

Mustangs start league play with win

The Heppner Mustangs opened the CBC league season with a 22-12 win over the visiting Umatilla Vikings Friday, Sept. 22 in Heppner.

The game was a close, well-played game with only one turnover between the two squads. The Mustangs used a monster drive in the fourth quarter to finally put the game away after Umatilla missed a field goal and a fake field goal attempt to try to take the lead.

After surviving the fake field goal attempt, the Mustangs took over on their own six yard line with 11:01 remaining in the fourth quarter. Heppner started the drive with an offside penalty, moving them back to the three yard line. The Mustangs then marched 97 yards on 18 plays to score the game clincher with only 2:02 left on the clock. Senior halfback Shaun Hisler carried the ball 10 times on the drive and scored from two yards out to make the score 20-12. Hisler gained 106 yards on 27 carries, his third 100 yard effort in four weeks. Quarterback Brian Koffler found tight end Damien Wilhelm in the end zone for the pat to make the final score 22-12. Wilhelm also caught a 36 yard third down pass from Koffler for the big play of the drive.

Heppner scored first on this warm autumn evening with halfback Rod Zumwalt zipping around left end from 29 yards out for the Mustangs' first score. The pat was wide right and Heppner led 6-0.

Umatilla came back with two scoring drives capped off by touchdown passes from junior quarterback Josh Dilley to Eric Black and Jim Kurtz. The pats were wide and Umatilla took



Mustang quarterback Brian Koffler (8) rolls out to pass while Jim Schlaich (35) blocks. Photo by Joyce Hughes

the lead 12-6.

Heppner took back the lead just before the half with a 68 yard drive in 15 plays with Koffler diving over from the one-yard line. Hisler carried the ball eight times in the drive and Koffler hit Zumwalt with a 32 yard completion on the drive. Ben Ewing caught the pat for a 14-12 halftime lead.

After giving up two touchdowns in the first half, the Mustangs' defense stiffened in the second half. Hisler and tackle Chris Sykes along with Randy Van Etta and Justin Matteson controlled the running game of the Vikings and the defensive secondary of Eric Schonbachler, Jeff Watkins, Jim Schlaich and Zumwalt stopped the passing game.

Heppner hits the road Friday, Sept. 29, traveling to the defending state champions, the

Sherman County Huskies. The Huskies were beaten by the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots, Friday, 44-8.

Cardinal football team 1-2



Ione's Randy Scott (25) runs kickoff back for touchdown. Photo by Jim Swanson

The Ione Cardinal football team is now 1-2 after losing Friday, Sept. 22, to Dufur 52-24.

The Cardinals' only win of the season came in a 22-0 shutout of Wasco County Sept. 8 when Ione running back Randy Scott scored two touchdowns to notch the non-counting victory.

The Cards have had anything but an easy schedule thus far, having earlier lost to defending Washington state champion

Touchet 44-26. Dufur is ranked fourth in the latest Oregon poll.

In both losses the Cards spotted their opponents' several touchdowns before toughening on defensive and putting points on the boards themselves.

Ione quarterback Luke Swanson is back at his regular position after earlier suffering a broken hand. Rob Crum has been filling in at the quarterback slot and Swanson has been playing other positions.

Correction

The Gazette-Times received incorrect information concerning a story in the Sept. 20 issue entitled, "Handicap access to be installed at dam".

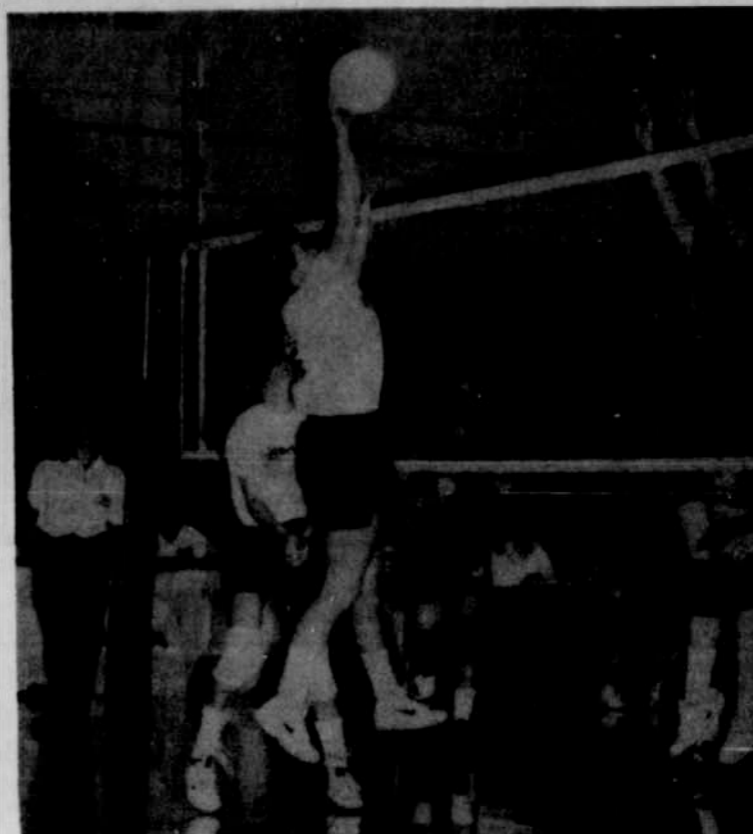
Larry South of the Army Corps of Engineers from The Dalles gave the okay for the access to be built and Bill Wilson assisted with the project along with Jim Cooper. John Ham-mach, Samarrah Bake and Kin-zua Resources also contributed to the project.

