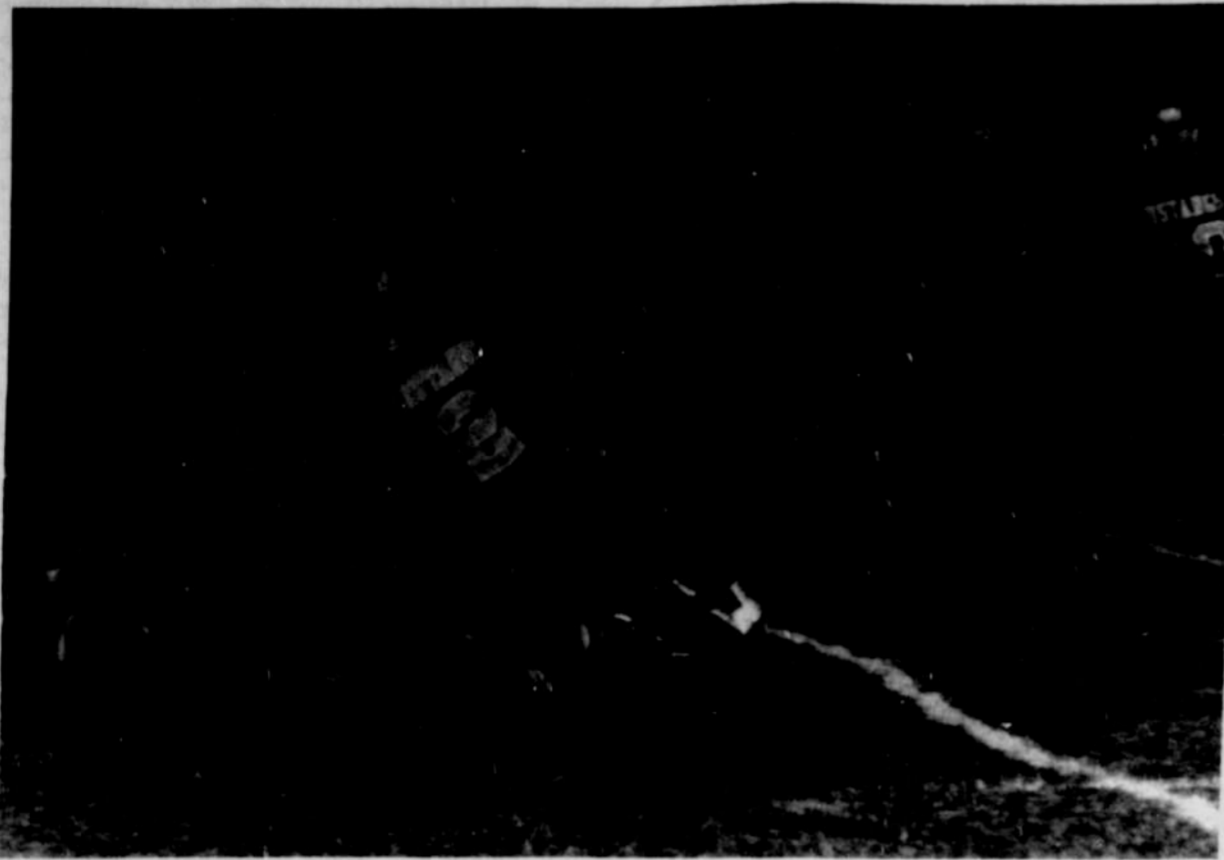


Mustangs rebound to dominate Huskies



Tim Dickenson helps out on a defensive play against Sherman

By Rick Paullus

After falling behind early, 7-0, the Heppner Mustangs rebounded to score 41 straight points to defeat the visiting Sherman County Huskies, 41-21, on Friday, Oct. 16. The win in the last regular season home game improved the Mustangs' Columbia Basin Conference record to three and one and their overall record to four and three. The win kept Heppner in second place behind league-leading Culver.

The Mustangs' game with Stanfield scheduled for Friday, Oct. 23, has been cancelled because Stanfield has only 11 players.

Sherman County took the opening kick-off and marched down the field only to miss a 33-yard field goal. After picking up a first down on an eight yard run by Craig Scott, the Mustangs were held and had to punt.

Taking over at midfield, Sherman continued their domination on the ground as Josh MacNab ran for a 37-yard touchdown. Luke Scoggins kicked the extra point to give the Huskies a 7-0 lead with 3:43 left.

The Mustangs came right back in less than a minute to score their first touchdown on a 58-yard touchdown pass from Ryan Matteson to Tim Dickenson. Blake Knowles kicked the extra point to make it 7-7 with 2:45 left in the first quarter.

