

Heppner Fillies take decisive win over Stanfield and Umatilla

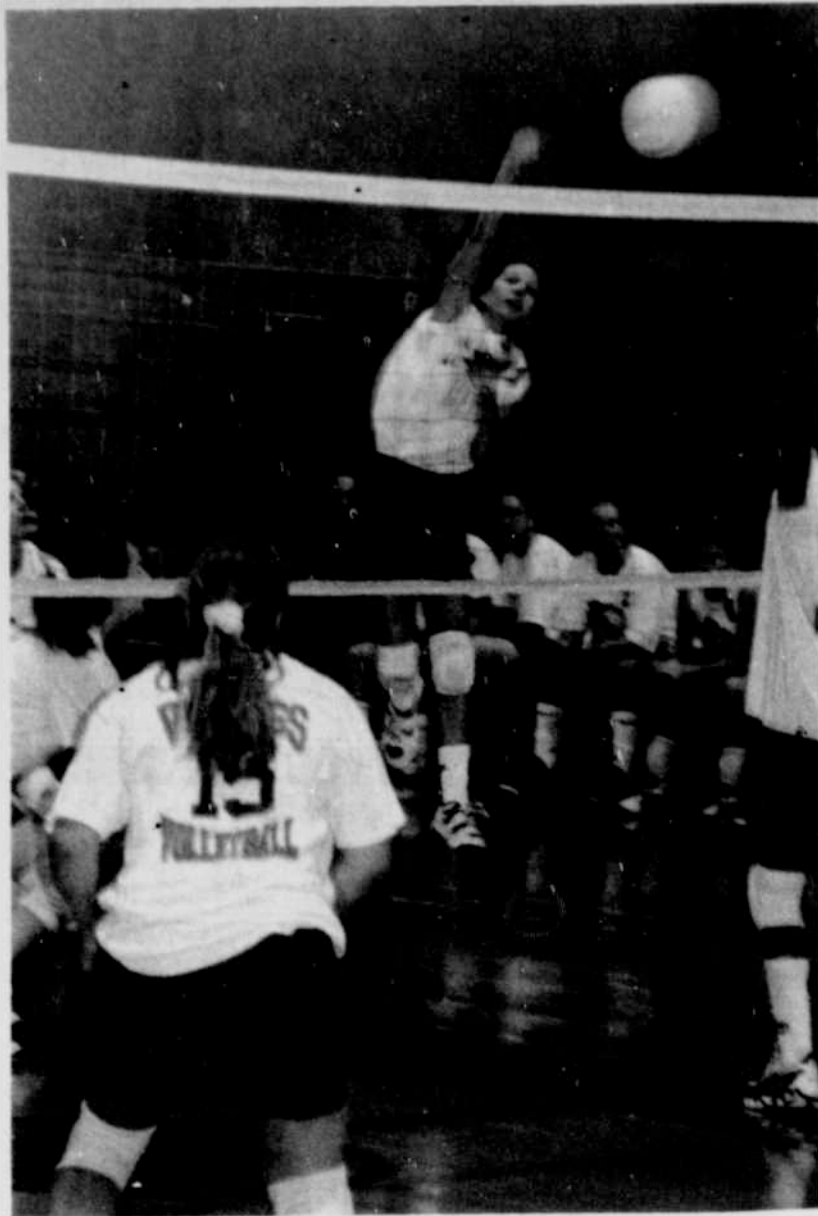


Photo by Joyce Hughes
Traci Dickenson spikes the ball against Umatilla.

by Molly Rhea

The Heppner varsity netters again met in a triple header with Stanfield and Umatilla on Saturday, October 19, in Stanfield. The Fillies took the bit in their teeth and won both matches decisively.

The first match pitted the Heppner Fillies against the Stanfield Tigers. Game One started out slow as the Fillies struggled at the service line, taking two and a half rotations to post the win, 15-6.

Stats from the match show Annie Hisler as the big hitter with five for eight hits and four kills, and 3/3 on the dinks with two kills. Lexi Matteson was six for seven hits with three kills. Lori Moeller, Amber Peck and Mindy Binchus all had three kills in the match.

In Game Two the Fillies took control of the reins and won the game quickly, 15-5.

Heppner's second match of the day was against the Umatilla Vikings who were 5-4 in league play. The Fillies cantered out to a 8-1 lead in game one and finished off with an easy 15-2 win.

Game Two was a little closer, but the Fillies led the entire game and easily sunk the Viking ship, winning the game and the match 15-7.

By the look of the stat sheet, Lexi Matteson was definitely feeling her oats with 5/5 hits

that were all marked as kills. Annie Hisler was also 5/5 with two kills and Lori Moeller had 4/5 with three kills, and a very strong performance in the back row. Mindy Binchus was 5/5 with one kill and 4 blocks, two of these blocks resulted in stuffs. Stormy Howard and Hisler kept the Vikings guessing with several successful dinks each.

These games wrap up regular season play for the Fillies, as they finish the season with a 10-2 league record. Unless the Pilot Rock Rockets can pull off an upset over the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots on Tuesday, October 22, the Fillies will be playing at the District Tournament in Stanfield on Saturday, October 26. If Weston McEwen loses to Pilot Rock, Heppner and Weston-McEwen would have a play off on Thursday, October 24, for the CBC District Championship. The first place team rides a Bye into the regional playoffs on November 2.

District tournament play pits the team in second place against the fifth place team, and the third place team against the fourth. Then the winners of those matches play to see who will advance to the regional tournament as the second place team from the CBC.

