

Serving struggles plague Heppner in loss to Sherman County

The Heppner Varsity Volleyball team's struggles at the serving line played a big part in their downfall in on Saturday, October 23. The visiting Sherman County Huskies, leaders of the Columbia Basin Conference west division, defeated the Mustangs in three, 15-4, 8-15, 13-15.

This loss put the Mustangs in a tie for first place in the Eastern Division of the CBC with the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots. The Mustangs were in first place after their victory over Weston-McEwen October 21, 13-15, 15-8, 15-8.

As of Monday, October 25, the Mustangs and Tigerscots were both 6-2 in the league. Heppner was 13-5 for the season; Weston-McEwen was 12-6. Stanfield was 3-5 in the league and 10-14 for the season and Pilot Rock is 1-8 in the league and 2-13 for the season.

In the Western Division, Sherman County was 7-0 in the league and 14-1 for the season. Culver and Wahtonka were both 2-5 in the league. Culver is 4-8 for the season and Wahtonka is 12-11.

In Saturday's game against Sherman, the Heppner team had only a 73 percent serving average for the night.

Amy Papineau was 14-15 at the serving line for 93 percent with one ace. Papineau and Kim Pointer led the team with 10 points apiece. Pointer was 11-15 at the serving line for 73 percent, and had three aces.

Ashley Ropp was 9-11 in serving for 81 percent with one ace. She made six points for the team. Trisha Adams was 6-8 for 75 percent and made five points. Two Mustangs, Katie Sherritt and Allison Sykes were 100 percent, with two and five serves, respectively. Sykes also had one ace and made three points.

Casey Ingraham made 16 attacks during the game, with eight kills. She also made seven dinks and nine blocks.

Kim Pointer made 10 attacks, four kills and 1 dank and Amy Drake had 13 attacks, three kills, two dinks and five blocks.

The Mustangs were 88 percent

in receiving.

Ropp and Adams, both with one receive, and Sykes with six all had 100 percent receiving. Ingraham was 13-15 in receiving for 88 percent; Papineau, 6-7 for 87 percent; Pointer, 17-20 for 87 percent; Stephanie Clough, 5-6 for 85 percent; and Sherritt, 2-3 for 75 percent.

The Mustangs defeated Pilot Rock at home in two Tuesday, October 26. Saturday, October 30, the Mustangs travel to Culver with a 1 p.m. game time.

The Mustangs' last regular season game is at home Tuesday, November 2, for their third matchup against Weston-McEwen, beginning with C-team play at 5 p.m.

The district playoffs are scheduled for Saturday, November 6, at Weston-McEwen, beginning at 3 p.m.

The state volleyball tournament is slated for Thursday through Saturday, November 11-13, at Lane Community College in Eugene.

JVs down Pilot Rock Rockets

The Heppner Mustang JVs ended their season with a 3-1-1 record by beating the Pilot Rock

by Rick Paullus

Rockets 26-6 on Monday, Oct. 18 in Pilot Rock.

Neither team moved the ball in the first quarter and Brad Bowman recovered a fumble for the Mustangs to end a Rocket drive.

The Mustangs finally got their offense going in the second quarter as Travis Bellamy broke free for a 20-yard gain and Brad Adams ran twice for 10 yards, then 23 yards to the 10. Bellamy went for seven and Adams took it inside the one. Kelly Paullus then took it in for the Mustangs' first touchdown. The pass failed and Heppner held a 6-0 lead at halftime.

Brad Adams broke through the line and ran 42 yards for a touchdown early in the third quarter. The PAT run failed and the Mustangs now led 12-0.

Pilot Rock cut the lead in half with a 44-yard touchdown pass late in the third quarter.

Donald Adams returned the kick-off 30 yards to midfield as the third quarter ended. Adams then hit Bellamy on a screen pass that resulted in a 45-yard touchdown. The pass failed and the Mustangs then led 18-6.

On the Mustangs' next possession, Conor Kilkenny took a pass from D. Adams 60 yards to the 13 where B. Adams took it on in for the Mustang's final touchdown. Bellamy caught the two-point conversion pass from D. Adams to cap the scoring.

Brian Sweeney stopped two Rocket drives by stripping and recovering a fumble at the Pilot Rock 35, then intercepting a pass at the Rocket 40.