Sherman County drove down to the 31 of Heppner before fumbling the ball which Dickenson recovered for the Mustangs.

Behind the running of Levi Geer and Derek Gunderson, the Mustangs drove to the 38 of Sherman County where the Mustangs had their only fumble of the game which the Huskies recovered.

The defense held to force a punt by the Huskies which Gunderson returned 68 yards for a touchdown. Picking up a good block from Casey Evans, Gunderson tight-roped the last 15 yards and dove the last of the run to just get into the end zone. The kick was no good so the Mustangs led 13-7 with 8:35 left in the first half.

Sherman County came right back and drove to the four yard line of Heppner and looked like they were going to go in for the tie, but Dickenson intercepted a pass in the end zone to kill the drive.

The Mustangs were unable to do anything and were forced to punt as the first half came to a close with Heppner leading, 13-7.

Craig Scott returned the second half kick-off to the 39 of Heppner to give the Mustangs a good field position. On third and 10, Matteson hit Dickenson for 19 yards and a first down. Gunderson ran for four yards and a screen pass to Geer picked up nine more. A holding penalty took the ball back to the 40-yard line. Scott ran for 20 yards, then six more and an offside penalty made it first and goal inside the 10 yard line. Gunderson ran for six yards and Geer took it inside the one, before an offside penalty on the Mustangs took it back to the five. Matteson then kept the ball around end for the

touchdown. The two-point conversion pass failed and the Mustangs led 19-7 with 6:55 left in the third quarter.

Playing much better defense, the Mustangs forced the Huskies to punt, giving Heppner the ball at their own 34-yard line. Gunderson took a swing pass from Matteson for 40 yards to the 26 of Sherman County. Geer then ran for three and then four yards and Scott ran for nine yards to the 10. Scott then ran the final 10 yards for the touchdown. Matteson ran in the two-point conversion to make it 27-7 Heppner with 3:22 left in the third.

The Mustangs' defense again held and forced a punting situation for the Huskies. A bad snap on the punt and good hustle by Evans and Knowles tackled the punter at the 27-yard line. Scott then broke loose for 23 yards to the four. Matteson then hit Evans for a four yard touchdown pass. Knowles kicked the extra point to make it 34-7 with 1:48 left in the third.

Sherman County took over at their own 25 after the kick-off and the Mustangs' defense, which held the Huskies to minus 22 yards in the third quarter, again forced the punt. The Mustangs got good field position at the 45 of the Huskies.

Scott ran for nine yards but a motion penalty brought up a third and six. Matteson then hit Jared Eckman for 30 yards to start the fourth quarter. Michael Schonbachler then ran six yards for the Mustangs' final touchdown. Knowles' kick was good to give the Mustangs a 41-7 lead with 11:31 left in the game.

Sherman County then got their offense back and drove down to the 18 of the Mustangs but Gunderson intercepted a pass in the end zone to give the Mustangs the ball at their own 20.

The Mustangs were unable to move the ball and were forced to punt. The Huskies took over at their own 26 and, going against mostly the JV defense, drove down and scored on a Keith Christianson 14-yard run. Scoggins kicked the extra point to make the score 41-14 with 2:50 left.

Michael McCabe got a nice return on the kick-off to give the Mustangs good field position at their own 46.

The offense then were forced to give the ball back to Sherman County. With time running out, Asa Richelderfer hit Justin Miller for a 32-yard touchdown pass. Scoggins kick made the final score 41-21.

The defense, which gave up 120 yards in the first quarter before stiffening, was led by Levi Geer with 21 defensive points. Tim Dickenson had 20 points with a fumble recovery and an interception. Derek Gunderson had 16 points with an interception. Jake Roy had 15 points and Blake Knowles and Craig Scott each had 14. Casey Evans and Matt Baker each had 12 points and Jared Eckman had 11 points.

Scott led all rushers with 92 yards on 10 carries and a touchdown. Geer had 21 yards on seven carries and Gunderson had 19 yards on four carries. Michael Schonbachler ran four

times for 13 yards and a touchdown.

Ryan Matteson completed seven of 10 passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns and no interceptions.

Dickenson had two receptions for 77 yards and a touchdown. Gunderson had two receptions for 44 yards.

