

## Huskies lick wounds after Mustang beating

by Molly Rhea

The Mustang netters traveled to Moro on Thursday, September 25, and left the Sherman County Huskies licking their wounds, as all Heppner teams three teams came away with the win.

The Mustang varsity won the match in two games with identical scores of 15-9, 15-9. In game one the Mustangs led from start to finish, but the game was anything but quick as the teams went a full three rotations before it was complete.

Game two started out closer with the teams trading the lead a few times. With the score tied at eight, Petra Elguezabal went behind the service line to score points nine through 13, then Annie Hisler finished up the serving by scoring the last two points.

Service percentage in game one was an outstanding 92 percent (22/24); in game two the Mustangs posted only a 79 percent success rate (26/33).

One hundred percent servers for the match include Jessica VanWinkle (11/11) and Brooke Boyer, while Hisler went 11/12 and Elguezabal 10/11.

Delivering at the net for the Mustangs were Mindy Binschus, successfully hitting eight of 12



Jill Barber makes a spike while Annie Hisler looks on

with four kills and multiple blocks and dinks. Jill Barber hit 10/10 with four kills, while Elguezabal was 6/6 with three kills. VanWinkle played tough at the net with several blocks and 4/4 tips with three of those marked as kills. Hisler performs the main setting duties, but was marked as hitting 4/6 with two kills.

Although they don't show up often in the stats, juniors Amber

Peck and Jaci Hughes are Heppner's "back row specialists". Back row players are responsible for passing the serve receive to the setter and digging out the spikes.

"This team is really coming together well," states coach Terri Gentry. "They are playing unselfish, team ball."

The junior varsity Mustangs won in two games, 18-16, 15-4, against a much-improved Sherman County. Game one was long and intense with 10 Heppner players shuffled in and out of the lineup, and the Huskies playing "ruff" and tough. Game two was a Mustang stampede as Heppner won easily, 15-4.

The JVs served 53/56 for 95 percent success with Brooke Boyer, Abby Kahl, Leah Denton, Kathleen Greenup, Stephanie Clough, Amy Papineau, Ashley Ropp, Allison Sykes and Jayme Hansen all serving 100 percent.

Ashley Ropp, Leah Denton, Jayme Hansen and Brooke Boyer shared the JV setting duties. Hot hitters were Amy Drake with 14 successful hits for 15 attempts with five kills. Kim Pointer was 10/15 with four kills and Jayme Hansen went 6/7 with three kills. Strong net play was seen from Casey Ingraham, Trisha Adams and Macy Rhea. Good back row performance was turned in by Allison Sykes, Pointer and Amy Papineau.

"This was an enjoyable game to watch," said JV coach Susie Hisler. "Sherman County has really improved, but our ability to consistently perform the basic fundamentals showed through."

The C team capped off the day winning their match, 15-13, 5-15, 12-15. "This was our team's best game of the year," said C team coach Dana Reid. "These girls demonstrated what they have been learning and put out an excellent team effort."

All of the Heppner squads saw action at home against Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, September 30. The varsity takes on Umatilla and Stanfield in Umatilla on Tuesday, October 7. The next home match will be against on Thursday, October 9, when the Mustangs take on Wahtonka.

