

Mustang girls take all three Weston-McEwen teams

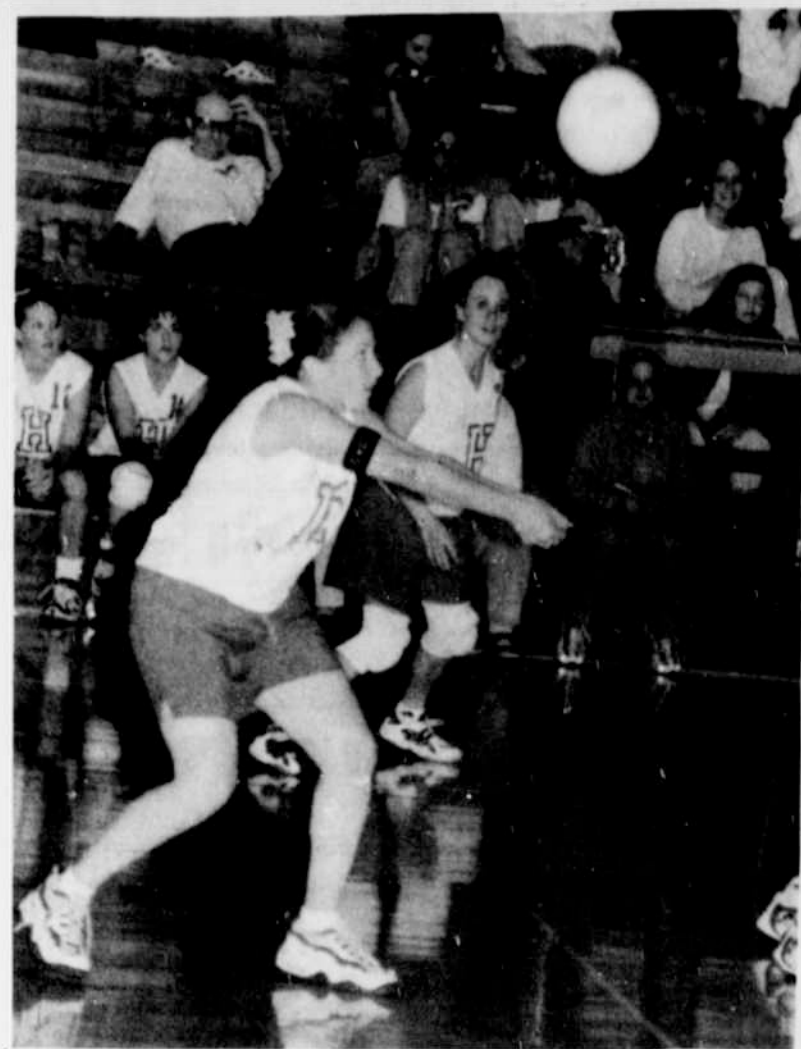


photo by Joyce Hughes

Janelle Healy returns a serve while Brooke Boyer looks on.

By Molly Rhea
The Heppner volleyball teams are making a habit of sweeping their CBC counterparts, and Tuesday, October 6, was no different. The Mustangs trotted over to Athena to take all three matches.

The Mustang varsity made it look easy as they kenneled the Tiger-Scots, 15-6, 15-5. Weston-McEwen was never able to come within three points as the mighty Mustangs bumped, set, spiked and served their way to victory.

The JV's first game looked much the same after Stephanie Clough strung together eight points in a row to give the Mustangs an 11-1 lead, and they never looked back, winning 15-7.

Game two was exciting with the Tiger-Scots jumping out to a 0-5 lead and the Mustangs playing catch-up for the game. Heppner pulled ahead 12-9, only to have Weston-McEwen tie the

score at 13, then again at 14. The Tiger-Scots gained a one point advantage, 14-15, when the Mustangs earned the side out and Allison Sykes went back to score the final three points to put the Mustangs over the top, 17-15, for the win.

The JV's posted 81 percent service success with Abby Kahl (10/10), Leah Denton (4/4), SanJuanita Elguezabal (2/2), Trisha Adams (2/20), and Amy Drake (2/2) all posting 100 percent service success.