Dinner set at Stokes Landing

The community is invited to attend a spaghetti dinner at Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon from 5-7 p.m. The menu includes a tossed salad, French bread, dessert and coffee for \$2.50. Game night will follow the dinner at 7 p.m. at \$1 each.

The senior center is located on N. Main at Opal.

Fillies lose to Pilot Rock



Lori Moeller tips one over the net for the Fillies. Photo by Judy Barber

The Heppner Fillies volleyball team is striving to gain a CBC league win after close game losses with Wahtonka on Tues., Sept 19 at home and in Pilot Rock Thurs., Sept 21.

The Fillies are casting a brand new team, as Heppner didn't return any permanent starters from last year's team. This year's varsity team includes seniors, Jessica Sumner, Tina Kemp, Jossie Evans, Renee Devin; juniors, Lori Moeller, Stormy Howard, Traci Dickenson; sophomores, Annie Hisler, Mindy Binschus; and freshman Jill Barber. The Fillies are coached by Terri Gentry.

The Rockets slipped two wins past the Fillies at Pilot Rock, where the Fillies fell 8-15, 15-7, 14-16 in a close and even match.

Game one saw the Fillies tied at 3-3, then gradually fade behind a back row player violation, a missed serve and passing inconsistencies to lose ground with Pilot Rock leading 6-3. An ace serve by Lori Moeller and a kill by Annie Hisler at the net brought a spark and the score was 6-5, Pilot Rock. Six missed serves and receiving difficulties seemed to take their toll on the Fillies. At 10-7, Evans served an ace, but the Rockets continued on to win the game 15-8.

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Game two was the highlight of the match, as Heppner began to click behind the cohesiveness of setters Stormy Howard and Hisler. Howard and Hisler going with four kills

apiece in the game at the net in hitting position also had help from Jossie Evans and Traci Dickenson with two kills. An ace from Mindy Binschus and strong back row play from Jessica Sumner seemed to help fuel the fire as Heppner was able to control an offensive attack from the Rockets, winning game two 15-7.

Heppner started out strong in the third game with Heppner's number one rotation of Howard serving and setting and Hisler coming up with the kill. Heppner quickly took a 4-0 lead and hope of victory was in the air. Line-up changes along with unforced errors in the back row, as well as at the service line and net saw Heppner's momentum take a nose dive. Two net violations from the Fillies helped Pilot Rock come back to tie the score 6-6. Hisler produced a side-out on a kill and Dickenson evened the score at 7. Tina Kemp came up with a big dink set kill behind Moeller's serving and Sumner's passing to give hope for Heppner. At 10-10, Moeller came through with a back row spike kill, but followed with a spike out the back and a missed tip. Moeller came back with a dink kill to take the lead 13-12, but Heppner couldn't hold on and the Rockets took the game and match 16-14.

Howard had a productive night at the serving line, going 16-18.

Heppner plays Ione this Thursday, Sept. 28, at Heppner at 5 p.m. and will travel to Athena Saturday, Sept. 30 for a tournament that casts teams from both the CBC and Wapiti league.

Missionaries to speak at Nazarene church Oct. 2

A special missionary service, will be presented by the Reverend and Mrs. Claude Sisler on Monday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Nazarene Church in Heppner.

The Sislers are missionaries to Chile, South America. They served in the captial city of Santiago and furloughed in July after their third term of missionary service. They will be available for deputation services across the United States, Canada and Europe.



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