

Blue Devils overpower Mustang varsity



By Molly Rhea
The Condon Blue Devil varsity net squad whirled into Heppner on Thursday, September 17, and capitalized on Mustang miscues and mistakes to take the match, 8-15, 12-15.
Condon led from start to finish in game one, pulling ahead, 13-2, before the Mustangs were able to battle back and post up some points.
In game two the strong Blue Devil team was able to quickly overpower the Mustangs to go ahead 9-3. At that point Brooke Boyer went back to serve up five points, three of which were aces, to bring the Mustangs within one.
Although the Heppner team put up four more points, they proved to be too little, too late, with the Blue Devils taking the match in two.
Heppner's service success was a dismal 67 percent (37/55) for the match versus the 86 percent (55/64) posted by the Blue Devils. Only two Mustangs, Jaci Hughes (3/3) and Trisha Adams (1/1) were 100 percent from behind the service line.
Brooke Boyer, Jill Barber and Trisha Adams shared the setting duties. Kim Pointer successfully hit 9/11 attacks, scoring four kills along with four solo blocks; Casey Ingraham posted 6/7 attacks with three kills and four solo blocks; and Janelle Healy went 7/9 with three kills.
The JV Mustangs were the only Heppner team able to exorcise the Blue Devils this week, taking the match in two games, 15-10, 15-7.
Heppner appeared to be in complete control throughout game one, leading all the way and cruising in for the win.
Abby Kahl and Ashley Ropp did the setting and Kahl posted five kills in the game.
Game two was marred by multiple service errors, with Heppner holding a slim, 7-4, lead when Ropp went back to serve up eight unanswered points and bring the Mustangs up to 14. After several long rallies, Tracy Rankin served game point for the match.
Trisha Adams and Ropp performed the setting duties for game two.
As a team the JVs put up 78 percent service success for the match with Leah Denton (8/8), Kahl (5/5) Macy Rhea (4/4), Tracy Rankin (2/2), Laurie Michael (1/1) Amy Drake (1/1) all serving 100 percent.
Ropp successfully served 14/16 to score 11 points for the match.
The Heppner JVs host a junior varsity tournament in Heppner on September 26.

The Heppner Cs lost to the Blue Devils in three games, 3-15, 15-5, 13-15.
In game one the Blue Devils jumped out to a 5-0 lead and young Mustangs were unable to turn it around as Condon strung together several points at a stretch to steadily increase their lead and take the win, 3-15.
In the second game, with the score tied at four, Krista Adams went behind the service line to rack up points five through 10, with four of those counters coming from aces. With this strong lead the Mustangs used only two more servers to win game two, 15-5.
The Mustang Cs were leading 11-2 in game three when they allowed the Blue Devils back

into the barn.
Condon played steady ball and had the lead chipped down to four points, 13-9, when Condon's Tessa Nicholson went back to serve up points 10 through 15 to take the win for the Blue Devils.
Mustangs Krista Adams, Marissa McCabe, Meghan Bailey, Brett Barber, Jodie Carlson and Shelley Rietmann share the setting duties for the Cs. SanJuanita Elguezabal played strong, attacking the ball for several kills.
As a team the Cs service success was 43/61 for 70 percent. Contributing 100 percent serving for the Cs were Bailey (5/5), Mandy Sneddon (3/3), Rietmann (1/1) and Mindy Smith (1/1).

