

Mustangs keep record perfect with Pilot Rock shutout 26-0

The Heppner Mustangs kept their record perfect at 6-0 with a convincing 26-0 shutout of the Pilot Rock Rockets Friday night, Oct. 15 at the Morrow County fairgrounds.

The Homecoming game, played in a driving rainstorm for the first two quarters, was much closer than expected for the first half.

The first quarter was scoreless with the Mustangs getting only one chance with the ball. Heppner fumbled away their first possession of the second quarter and then put together their first scoring drive of the game. The Mustangs moved 56 yards in 18 carries. Running backs Kevin Payne and Chris Dickenson, alternated carrying the ball during the drive with Payne diving in from the two yard line with 2:33 remaining in the half. The pat attempt was unsuccessful and Heppner led 6-0.

The Rockets got the ball after an exchange of punts with 37 seconds left in the half. Instead of falling on the ball and going into the half down 6-0 against the defending state champs, coach Perry Sheehan decided to put the ball into the air. Linebacker Jim Tellechea stepped in front of a flat

pass, picked the ball and ran it to the Rockets 11 yard line.

Payne needed only two running plays to hit pay dirt and Heppner led 12-0. Dickenson, back after a four week layoff and arthroscopic knee surgery, added the pat run for a 14-0 halftime Mustang lead.

The second half was all Heppner. Linebacker Ryan Munkers and free safety Len Brittner intercepted passes to stop Rocket drives while seniors Joe Lindsay and Kevin Scott clamped down on the ground attack of the Rockets.

Kevin Payne was a one-man wrecking crew. He ran with authority for the second week in a row and had his most prolific night as a footballer, scoring all four of the Mustangs' touchdowns. Payne ran the ball 20 times for 90 yards in the game.

Payne scored from one yard out in the third quarter and caught a 23 yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Chad Skroch in the fourth quarter. Skroch, playing in place of the injured Rick Koffler, ran the team well all night and was three of five passes for 59 yards with one interception.

The Mustangs hit the road after

three home games in a row and travel to The Dalles to take on the Wahtonka Eagles in CBC action Friday, Oct. 22. Heppner will be trying for its 20th straight victory over two seasons against Wahtonka.

Heppner is still tied for the lead in the conference with Weston-McEwen and Umatilla. Those two teams meet Friday night in a big contest and then Heppner finishes their regular season with games against each of them.

| | Heppner | Pilot Rock |
|---------------|---------|------------|
| First Downs | 13 | 3 |
| Rushes/Yds | 50-180 | 24-62 |
| Passing Yds | 84 | 17 |
| Passes | 4-6-1 | 3-13-3 |
| Punts/Avg | 2-43 | 6-33 |
| Fumbles/lost | 5-3 | 2-1 |
| Penalties/Yds | 5-40 | 4-20 |

Columbia Basin Conference Football Standings

| | League | | Season | |
|---------------|--------|---|--------|---|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Heppner | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Weston-McEwen | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Umatilla | 3 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Sherman Union | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Stanfield | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Wahtonka | 0 | 3 | 1 | 5 |
| Pilot Rock | 0 | 4 | 1 | 5 |



Kevin Payne (28) looks for yardage against Pilot Rock Friday. Photo by Joyce Hughes

Fillies Varsity and C team lose to Pilot Rock JVs win

It took three games for the Pilot Rock Rockets to defeat the Heppner Fillies in varsity volleyball with the Fillies winning the first game 15-9, but losing the next two 8-15, 10-15.

Jodi Johnston served Heppner's first five points to take the lead 5-2. Heppner's good serves proved to be the winning edge. The Fillies were paced by Johnston with six points and Jenny Krein and Holly Eckman, who added three each to lead the rest of the team.

In the second game, Heppner fought a determined opponent as the Rockets took a 7-1 lead and never stumbled. Heppner fought back bringing the score 8-9, but that's all the Fillies would score as the Rockets went on to win 15-8.

