

Heppner lose heartbreaker in double OT



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Mustang quarterback Brian Koffler (8) gains yardage against Weston-McEwen

The Oregonian's Class 2A football poll has come out with Dayton, number one; Weston-McEwen, number two; and Heppner, number three.

When number two and number three met, Friday, Sept. 20, it would be a down-to-the-wire, competitive football game.

Neither team disappointed as the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots beat the Heppner Mustangs, 14-13, in two overtimes, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

After slugging it out for four quarters and ending up tied, 7-7, the teams faced each other from the 25 yard line in overtime. Weston-McEwen turned the ball over in the first overtime on a fumble. Heppner then went four plays and out on their first possession.

Weston-McEwen running back Chris Grimes scored from one yard out to give the Tiger-Scots the lead. Grimes had 90 yards on 16 carries for Weston-

McEwen. Bryan Clark kicked the pat for a 14-7 lead.

The Mustangs used a fourth down screen pass from quarterback Brian Koffler to Jim Schlaich to pull within one, 14-13, then Heppner went for two and the win. After a great fake into the line, Koffler found Jeff Watkins in the corner of the end zone, but the ball fell incomplete and the Tiger-Scots escaped with the victory.

Heppner scored right before half to take a 7-0 lead into the locker room. Big plays on the 59 yard touchdown drive were a 40 yard completion from Koffler to Derek Gunderson and a 19 yard pass play from Koffler to Schlaich. Eric Schonbachler scored from one yard out behind the Mustangs' supersized setup with 29 seconds left in the half. Schonbachler also converted the pat.

Weston-McEwen used their own touchdown drive halfway through the third quarter to tie the game up and set up the

overtime fireworks.

Statistics favored the Tiger-Scots who rushed for 266 yards on 53 carries, and quarterback Casey Perkins was 11 of 28 with one interception for 120 yards. The Mustangs rushed for 93 yards on 29 carries and Koffler was 10-30 for 136 yards and one interception.

The Mustang defense bent but did not break. Josh Coiner and Justin Matteson were outstanding and Brent Gunderson continued his fine play for the season. The whole defensive unit held the high-scoring Weston-McEwen offense to its lowest production in three seasons.

Heppner will try to get back into the playoff race this Friday, Sept. 27, traveling to Umatilla to face the Vikings, a recent 31-8 winner over the Stanfield Tigers. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Milt Durand Field in Umatilla.

Fillies JVs capture first place in tourney

The host Heppner Fillies JV's captured another first place finish by winning their home tournament on Saturday, September 21. Heppner's JV's beat Stanfield 15-8, 15-2; Sherman County 15-11, 15-7; and Condon 15-10, 15-6 to come through the pool play with perfect 6-0 record.

Advancing to the championship bracket, the JV's initially struggled against lone, losing the first game 15-17, then put it all together to win the deciding two, 15-9, 15-8. Facing Spray in battle for the tournament title, the Lady Mustangs again dropped their first game, 5-15, then were able to regroup and defeat Spray's varsity, 15-3, 15-8.

"This tournament challenged our team each game," JV Coach Susie Hisler said. "After losing that first game to Spray, 5-15, we were in a 'must win situation'. These girls came firing back to win the next two. That showed a lot of heart and desire."

Although the Heppner C-team didn't win a lot of games, (1-5) they competed well against the more experienced teams in the tournament. The C-team started the day by losing two hard-fought games to Spray, the eventual second place finishers, 10-15, 11-15. The next games saw them matched against lone, the eventual fourth place finishers. The C-team lost in two games, 7-15, 12-15. They were able to split with Weston-McEwen, 15-4, 3-15.

Teams participating included junior varsity teams from lone, Weston-McEwen, Condon, Sherman County, Stanfield, and Heppner, as well as the Spray varsity team and Heppner's C-team.

The tournament all-star



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Janelle Healy returns ball in JV game. No. 3 is Jessica Maben.

team included: Shannon Durfey, Condon; Brooke Boyer, Heppner; Casey Ingraham, Heppner; Chrystal Champagne, Spray; Camie Burright, lone; and A. Duarte, Sherman County.