Sherman Co. 7-0-0-14-21
Heppner 7-6-21-7-41

First

S.C. - MacNab 37 yard run (Scoggins kick) 3:43
Hep - Tim Dickenson 58 yard pass from Ryan Matteson (Blake Knowles kick) 2:45

Second

Hep - Derek Gunderson 68 yard punt return (kick failed) 8:35

Third

Hep - Matteson 5 yard run (pass failed) 6:55
Hep - Craig Scott 10 yard run (Matteson run) 3:22
Hep - Casey Evans four yard pass from Matteson (Knowles kick) 1:48

Fourth

Hep - Michael Schonbachler 6 yard run (Knowles kick) 11:31
S.C. - Christianson 14 yard run (Scoggins kick) 2:50
S.C. - Miller 32 yard pass from Richelderfer (Scoggins kick) :06

Rushing

S.C. - Christianson 15-83,
MacNab 8-53, Thomas 5-51,
Hale 8-16, Richelderfer 1-(-8),
Fritz 2-(-15), Langston 1-(-15)
Hep - Craig Scott 10-92, Levi
Geer 7-21, Derek Gunderson 4-
19, Michael Schonbachler 4-13,
Ryan Matteson 2-5.

Passing

S.C.-Richelderfer 5-15-1-87,
Fritz 1-4-1-24
Hep-Matteson 7-10-0-164

Receiving

S.C. - Langston 3-73, Miller 1-
32, Christianson 1-6, MacNab 1-
6.

Hep - Tim Dickenson 2-77,
Gunderson 2-44, Jared Eckman
1-30, Geer 1-9, Casey Evans 1-4.

CBC Volleyball

Eastern Division As of October 19	
	League
Heppner	8 0
Weston-McEwen	4 4
Stanfield	2 6
Pilot Rock	0 9
Western Division	
	League
Sherman County	5 2
Culver	5 2
Wahtonka	3 4

Upcoming Mustang Matches

Thursday, October 22, Stanfield at Heppner, 5 p.m. Friday, October 23 La Grande JV & C teams vs Heppner JV & Cs at Heppner. Saturday, October 24, Culver at Heppner, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27, at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m.

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Mustang VB squads sweep Sherman County

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner volleyball teams made the long road trip to Moro on Saturday, October 17, and chalked up another three team sweep over the Sherman County Huskies.

In what proved to be their most exciting match so far this year, the Mustang varsity net squad beat the Huskies, 15-8, 15-13.

Heppner trailed 1-5 in the first game when Casey Ingraham went back to serve. Ingraham's jump serve changed the tempo of the game and had the Huskies totally intimidated as she aced five points before going out the back. Sherman County tied the score at six, but Amy Drake cancelled the next point attempt by blocking 5'11", Talia Sanderson's spike attempt. Brooke Boyer served the Mustang's seventh point with the kill coming from Kim Pointer.

The Huskies gained the side out and were able to score two points before Drake smashed down a kill. Janelle Healy gave the Mustangs a solid lead, serving up points eight through 13. Jill Barber scored point 14 when Ingraham blocked the spike off of hard hitting, 6'1", Amy Richelderfer. Barber then put over the game point for the win.

Although the Mustangs carried the momentum into game two, they had to work hard for the victory, as the Huskies never allowed Heppner to string together more than three points at a time. The Mustangs had a 3-1 lead with points coming from Barber, Amber Peck and Ingraham, when the Huskies were able to use two servers and gain a 3-6 advantage.

Barber scored point four with Boyer bouncing a hit off the Husky blockers, point five off an Ingraham kill and aced the sixth point to bring the Mustangs even.

Sherman County scored their seventh point off a kill before serving out the back. The Huskies thwarted Peck's point attempt with a Richelderfer kill, only to have their next serve silenced with kill from Healy. Ingraham aced point seven and eight with her powerful jump serve, and scored the ninth with a successful tip from Boyer.

The Huskies scored again to bring the score within one point, then Boyer threaded the double block for a kill to gain the side out.

Boyer served up the Mustang's 10th point off a jump serve, but her next attempt went wild. The Huskies scored again to bring the margin back to one, then lost the serve with a penalty.

Healy scored point 11, then 12 with Barber tipping down for a kill, before Sherman County got the side out call.

The Huskies were able to post points 10 and 11 off kills by Richelderfer before serving one into the net. Heppner was unable to score on their attempt and the Huskies went ahead 13-12 with Richelderfer blocking the Mustangs' spike attempts down.

Heppner gained possession with a missed serve and Barber took the opportunity to tie the score with help from a tip-kill from Boyer and point 14 off an Ingraham kill. Sherman County gained the side out on a Richelderfer kill, but failed to score when Ingraham shanked a hit off a Richelderfer block to take back the ball. With a one-point advantage Peck stepped back and served up game point to keep the Mustangs undefeated in league play.

"The girls stayed relaxed and stuck with our game," said coach Terri Gentry. "I am really pleased with how the girls played."

Setters Boyer and Barber again demonstrated their talent as they were able to target sets to every position. Along with kills being recorded for nearly every player, Heppner's service success was an incredible 93 percent for the match.

