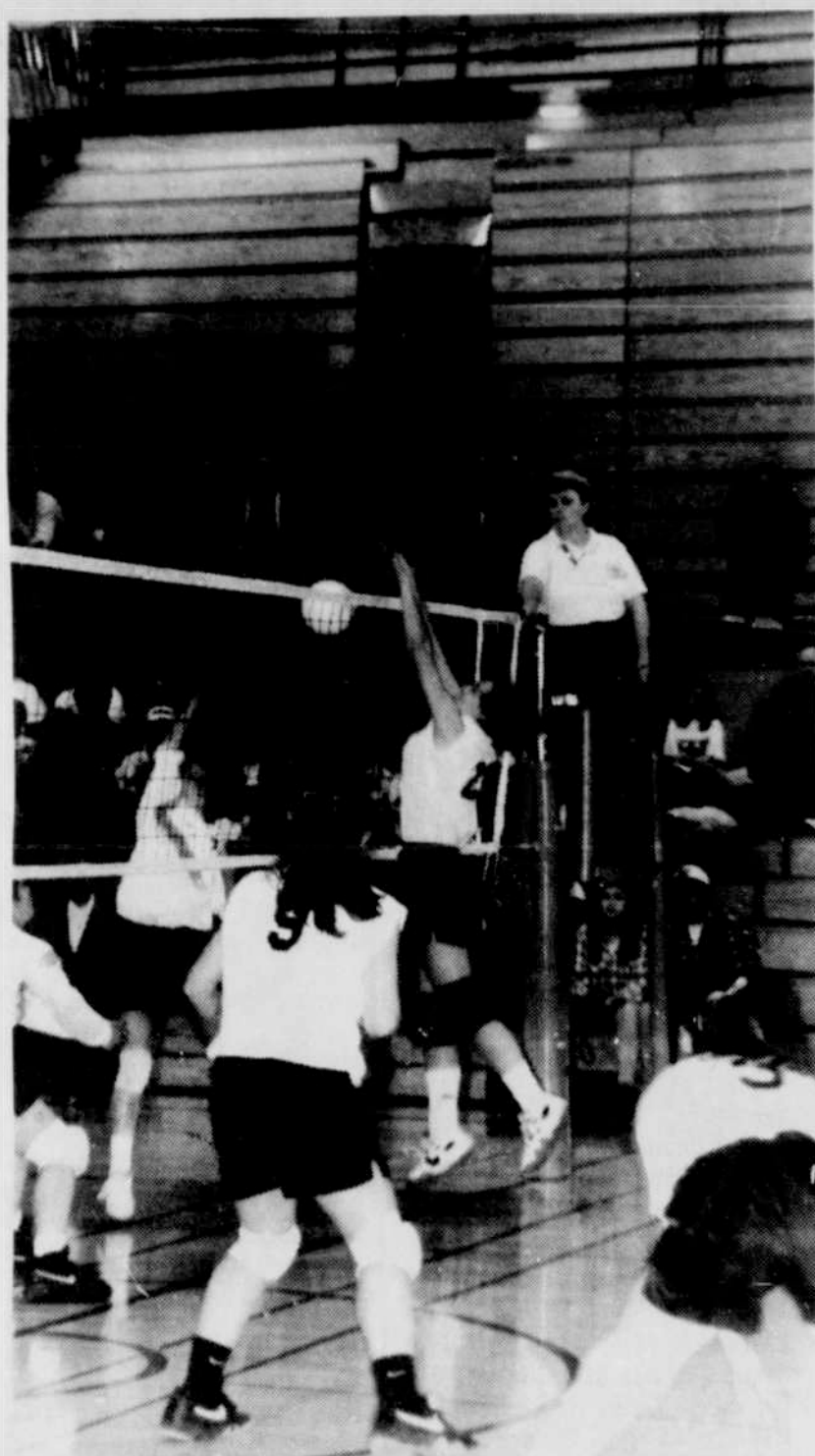


Lone Cardinals district champions Mustangs end season 7-2 with loss



Lone Cardinal puts ball over net

Photo by Wayne Hams



Cardinals celebrate victory

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By Anne Morter

The Lone lady Cardinals took their perfect league record to the District Volleyball Tournament Saturday, November 5 at Sherman County High School in Moro. After slugging it out with Dufur, the number one team from the West Division and a team that the Cardinals had previously lost to in non-conference play, emerged the District Champions with a 12-15, 15-8, 16-6 win.

