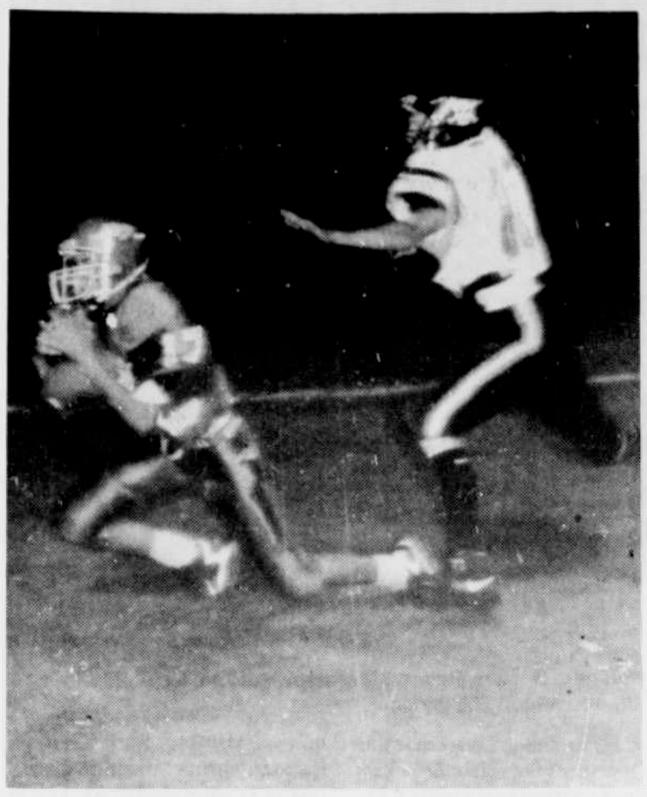
Mustangs run roughshod over Riverside Pirates, 32-0



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Heppner receiver Jarid Ployhar (17) snags a Brian Koffler pass for a Heppner touchdown.

The Heppner Mustangs ran roughshod over the visiting 3A Boardman Riverside Pirates, winning 32-0, Friday night, Sept. 6, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

On a warm fall evening, with a good crowd supporting both teams, the Mustangs scored four times in the first half. Heppner scored on its first possession, with Tim Dickenson catching a five yard pass from quarterback Brian Koffler in the corner of the end zone. The play capped a seven play, 67 yard drive highlighted by a 39 yard run by junior Travis Wilhelm. Eric Schonbachler was good with the pat for a 7-0 lead, with 7:03 remaining in the quarter.

Heppner scored three times in a row in the second quarter. Sophomore Derek Gunderson started the blitz with a four yard touchdown run after a nice 13 play drive, with Gunderson catching a screen pass for 30 yards for the big play of the series.

The Mustangs struck quickly again, with an onside kick giving them the ball right back. Koffler found Jeff Watkins along the sideline for a 60 yard catch-and-run touchdown pass. The pat was wide left and Heppner lead 20-0.

Heppner needed only a 20 yard drive after recovering a Pirate fumble to complete the first half scoring. Wilhelm banged it into the end zone from five yards out and the Mustangs took a 26-0 lead into the locker room.

While the offense was clicking because of solid blocking up front, and good performances by the skill people, the Mustang defense turned in another strong showing.

Linebackers Brent Gunderson and Justin Matteson were everywhere, stopping both the pass and the run. Defensive end Tim Sumner and deep back Eric Schonbachler, along with Josh Coiner, also lead the team with good tackling. A combination of defensive linemen, including Jonas Healy and Phil Tellechea, stopped the Pirates in their tracks, with the visitors gaining a net 14 yards on 22 carries.

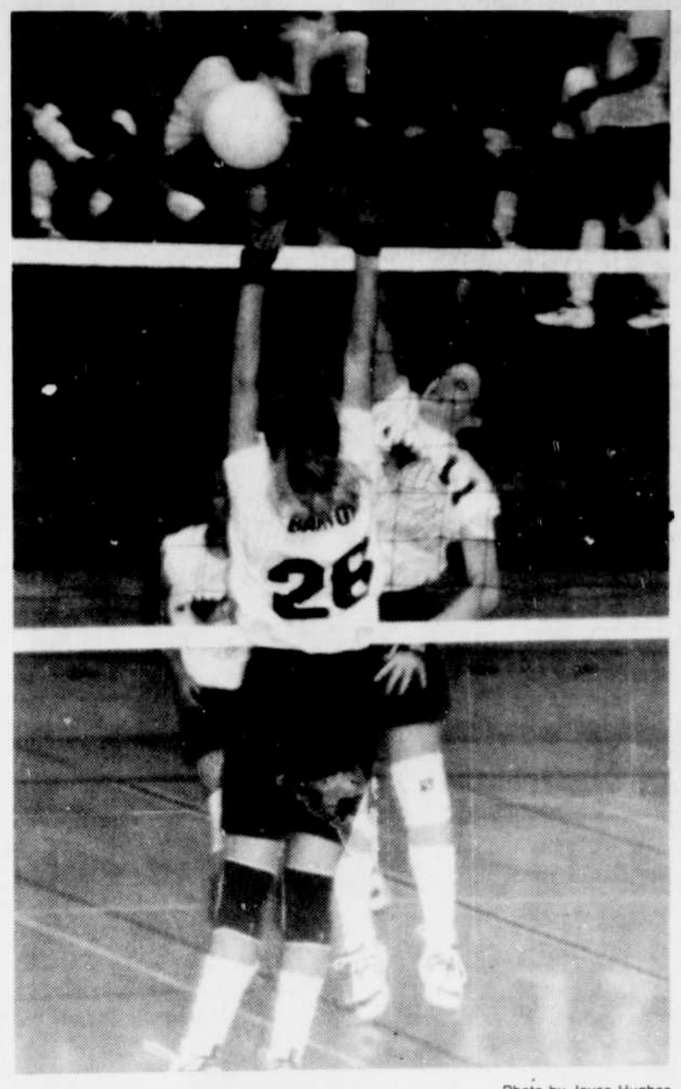
Heppner scored its last touchdown on a 20 yard pass play from Koffler to split end Jerid Ployhar, with 2:49 left in the third stanza.