WCCC schedules "Last Gasp" tourney

The Willow Creek Country Club will have its Last Gasp Tournament on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 8 a.m. A family barbecue will follow after the conclusion of play around noon.

Each family will bring their own meat to barbecue. Those whose names begin with "A"

through "I" are asked to bring dessert, "J" through "Z", salad.

Hosts will be Eldon and Eileen Padberg, Lee and Linda Padberg, Brian Padberg, Dave and Deborah Kendrick, Roger and Darlene Schoonover, and Ray and Deena Reid.

Heppner Fillies in the middle of the pack

The Heppner Fillies are in the middle of the pack with a 1-1 record, completing their first week of league play.

Tuesday, September 17, the Fillies traveled to Wahtonka for their first league match up. After Heppner downed Wahtonka rather easily in the first game, the Eagles came swooping back to take the deciding duo, 15-6, 13-15, 9-15. The Fillies successfully served 62/75 for 83 percent, with Lexi Matteson (9/9), Jaci Hughes (2/2), Jessica VanWinkle (2/2) and Amber Peck (1/1) serving at 100 percent, while Lori Moeller (15/16) came in at 94 percent and Jill Barber (10/11) at 91 percent.

The JV's accompanied the varsity team to Wahtonka where they served a sizzling 95 percent in game one behind 100 percent servers, Brooke Boyer, Jessica Maben, Melissa Cutsforth, Jayme Hansen, Casey Ingraham and Kathleen Greenup, to take a quick 15-4 game.

The second game featured Ingraham and Christy Kenny 100 percent at the service line to lead the team to a 15-9 match win. Since Wahtonka does not have a third team, Heppner's C-team did not travel to The Dalles with the rest of the team.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, Heppner hosted the Pilot Rock Rockets and won their first CBC league game of the season, 15-12, 15-7. The team turned in an 80 percent on the serving stats with Traci Dickenson (5/5) and Mindy Binchus (4/4) leading the way with 100 percent success, followed by Stormy Howard (7/8) for 88 percent, Jill Barber (6/7) at 86 percent and Annie Hisler serving (11/14) for 79 percent.

Heppner JV's used three games to defeat the visiting Rockets 15-2, 13-15, 15-1. Jessica Maben, Melissa Cutsforth and Linsey Ropp turned in good performances at the serving line for the Fillies. Brooke Boyer and



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Jaci Hughes makes a return against Wahtonka

Cutsforth ran the offense.

C-team won their match against the Pilot Rock Rockets in two games, 15-13, 15-7. The team turned in 76 percent at the service line. Allison Sykes (10/10), Abby Kahl (4/4), Tracy Rankin (2/2) and Amanda McDaniel (1/1) were all 100 percent, followed by Kristi Worden (8/9) with 89 percent.

On Friday, September 20, the Fillies C-team was defeated by Weston-McEwen in a three game match.

Coach Terri Gentry said she is "...pleased with how well the entire team (varsity, JV and C-team) works together. It's important that the girls support each other and cheer during the games they aren't involved in. That's what being on a team is all about."

League Standings: Weston-McEwen TigerScots, 2 - 0 ; Wahtonka Eagles, 1-0; Sherman County Huskies, 1-0;

Heppner Fillies, 1-1; Pilot Rock Rockets 1-1; Umatilla Vikings, 0-2; Stanfield Tigers, 0-2.

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Upcoming Volleyball Schedule: Thurs., Sept. 26-lone at Heppner, 5 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 28-Weston-McEwen Tournament, Varsity only; *Tues., Oct 1- at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m.; *Thurs., Oct 3- Wahtonka at Heppner, 5 p.m.-Varsity & JV.

