

Heppner Mustang netters "kick Bucks"



By Molly Rhea
The varsity and junior varsity Mustang netters not only "kicked Bucks" at the Pendleton JV tournament on Tuesday, September 9, they kicked everyone else too as both teams went undefeated in their respective tournaments and brought home first place honors. While their coaches were able to experiment with various player combinations and placement, both Heppner teams displayed style and grit as they refused to lose a single game.

Heppner's varsity team played in the "JV" tournament which consisted of junior varsity teams from 4A Pendleton and Southridge (a Kennewick, WA school), 3A Grant Union and Mac-Hi, and the Sherman County varsity.

The Mustangs came out of pool play undefeated, beating Southridge 15-0, 15-12, and Mac-Hi 15-10, 15-7, earning a bye for the first round of bracket play. Pendleton also earned a first place bye in the opposing pool by winning both games against Grant Union and splitting with Sherman County.

In bracket play Pendleton needed three games to defeat Southridge while Heppner put down last year's CBC champs, Sherman County, 15-13, 15-3, to advance Pendleton and Heppner into the championship match. The Buckaroos almost roped the Mustangs in the first game, but Heppner pulled out the 16-14 win and then galloped away with game two, 15-3, to win the first place title.

As the varsity Mustangs were winning in Pendleton's new gym, Heppner's junior varsity team were winning in the old gym, as they participated in the "Frosh" tournament. Included in this tournament were freshman teams from Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Hanford, Southridge, Grant Union and the JV teams from Heppner and Sherman County.

Since the Frosh tourney included more teams, it was decided to limit pool play games to 11 points, as this would allow the two tournaments to be completed at about the same time. Heppner's JVs earned the first place spot in bracket play by beating Southridge 11-8, 11-0, and then defeating Grant Union, 11-0, 11-7.

In bracket play with the standard format of playing the best two out of three games to 15 points, it was a Mustang runaway in the first match as they defeated the Mac-Hi Pioneers, 15-2, 15-4. In the semi-finals Heppner faced the Sherman County Huskies and again won in two, 15-12, 15-4. These victories set up Heppner to play Pendleton in the championship match. Again the Mustangs used only two games to win the match, pounding the Bucks frosh team, 15-9, 15-1.

"These long tournaments demand a lot from the girls," said coach Terri Genry. "And our teams definitely rose to the occasion."

Cammie Papineau rides in Futurity

By Delpha Jones
Cammie Papineau, daughter of Ray and Gae Papineau of Lexington, recently rode in the All American Futurity in Ruidos, NM. She was one of the women jockeys placing for the event.

The All American Futurity is the richest race for quarter horses in the world, with prize money this year amounting to \$1,625,414, according to ESPN.

Papineau is a native Lexingtonian and a graduate of Heppner High School. She has been riding quarter horses since 1987 and rode her first race in Union at the Eastern Oregon Livestock Show. Papineau won that race, which started her on her career as a jockey.

Papineau was the leading quarter horse rider in the standings in 1996. She rides each year in Boise and will ride again at the American Quarter Horse Futurity in Los Alamitos, CA on Nov. 1. Her mount will be "Roal N Perfect," owned by Mile Ivie from Salt Lake City.

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Heppner Mustangs drops match to lone in three

By Molly Rhea
The Mustang varsity and JV volleyball teams headed to Lone on Thursday, September 11, for a rematch. Although the Mustang varsity played more "heads up" than they had in the prior matchup between these teams, the end results were much the same with Heppner dropping the match in three games, 12-15, 18-16 and 9-15.

The first game was close with the score tied at points three, eight, 11 and 12 before the Cardinals took the win, 15-12. Game two saw the Mustangs string out a couple of good leads only to allow the Cardinals to come back. This game saw ties at points four, five, 10, 12, and

13 before the Mustangs were able to pull ahead to win by the required two points, 18-16.

With this momentum it appeared the Mustangs would be able to pluck the Cardinals and take the match, but the tough lone team displayed a renewed intensity and scrappy play by which they handed Heppner the loss, 9-15.

