

Mustangs scuttle Pirate Ship 37-7 Fillies lose first league game, JV's win



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Jeff Botefuhr (23) gains yardage against the Riverside Pirates last Thursday at the fairgrounds in Heppner.

The Heppner Mustangs answered the question, "Who is the best football team in Morrow County?" emphatically with a 37-7 pasting of the Riverside Pirates at the Morrow County Fairgrounds Thursday night, Oct. 7.

The Pirates never had a chance as the Mustangs scored twice in the first six minutes of the first

quarter and never looked back. Riverside fumbled on their first play from scrimmage and it took only four plays for Heppner to score from the Pirates' 20 yard line. Fullback Jim Tellechea smashed 10 yards to the Riverside five yard line and then bulled in from the three to make it 6-0 before the coffee was even done

at the concession stand. Len Brittner kicked the ball off to the Pirates and nailed a lineman while Jon Hanna recovered the ball to set the Mustangs up for their next scoring drive. Quarterback Rick Koffler gained 31 yards on four carries in the 56 yard drive and halfback Kevin Payne scored from six yards out for a 12-0 lead. The pat was wide left.

Payne came back with a vengeance after a one-week absence. He scored two touchdowns, caught two passes for 32 yards, carried the ball seven times for 44 yards and racked up a season-high number of defensive points with two interceptions and a fumble recovery and several assisted and unassisted tackles. The Mustangs are a good team getting better. The defense of the Mustangs appears to bend but not break. Riverside had a total of 128 yards offense and scored a lone meaningless touchdown in the fourth quarter. Lineman Joe Lindsay and Dwayne Dunaway controlled the line of scrimmage and Payne and Brittner the backfield. Jon Hanna is seeing more and more time on the field and recovered two Pirate fumbles during the game. Jim Tellechea and Ryan Munkers also racked up the defensive points in a total team effort.

Fullback Jeff Botefuhr capped an 18 play drive, scoring the Mustangs' third touchdown with a two yard plunge and Brittner added the pat for a 19-0 lead. Kevin Payne intercepted the Pirates' only scoring opportunity to end the half. Heppner scored the first two times they had the ball in the second half. Koffler hit Brittner with a 22 yard scoring strike with 10:36 left in the third quarter and hit Brittner again two minutes later with an 11 yard pass for a 31-0 Mustang lead. Koffler threw three touchdown passes on the evening and was 10-19 for 151 yards and one interception. Koffler hit Payne with a 12 yard touchdown pass on the first play of the fourth quarter to close the scoring for Heppner. The pat was missed. The Mustangs seem to have a tough time putting a good snap, good hold and good kick together.

The balance of the game the crowd was left wondering just how many penalties referee George Gillette and his crew would call. Both teams were penalized heavily and clipping seemed to be the penalty of choice for the evening.

Heppner returns to Columbia Basin Conference action Friday night, Oct. 15 hosting the Pilot Rock Rockets. The Rockets are winless in league play.

Riverside Heppner
 First Downs 6 13
 Rushes/Yds 27-124 40-206
 Passing Yds 4 151
 Passes 1-10-2 10-19-1
 Punts/Avg 2-46 2-39
 Fumbles/lost 3-3 4-1
 Penalties/Yds 9-105 7-65

Columbia Basin Conference
 Football Standings
 League Season
 W L W L
 Umatilla 3 0 4 1
 Heppner 2 0 5 0
 Weston McEwen 2 0 5 0
 Sherman Union 1 2 1 3
 Stanfield 1 2 1 4
 Wahtonka 0 2 1 4
 Pilot Rock 0 3 1 4

The Heppner Fillies lost their first league volleyball game against a very experienced Weston-McEwen team last week 4-15, 6-15. The match went two games with Heppner plagued with inconsistency. The Fillies jumped out to a 3-2 lead but fell to a slow momentum and never seemed to capitalize on the Tiger Scots' mistakes. They lost the game 4-15.

The second game was a heart breaker as the Fillies fought back with six points to the visitors' eight. But the Fillies broke down defensively and couldn't seem to get the breaks they needed as they lost 6-15.