The Heppner Cs dumped their first game in a what seemed like a marathon, 10-15. The young Mustangs reared up in the second game and quickly put the Tiger-Scots away 15-6. Game three looked like another Mustang run away with a 12-6 lead, when the Tiger-Scots came scrambling back to tie it up. At that point Jenni Patton with her patented serve, scored the final three points for the 15-12 Mustang victory.

Mustang teams sweep Wahtonka

By Molly Rhea
On Saturday, October 3, the three Mustang net squads once again swept the competition, this time at Wahtonka.

The varsity Mustangs took their third CBC game in two games, 15-13, 15-5. The first game was close with the lead see-sawing, but when the dust cleared it was Heppner 15-13. Game two was Mustangs all the way with the Eagles never threatening.

The junior varsity's match could be summed up with two words - service success. After a slow start Heppner won the match 13-15, 16-14, 15-5.

In game one the Mustangs lead 13-5 when their game went to pieces and the Eagles slowly played themselves back into the game to take the win. Heppner's team service success was dismal in game one as they were only able to put 21 of 30 serves into play (70 percent).

The momentum was definitely with Wahtonka in game two. The Mustangs pulled ahead 9-4, only to watch the Eagles wing to a 13-9 lead. At that point the Heppner team dug down and battled back over the next five rotations to tie the score at 13, then again at 14, before going ahead 16-14 to stay alive in the match. In game two the Mustangs successfully served 81 percent (21/26).

The tie-breaker game was knotted at five when Abby Kahl went back to blast in 10 straight points for the Mustang win. Using only four servers, the Mustangs posted 89 percent (16/18) service success for the final game.

The Heppner Cs continued their winning ways, taking Wahtonka 15-12, 15-1. In game one the young Mustangs found themselves down 7-12 when Jenni Patton went back and served them well, scoring points eight through 15 for the win.

The Mustang Cs used only

three servers in the second game to take the win 15-1. Meghan Bailey served the first eight points before committing a service error; Patton scored the next three; and Mindy Smith finished it off by scoring points 12 through 15.

This young team plays smart, is scrappy and definitely makes it worth getting to the gym on time, as they usually lead off the action for the Mustang netters.

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Flight C: low gross-Jenny Reynolds; low net-Jackie Allstott; least putts-Dorris Graves; long drive #6-Jackie Allstott.

Long putt #5: Karen Wildman, Lorrene Montgomery; Cam Wishart.

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Mustangs take Hermiston volleyball tournament championship

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner varsity volleyball team overpowered the competition at the Hermiston Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday, October 10. The Mustangs took all four of their three-game matches to claim the tournament championship.

The Mustangs defeated La Grande's JVs 15-7, 15-11;

needed three games to get past the Hermiston JVs 15-4, 13-15, 15-8; beat Pendleton's JVs 15-7, 15-7; and wrapped it up by icing Moses Lake's JVs 15-4, 15-9.

"The girls played well and everyone got a chance to play," said Mustang varsity coach Terri Gentry. "Although, we were a little disappointed in the level of competition.

Mustangs blast Rockets

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner Mustangs' varsity net squad displayed a hint of their dominance as they defeated the Pilot Rock Rockets, 15-5, 15-4, on Tuesday, September 29, in both teams' Columbia Basin Conference debuts.

The Mustangs led throughout both games as the Rockets were never able to mount an effective attack. Heppner's service success was 86 percent (36/42), with 100 percent serving coming from Casey Ingraham (7/7), Amber Peck (5/5), Katie Sherritt (2/2) and Jaci Hughes (2/2). Jill Barber scored a total of 10 points as she posted 12/13 service success.

Heppner's junior varsity put up identical 15-8 scores to jettison the Rocket JVs. The Mustangs led throughout game one with Pilot Rock never able to come closer than four points.

In the second game the Rockets were able to post two points with their first server before the Mustangs claimed the side out and Ashley Ropp went behind the line to serve up eight points to put Heppner in the lead for good.

As a team the JVs posted 86 percent (38/44) service success. Leah Denton (3/3), Abby Kahl (2/2) Katie Sherritt (2/2) and Laurie Michael (2/2) all contributed 100 percent service success. Ropp scored 16 points in the match, successfully serving 19 of 20 attempts.