Mustang varsity takes first at tournament

By Molly Rhea
The Mustang varsity volleyball squad traveled to Moro on Saturday, September 19, to compete in the Sherman County Invitational Volleyball Tournament, and came home with the first place trophy.
The 10 teams in this tournament were split into two pools. Each team played the members of their pool two games to 15 points with rally scoring until one team reaches 13.
In their pool the Mustangs beat South Wasco County 15-13, 15-9, split with Condon 15-12, 9-15, defeated Culver 15-4, 15-8, and blasted the Sherman County JVs, 15-5, 15-4, finishing first place in pool play with seven wins and one loss.
Sherman County came out number one in their pool over

teams from Trout Lake, Pilot Rock, Klickitat and the Pendleton JVs, with six wins and two losses. This set up the best of three championship match between Heppner and Sherman County.
The Mustangs needed only two games to take the win, 15-12, 15-7. Condon finished third and Trout Lake fourth for the day.
"I am pleased with the way the girls played," said Mustang coach Terri Gentry. "They worked as a team and also had a lot of fun." The Mustangs' service success was over 90 percent for the day.
The varsity Mustangs met up with Lone again on Tuesday, September 22. Heppner kicks off their Columbia Basin Conference season on Tuesday, September 29, at Pilot Rock.

Heppner Colts beat Kiwanis, 20-0

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Colts won their first actual game of the season over the Kiwanis team from Hermiston, 20-0, on Sept. 16. The Colts moved to 2-0 on the year after getting a forfeit from Umatilla on Sept. 11.
After a defensive first quarter by both teams, the Colts got their first touchdown on a 45-yard run by Tyler Boyer. The extra point kick failed and the Colts led, 6-0.
Later in the second quarter, the Colts ran the same play with the same result as Boyer received a good block from Matthew VanCleave to run 40 yards for the touchdown. The extra point kick by David Flynn split the uprights to give the Colts a 14-0 lead at halftime.
The Colts scored their last touchdown on a 25-yard run around end by Jode Coil early in

the fourth quarter. The kick failed, making the final margin, 20-0.
The Colts are in action again on Wednesday, Sept. 23 as the Simplot team from Hermiston plays at Heppner at 6:30 p.m.
Kiwanis 0-0-0-0-0
Colts: 0-14-0-6-20
Scoring: first-none; second-Tyler Boyer 45 yard run (kick failed); Boyer 40 yard run (David Flynn kick); third-none; fourth-Jode Coil 25 yard run (kick failed).

Varsity Mustangs defeat Lone Cardinals

By Molly Rhea
The varsity Mustangs defeated the Lone Cardinals on Heppner's own court Tuesday, September 15.
After dropping the opener, 14-16, the Mustangs came charging back to win game two, 15-13, and then plucked the redbirds 15-0, to take the match.
Game one was close all the way with hard hitting attacks coming off of both sides. In game two, the Mustangs ran up a 12-5 lead before allowing the Cardinals to overtake the lead.
With Lone leading 13-12, it took Heppner five more service rotations to score the needed three points to take the game. Game three went quickly with Amber Peck serving 14 straight points to take the match.

The Mustangs looked strong with hitting being recorded from every player. Casey Ingraham and Janelle Healy are two of Heppner's heavy hitters. Brooke Boyer and Jill Barber consistently delivered accurate setting and Jaci Hughes hustled in the back row digging up balls.
Heppner's JVs won their match in two close games, 15-12, 15-13.
In the first game, Abby Kahl and Ashley Ropp shared the setting duties, delivering balls to the front and back row. Leah Denton played strong at the net and SanJuanita Elguezabal had a good game in the back row.
It looked as though the Heppner squad would put Lone away quickly in game two with the Mustangs leading, 13-6, early in the game, only to have the Cardinals come swooping back to within one point before the Heppner JVs managed to score another point. The Mustangs kicked in two more

points for the win and the match.

In game two Ropp and Trisha Adams did the setting for the Mustangs' 6-2 offense. Amy Papineau and Katie Sherritt put in strong net performances with three kills a piece.

The JVs served 82 percent (45/55) for the match with 100 percent serving coming from Kahl (6/6), Elguezabal (4/4),

Adams (3/3), Amy Drake (2/2) and Macy Rhea (1/1).

The C team struggled with their service accuracy and serve returns in this outing and lost in two games, 9-15, 6-15.