The emotionally charged match took one hour and 45 minutes to play with the conference's number one seeding at the State Tournament on the line.

"Tentative" and "nervous" described the lady Cards in the first game as they struggled to pick up Dufur's hard serves and spikes. They had trouble passing and hitting in the ear-

ly going. The team went through a full rotation before getting on the scoreboard. The Cards were whistled several times for net fouls before settling down and playing their usual game. By that time, though, it was too late to catch the Rangers.

The second game started out much the same way with Dufur taking the early lead 3-0. Lone responded with a six point run to take control of the game.

The Cards made their presence known at the net with strong blocking. "Our blocks rattled them," said coach Charity McElligott. "It threw them off mentally," she added. She also noted that the team did a much better job returning Dufur's hits.

In the third game, with the championship in sight, the Cards started strong and

played a solid game. The score was close until five points when Lone began to pull away and Dufur began to make errors. "They looked relaxed but they played very aggressively. They wanted it," commented coach McElligott.

The lady Cards served 91 percent as a team going to the service line 85 times. Allison Sullivan was 100 percent on 17 serves, Becky Wagenblast was 100 percent on 16 and Mary Jane McCarty missed just one of her 15 tries to lead the Cards in scoring.

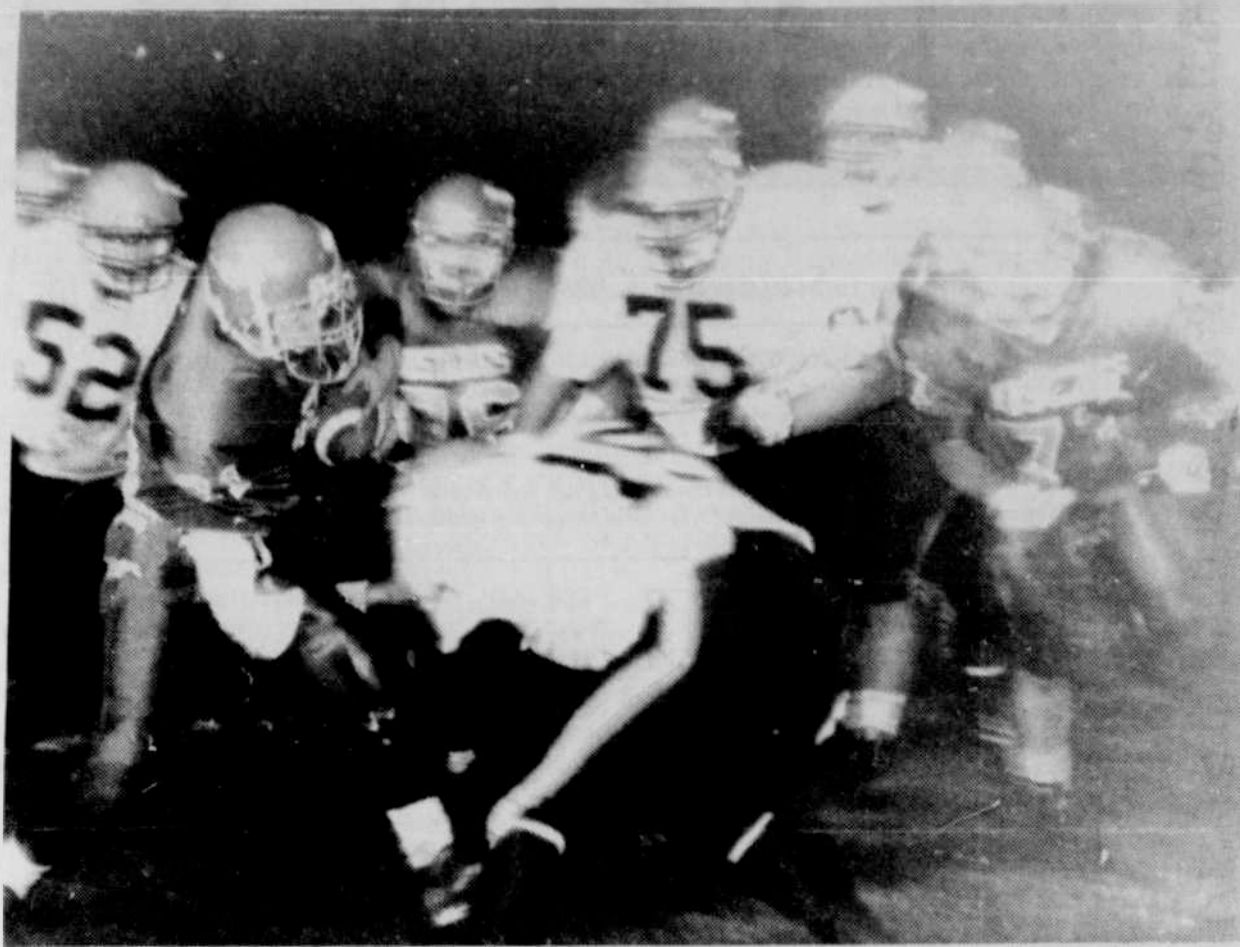
Back row leaders were Melissa McElligott with 95 percent on serve receives, Sullivan with 86 percent and Kim Bedortha with 81 percent. Suzie Heideman led the team to 88 percent blocking with 10-11 blocking with four stuffs. Sullivan was 9-11 blocking with two stuffs and McElligott and Jessica Stefani had one stuff each.

