

## Fillies upset TigerScots Hisler leads Mustang rout



Jessica Sumner puts one over the net for the Fillies

The Heppner Fillies got the big one, as they upset dominant CBC rival, Weston-McEwen in a marathon volleyball match on the TigerScots' home court, Oct. 19. The Fillies won two games and lost one, 10-15, 15-12 and 15-11 to keep district playoff hopes alive.

Heppner entered the Athena war zone and caused chaos to the TigerScots serve receivers throughout the match. The Fillies had excellent serving from all the team members, serving a 92 percent success rate for the night.

The Fillies played without power hitter and server, Lori Moeller, who was out with the flu, but picked up the pace with a new lineup of Traci Dickenson, Jessica Sumner, Jossie Evans, Tina Kemp, Stormy Howard and Annie Hisler. Freshman Jill Barber and sophomore Mindy Binschus came off the bench to add strength and depth to the team.

The Fillies started the first game somewhat tentatively and struggled at times. Amber Witherspoon of Weston-McEwen took control early and rattled the Heppner defense. Coach Terri Gentry substituted Jill Barber in back row position with a 9-5 Athena lead. Sumner put a spike kill down behind Kemp and Hisler serves and was followed by an Evans block kill, a Dickenson block stuff and another Evans block to fight back to 8-12. Hisler rammied a spike kill down at 10-13, but Heppner fell short, 10-15.

A much-needed timeout was called with Athena leading, 3-1, in game two, as Gentry quickly tried to break the TigerScots' momentum. Heppner's poor passing continued to put them in a big hole at 9-1, Athena's favor. Binschus came off the bench to give needed help at the net and the Fillies had an apparent comeback in the making.

Evans and Hisler stuffed an ace block and a Howard spike kill, two Hisler ace serves, an official call for four hits on Athena and poor serve receiving put the Fillies back in charge with a 10-9 lead. Barber sent down an ace serve, followed with an Athena spike out the side as Heppner lead 12-10,

with the panic button in motion for the TigerScots.

Hisler and Dickenson finished off the game with a spike kill and serve at 15-12.

Game three was a battle, with the game tied five times. Athena was called for four hits and Kemp followed up with a tip kill at middle spiker range. Amber Witherspoon drove a smash back and the game was tied 5-5.

Hisler picked up the pace with a placement kill, a spike down the line, and, after a side-out, another ace serve gave Heppner an 8-5 lead. Dickenson sent a non-returnable bomb to the floor. Side-outs continued to be traded, as Weston-McEwen chipped away and took an advantage at 9-10.

Evans, a 5'10" intimidation factor at the net, went to work with three partial blocks to put the ball back in the hands of Dickenson, who found bare floor for an ace and another tie at 10-10. Hisler placed a spike kill and Athena called timeout with Heppner leading 12-10. But it was too little, too late, as Hisler had an ace at point 14. Heppner won the game 15-11.

Playing some of their best volleyball of the season were: Sumner serving 92 percent going 12-12; Dickenson, serving 9-9 at 100 percent, while turning in a strong hitting performance; and Kemp chipped in 9-10 serving at a 91 percent clip, while playing a strong front row.

Howard and Hisler continued to produce the cohesiveness for the Fillies, behind quickness and excellent setting, hitting and serving abilities. Howard went 12-14 serving and Hisler 16-17 at 94 percent. Jossie Evans had a big night at the net with hitting and blocking efficiency, along with good backup by reserve players Barber and Binschus.

The Heppner Fillies played in a CBC sub-district tournament at Umatilla, Saturday, Oct. 21, and split the contest, losing to Umatilla 11-15, 8-15, while beating Stanfield 15-9, 15-12, with all team members playing throughout the matches.

The Fillies will see playoff action on Saturday, Oct. 28, at Moro.