Heppner's JVs needed three games to defeat Lone's junior varsity this week, winning, 13-15, 15-7, 15-6. In game one it looked as though the Mustangs had lone on the ropes, leading 10-6, only to have the Cardinals fly back and gain a one-point lead. The lead changed hands twice more and was tied at 13 before lone clinched the win.

In game two lone took an early 4-2 lead, then the Mustangs stormed back behind the serves from Stephanie Clough and Kim Pointer to gain a 11-4 advantage. After a few more rotations in which Heppner allowed three points, Amy Papineau served points 12 through 15 to win the game.

Game three started out close with the lead changing hands until Brooke Boyer went back and served point five through 15 to finish off the Cards.

Coach Susie Hisler states, "I am very pleased with the level of play this year's JVs are demonstrating. Everyone of these girls is eager to do anything it takes to make their team successful."

Lone Cardinals JV play Heppner, Wallowa teams

By Kara Miller

Since the Lone Cardinals volleyball does not have a "C" team, they divided up their JV squad for the Thursday, Sept. 4 game at Heppner. Coach Cathy McCabe selected freshmen Shelby Krebs, Molly Barrow, Jeanette Brantley, Adrienne Swanson, Nonnee Walters, Charissa Gates, Jennifer Thompson, Allison Halvorsen and sophomore Miranda McElligott for playing time in the JV "C" game.

Swanson served three aces and Krebs, one, while Walters and Gates scored several points and led at the net with six and five spikes, respectively, to their credit. McElligott was tops in serve-receives with seven, while Thompson had five dumps. Leading setter was Barrow with 11. Swanson followed with eight, Gates, six, and Krebs, 4. The final scores were Lone 7-15, 15-6

South MC Choir to meet for rehearsal

On Friday, Sept. 19, the South Morrow Community Choir (SMCC) will meet for its first rehearsal. Regular rehearsals are still on Mondays at the Heppner High School Band Room from 5:30-7 p.m. However, this is a special meeting for a Christmas concert that is to be performed in December.

The choir will perform Handel's "Messiah" in conjunction with the Oregon East Symphony and Chorale on Friday, Dec. 12, through the new OES outreach program. This idea for this venture was presented to Lee Friese, conductor of OES, this past July. Through the outreach program OES will perform in outlying communities as a benefit to people who have more difficulty in attending concerts in Pendleton.

The choir is always looking for new members who enjoy singing and learning new styles of music. The group has been a part of the Morrow County Arts Council (MCAC) for the past year and MCAC is funding the group again. Anyone interested in singing in the choir should just show up at a practice. Friday's rehearsal will run from 5:30 - 6:30 pm at Heppner High Band Room. Lee Friese will be there to go over the music and get the group started.

The SMCC director is Debbie Wryn, lone. She will lead the rehearsals until late November when the group will join the OES for rehearsals in Pendleton.

"This is a great opportunity to learn new (or old) music, meet new people, perform with a symphony, and all in all having a great time," said Wryn. "We hope you can be there." Anyone who is unable to make Friday's rehearsal or for more information, call Debbie Wryn at 449-3305(days) or 422-7017(evenings); or Shirley Palmer at 676-9730.

Mustang teams take Elgin in three

By Molly Rhea
All three of the Mustang volleyball teams traveled to Elgin on Friday, September 12, and each team came away winning their match in a mere two games.

Mustang varsity won, 15-11, 15-12. JVs claimed victory with scores of 15-7, 15-13, and the "C" team stomped the Elgin Huskies with identical scores of 15-5.

JV coach Susie Hisler said, "Our team's skill level is much higher than what we saw in Elgin."

All of Heppner's teams saw action in Condon on Tuesday,

September 16. The varsity and JV teams will travel to The Dalles on Thursday, September 18, to take on the Wahtonka Eagles. This match with Wahtonka kicks off CBC league action.

On Friday the "C" team plays at Weston-McEwen prior to the Heppner/Weston-McEwen varsity football game. On Saturday, September 20, the JV and C teams will be busy all day as they host and participate in a tournament that will include eight JV teams from around the area.

Tuesday, September 23, all three teams will take on the Pilot Rock at the Rock.

Colts win first game of year

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Colts won their first game of the year, 12-7, over Simplot on Thursday, Sept. 11.

