

Mustangs pound Pilot Rock Rockets, 40-6 TigerScots dominate Mustangs in two



photo by Joyce Hughes

Running back Travis Wilhelm goes down

By Rick Paulus

The Heppner Mustangs pounded the Pilot Rock Rockets, 40-6, last Friday night, Oct. 24, in the Mustangs' last regular season home game. Heppner will wrap up the Columbia Basin Conference title with a win at Wah-tonka next Friday night at The Dalles.

The Mustangs' defense set the tone for the night by stopping the Rockets on their first possession. Taking over at the 44 yard line of Pilot Rock, quarterback Shane Matheny kept the ball for 11 yards to the 33. Junior Derek Gunderson ran the ball twice for six yards each, down to the 21 yard line.

Matheny then hit Casey Evans for a 21 yard touchdown pass. The extra point try was no good and Heppner led 6-0 with 9:18 left in the first quarter.

The Mustangs' defense again held the Rockets and Heppner took over at the 47 yard line of Pilot Rock. After a first down at the 37, Matheny hit senior Travis Wilhelm on a swing pass good for 17 yards to the 20.

Matheny then hit Evans at about the 10; Evans lateralled the ball to Michael Schonbachler, who ran untouched into the end zone for the touchdown. Matheny ran in the two point conversion and Heppner led, 14-0, with 5:51 left in the first quarter.

The Mustangs again held on downs and took over at their own 44 yard line. Matheny hit Wilhelm for 11 yards, then Gunderson on a screen pass for 31 yards to the nine. Schonbachler carried to the three, then Wilhelm took it on in for the touchdown. Matheny again ran in the two point conversion, and the Mustangs led, 22-0, at the end of the first quarter.

The Mustangs had 152 yards total offense to Pilot Rock's 16 yards in the first quarter.

Evans recovered an onside kick at the Mustangs' 47, but the Rocket defense held and they took over a their own 38. Evans then tackled a Rocket back for a 10 yard loss and again for a two yard loss.

Gunderson had a 15 yard punt return to the Rockets' 30 yard line. Pilot Rock then intercepted a pass at the one foot line, but gave the ball back on a fumble at the five, recovered by Jake Roy.

Wilhelm took it in from the five on the Mustangs' first play for the touchdown. The extra point try failed and the Mustangs led, 28-0, with 7:20 left in the half.

The Mustangs and the Rockets then traded possessions the rest of the half, with neither team moving the ball.

Heppner received the second half kick-off and took over at their own 34 yard line. After a short gain, Levi Geer ran for nine yards and a first down. Matheny hit Evans for a 15 yard pass and another first down.

Matheny then ran for seven yards and another 13 yards and a first down at the 19. After Schonbachler had taken the ball down to the three, Josh Roy handed the ball off to senior Brian

Burnside who took it on in for the touchdown. The extra point try failed and the Mustangs led 34-0, with 7:31 left in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Rockets intercepted a pass inside their own 10 and returned it out to the 45. They then mounted their only successful drive of the game with Dustin Erickson scoring on a two yard run. The extra point kick was blocked and the Mustangs led 34-6, with 3:46 left in the game.

Josh Roy returned the onside kick 30 yards down to the 32 yard line of the Rockets. The freshmen then took over as Shad Hisler ran for three yards, Ryan Matteson ran for another three and Blake Knowles ran for four. Matt Baker ran for three yards before Matteson hit Joe Papineau for a 10 yard touchdown pass. The extra point failed, making the final score, 40-6, in favor of the Mustangs.

The offense was led by Schonbachler with 91 yards on 12 carries. Matheny had 11 rushes for 51 yards. Wilhelm rushed five times for 25 yards and Gunderson ran five times for 24 yards.

Matheny completed nine out of 16 passes for 135 yards. He had two touchdown passes and one interception. Matteson was two of seven for 19 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

Gunderson had three receptions for 48 yards, Wilhelm had three receptions for 47 yards and Evans caught three passes for 46 yards and one touchdown. Papineau had one catch for 10 yards and a touchdown. Jared Eckman had one catch for two yards.

The defense was led by Evans with 19 points, Wilhelm was next with 14 points and Gunderson had 13. Clint Bellamy had 11 points and Tim Sumner and Geer had 10 points each.

Statistics: Pilot Rock 0-0-0-6-6

Heppner 22-6-6-6-40

First quarter: Heppner-Casey Evans 21 yard pass from Shane Matheny (pass failed); Michael Schonbachler 11 yard run (Matheny run); Travis Wilhelm three yard run (Matheny run).

Second quarter: Heppner-Wilhelm five yard run (Matheny run).

Third quarter: Heppner-Brian Burnside three yard run (run failed).

Fourth quarter: Pilot Rock-Dustin Erickson two yard run (kick failed).

Heppner-Joe Papineau 10 yard pass from Ryan Matteson (run failed).

Individual rushing: Pilot Rock-Humphreys 16-82, Thurmond 5-26, Labrousse 4-5, Erickson 2-4, Waite 2-2.