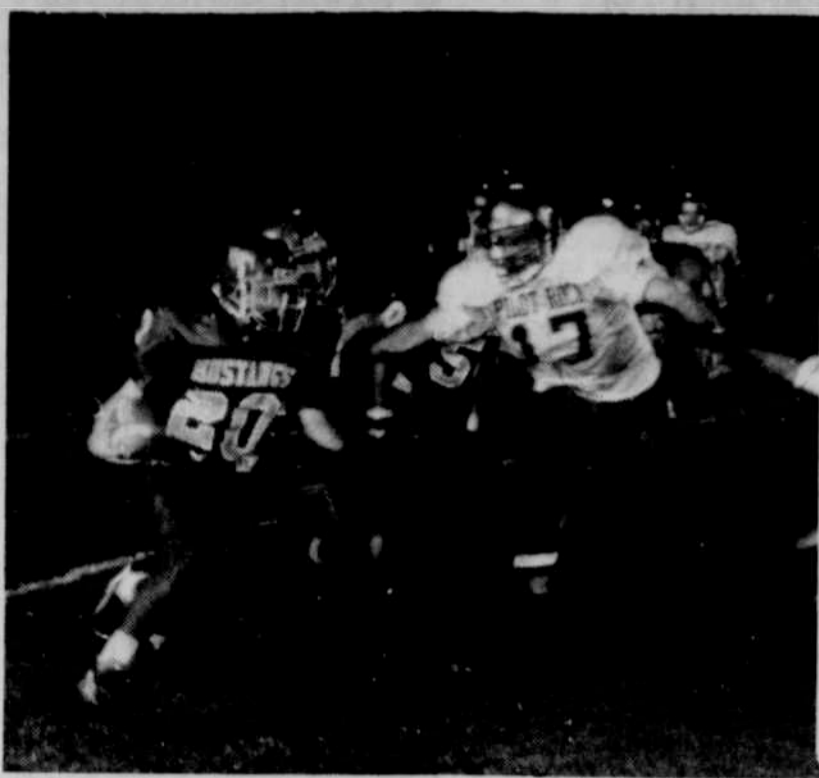


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Derek Gunderson (20) gains some yardage against P-R.

The Heppner Mustangs used an awesome running attack by senior Shaun Hisler to rip the Pilot Rock Rockets, 45-12, in CBC action at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, Friday, Oct. 21.

Hisler set a new school record, gaining 254 yards on 23 carries on his way to five rushing touchdowns. The feat was a combination of tough and quick running by Hisler and excellent blocking by the offensive line of Josh Coiner, Brent Gunderson, Justin Matteson, Chris Sykes, Randy Van Etta, Jeff Watkins and Brian Struckmeier, together with blocking backs Jim Schlaich and Rod Zumwalt.

Pilot Rock started fast, using only three plays to score the game's first touchdown, an 11 yard run by Marlin Bernabe. The Mustangs responded in a big way, scoring 38 unanswered points during the rest of the first half.

Hisler scored the next four touchdowns for the Mustangs on runs of 15, 14, 32 and 24 yards before halfback Zumwalt scored from four yards out, breaking the string. Hisler added his fifth touchdown just before the half on a seven yard run.

Meanwhile, the Mustang defense was opportunistic, intercepting four passes in the first half, six for the game, as the Rocket offense sputtered. Freshman free safety Derek Gunderson, getting his first start of the season, picked off two passes and Schlaich and Watkins each had one pick.

Zumwalt scored on an 11 yard run early in the second half to complete the scoring for the Mustangs.

The Mustang defense continued to play the thief as Eric Schonbachler and Zumwalt each had an interception in the second half as the Mustangs' defensive line and linebackers stopped the Rockets in their tracks.

Heppner will try to keep their winning ways going as they travel to The Dalles this week to face the Wahtonka Eagles. The Mustangs are 4-0 in the CBC and 6-1 for the season.

The youth football teams played a demonstration quarter at halftime of the Mustangs' game and showed appreciation to the financial supporters of the program. Kinzua Resources owner, Greg Demers, excited the crowd as he buzzed the football field in his Lear jet during the third quarter.

## Lone Middle School has 3-2 season



Lone Middle School football team

The 16 member Lone Middle School Football team have had a three win, two loss season this year.

They won their first game against Echo 34-6. Dan Scott and Alan Gribscov scored two touchdowns and Kory Morgan scored a touchdown off a quarterback sneak. The extra point attempt failed.

The Lone players lost their second game to Pilot Rock, 18-26. They didn't score any touchdowns in the first quarter, but scored three in the second and third quarters. Scott scored two touchdowns on kickoff returns in the second half; Gribscov scored one in the third quarter. The IMS won their third game against Arlington. Scott made two touchdowns. Arlington scored their only point when coach Dean Robinson took out the eighth grade players and put in some of his seventh and all his sixth grade players. The Lone team made all of their extra points in this game.