## Mustang Varsity plays in tournament

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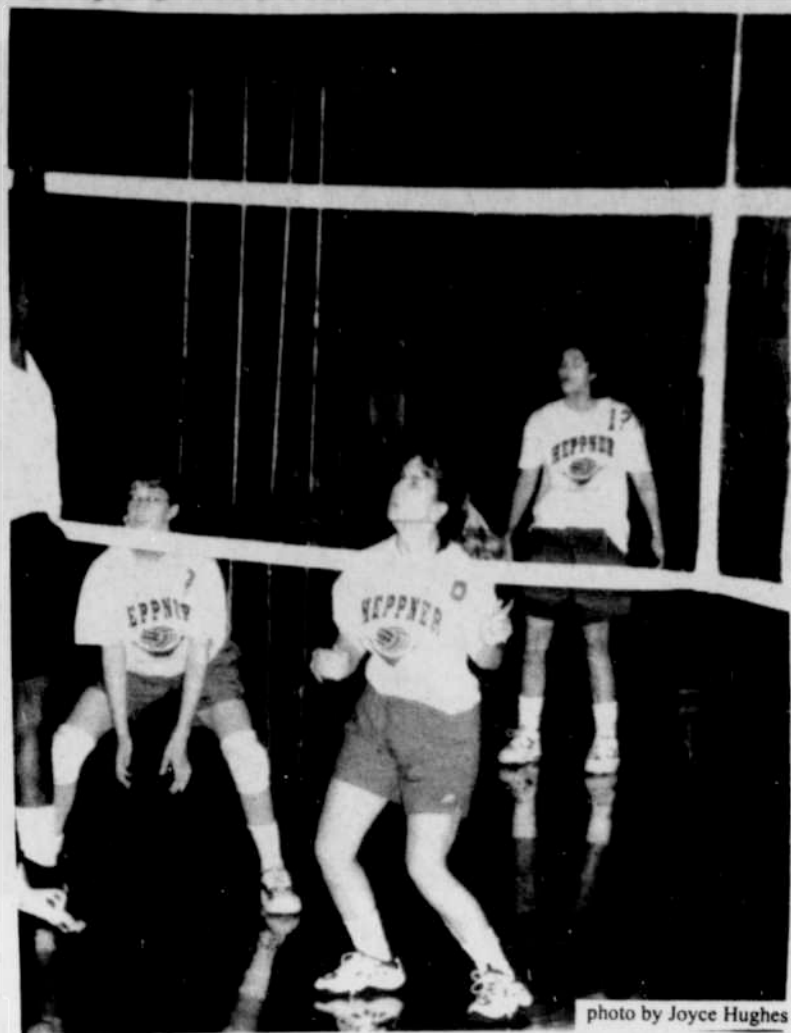
The Heppner varsity volleyball team went to Athena on Saturday, September 27, to play in the Weston-McEwen Tournament. Teams playing in the tourney were: Heppner, Imbler, Pilot Rock, Wallowa, Elgin, Weston-McEwen, Union and Waitsburg.

This tournament divides the participating teams into two brackets for the traditional match play to 15. One pool played out their bracket in the high school gym, while the other played in the junior high gym.

The Mustangs had the misfortune of being pitted against the eventual tournament champs, Wallowa, for the first match and, though they gave it their best shot, went down, 10-15, 19-17, 3-15.

With this loss Heppner was bracketed to play Pilot Rock. The Mustangs took only two games to defuel the Rockets, 15-11, 15-12.

For their final match of the day Heppner went up against Union who had also lost their first match and won their second to advance from the opposing bracket. The Mustangs took this match in two games also, winning 15-1, 17-15. Wallowa advanced to the



L-R Lexi Matteson, Linsey Ropp and Petra Elguezabal

championship round by defeating Imbler, 15-10, 15-3. In the opposing bracket Waitsburg defeated Union (15-11, 10-15, 15-13) and Weston-McEwen (4-

15, 15-9, 15-10) to advance into championship play. Wallowa defeated Waitsburg in two games, 15-8, 16-14, to win the tournament.

## Ione Cards lose to Washington's best



Cardinal runner picks up yardage

Ione got off to a rough start, but battled back only to come up short with a score of 48-30 against the Touchet Indians on Friday, Sept. 26, in non-league football play.

Touchet kicked off first, but regained the ball to score an early touchdown. Ione couldn't get anything going in the first quarter which caused a 27-0 lead for Touchet. The Cardinals scored 14 unanswered points in the second quarter to cut Touchet's lead in half.

The third quarter ended similarly to the first, with Ione scoreless, and Touchet tacked on 21 points to their original 27, to extend their lead to 48-14.

Ione dominated the fourth quarter with 16 unanswered points but came up short, the game ending with a Touchet win over the Ione Cardinals, 48-30. Sophomore Dan Scott led the

Cardinals in rushing with 73 yards on 20 carries. Cory Bennetto rushed for 40 yards on nine carries.

Mark McElligott was eight-for-16 for a total of 146 yards on the day. Corey Morgan had one touchdown pass to Jake McElligott who had eight receptions for 184 yards as well as several touchdowns and two point conversions.