The last and deciding game was a close contest until Pilot Rock surged ahead 9-6. The Rockets continued to capitalize on Heppner's mistakes and inconsistency. Despite a surge of good serving by Alissa Brownfield the Rockets went on to win 10-15 dropping Heppner's league standings.

In JV action the team continued their winning ways with a victory over the Pilot Rock Rockets JV

team 15-5, 8-15, 15-6.

The Fillies started scoring points and played excellent offensively and defensively to take a 15-5 first match win.

In the following match, Heppner let down and struggled as the Rockets won the contest 8-15.

The third match, good team work enabled the JVs to build a 3-0 lead and keep ahead of their opponents. Heppner seized the victory at the 10-6 score when they surged ahead and posted a 15-6 win.

The Heppner Fillies C Team continued their volleyball action with a loss against Pilot Rock in two games, despite playing the Rockets JV squad, 8-15, 13-15.

In the first contest the score battled point for point to six points, then Pilot Rock pulled ahead and never looked back winning 8-15.

The young Fillies came alive in the second game and fought back from a 1-7 deficit to make it 4-7. Heppner continued to chip away at the lead and finally tied the game at 12 points. They pulled ahead to a 13-12 lead. Pilot Rock crept back to pull out a 13-15 win which was a heartbreaker for the young Fillies.

Fillies take second in tournament

In the Columbia Basin Tournament held last Tuesday, Oct. 12, at Heppner the Fillies met league leading Stanfield and Umatilla.

The first game pitted Heppner against Umatilla which the Fillies easily won in two games.

Stanfield then took on Umatilla and outbested them in two.

In the winner's bracket Stanfield met Heppner and beat the Fillies in two 4-15, 4-15.

The Fillies jumped to an early 2-0 lead. The two teams fought each other to a 3-3 tie before Stanfield started on a scoring streak of four points. The Fillies

battled to regain the serve but couldn't capitalize when they had to, leaving the door open for Stanfield. The Tigers made few mistakes and were well disciplined in their surge for the 4-15 win.

The second game was a repeat of the first as the Fillies took an early 3-0 lead and played with confidence. They began to struggle a bit, however, which opened the door for the Tigers as they found Heppner's weaknesses. The Fillies never gave up as they tried to gain their momentum but fell short to a powerful Stanfield team that handed them another 4-15 loss.

Heppner teams beat Sherman

The Heppner Varsity Fillies returned to their winning ways as they rolled over Sherman Union in two games 15-9 and 15-11.

The Fillies were paced by senior setter Holly Eckman.

The Fillies made their shots count as they had an excellent percentage from the serving line. They worked the floor and made most of their hits count.

Sherman also fell to Heppner's JV team 15-7, 15-12.

Strong serving by Jessica Sumner and Tina Kemp provided to be the deciding factor in giving the Fillies a winning edge 15-7.

The second game the Fillies trailed 1-4 and tied their op-

ponents 4-4 before the Huskies pulled ahead six points to lead the match, 4-11. Heppner never gave up and used good team work to chip away at the lead to obtain a 12-12 tie. The Fillies then pulled ahead for good and won 15-12.

The C Team rebounded well from their loss against Pilot Rock and won a tough contest with Sherman Union 15-10, 7-15, 15-1.

The first game Heppner came from behind to take the 15-10 win. Both teams struggled to take command of the lead. The Huskies jumped to an early 5-9 lead. Heppner then took charge then never looked back as they ran off eight straight points to take a 13-9 lead, before posting the win.

Sherman came right back with strong serving and defensive plays for a 7-15 win in the second game. The last game the Fillies were in command the entire way with an impressive 15-1 victory.

Air Life meeting set in Heppner

An Air Life Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 3 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

Vern Bartley, program manager, said the purpose of the meeting is to "dispel rumors and

discuss changes Air Life has made in the use of the helicopter to serve Heppner area patients."

Letters were mailed October 15 to Heppner area Air Life members inviting them (and the public) to attend the town hall meeting.

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