The Mustangs played at Pilot Rock on Tuesday, October 20, will host Stanfield again on Thursday, October 22, and then face off with the Culver Bulldogs on Saturday, October

24, in Heppner's gym. Culver is tied with Sherman County for the lead in the CBC eastern division, and this could prove to be another great match to watch.

The Heppner JVs took their match in two games, 15-11, 15-10. The Mustangs had a 14-7 advantage in game one, but allowed the Huskies within three before putting the game away.

Heppner held a 3-0 lead after their first server in game two, then the Huskies used their next four servers to tie it up. The Mustangs grabbed back the advantage and never looked back as they galloped to yet

another victory.

The JVs played Pilot Rock on Tuesday, will meet up with Stanfield on Thursday, and then plan to revenge their only loss of the season when they host the LaGrande JVs on Friday, October 23, before taking on the Culver Bulldogs on Saturday.

The Heppner Cs easily took their match, winning 15-1, 15-6, using only one and a half rotations per game.

The Mustang Cs played Pilot Rock on Tuesday, and will then see action again on Friday, October 23, when they host the LaGrande C team. The Cs lead off the action against Culver on Saturday, October 24.

Colts defeat Stanfield, 24-12

By Rick Paullus

In a battle of unbeaten teams, the Heppner Colts came out on top of Stanfield, 24-12, on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Stanfield. The win improved the Colts' record to six and 0 to end the regular season.

The first round of the play-offs will be held in Hermiston on Wednesday, Oct. 21, with the championship game set for Saturday, Oct. 24.

The Colts will have a rematch with Stanfield on Wednesday in Hermiston. Les Schwab and Wal-Mart will play in the other semi-final game.

The Colts' defense set the tone early by holding Stanfield on downs on their first possession. The Colts then marched down the field and scored their first touchdown on a bootleg around left end by Jode Coil for 18 yards. David Flynn kicked the extra point and the Colts led 8-0 after the first quarter.

With the clock winding down towards halftime, Coil found Kory Paullus open and Paullus outran the defenders to the end zone for a 62-yard touchdown

pass. Flynn's extra point kick into the wind was perfect, giving the Colts a 16-0 halftime lead.

The Colts took the ball to begin the third quarter and getting key runs for first downs by J.C. Sherritt and Tyler Boyer, marched the ball down the field. The drive was capped by a Coil to Brandon Seitz seven yard touchdown pass. Flynn booted the extra point through, giving the Colts a 24-0 lead after three quarters.

Stanfield scored two fourth quarter touchdowns, the last with :02 left, to make the final score 24-12.

Colts 8-8-8-0-24

Stanfield 0-0-0-12-12

First

Colts - Jode Coil 18 yard run (David Flynn kick)

Second

Colts - Kory Paullus 62 yard pass from Coil (Flynn kick)

Third

Colts - Brandon Seitz 7 yard pass from Coil (Flynn kick)

Mustangs run away with win over Stanfield



photo by Joyce Hughes

Jill Barber (left) and Kim Pointer look for the return

By Molly Rhea

We witnessed another Mustang runaway on Tuesday, October 13, as the hosting Heppner Mustang volleyball teams trampled the Stanfield Tigers.

The varsity Mustangs won their match in two quick, 15-1, 15-7, games. Jill Barber aced Heppner's first point to set the tone for the game. The Mustangs used only four servers to put game one away as the Tigers struggled to even put the ball into play.

Game two started much the same with Brooke Boyer aching the first two points. After allowing Stanfield to tie the score at two, Janelle Healy went back to score six points and put Heppner ahead for good.

"It was difficult to put together much hitting with Stanfield having trouble even returning out serves," said coach Terri Gentry. "But it was good to be able to get everyone into the game."

The Mustang JVs collared the Tigers in two games, 15-1, 15-12. Game one was a three server game with Katie Sherritt

starting off Heppner's scoring with two aces. Then Amy Drake went back next to rack up the next nine points. Trisha Adams wrapped it up by serving point 12 through 15.

In game two the Tigers went ahead 4-9 before the Mustangs reared back and Allison Sykes scored points six through 10 to gain a one point lead. The score was tied at 10 and again at 12 before Macy Rhea went back to score the final three points and put the match away.

The Heppner Cs also took care of their match in two games, 15-10, 15-3. The young

Mustangs had trouble getting their first game together as they needed two and a half full rotations to finally tame the Tigers for game one.

Game two was a whole different story. Heppner was up 3-0 when Julie Proctor went behind the service line and was evidently "unreturnable" as she furnished points four through 14. Stanfield was able to post three points before the Mustangs scored game point to take the match.