

Heppner volleyball team district champions



photo by Joyce Hughes

Mustangs celebrate

By Molly Rhea
The Columbia Basin Conference District volleyball championship was determined in a playoff game between the Heppner Mustangs and the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots at the Umatilla gym on Thursday, October 23. Winning 15-7, 15-4, the Heppner Mustangs left no doubt that the right team is in possession of the CBC volleyball trophy and winner board.

Game one started out with Weston-McEwen acing the first point, but that turned out to be their first and last lead as Petra Elguezabal shanked one off an Amber Weatherspoon block for the sideout. Jill Barber served up Heppner's first point off a kill from Annie Hisler. On the next point attempt, Weatherspoon blocked a hit for a Weston-McEwen sideout.

The score stayed tied through the next three sideouts, then Amber Peck served point two on a Jessica VanWinkle kill, and points three and four on kills by Mindy Binschus to put the Mustangs in the lead for good.

VanWinkle scored points five through eight with two of those coming from aces. Binschus scored point nine and Elguezabal chipped in points 10 and 11, with Lexi Matteson and Annie Hisler teaming up to block a Weatherspoon hit. At that point the Heppner squad allowed the Tiger-Scots to score point two before Hisler dinked a ball to the hardwood. Hisler then went back to score Heppner's point 12.

Weston-McEwen's Amber Heilmann managed to score points three through six before VanWinkle put down a tip kill. VanWinkle then went back to ace point 13 and score 14 and Weston-McEwen's Mary Green scored a kill to create a Tiger-Scot sideout.

The Tiger-Scots' Erika Smock was able to score point seven, then served into the net. Barber stepped back to ace game point to take game one 15-7.

With the loss of the first game the Tiger-Scots seemed to crumple and the animated Mustangs, with a boisterous bunch of Heppner boosters, filled the Umatilla gym with cheers.

The Mustangs continued their attack throughout the second game. Jill Barber was the first

server of the game and scored the first eight points, with Annie Hisler supplying one kill along with two each from Lexi Matteson and Petra Elguezabal, along with one ace.

Weston-McEwen scored a point before Heppner took the ball back and Elguezabal scored points nine and 10 off kills by Matteson. Michelle Baumann scored the last points Heppner allowed before she committed a service error. Hisler served points 11 through 14, with Casey Ingraham blocking a hit for a kill and acing point 14 before narrowly missing the game point serve. Jill Barber put down a kill for the next sideout, the Mustangs were unable to score off Ingraham's serve, then Ingraham made a back row kill for the final sideout. Mindy Binschus scored game point off an Elguezabal kill for the win which sealed the Mustangs' claim on being the number one team in the CBC.

The Mustangs served an incredible 94 percent for the match with 100 percent serving coming from Amber Peck, 5/5, Mindy Binschus, 4/4, and Lexi Matteson and Casey Ingraham, both 1/1. Jill Barber successfully served 12/13, Annie Hisler went 7/8, and Petra Elguezabal served 6/7.

Seven Mustangs smashed down kills in the match. Annie Hisler successfully hit 11/13 with six marked as kills, Matteson was 10/10 with four kills, Elguezabal went 9/11 with five kills, VanWinkle hit 5/7 with four kills. Jill Barber hit 4/4 with three kills, Binschus was 5/6 with two kills and Casey Ingraham went 2/2 with both hits resulting in kills.

"The girls played a great game and having the Heppner crowd make the trip really gave us a boost," said Coach Terri Gentry. "We're excited to be going into the state playoffs as the number one seed."

With this win Heppner earns a bye through the dogfight for the second place CBC seed and will host the second place team out of the Wapiti league on Saturday, November 1, at 5 p.m.

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Final CBC Standings	League	Season
Heppner	12 - 1	24 - 5
Weston-McEwen	11 - 2	16 - 4
Sherman Co	8 - 4	19 - 6
Wahtonka	6 - 6	13 - 14
Umatilla	4 - 8	5 - 10
Pilot Rock	2 - 10	4 - 15
Stanfield	0 - 12	4 - 15

JVs beat LaGrande

By Molly Rhea

In what may have been their toughest match of the season, Heppner's JV volleyball team prevailed to beat LaGrande's C team, 9-15, 15-13, 15-10, at LaGrande October 17.

