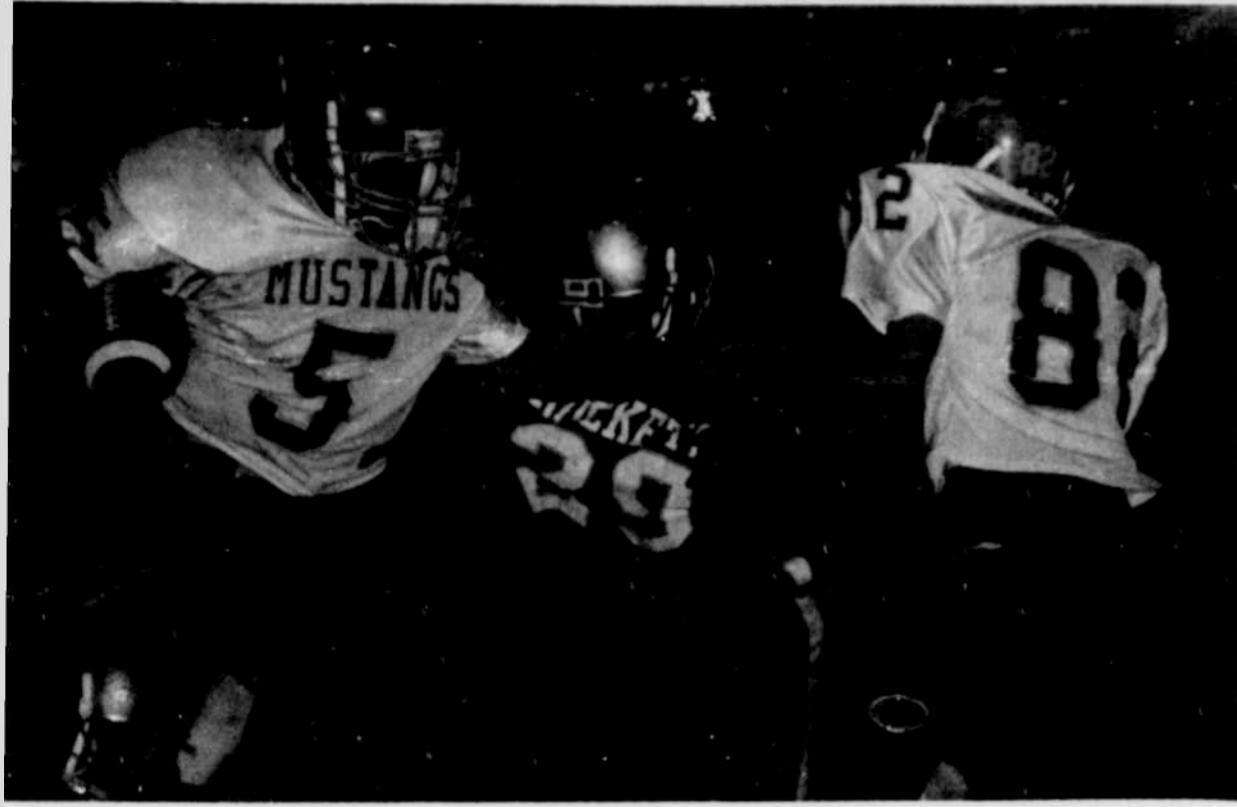


Mustangs blast Pilot Rock Rockets, 42-0



Shane Matheny (5) carries the ball for the Mustangs. Matheny also caught four interceptions in the game. No. 82 is Jeff Currin.

The Heppner Mustangs blasted the Pilot Rock Rockets and ruined their homecoming, Friday, Oct. 25, with a 42-0 thrashing. The win brings the Mustangs record to 3-2 in league and 6-2 for the season.

The game was no contest as the Mustangs scored early and often, completely dominating the Rockets by scoring twice in the first quarter and three times in the second quarter to take a 34-0 halftime lead.

Junior running back Travis Wilhelm scored first for the Mustangs with a five yard touchdown run. The kick was wide left and Heppner led 6-0. Quarterback Brian Koffler hit Jeff Watkins with a four yard pass for the next score. Sophomore Derek Gunderson ran in the PAT for a 14-0 Mustang lead. Overall, Koffler was 7-12, with no interceptions, for 164 yards and three touchdown passes for the game.

The Mustang defense was awesome the entire evening. The Rockets leading runner, Marlin Bernabe, was held to -7 yards rushing on ten carries, by a swarming team defense. Cornerback Shane Matheny intercepted three Rocket passes to pace the secondary.

Running back Eric Schonbachler continued his fine season offensively with a 23 yard screen pass for a touchdown from Koffler. Schonbachler was coming off his best offensive display of the season against the Stanfield Tigers with a three-touchdown performance.