Heppner-Schonbachler 12-91, Matheny 11-51, Wilhelm 5-25, Derek Gunderson 5-24, Levi Geer 4-15, Matteson 5-5, Matt Baker 3-4, Blake Knowles 1-4, Burnside 1-3, Shad Hisler 1-3.

Passing: Pilot Rock-Waite 1-9-0-11, Labrousse 0-4.

Heppner-Matheny 9-16-1-135, Matteson 2-7-1-19.

Receiving: Pilot Rock-Thurmond 1-11.

Heppner-Gunderson 3-48, Wilhelm 3-47, Evans 3-46, Papineau 1-10, Jared Eckman 1-2.

By Molly Rhea

Weston-McEwen had nothing to lose and everything to gain, and that's just how they played when the first place Heppner volleyball team visited Athena on Tuesday, October 21.

The Tiger-Scots came out strong in game one and dominated the Mustangs to quickly win, 15-3. Weston-McEwen's much celebrated Amber Weatherspoon was hitting bullets through Heppner's defense.

In game two the Mustangs got a slow start and the Tiger-Scots went ahead 5-0 before Heppner's Jaci Hughes served up two points. The Mustangs then went ahead 6-5 with Jill Barber serving. The Tiger Scots tied the game at six with their next server and then surged ahead 9-6.

The Mustangs battled to diminish the Weston-McEwen lead to one point just before the Tiger-Scots went on a scoring rampage to gain a 13-8 lead. The Mustangs again fought their way back into the game and tied the score at 14. The Tiger-Scots gained a one point advantage, then the Mustang's Annie Hisler scored two points to lead 16-15. After a controversial side-out call Weston-McEwen scored the final three points to win the game, 18-16, and take the match.

Heppner served 83 percent for the match. Contributing 100 percent serving were Lexi Matteson, 5/5, Jaci Hughes, 4/4, Kathleen Greenup, 3/3 and Mindy Binschus, 1/1.

Hisler played an outstanding game with 21/23 attempts for 10 kills coming from spikes, dinks or blocks. Hisler went 6/7 with one ace from behind the service line as well as performing the setting duties when she rotates through the back row.

Jill Barber, sharing the setting duties with Hisler, successfully hit 5/6 attempts with two kills and served 9/12. Casey Ingraham hit 3/3 with two kills, Mindy Binschus was 4/6 with one kill, Petra Elguezabal hit 5/8 with one kill, Jessica VanWinkle went 3/3 with one kill, Janelle Healy hit 2/3 with one kill, while Lexi Matteson hit 5/7.

With this loss Heppner and Weston-McEwen completed the regular Columbia Basin Conference league play with identical 11-1 records. This tie forced a play-off to determine the CBC district championship on Thursday, October 23.

The JV Mustangs capped an outstanding year by defeating Weston-McEwen on their home

Oct. 31 deadline for vacation contest

The last day to enter to win the "Hard Hat Luxury Vacation Give-away" will be this Friday, Oct. 31.

The lucky winner can choose one of six vacation get-away locations.

"Halloween shopping may mean a great three-day escape in the coming year," said Chamber manager Claudia Hughes.