The Fillies will regroup as they have some tough competition in the next few weeks leading into the district tournament which will be held in Heppner, Saturday, Oct. 30.

The JV girls faced Weston-McEwen for the first time this season. The Fillies came out ahead in the series winning the se-

cond and third, losing the first 6-15, 16-14, 15-10.

The first game, the Fillies had a difficult time getting into rhythm with missed net shots, low percentage of serves and out of bounds shots. The lost the match 6-15.

In the second game the Fillies came out with fine serving and took a 5-0 lead. Weston-McEwen fought back and gave the Fillies some competition as they trailed by only one point 10-9. Both teams dug hard and battled to a 14-14 tie. Heppner pulled out the victory 16-14.

The third game proved too much for the visitors as the Fillies stayed ahead after the first point and never looked back. The front row play of Jessica Sumner, April Rollis and Tina Kemp lead the Fillies to a 15-10 victory.

The C-team Fillies played a tough Weston-McEwen team but ended up short losing in three games 6-15, 15-5, 8-15.

The first match the Fillies trailed the TigerScots 0-3 but jumped to a 3-3 tie behind the serves of Lindsey Waterland.

The young netters stayed nip and tuck with their opponents until the fifth point. Weston-McEwen was stronger at the net and went on a scoring streak that gave them a 15-6 win.

In the second game the Fillies came out in force, with excellent serving, strong net play and good solid defense from all the players to take a 15-5 victory.

The last contest the Fillies fought point for point for the first four points and pulled ahead 4-3. Although Heppner used good defense they were outgunned by a strong serving opponent and lost 8-15.

defense was good," said coach Gregg Rietmann. "But it was nice to be able to move the ball in the air."

Culver put all of their 14 points on the board in the second

Cardinals lose squeaker to Bulldogs

By Anne Morter

In what was an exact replica of last year, as far as the score was concerned anyway, the Ione Cardinals lost a squeaker to the Culver Bulldogs on the road last Thursday, Oct. 7, 12-14. The loss dropped the Cards from the undefeated ranks in league standings, leaving Culver and Dufur the only two undefeated remaining. After this weekend, only one will remain as Culver and Dufur are due to square off this Saturday in Dufur.

The Bulldogs defense was staunch, shutting down the usually potent Cardinal ground game. With the Cards held to 98 yards on the ground, they took to the air where quarterback Jared Ashbeck connected on 11 of 23 passes for 180 yards. "Their

quarter, leaving it up to the Cards to play catch-up. Ione made their first score of the day when Bridger Baker made 60 yards on a pass reception from Ashbeck. In what turned out to be the key factor in the game, the point after attempt failed. The third quarter was scoreless for both teams and time was running out when Ashbeck and Baker connected again for a 22 yard pass play touchdown. The point-after attempt, which would have tied the game was stopped by a determined Bulldog defense.

Culver's Nat McRostie gave the Cards fits, rushing for 186 yards and scoring both touchdowns. The Bulldogs had 213 yards on the ground and 62

in the air for 275 yards of total offense. For the Cardinals, Ashbeck not only led the air attack but was the leading rusher with 40 yards on 11 carries. The Card's leading receiver was Baker, receiving three passes for 90 yards.

Rietmann said that two interceptions and the two missed point-after attempts played a key role in the loss but overall he was pleased with the play of his team. "We played really well. The kids gave it their all and never gave up. It was a good game," he noted.

This weekend, the Cardinals face Adrian in a non-conference game to be held in Ione Friday, Oct. 15. Game time is at 6 p.m.

Ione Booster Club to meet

By Anne Morter

An organizational meeting will be held for a new group, the Ione Booster Club, on Wednesday,

Oct. 20 at Beecher's Cafe in Ione.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. All interested parties are urged to attend.

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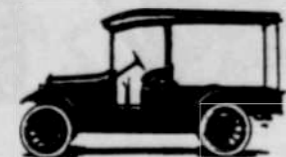
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P195/75R-14	69.19	P205/70R-14 B/W 74.82
P205/75R-14	73.79	P205/70R-15 B/W 78.50
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