Ione	0	14	0	16	30
Touchet	27	0	21	0	48

Rushing-Ione: Dan Scott 20-73, Cory Bennetto 9-40, Allan Griboskov 6-16, Mark Orem 1-1, Mark McElligott 6-(13). Totals: 42-117. Touchet's rushing statistics were unavailable.

Passing-Ione: Mark McElligott 8-16-2, 146 Corey Morgan 2-6-72-1 Touchet's passing statistics were unavailable.

Receiving-Ione: Jake McElligott 8-184, Dan Scott 1-27, Mark Orem 1-7. Touchet's receiving statistics were also unavailable.

## Pie sale on Friday, Oct. 3

All Saints Episcopal Church and the United Methodist Church in Heppner will hold their annual pie sale Friday, Oct. 3, starting at 8:30 a.m. at Cal's BP Station in Heppner. Pies will be sold for \$6 and up until they run out.

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## Mustangs disables Pilot Rock Rockets

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The three Heppner High School volleyball teams traveled to Pilot Rock Tuesday, September 23, and left the Rockets looking more like the disabled MIR space station, as the Mustangs won all three matches.

The Heppner Cs started out the action with a quick six-point lead in game one before the Rockets got fueled up and into the game. It was back and forth with the Mustangs taking the win, 18-16. Game two was over quickly with the young Mustang squad winning 15-8.

Maja Dietiker, the Swiss exchange student, entered the contest late in game one to dominate the net and help cap the win.

The junior varsity Mustang netters needed three games to jettison the Rockets. Game one was back and forth until Pilot Rock managed to establish a 14-7 advantage. The Mustangs battled back, but ended up losing the first game, 10-15.

Game two was close with the JVs dashing to a 7-1, lead only to allow the Rockets come back and pull ahead, 8-7, then 11-9. Just as it looked as though the match was going to jet away, coach Susie Hisler was able to change the team dynamics with substitutions and the JVs won game two, 15-12.

In the final game Pilot Rock earned a 2-0 lead with their first two servers and, although their next four servers were unable to put the ball in play, the Rockets did not allow the Mustangs to score either. After a complete rotation Ashley Ropp stepped behind the line and served up four Mustang points. The Rockets was able to tie the score with four points apiece, but from that point onward it was all Heppner with the setter, Leah Denton, scoring points five and six, then Amy Papineau slamming in five points to effectively defuel the Rockets. The Heppner team won the game, 15-8, to take the match.

The JVs served 84 percent for

the match with 100 percent serving coming from Jayme Hansen (7/7), Leah Denton (7/7) and Kim Pointer successfully serving 11 for 12. Setters for the match included Leah Denton, Brooke Boyer, Ashley Ropp, and Jayme Hansen.

Kim Pointer was once again the hot hitter with 20 successful hits for 25 attempts and seven kills. Trisha Adams was eight for eight with four kills while Amy Drake successfully hit 10 of 13 with three kills scored. Showing good consistency at the net were Jayme Hansen (8/8), Stephanie Clough (8/8) and Allison Sykes (2/2).

"It felt good to pull that one out," said Hisler. "Macy (Rhea) and Allison (Sykes) came in at a crucial time in the second game and were able to give us the lift we needed."

The Heppner varsity squad also won in three games, 10-15, 15-7, 15-5. Game one looked like

Mustang runaway with a 10-3 lead, but turned into rock slide as Pilot Rock ricocheted back and took game one 15-10.

The Rockets blasted to the lead in game two, leading 4-0, then 7-2, before the Mustangs reared up, and, by using consistent teamwork, won 15-7. Game three the Rockets looked like they were suffering from jet lag as the Mustangs galloped to a 12-1 lead. The Mustangs won the game to take the match, 15-5.

Varsity served at 87 percent, making 59 of 68. Brooke Boyer served 8/8, Amber Peck was 14/15, while Jessie VanWinkle and Petra Elguezabal were both 10/11. Playing strong at the net were Annie Hisler with six kills, Elguezabal with five kills, Lexi Matteson with three kills and Mindy Binschus with three kills, two tip kills and two block kills.

"I am pleased with the win," said coach Terri Gentry. "In this league every win is important."



Brooke Boyer and Amy Papineau in JV action

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