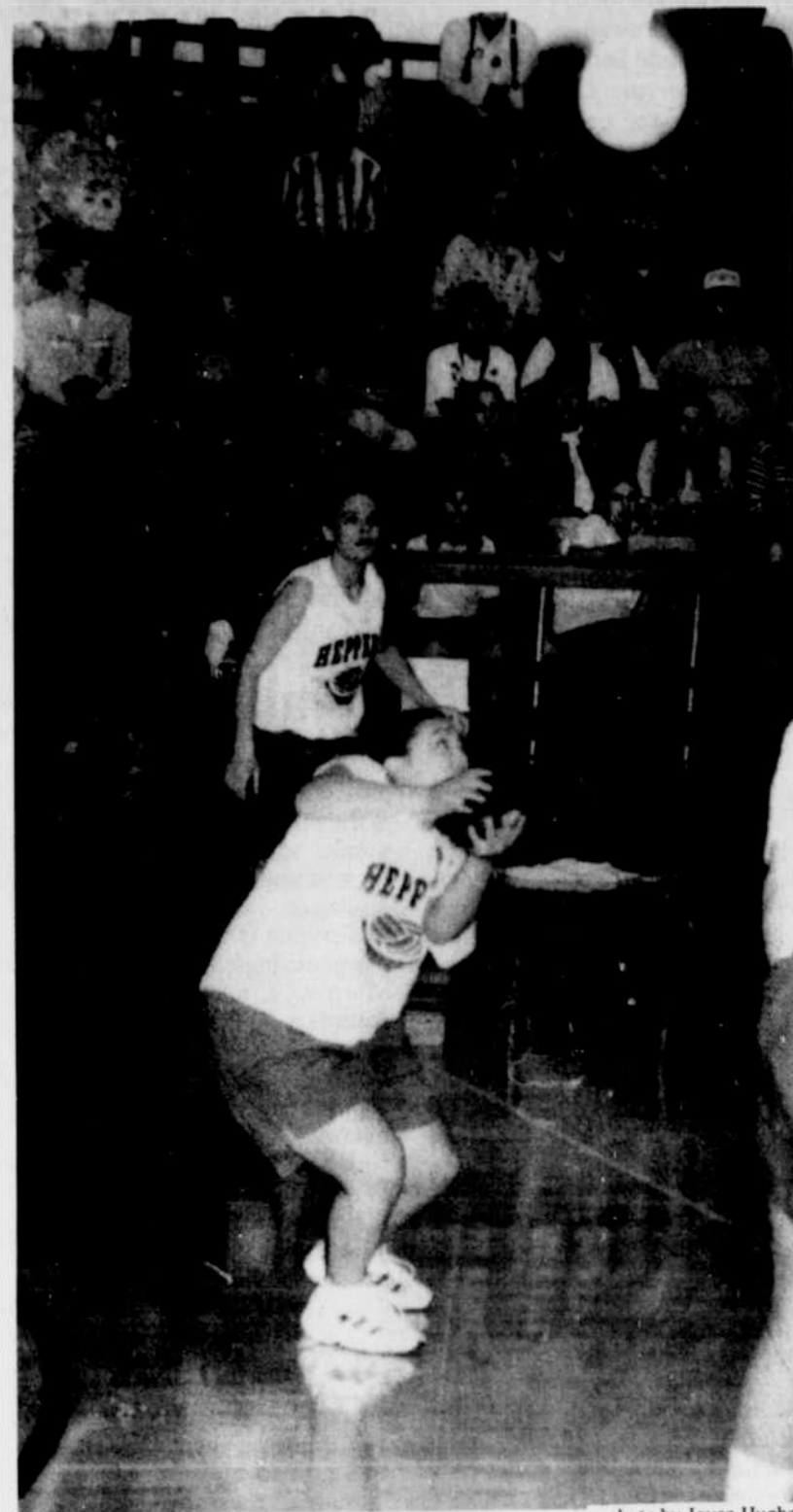


photo by Joyce Hughes

Jaci Hughes returns serve

court Tuesday, October 21, 15-4, 17-15.

The Heppner Cs ended the season with a strong win against the Weston-McEwen C team. In the previous two matches against the Tiger-Scots it had been a battle to the end, but a much improved Mustang squad quickly won two games, 15-11, 15-8, to end their season on a high note.

Excellent serving was displayed by Lindsey Ward, 8/8, Maja

Dietiker, 4/4, and Juana Elguezabal, 4/5.

"This group has improved tremendously both individually and as team throughout the season," said coach Dana Read. "Every game was better than the one before. They've got a lot of desire and they showed that on the court." They will contribute greatly to the Heppner High volleyball program in the next few years.

Ione Cards win eight in tournament

By Amelia Peck

and Salli McElligott

Ione Cardinals won eight games in the Weston-Athena tournament Saturday, Oct. 18, but fell to Echo in two.

The teams played two games either to 15 points or to a 20 minute time limit, whichever came first.

In the first game, Ione conquered Heppner, 15-7. They came back to beat Heppner again with the score of 7-1 (time limit). Tracy Griffith commented, "We played well and did a good job."

In the next game, Ione defeated

Umatilla with a score of 15-11 and 15-0.

Ione had to take on Echo next, who they lost to earlier this season, and were again defeated 15-12 and 5-1 (time limit).

Ione then met with hosts Weston-Athena for another tough game and won 15-10 and 3-0 (time limit).

Ione was ready to play again, and took on Pilot Rock. Ione won, 15-3 and 9-3 (time limit), which earned them fifth place in the tournament.

The top servers were Salli McElligott with 17 points and Amelia Peck with 15. Coach Collins commented, "We played well and were good sports."

Ione Cardinals' next game will be in Ione against Arlington, Thursday, Oct. 30, at 5 p.m.

M.C. Weed Board plans meeting

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/ Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, November 4, at 1:30 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office

Building in Heppner. Agenda items include CRP (Conservation Reserve Program), manager report; Cooperative Working Agreement, agency reports and other business.

The meeting is open to the public.

Pick up report card at school

Parents of the Heppner Junior and Senior High School students may pick up their child's report card on Friday, November 7.

They may also conference with teachers at the same time.

Pioneer Memorial Clinic will be closed Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans' Day

Come Share With Us At

Willow Creek Baptist Church

Worship Service at 3 p.m.

Meeting in the 7th-day Adventist Church

560 North Minor

Notice

TO CITY WATER CUSTOMERS

Reminder: Water meter boxes should be insulated for the winter months. Packing should be contained in a plastic bag so it will not get wet. The cost of any meter replaced due to lack of or insufficient insulation will be borne by the customer.

David Winter
Public Works Director

Halloween Costume Party

Heppner Elks Club

Oct. 31st ~ 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

Music: Buffalo Boys Karaoke

Come Join the Party!

Prizes ~ Dress-up
Dance ~ Sing ~ Have Fun!

53rd Annual Meeting

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Condon, Oregon

Gilliam County Fairgrounds

Registration @ 5:00 p.m.

Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Numerous Prizes

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