bridger Baker as the most improved player and the Big Stick award went to Deacon Heideman for his big hit of Brian Lantis at the Condon game.

Coach Rietmann thanked assistant coach Robin Graff and offered a special thanks to Del LaRue for his past services as assistant coach. LaRue has decided not to coach football next year. David Wagenblast presented gifts to the coaches for their hard work with the team this year.

Volleyball coach Greg Likens said his young team worked very hard this year on rebuilding. The team had a 12-11 overall record and a 7-6 league record. Coach Likens had set eight goals for his team to meet this year and commented that he was very proud that nearly all eight were met. Likens said his entire team showed great improvement over the season and shows a lot of promise in future years. In recapping the season he told of their third place finish at the Helix Tournament and their fourth place finish and the sportsmanship award at the Monument tournament. Ione

placed team members on the all-star teams at both tournaments.

Crystal Minster received the most valuable and most inspirational player awards by her teammates. The coaches selected Kim Bedortha and Jessica Stefani as the most improved players. Team

leaders in statistics were Minster with the most total points and the highest serving percentage; Stefani with the most aces and the highest hitting percentages went to April Taylor and Kim Bedortha. Melissa McElligott had the most kills and stuff blocks.

## Fillies fall to Panthers

The Heppner Fillies fell victim once again to the Imbler Panthers 16-14, 15-8 at Eastern Oregon State College November 14. The disappointing loss ended their dream of being in the 2A state volleyball tournament Nov. 21. Trying to capture a spot in the tournament and equal the Mustang football win against Enterprise proved too tough for the Fillies.

In game one Heppner and Imbler exchanged side-outs before Sara Greenup connected on an ace spike behind a Jenny Krein serve. Krein continued to serve, backed by strong rotation support with Holly Eckman producing spike kills to lead, 4-0.

Errors of net foul and an illegal hit cost Heppner, with Imbler rallying back 5-2. Krein found an empty hole to dump a spike kill that gave Heppner a comfortable 6-2 lead. The Fillies, playing excellent team volleyball, had Imbler on the run. Eckman placed a spike kill, followed by Rondi Robinson's ace serve to secure an 8-2 lead.

Heppner then missed two crucial serve rotations back-to-back, giving Imbler needed momentum at 8-4. An Imbler hit through two Filly blockers dampened Heppner spirits at 8-7. Heppner then called a time out to regroup.

Panther serves continued to frustrate the Fillies with an inability to pass the ball up to the setters to produce the attack. The Fillies were struggling. At 13-8 a Kelsie Evans target pass produced a Robinson spike kill for needed life. Imbler had an illegal hit at 10-14 to give Heppner another chance. A super set by Jodi Johnston capitalized an

Eckman spike kill to only trail 13-14.

Imbler continued Heppner's receiving difficulties by sending an ace serve to the floor, 14-15. The Fillies couldn't recover, losing a heart-breaker, 16-14.

Game two was a do-or-die situation for Heppner. Holly Eckman placed a one-handed tip kill to the line, tying the score at 2-2 and kept the fans content, hoping for this game's win. Eckman, going to the service line, evened the score at five.

Back and forth serves took place for the two teams with neither taking advantage. Super floor coverage for the Panthers made things tough for the Fillies. The Panthers, defensively and offensively were pulling away at 10-7, with Heppner feeling the squeeze.

Kelsie Evans had a big tip kill at 11-8. A glimmer of hope was lost for Heppner with a net antenna call and continued passing difficulties gave strength to the Panthers. Imbler went on to carry out the win, 15-8.

Vale and Imbler represented Eastern Oregon at the 2A volleyball tournament as Heppner and Weston-McEwen were defeated.

Jenny Krein, eight and nine against Imbler and Jodi Johnston, 14-15, continued strong service for the Fillies. Kelsie Evans turned in a season's best match with all-around play. Eckman, continued with setting and hitting duties while Char Coe, Ruth Norton and Donita Sharp filled in at crucial times of play. On the brighter side Heppner will return all but two varsity starters next season. Heppner girls are now anxious for Filly basketball.

During this time of Thanksgiving we would like to show our sincere appreciation for our wonderful, loyal employees.

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