The second half saw a slew of new faces on the field for Heppner as coach Greg Grant got a look at every player on his 45 man rooster. Running backs Stacy Lauritsen, Levi Geer and Michael Schonbachler looked impressive and the entire JV defense continued to stymie the Pirate regulars.

Heppner hits the road again next Friday night, traveling to face the Yoncalla Eagles, who opened their season by losing to Kennedy of Mt. Angel, 12-6. This trip to the valley will also include an abbreviated JV game and a junior high game in the afternoon.

After spending the night, all of the Heppner Mustangs and Ponies will head to the University of Oregon to watch the Ducks take on the Colorado State Rams. Tickets to the game were provided by Mustang and Ducks alumnus Pat Kilkenny.

Varsity Fillies win seven of ten at tourney



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Jill Barber (11) makes a return.

The Heppner Fillies varsity volleyball team traveled to Riverside High School in Boardman on Saturday, Sept. 7, to participate in a six-team tournament. At this closely-matched tournament, the Fillies showed well by winning seven of their 10 games.

The tournament is formatted to allow each team to play two games against every other team. The team finishing with the best win/loss record is named the tournament champion.

Heppner lost their first two games of the day to Riverside, 7-15; 13-15. The Fillies then came back to beat La Grande's JVs, 15-5; 16-14; then trounced Imbler, 15-2; 15-6; split with Enterprise, 6-15; 15-4; and slipped by Amity, 15-13; 15-11.

After splitting with both Heppner and Riverside, the Enterprise Savages won eight out of 10 games, earning them the tournament championship. Although Riverside and Heppner ended with identical seven out of 10 records, since Riverside won both games against the Fillies, the Pirates received the second place trophy.

Heppner took 10 players to this tournament: Traci Dickenson, Stormy Howard, Lexi Matteson, Amber Peck, Annie Hisler, Lori Moeller, Jill Barber, Mindy Binschus, Jessica Van Winkle and Jaci Hughes.

Annie Hisler earned "All Tournament Team" honors, along with five other girls from the other teams participating. Coach Terri Gentry said, "This was a good tournament for our team; the girls demonstrated excellent teamwork and had a lot of fun."

The junior varsity team, leaving early Saturday morning, traveled to John Day to participate in a tournament which included Grant Union's varsity and JV teams, Pendleton JVs, and varsity teams from Dayville, Stanfield, Joseph and Pilot Rock. The teams were divided into two pools of play, with each team playing two games against each team in their pool. Heppner went three for six for the day. They lost their first two games to the Grant Union JV team (the eventual pool winners), won both games against the Dayville varsity team and split with the Stanfield varsity.

Heppner took 12 JV players to this tournament: Brooke Boyer, Melissa Cutsforth, Janelle Healy, Kathleen Greenup, Jayme Hansen, Josie Proctor, Jessica Maben, Linsey Ropp, Jamie Perez, Katie Nichols, Casey Ingraham and Kim Pointer. Cutsforth, Boyer, Healy and Hansen ran floor setting duties. In the hitting department, Ingraham, Pointer, Healy and Maben all reached double figures. With all players taking a turn at the service line, the Fillies came home with high serving stats-100 successful of 113 attempts, for 88 percent.

"For their first day of competition, the girls did a super job," said coach Susie Hisler. "They showed good ability in serving, setting and hitting, though at times poor passing hampered the effort."

Preseason play continues through this week. On Tuesday, Sept. 10, both the varsity and JV teams went to Pendleton to play in the Pendleton JV tournament. Friday, Sept. 13 finds the varsity again in Pendleton, playing in the "Let'r Buck Tournament" which commences at noon, while the JVs face the La Grande JVs at 5 p.m. in Heppner.