Wagenblast had 42 assists and McCarty had 32 as the team tallied a 99 percent success rate in setting. At the net the lady Cards peppered the Rangers with 101 hits in the game, missing just 12. McElligott led with five kills and Wagenblast, Heideman and Sullivan each tallied one.

Coach McElligott was happy with the win over Dufur, the number two-ranked team in the last Class 1A poll. "They were tough but we pulled it together for the win," she said.



Lady Card attempts a blocked shot



Chad Skroch carries the ball for the Mustangs. No 76 is Jon Hanna and 77 is Chris Sykes.

Photo by Joyce Hughes



Chad Skroch (21) blocks for Mustang ball carrier Jim Schlaich

Photo by Joyce Hughes

The Heppner Mustangs playoff hopes and season were drowned in a sea of Weston-McEwen TigerScots first quarter touchdowns as the Mustangs lost 26-8 to the visiting Tigerscots Friday night, Nov. 4, at the Morrow County fairgrounds.

Weston-McEwen scored the first three times they had the ball. Running back Kris Robin-

son capped a 60 yard drive with a 35 yard touchdown run to put Weston-McEwen on the board. The pat was no good and the Mustangs trailed 6-0.

Sophomore Casey Perkins hit Thomas Grimes with a nine yard scoring pass to put Weston-McEwen up 12-0 with 3:15 left in the first quarter.

Defensive back Curt Sloan intercepted the Mustangs on the next possession and returned it to the Heppner 20 yard line where Perkins hit tight end Matt Bailey for the score.

Perkins hit Sloan for a 16

yard touchdown pass to make the score 26-0 midway through the third quarter.

The Mustangs finally got on the board with a scoring drive of 60 yards. Quarterback Brian Koffler hit Brent Wright with completions of 13 and 25 yards to set up a three yard touchdown run by senior Chris Dickenson. Koffler and Wright teamed up for the pat to make the final score 26-8.

The TigerScots travel to Imbler to take on the Panthers next week and the Mustangs end their season 7-2.

Cards end season with perfect 10-0 record

By Anne Morter

The Lone lady Cardinals finished the league season with a perfect 10-0 record, defeating Helix 15-8 on Tuesday, November 1. Kim Bedortha led in scoring with 10 points on 10

of 10 serving. Mary Jane McCarty scored nine points on perfect nine for nine serving.

Everyone played in the match and the substitutes did well according to assistant coach, Anne Bedortha.

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