The Mustang Cs rounded out the night for a Heppner sweep, winning 15-10, 15-13. The Cs were 85 percent (46/54) from behind the service line with Shelley Rietmann (9/9), Mindy Smith (6/6), Jenni Patton (4/4), Marissa McCabe (2/2) and Jodie Carlson (1/1) all 100 percent from behind the line.

Mustangs dominate Rockets

in three-team sweep

By Molly Rhea

Once again the three Mustang net squads took all three of their matches, this time on their home court. On Thursday, October 8, the Pilot Rock Rockets blasted into town only to sputter out.

The Mustang varsity won their match, 15-10, 15-7. In game one Heppner fell behind 3-8, then battled back to within two points. Jaci Hughes rotated into the server's position and scored eight unanswered points before the Rockets were able to grab the side out. The Mustangs allowed Pilot Rock two more points before Amber Peck put away the game with an ace.

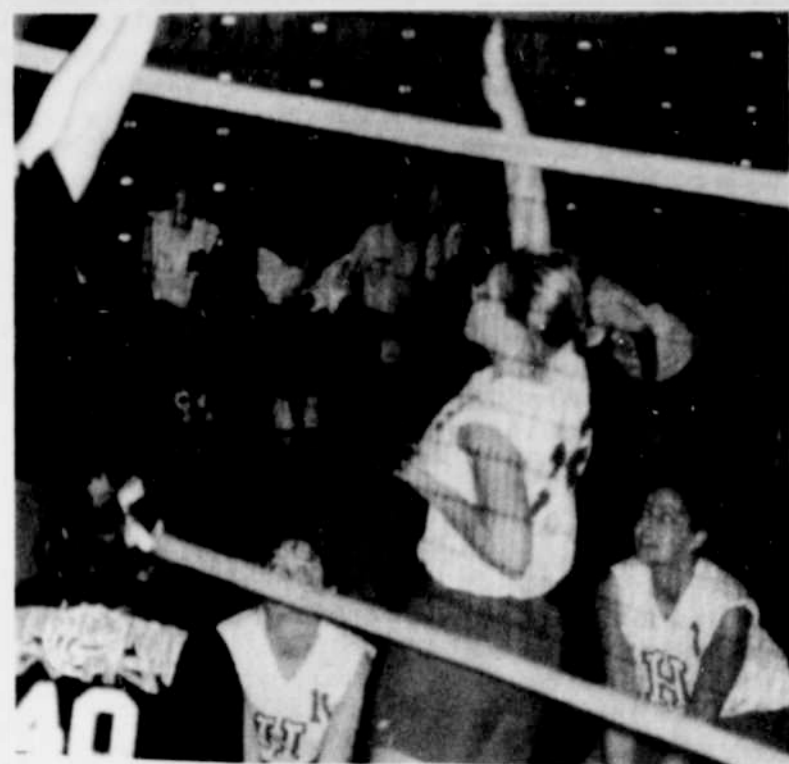
In game two Heppner was up 10-0 before Pilot Rock was able to get on the board. The Mustangs kept pounding the ball up the middle to overpower the Rockets and take the match.

The Heppner JV's also used two games to with their match 15-11, 15-10. Game one seemed like a marathon as the Mustangs used almost four complete rotations before they were finally able to put it in the book. The Mustangs trailed 5-9, then 6-10, before they were able to rally back and tie it up. Heppner needed only three more servers to take the first game, 15-11.

The second game started out slow with neither team able to post many points until Abby Kahl went behind the service line to furnish six unrefuted points and put the Mustangs ahead 12-6. The Rockets never seriously threatened the lead again as Heppner cruised to a 15-10 win for the match.

The Heppner Cs needed three games to put away the Rockets this go-round, 10-15, 15-8, and 15-8. Game one was close throughout with the score knotted several times, but Pilot Rock prevailed to take their only win of the evening. The Mustangs just flat outplayed the Rockets in game two. Although Rockets pulled out to 6-3 lead, the Heppner six kicked in their

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Amy Drake goes high over the net. Jill Barber (left) and Kim Pointer are look on. photo by Joyce Hughes

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