IMS then lost to South Sherman on Oct. 6, 6-20. Scott rumbled to a first down off of a fake punt. Corey Bonneto made a touchdown by a handoff from Mark McElligott.

Lone won the game against Condon, 31-8. Scott made two touchdowns and Gribscov one. McElligott also scored a touch down off a quarterback option. Coach Robinson put some of his sixth and seventh grade players in for the final minutes of the game.

## Lone impressively beats Lyle

The Lone Cardinals unloaded on Lyle, Wash., Friday, piling up impressive yardage and an even more impressive 49-18 victory.

The Cards' outstanding running back Randy Scott led the offensive surge, racking up 260 yards on returns, rushing and receiving. He also scored two touchdowns.

But Scott wasn't the only offensive weapon to show his firepower last Friday in Lone, as Corey Baker exploded for 108 yards rushing, and quarterback Luke Swanson led an aerial bombardment that netted 170 yards and one touchdown. Swanson was 10-of-14 through the air, and he also ran for two touchdowns to help seal Lyle's fate.

## Huskies prove top ranking



Annie Hisler tips the ball against Sherman

Sherman County Huskies' volleyball team showed the Fillies why they are the 'top of the heap' in CBC league standings, as they came out like a raging prairie fire, burning the Heppner Fillies 10-15, 6-15 in conference play, Oct. 17.

Sherman, although a young team, cast a big, tall lineup that looked more like a college basketball team.

The Huskies had a heyday at the net, controlling from start to finish, as they burned Heppner for kills behind their big gun, Tyan Sanderson. Sanderson, who rattled the Fillie defense, also rattled the crowd with spike attempts that seemed to avoid an official whistle, as they were carried with ease.

Heppner, fell behind 2-11 before a time-out was called. Then, behind a great team effort, Heppner fought back with desire and determination, in a super comeback.

Senior Jessica Sumner, once again entered the game in serving position to start the ignition key rolling. Setter Annie Hisler continued to find Jossie Evans and Traci Dickenson, who went 4-5 and 4-4 at the net during this crucial game and Heppner roared back to 8-14.

Panic was mounting for the Huskies, as the game was a repeat comeback as in the first meeting at Sherman. After a Sherman time-out, Tina Kemp

came up with a big tip kill, followed by a Dickenson kill. Stormy Howard produced a save and Heppner was on the edge at 10-14, with momentum going their way. Sanderson then demolished the Heppner girls with a smash to the floor, to put the game away, 10-15.

Heppner took off with a 3-1 lead in game two behind back row help from Jill Barber. Hisler put a spike down and both teams began trading missed serves. Hisler got a side-out on another kill and Heppner took a point from a Dickenson serve to make the game close at 5-7.

Sanderson and the Huskies team, with great offensive play, proved why they stand 8-0 at the top of the CBC. Heppner, playing defense the entire match, could never pass the first hard-driven ball back to the setters and lost 6-15.

Servers Sumner, Howard, Kemp and Barber all served 100 percent in the match.

Heppner, although struggling all season to get into the win column, have held their heads high amidst the losses. Setters Hisler and Howard continue each week to show their hustle, heart and desire running the Fillie offense. Sumner, Kemp, Barber and Dickenson withstand the back row pressure, while Lori Moeller, Hisler, Evans and Dickenson come through with the attacks.

## Cardinals lose to Culver



Rob Crum (55) goes for pass

Although the Lone Cardinals were in the red zone four times in the first half, they came away empty handed three times and failed to keep up with number one ranked Culver, losing 52-12 in Big Sky football action Oct. 12.

Culver scored two touchdowns and a safety in the first half to take an early lead over

the Cards, but Lone answered with only one touchdown, a 12-yard toss from quarterback Luke Swanson to Joe Bacon. Swanson also scored the Cards' other touchdown on a running play.

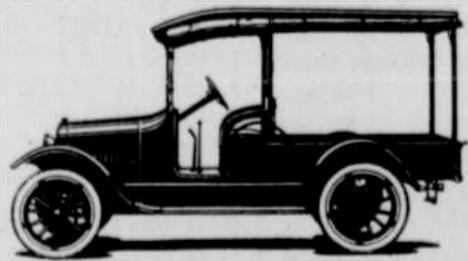
Culver broke the game open when they scored three touchdowns late in the fourth quarter to put the contest out of reach for the visiting Cards.



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