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**Mustangs undisputed leader in CBC league with win over Culver**

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner Mustangs continued on their undefeated march as the undisputed leader in the Columbia Basin Conference as they kenneled the visiting Culver Bulldogs 13-15, 15-4, 15-4, on Saturday, October 24.

The junior varsity match was a yawner with Heppner winning 15-6, 15-1. The Mustangs were down 1-4 in game one when Trisha Adams went back to score four points and take a lead that the Heppner girls never relinquished.

The second game was even quieter. The Mustangs were ahead 3-1 when Abby Kahl, the Mustang's fifth server, went back to score points four through eight. Allison Sykes, the next Mustang server, finished it up, scoring Heppner's final seven points, five of those from aces.

Sykes was a perfect 7/7, Kahl, 9/10, and Adams 4/4 for the match. Although the JVs were unable to get much hitting in due to poor serve return, Amy Drake was marked for three kills.

If the JV games were dull, the varsity more than made up for it as their match went into three games before the Mustangs were able to chain the Bulldogs.

In game one the Mustangs had an 8-2, then a 12-6 point lead, from consistent serving and powerful hitting when the Bulldogs hit the end of their leash and started to fight back.

Culver narrowed the lead to three, 12-9, when both teams went into a scoring drought as nine servers put up the ball without any resulting score.

Jill Barber aced point 13 for the Mustangs, but 6' Bulldog, Mandi Talbott, smashed down a kill on her next serve to claim the side out. Culver scored points 10 and 11 off front row Talbott kills then lost the possession with a serve into the net. Talbott hit for another kill on the Mustangs' next serve to send the ball back to the Bulldogs. Culver scored points 12 and 13 off Mustang mistakes, then committed another service error to hand the ball back to the Mustangs who were unable to capitalize with any further score. It took Culver three more serve rotations to win game one, 13-15.

Every server that Heppner sent behind the line scored in game two with Brooke Boyer starting them off scoring the first point off Casey Ingraham's kill, and acing point two before Talbott pounded down her third effort.

Janelle Healy denied the Bulldogs service attempt by smashing down a kill to reclaim the serve. Jaci Hughes then scored Heppner's third point with help from an Ingraham kill. Her next attempt was rebuffed by a Bulldog kill.

Culver was able to score their first point off a kill, then Healy tipped one down to grab back the possession. Healy scored Heppner's fourth point off a wide hit, then Culver was awarded the side out but was unable to score when Amber Peck spiked the ball for a kill. Barber scored points five and six with an Ingraham kill and a block, then Heppner lost the possession with a ceiling penalty.

The Bulldogs were able to put up their second point off a Mustang penalty before relinquishing the ball. Ingraham then went back to jump serve Heppner's points seven through 13 before serving into the net. The Bulldogs managed to put in points three and four before Amy Drake smashed down a kill of her own to claim side out for Heppner. Peck went on to score point 14 and 15 for the Mustangs to win the second game, 15-4.

The Bulldogs grabbed a 0-2 lead in the final game before Drake stuffed a ball to claim Mustang side out. Healy scored Heppner's first point, then Culver earned side out. Drake jumped up and killed the ball on the Bulldogs' next serve attempt to claim the ball for Heppner again. Hughes scored Heppner's second point off a wide hit, then served to hand Culver the ball.

The game's next three servers were unable to score, then Peck went back to serve up Mustang point three through nine, with two of those marking as Healy kills, before giving it up to the net. The Bulldog's next server scored two more points before Ingraham hit for a kill, then

went back to jump serve the Mustangs' final six points, acing 10, scoring 11 off a Healy block stuff, point 12 off a double block from Boyer and Drake, and acing 13, 14 and 15, to pull down another 15-4 win for the match.

The Mustangs racked up an excellent service with 93 percent service success for the match with both of their setters, Boyer (10/10) and Barber (8/8), serving 100 percent, while Ingraham successfully put in 16/17, Peck went 14/15, Hughes was 9/10 and Healy served 8/9. Almost every Mustang was marked for at least one kill off spikes, tips or blocks, with Ingraham totalling nine for the match, Healy working the net for eight and Drake adding four.

Casey Ingraham's heavy hitting and serving, as she was marked for four kills and seven points (four of which were aces) in game two alone, turned the tide and the Mustangs were able to sustain their momentum into the third game to remain undefeated in league play.

The Mustangs went over to Athena on Tuesday, October 27, for their final game before the district tournament on Saturday, October 31, to be hosted by Wahtonka in The Dalles. Heppner will face the Columbia Basin Conference western division leader, Sherman County, in the first match to determine the district championship and the first seed into the state tournament. Divisional second place teams, Weston-McEwen and Culver, will then play a "loser-out" match for the privilege to play the loser of the first match. The winner of this final match will determine the CBC's second seed going into the state tournament.

The OSAA 2A State Volleyball Tournament will take place November 12-14 at Lane Community College in Eugene.



Casey Ingraham's devastating jump serve helped polish off Culver

photo by Joyce Hughes

**CBC Volleyball**

Eastern Division  
 As of October 24

Team	League
Heppner	11 0
Weston-McEwen	7 4
Stanfield	2 9
Pilot Rock	0 11

**Western Division**

Team	League
Sherman County	8 2
Culver	5 4
Wahtonka	3 6

**Upcoming Mustang Action**

District Tournament, Wahtonka High School, The Dalles, Game time 3 p.m.

**Park district meeting Nov. 18**

The Willow Creek Park District meeting will be held Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1998 at 7 p.m. at Heppner city hall.

**Varsity, JV teams beat Stanfield**

By Molly Rhea

The three Mustang volleyball teams again hosted Stanfield on Thursday, October 22. The Tigers stunned the Heppner Cs by taking that match in three games, while the varsity and junior varsity won their matches in two games.

In game one the Mustang varsity tied up the game at five apiece, then went on to lead for the rest of the contest and win, 15-8.

The second game was all Mustangs as the Heppner servers aced nine of the



Amber Peck (front) and Jaci Hughes in action against Stanfield

photo by Joyce Hughes

required 15 points to take the match, 15-2.

Kim Pointer and Janelle Healy lead the hitting with four kills for the match. Jill Barber served 13/14 to score 10 points in the two game match.

The junior varsity won their match in two games also, 15-12, 15-6.

The Mustang JV found themselves battling back from a five point, 3-8 deficit in game one. Trisha Adams aced point five and went on to score points six and seven, Stephanie Clough scored point eight on a penalty and aced nine to put the Mustangs up by one. The Tigers tied the score at nine, then each team scored another to knot it at 10.

The Mustangs were up 11-10 when Stanfield got the ball on a

service error and went ahead, 11-12, before Amy Drake stopped their push with a kill. Macy Rhea went back to score the last four points to take the win.

The JV Mustangs were in a 3-6 hole in the second game when Rhea went back to score the final 12 points for the game and the match. Rhea was a perfect 15/15 for the match, while Leah Denton was marked for six kills off the net from hits or tips.

The Heppner Cs were never able to pull their whole game together as they went down in a close, three-game match, 13-15, 15-7, 13-15. In both of the games that Heppner dropped, the Mustangs seemingly had the Tigers on a leash with an 8-to-2 point lead before they allowed Stanfield to get back into the game for the win.

**MCURD to hold meeting**

The Morrow County Unified Recreation District will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m. at Riverside High School in Boardman.

Agenda items include: 1998-99 funding requests; the year end report from the Morrow

County Arts Council; election of officers; certification from the assessor; the chairman's report; the treasurer's report; and current bills, including \$23,192 in lawyer's fees.

The next meeting will be Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Columbia Junior High in Irrigon.

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