Fillies C-team beat Umatilla

by Molly Rhea

The Heppner Fillies C-team displayed enthusiastic teamwork when they traveled to Umatilla on Friday, October 18. They were able to pick an extra match and came up the easy winner, 15-10, 15-13.

The C's put out consistent effort with 86 percent serving

success for the two games. One hundred percent servers for the match were Stephanie Clough, Laurie Michael, Amy Papineau, Macy Rhea, Trisha Adams, Amy Drake and Jaylene Papineau.

Drake had several blocks, hits and kills at the net, with Rhea also turning in a strong net performance.

Fillies gallop away with wins over the Lone Cardinals

by Molly Rhea

Heppner's three net squads challenged the Lone Cardinals on Monday, October 21, and galloped away with all the wins.

The Fillies varsity set the tone in the first match, winning 15-12, 15-13.

In Game One the Fillies bolted to a quick lead when the first server, Annie Hisler, served points one through nine.

With Hisler supplying the serves, Lexi Matteson and Lori Moeller teamed up to control the net with double blocking and kills coming from each. Just when it looked like it was going to be over in a hurry, the Fillies went into a scoring lull, allowing the Cardinals to peck away at the point spread and come within one point of the Fillies, making the score 13-12.

At that point the Fillies took a firm grip on the reins and won the first game, 15-12.

Game Two, the Fillies were leading 14-8 when lone's tall front line went to work, creating hard fought rallies and earning a few kills for the Cards. Soon the scoreboard read 14-13.

Two servers later, the Fillies went on to nip the Cardinals 15-13, winning the game and the match.

The varsity Fillies looked as if they were having fun as they played a steady, relaxed game that featured accurate setting, balanced attacks and 86 percent team serving for the match. These Fillies have their ears perked up and are ready to advance through the district tournament.

The Filly JV's finished their successful season with a win over the Cardinals, 15-10, 15-3.

Game One was primarily played out by JV's from the junior class, and they looked like they were enjoying themselves, with 83 percent team serving success, Melissa Cutsforth's setting and kills coming from Josie Proctor, Jayme Hansen, Katie Nichols and Linsey Ropp.

Game Two was tied at three when Jaci Hughes lead the Fillies into a scoring stampede, scoring points four through 10 with 3 aces, and Brooke Boyer assisting with two kills at the net.

At that point Nichols was subbed in for Hughes, scoring point 11 with an ace and point 12. Then Jayme Perez replaced Nichols and proceeded to score point 13 with help from a Casey Ingraham kill, point 14 with a kill from Jessica VanWinkle and aced the game point to win the second game, 15-3.

Coach Susan Hisler should be commended for being able to handle 16 players on the JV

team. Her young Filly squad has the talent and the determination to win, and they usually take their best of three matches in two games. Hisler worked each girl into every match, sometimes resorting to "platooning" in as many as five, substitutes at a time. With this type of coaching style these girls have learned the meaning of teamwork.

The Fillies C-team capped the night by taking it to the Cardinal C's 15-4, 15-6.

Game One saw the Heppner C's achieving only 75 percent serving success, but making up for it in aggressive net play with kills coming from Ashley Ropp, Trisha Adams, Amy Drake and Allison Sykes.

Game Two, the C's seem to jell, serving 91 percent with Drake again scoring kills and blocking hits as the Filly C's won easily.

The C-team has one game remaining as they will be traveling to Boardman on Thursday, October 24, to take on the Riverside C's.



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Jaylene Papineau goes for the ball against lone, while Ashley Ropp (24) and Trisha Adams (25) watch.



Photo by Joyce Hughes
Lone Cardinals JV team return Heppner serve-Casey Ingraham (5) gets ready to block for Heppner.

OWGL to hold meeting

The Oregon Wheat Commission (OWC) will hold its next regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 28, at the Oxford Suites Hotel in Hermiston, beginning at 9 a.m.

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OPEN LETTER TO BOB RIDGWAY

Wednesday night you & I were in Heppner appearing at the Heppner Chamber of Commerce Candidate's Forum. You smiled, shook my hand & visited with me. Generally you acted as if you were a friend. I spoke to those in attendance first. Among other things I told them that I had past experience as a municipal court judge pro tem. You then spoke of your experience. You never said a word about your opinion of my experience.

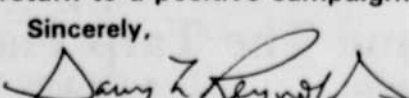
After the meeting, your campaign worker & I chatted about how nice it had been to maintain a high level campaign. She commented that it was important that we continue to be civil throughout the campaign.

Imagine my surprise on Thursday to read your letter to the voters in the East Oregonion about how offended & angry you were. Those are awfully strong words.

You say I lied in an advertisement about having experience as a municipal court judge. I haven't hidden my experience. As you know, I said in the voter's pamphlet that I was a municipal court judge pro tem in The Dalles in 1975-76. I don't recall the title "deputy city recorder". Perhaps the city used it. The effect was the same. I served as a pro tem judge.

The extent of my experience has not been a secret. When in The Dalles, I put on the judge's robe & walked into the courtroom. I presided over trials, sentenced defendants and performed marriages. We both know, however, that while municipal court plays an important role in enforcing city ordinances, the simplicity of municipal court is so far removed from the complexities of Circuit Court that the only real similarities are the rituals and the robes.

At the start of the campaign, my committee asked for the support of many people, including fellow attorneys. As you and I both know, that request for support is both legal and ethical. Let's return to a positive campaign.

Sincerely,

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