As a team the Cs service success was only 62 percent, although Meghan Bailey (3/3) and Mindy Smith (4/4) both posted 100 percent from behind the service line.

Lone loses to Spray/Mitchell, 26-20

By Cayle and Cameron Krebs
Lone scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but came up short in the last seconds Friday, Sept. 11, losing to Spray/Mitchell 20-26 in non-conference 1A high school football.

Andy Richardson of Spray Mitchell caught a 29-yard touchdown pass from Justin Tankerfly, with no time remaining to win the game.
Korey Morgan made a 25-yard pass to John Ferguson for a three yard touchdown run to tie the game at 20-20 with 4:50 left in the fourth quarter.

Spray/Mitchell scored two touchdowns in the first quarter to take a 14-0 lead. Brad Burright put Lone on the board with a 29-yard run in the second

quarter to make it 14-6 going into the half.

Spray/Mitchell made it 20-6 in the fourth quarter but Lone came back to tie it at 20-20 organ.

Freshman Burright, playing for the first time in high school football game, led The Lone attack, carrying the ball 35 times for 180 yards.

Ferguson caught a 25-yard pass from Morgan.

Lone had 12 first downs and rushed for over 263 yards.

"It was a great game to watch," said Lone head coach Robin Graff. "Burright moved the ball well for us."

With six Lone players out, the freshmen had to step up and play. Moving the ball well, they played a good game for the first time.

Heppner Ponies lose to Weston, 14-8

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Ponies dropped their season opening game to Weston, 14-8, on Sept. 17 in Heppner.

Neither team scored in a defensive first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Connor Kilkenny sacked the Weston quarterback, causing a fumble which he recovered at the nine yard line of Weston. On fourth down and eight, Chuy Elguezabal took the pitch from Donald Adams on the option and dove into the end zone for the touchdown. Adams hit Elguezabal with a pass for the conversion, giving Heppner an 8-0 lead with 6:16 left in the half.

Weston then drove down to the five-yard line of Heppner before the defense held, taking over on downs.

On Heppner's first play, Weston recovered a fumbled pitch in the end zone for a touchdown. Weston ran the ball in for the con-

version to tie the game at 8-8, with 1:00 left in the half.

After a scoreless third quarter, Weston got the ball deep in Heppner territory on a fumbled snap on a punt. Weston took the ball in for the touchdown a couple of plays later. The conversion failed, giving Weston a 14-8 lead with 3:47 left in the game.

Elguezabal returned the kick-off to the 50-yard line to give the Ponies a good field position. With Brad Adams gaining most of the yards running hard up the middle, the Ponies got down inside the 10-yard line. The Ponies were held there though, as Weston took over on downs and ran out the clock to get the win.

Weston: 0-8-0-6 14
Heppner: 0-8-0-0 8

Scoring: first-none; second-Heppner-Chuy Elguezabal eight yard run (Elguezabal pass from Donald Adams), 6:16; Weston-fumble recovered in end zone (run good), 1:05; third-none; fourth-Weston-eight yard run (run failed), 3:47.

Panthers crush Lone Cardinals

By Mike Radie, Koby Rea and Karl Morgan
The Prairie City Panthers pounced on the Lone Cardinals, 48-22, in 1A non-conference high school football action Friday night, Sept. 11.

The Panthers slowly began to dominate when lone quarterback Mark McElligott was forced to leave the game in the second quarter with a shoulder injury. McElligott's injury was definitely a big loss for Lone on offense. He ran the ball three times for 76 yards previous to his injury.

"We had Mark out last week and when he went down, we lost our whole backfield," Lone coach Dennis Stefani said.

After the injury to McElligott, Lone made only one other touchdown, a short run by Corey Morgan in the second quarter.

Freshman Brad Burright, a rising star of the team, ran over 100 yards for his second straight game, rushing for 110 yards on 28 carries.

Lone was matched against Prescott, Wash., at Lone Friday, September 18

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