The talented young group of sophomores came out a step slow and fell behind quickly. Almost before they knew it they had dug a huge hole and were down 4-14. Amy Drake, a 5'10" net player, burned the Tiger defense with superb hitting and blocking to fire up a Heppner comeback. New momentum behind setters Abby Kahl and Ashley Ropp helped rally the Mustangs, but it proved to be too late and Heppner lost the first game, 9-15.

The Mustangs rallied in the "must-win" game two. Kahl and Kim Pointer set the tone with assists to Drake, Trisha Adams and Amy Papineau to loosen the claws of the young Tiger team. Allison Sykes and Stephanie Clough provided the passes and Heppner pulled out a 15-13 win.

The Mustangs controlled the momentum in game three with strong team play. Drake, playing an outstanding hitter's game, continued to lead the Heppner squad at the net. Pointer displayed excellent all around skills in the back row, with strong net play as well as consistent serving. Leah Denton also contributed outstanding play with accurate passing and successful hitting. Heppner won the game and the match 15-10.

The Heppner Cs outplayed the LaGrande team in every aspect, winning the match 13-15, 15-12, 15-11. Exceptional serving for the match was contributed by Maja Dietiker serving 14/14, Krista Adams, 5/5, Marissa McCabe, 14/15, Lindsey Ward, 7/8, and Mandy Sneddon, 8/10.



Accepting trophy

photo by Joyce Hughes

HHS CBC champs to host Elgin on Saturday

By Molly Rhea

The CBC champion Heppner Mustang volleyball team will host Elgin, the second place team out of the Wapiti league, on Saturday, November 1, at Heppner High school at 5 p.m.

The Elgin team is coached by former Heppner High School coach, Kathy (Wilson) Loosley. Loosley coached volleyball, as

well as girls basketball and track for the school years of '74-'75, '75-'76, before moving to the LaGrande area to marry and raise a family.

Weston-McEwen, the second place CBC team, will play the Imbler Panthers, the Wapiti league champs, at Imbler on the same date.

These loser-out matches are

under the jurisdiction of the OSAA and hence there will be an increase in the admission price. Be prepared to pay \$6/adult and \$4/student with student body card to get in the door. No passes will be accepted.

These matches will advance to a two-day bracket tournament in the University of Portland's Chiles Center to be played on November 7 and 8.

Ponies stampede over Cardinals

By Adam McCabe and Colin McElligott

Ione Cardinals lost to the Heppner Ponies by a score of 48-8 at Ione on Friday, Oct. 24.

Since Ione was the home team, Heppner got to call the coin in the air. The Ponies got the call right and chose to receive.

When the game started, Heppner moved the ball downfield and scored on a run by Stephan Matheny. Heppner had a successful field goal by Michael McCabe. Ione was not able to answer Heppner's points. In fact, for the first quarter, Ione was not able to move the ball. After the first quarter was over, the score was Heppner, 14, Ione, 0.

The second quarter was similar to the first. Heppner was able to score only once during this quarter. That touchdown was scored by Matheny. Instead of kicking a field goal, Heppner ran it in for some extra points to tally onto their lead. Ione's sixth graders came in on defense to show their ability and did very well. At halftime, the score was Heppner, 22, Ione, 0.

In the third quarter Ione started to wake up and look a bit better. The Cards made stronger tackles, but were not able to move the ball into the endzone. Heppner scored two more touchdowns in this quarter, along with two successful two point conversions.

During the fourth quarter, the Ione coaches started to have fun with the game. Coaches Steve Schaber and Dean Robinson replaced most of the eighth graders with seventh and sixth graders so they could have their chance to gain some knowledge of football.

Heppner again scored on Ione's defense. It looked as if Ione would not score until one minute

Bowling League

Koffee Kup Keglers
week of Oct. 16

	W	L
No Pin Hitters	17 1/2	10 1/2
MCGG	15 1/2	12 1/2
The Dregs	15 1/2	12 1/2
Who Knows	11 1/2	4 1/2
The BJs	10	18

High game: Janet Beamer 176.
High series: Janet Beamer 485.
Splits: LaJuana McKenzie 3-4-7.

IOOF card party to be held Nov. 1st

A card party will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Lexington I.O.O.F. Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend.



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