D. Gunderson scored on a 63 yard screen pass behind the blocking of Jonas Healy, Justin Matteson, Brent Gunderson and Phil Tellechea. Schonbachler was good on the PAT for a 28-0 lead.

Next, tackle Rick Worden

scored the first touchdown of his high school career from five yards out, and the Mustangs led 34-0 going into the locker room at the half; this despite a Rockets announcer trying to officiate from the announcer's stand while doing the play-by-play.

In the second half, Tellechea, another senior lineman, blasted over from the one yard line to complete the scoring for Heppner, with Josh Coiner adding a running PAT for a 42-0 Mustang lead. The entire roster played in the third and fourth quarters, and gave the fans

glimpses of what next year's Mustangs might look like.

The Rockets, who were thought to be a tough opponent, were flat all evening.

The Mustangs end their successful season at home with a game against the Wahtonka Eagles. Heppner is mathematically eliminated from the playoffs, but the Eagles could qualify for the playoffs if Weston-McEwen beats Umatilla Friday night and Wahtonka beats the Mustangs. Game time is 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Local CBC volleyball All-Stars named



CBC volleyball All-Stars (L-R): Lori Moeller, Annie Hisler, Stormy Howard, Traci Dickenson. Moeller and Hisler were named to the Columbia Basin Conference Volleyball First Team All-Stars, Saturday, Oct. 26, in Stanfield, while Howard and Dickenson were named to the Honorable Mention team. The teams are nominated by the coaches in the CBC League.

Lone Cardinals tops in Condon matchup

Both the Condon Blue Devils and the Lone Cardinals came into the October 10 football matchup with identical records and similar hopes, but it was the Cards who walked away with the lopsided 60 to 14 win that night.

The Cards came into the game ready to make a statement to the rest of the league: that they wanted to be in the playoffs, and they wasted no time making their point, stopping the Devils on their first offensive drive and then marching the ball in for a touchdown on a 73 yard run by senior runningback Pete Cantu.

The Cardinals then went on to score the first 42 points of the game on a perfect offensive ef-

fort, while at the same time showing great defense by holding Condon to no points.

With a balanced and strong second team playing the last six minutes of the first half, the Cards gave up two touchdowns to the Blue Devil first string before the break.

The Cards decided to finish the game and get home to rest up for their next week's game with Culver, as they scored two touchdowns in the third quarter to activate the 45-point mercy rule and end the game early.

The contest was a near perfect game for the Cardinals as they held Condon to only 125 yards of total offense.

Meanwhile the Lone offense wracked up 456 yards of total offense including a 106 yard two touchdown effort by senior running back Randy Scott and 147-yard two touchdown production by Cantu. Senior quarterback Luke Swanson also had a good night, throwing for 118 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Freshman running back Dan Scott had one rushing touchdown and 52 yards and freshman end Allan Gribkov caught a touchdown pass from Swanson that was a "flat layed out catch". Junior end Jake McElligott had 72 yards receiving with one touchdown.

"This was a great team effort," said Gregg Rietmann, Cardinal head coach.

Big Culver team downs lone, 60 - 42

If the state's number one ranked team, the Culver Bulldogs, with its large 30 man football team came to town looking for an easy win, they didn't get it October 18, as the lone Cardinals put up a tough fight before going down 60 - 42 to the bigger Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs and the Cardinals put 102 points on the scoreboard and wracked up over 1,000 yards of total offense before the night was through.

Culver was the first to draw blood in the game, scoring on a halfback trap play, but the Cards came right back and scored on a 67-yard run by quarterback Luke Swanson. Culver then went on to score two more touchdowns on half back runs before Swanson came back again to put the ball in the endzone. The score at the half was 18-6 with neither team managing any PATs.

With light problems after the homecoming activities the game was delayed 40 minutes.

The second half was an offensive show for both the teams, but the Cards could not quite catch up to the much larger Bulldogs.

The Cards were led by senior quarterback Luke Swanson with 163 yards rushing and three rushing touchdowns, and 188 yards passing and three passing touchdowns.

Senior running back Randy Scott was held to only 47 yards rushing, but had 92 receiving yards and one touchdown.

Junior end Jake McElligott had 86 yards receiving and two touchdown catches.

The defensive effort was also led by Swanson who had 29 tackles. Kelly Morgan added 15 and Jacob Taylor chipped in with 14.

"The Cardinals played their hearts out but the Bulldogs just wore us out. It was a great

game to watch," said Head Coach Gregg Rietmann.

Senior running back and the anchor for the lone defense, Joe Bacon, was only playing at 50 percent as he was still bothered by an injury from the Echo game a few weeks ago.

"Not having someone like Joe and senior Will Parm really hurt us as we needed everyone at 100 percent to beat a team like Culver. They are a good powerful team," added Rietmann.

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