*denotes league game

lone's preseason shows promise

By Kara Miller

From the opening serve in their first volleyball game of this year, the lone Cardinals have been continually improving their performance. The varsity lineup has several new players this year, with former Imbler students, 5'8" senior, Kemmerly Burright, and her sisters, 5'8" junior, Brenda and 5'7" freshman, Camie. Two other new faces this year are 5'5" sophomore, Katie Tworek, and 5'5" freshman, Erin Crowell. Previous varsity players returning to this year's team are seniors, 5'8" LaRee Anderson, 6'1" Suzy Heideman, 5'6" Brenda Holtz, and 5'6" Stephanie Haguewood; juniors, 5'7" Kara Miller and 5'10" Jenny Sullivan; plus sophomore 6' Niki Sullivan.

Their first contest was a non-league meeting Sept. 5 against the Stanfield Tigers. lone took the win in two games, 15-11 and 15-4. Anderson was the leading scorer for the Cardinals with 11. J. Sullivan was close behind her with 10.

The following evening, the lone teams traveled to Maupin to challenge league challenger Wasco County Resides in a non-counter. The Cardinals won in two, 15-9 and 15-1. Anderson served nine for nine for 100 percent at the service line. Heideman also served 100 percent with seven, and had several spikes, kills and blocks, including three stuffs. J. Sullivan had two ace serves and seven spike returns with two stuff blocks. B. Burright racked up the numbers in the front row setting spot and added five points to the Cards' score. K. Burright served 100 percent with five for five.

By Kara Miller

lone's varsity volleyball team traveled to The Dalles to compete in a tournament with Dufur, Condon, and hosts Wahtonka, Saturday, Sept. 14.

The Cardinals' first game was against Dufur. lone lead 10-2, then let Dufur back into the game with nine unanswered points. lone managed one more point and lost the match, 11-15.

In the second game, lone's offense got them out in front by a big lead again, but in a repeat of the first, the Cards let Dufur come back to win it, 14-6.

lone's next match was against Condon. The Cards had balanced serving, with everyone scoring points, but Condon ended up the winner by two, 13-15. The second game lone began to tire and faltered in their serves and play at the net. Condon won again, 8-15.

In the Cardinals' last games of the day, lone played their hosts, Wahtonka. Stephanie Haguewood led the scoring in the first game with five points. LaRee Anderson, Camie Burright, Niki Sullivan, Brenda Holtz, Erin Crowell and Kara

Miller also contributed to the win, 15-12. The second game, B. Holtz and Haguewood each had streaks of four unanswered serve points. Jenny Sullivan, Suzy Heideman and N. Sullivan each added points to help the Cardinals win, 15-12.

lone coach, Charity McElligott stated that "(The) Cardinals played extremely hard all three games. This kind of workout is exactly what our girls need to prepare for league play."

The tournament bracket finished with Dufur beating lone and Wahtonka, Condon beating lone and Dufur, and Wahtonka beating Condon. Dufur won the first place trophy by having fewer loss points. Condon was second, lone, third, and Wahtonka, fourth.

If the tournament play was an indication of the upcoming season, it is going to be interesting. The teams look well balanced at this point. Without any one definite leader, the field is wide open and it's going to be tough to the finish. Spectators will see some excellent and exciting volleyball this year.

lone defeats Badgers in first face-off

By Kara Miller

Friday, Sept. 13, in another non-league volleyball contest, the North Powder Badgers came to lone. It was the first time in recent memory that the two schools have faced each other and it proved to be a challenging and exciting match-up. lone defeated the Badgers in three, 13-15, 15-11 and 15-6.

Stephanie Haguewood, LaRee Anderson, Suzy Heideman and Brenda Burright scored for lone. At one point, the match was tied, 13 all, and Heideman had two great blocks

back-to-back.

In the second game, Niki Sullivan and Heideman combined to make three points for lone before the Cards let the Badgers score five unanswered points before breaking the serve. Camie Burright, Jenny Sullivan and B. Burright each contributed to lone's win, 15-11. Both teams had great saves and crowd-pleasing volleys and net plays.

In the third game, N. Sullivan scored four points for the Cards, then both sides traded points before lone's C. Burright landed five to put lone out in front, 12-5. B. Burright and N. Sullivan put away three more points to give lone the victory, 15-6.

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