The Colts' Tanner Britt passed for two touchdowns to Kyler Lovgren. The first, for about 20 yards, gave the Colts a 6-0 lead. Simplot had taken a 7-6 lead when Britt hit Lovgren with the winning score with 43 seconds

left in the game. The Colts are made up of boys and girls in the fifth and sixth grades.

The Colts' next game will be Friday, Sept. 26, between the Heppner Junior High and Heppner High School varsity games. The junior high game gets underway at 2 p.m. All three teams will play Umatilla.

Legion, Auxiliary plans kick-off

American Legion and Legion Auxiliary will kick off their fall meeting, Monday, Sept. 22, at the home of Clayton and Evelyn Sweek at 405 W. Water Street, Heppner.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a barbecue potluck. Meat will be furnished.

Veterans and their families are invited to attend and help plan the 1997-98 year.

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and 15-8.

The JV team wasn't quite as ready for the games, losing in two. But the young Cards from lone learned a few pointers for the rest of the season. Going to the court for the JV team were Shelby Krebs, Jessica Krebs, Molly Barrow, Jeanette Brantley, Brandi Brantley, Lela Gribskov, Charissa Gates, Allison Halvorsen and Erin Crowell.

Crowell led the team with nine good serves and was leading setter with 11. J. Krebs followed Crowell with five serves, including one ace. Gates was second in setting with six, and tied S. Krebs and Crowell with three good diving digs. Their scores were 7-15 and 10-15, Heppner over lone.

The Wallowa Cougars proved to be a formidable foe when they came to town on Friday, Sept. 5. The JV team showed how much they had learned, but the Wallowa line had a little more experience. The points were almost evenly

spread among the team, with J. Krebs and Crowell scoring four each, Gates, five, and Thompson, Halvorsen and Barrow each adding three. B. Brantley and S. Krebs each added one for the final score, lone 13-15 and 7-15.

The second meeting between the Cardinals and the Heppner Mustangs took place on lone's home court. The match went three games, lone 7-15, 15-6 and 15-8. Crowell scored 17 points, while J. Brantley and B. Brantley each scored five. Gribskov added four, and J. Krebs and Gates contributed three apiece.

Brandi Brantley and Erin Crowell traveled to Wahtonka on Saturday, Sept. 13 to play with the varsity in their winning effort in the Eagles' tournament.

The next outing for the JV team was against Echo at Echo, Tuesday, Sept. 16; then they will travel to Maupin to challenge the Redsides on Friday, Sept. 19.

lone Booster Club plans activities

The lone Booster Club met Thursday, September 11, at Beecher's Restaurant.

During the meeting a thank you from the lone High School volleyball team was read. Last spring the club voted to help purchase new volleyball shirts. Members signed a card to Harold Reitmann to thank him for making the state championship signs. The sites for the signs have been approved by property owners.

Officers elected for 1997 were as follows: president, Cindy Burright; vice-president, Jeri McElligott; and secretary-treasurer, Del LaRue.

According to Jim Swanson, purchasing new bleachers for the football field is too expensive. The current bleachers need to be painted and straightened and the guest bleachers are in particularly poor shape. It was also suggested that a back be put on the bleachers to block the wind. Dean Robinson will check to see if the shop class could make improvements with supplies furnished by the club. If not, the club will have a work day.

The club voted to reimburse Dana Heideman the \$250 entry fee he paid for the girls' summer league tournament at Yakima.

They also agreed to help fund the purchase of volleyball uniforms at the middle school.

Betty Gray recommended that the club have a membership drive. Robinson suggested a hamburger feed, followed by a business meeting. The barbecue will be Monday, September 29, at the school cafeteria, beginning immediately after volleyball and football practice. Beecher's Restaurant will provide the hamburgers and buns and will prepare the condiments for the dinner. The club will provide plates, silverware and drinks. Everyone is welcome to attend and is asked to provide a salad or dessert.

Members expressed appreciation to the doctors and staff at Pioneer Memorial Clinic the free physicals they provided to school athletes. The club provided concessions for the Heppner /lone volleyball match and agreed to also provide concessions for the Helix match September 24 and the Arlington/Heppner C matches October 23.

The club will sponsor a steak feed as a money maker Thursday, October 9, during the Echo game, pending approval from the high school.

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