Heppner Fillies will see their first league action at Wahtonka on Tuesday, Sept. 17. On Thursday, Sept. 19, Heppner will host the Pilot Rock Rockets. Play will commence at 5 p.m., with all three Filly teams seeing action. The "C" team will have a game against Weston-McEwen at 5 p.m. on Sept. 20 prior to the football game.

Willow Creek C.C. plans barbecue

The Willow Creek Country Club will have a family barbecue on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m.

Each family will bring their own meat to the barbecue. Those whose names begin with "A" through "I" are asked to bring salad; "J" through "Z", dessert.

Dave and Karen Wildman, John and Kelli Boyer, and John and Sonja McCabe will be hosts for the barbecue.

WCCC Golf

Ladies' Play, Sept. 3

Low gross of the field: Pat Edmundson.

Flight A: low gross Karen Wildman; low net Carol Norris; least putts Linda Schultz.

Flight B: low gross Kay Anderson, low net Lynnea Sargent; least putts Luvilla Sonstegard and Betty Christman.

Flight C: low gross Doll Campbell; low net Melba Miller; least putts Lucille Peck.

Chip in: Pat Edmundson #3, Lynnea Sargent #9.

Birdie: Pat Edmundson.

Team best ball: Pat Edmundson, Melba Miller and Kay Anderson.

Mystery number: Carol Norris.

Junior golfers compete

Sixty-two boys and girls from Morrow and Umatilla counties teed it up at Echo Hills Golf Course for the first ever Junior Golf Championship, held Aug. 20 in Echo.

All participants were graduates from the Willow Creek Country Club's (WCCC) and the Inland Empire Bank's junior golf program. Both programs were taught by teaching professional Pete Strawick, from Kik's Driving Range in Umatilla.

In the six to eight age group, Sam Taylor of Echo took low gross honors, while R.J. Phillips of Hermiston look low net. Second low net honors went to Matt McCabe and third low net to Quinn Peck, both of Heppner.

Heppner's Dan Jepsen took low gross honors in the nine to 12 age group, with a 47, while Jacob Flemmer of Stanfield had a 45 for low net honors.

Other Heppner winners in this age group were Josh Winters, second low gross with a 52; Brad Bowman, fourth low gross with a 64; and Samuel VanLiew, fifth low gross with a 65.

On the low net side, Kyle Waterland came in second low net with a 48, and Jode Coil, third low net with a 51.

The tournament was sponsored by WCCC, Inland Empire Bank, Shop 'N Cart, McDonald's of Hermiston, Echol Hills Golf Course, Ferrant and Leavitt Insurance and Swire Coca-Cola. Dan Jamison was tournament director.

U.O. football tickets available

Anyone interested in purchasing University of Oregon vs. Colorado State football tickets for Friday, Sept. 13 should contact Greg Grant, 676-9138 (work), or 676-5257 (home).

Men's tourney held at WCCC

The Willow Creek Country Club in Heppner held its 11th annual Men's International Tournament Sunday, Sept. 8.

Scoring was based on the Stableford scoring system that has been used by the P.G.A. since 1986 at Castle Pines Golf Course in Colorado.

Stableford winners were as follows: first Tom Bedortha, second a tie between Tad Miller and Bob Nairns. Net winners were: first Mike Jones, second Ed Hiemstra, third Ed Struthers. Special events winners were: KP #4, Tom Bedortha, KP second shot #6 Bob Nairns, least putts Elmer Palmer.

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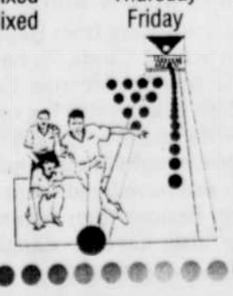
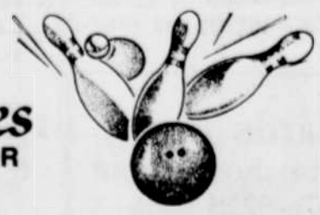
Type	Day	Time		Numbers team	Start Date
Mixed	Sunday	5:30 p.m.	Couples	4, 2 men/2 women	Sept. 15
Mixed	Monday	9:30 a.m.	Seniors	Indiviual	Every Mon.
Men	Monday	7 p.m.		3	Sept. 16
Women	Tuesday	7 p.m.		4	Sept. 17
Mixed	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.		3	Sept.18
Men	Wednesday	7 p.m.		4	Sept. 18
Women	Thursday	9:30 a.m.		3	Sept. 19
Mixed	Thursday	6:45 p.m.		4	Sept. 19
Mixed	Friday	7 p.m.	Non-Smoking		Sept. 20





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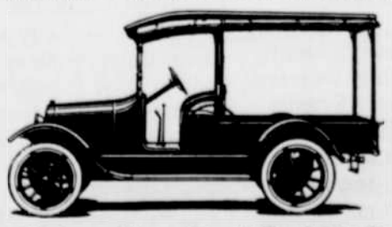

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