Heppner 0 6 6 14 - 26
Pilot Rock 0 0 6 0 - 6

Second quarter

Hep- Kelly Paullus 1 yard run (pass failed) 2:33

Third quarter

Hep - Brad Adams 42 yard run (run failed) 11:08
P.R. - 44 yard pass (run failed) 1:27

Fourth quarter

Hep - Travis Bellamy 45 yard pass from Donald Adams (pass failed) 11:50
Hep - B. Adams 13 yard run (Bellamy pass from D. Adams) 8:25

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Heppner secures first in CBC Mustangs explode over Stanfield, 78-14



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Heppner running back Michael McCabe gets by a Stanfield defender in Friday's rout of the Tigers.

by Rick Paullus

Craig Scott took the first handoff on the Heppner Mustangs' first possession and never looked back on his way to a 78-yard touchdown run as the Mustangs exploded over the visiting Stanfield Tigers, 78 to 14, on Friday, Oct 22.

The Mustangs (5 and 0 CBC, and 8 and 0 overall) secured first place in the Columbia Basin Conference with the win. The Mustangs have a bye next week and face the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, Nov. 5, to wrap up the regular season.

After Scott's touchdown, Mitch Mathews caught the two-point conversion pass from Ryan Matteson to give the Mustangs an early 8-0 lead.

The Mustangs took over at their own 28 after another Stanfield punt and went right to work again. Michael McCabe picked up seven yards and Michael Schonbachler picked up two to set up McCabe for a 64-yard touchdown run. Matteson passed to Schonbachler for the PAT to give the Mustangs an early 16-0 lead.

Schonbachler then recovered an onside kick at Stanfield's 43-yard line. The Mustangs were unable to move the ball and the Tigers took over on downs.

The Mustangs' defense held again and Scott took the punt 64 yards for his second touchdown. The run failed and Heppner led 22-0 still in the first quarter.

The Mustangs took over at the Stanfield 43 after the Tigers fourth punt of the first quarter. McCabe ran for 20 yards, Geer went for three, then McCabe broke free for 20 yards and his second touchdown run of the first quarter. The pass failed and the Mustangs held a 28-0 lead after one quarter.

After a short punt by the Tigers gave the Mustangs the ball at the Stanfield 40 yard line, Geer went for 15. After two incomplete passes, Scott picked up 11 and a first down.

Scott ran for eight more to set up a six-yard touchdown run by Geer. Matteson hit Schonbachler for the two-point conversion and the Mustangs now led 36-0.

The Mustangs' defense again held as McCabe shot in from his linebacker position to tackle the running back for an eight yard loss.

Heppner took over at their own 49 after yet another punt and

clock to take the big win. McCabe picked up 14 yards to get the Mustangs' offense going again. Stefan Matheny caught a 27 yard pass from Matteson, then Matteson hit Schonbachler for a 10-yard touchdown pass. Scott ran in the PAT to give the Mustangs a 44-0 lead.

The Tigers then mounted their only drive of the first half as Victor Baros scored on a one yard touchdown run. Baros ran in the PAT and Heppner now led 44-8 at halftime.

The Mustangs didn't let up in the third quarter taking over at their own 29 after the kick-off and marching down the field with the help of two 15 yard penalties. Geer ran for 20 yards, then 10, then one yard for a touchdown and took the PAT pass from Matteson to give the Mustangs a 52-8 lead.

On the Tigers' first possession, Blake Knowles made a hit as the quarterback was about to pass, then McCabe and Schonbachler tackled the running back for a two yard loss. McCabe then picked off a pass and returned it 49 yards for a touchdown. The pass failed and the Mustangs then led 58-8.

The Mustangs' defense again held and forced the Tigers to punt, taking over at their own 39. Geer then broke loose for a 61 yard touchdown run. After the run failed the Mustangs led 64 to 8.

The Tigers scored their second touchdown of the game on a 41 yard run by Baros. The run failed and the Mustangs now led 64-14 at the end of the third quarter.

On the Tigers' next possession, Nick Anthony intercepted a pass to give the Mustangs the ball at their own five yard line.

After a few short runs and a couple of holding penalties, Scott broke free for a 92 yard touchdown run. The pass failed and the Mustangs now led 70-14.

The defense again held and the Mustangs took over at the Tigers' 43 yard line. Donald Adams went for six, Brian Rust ran for five and a first down. Rust ran for four, then Brad Adams ran for nine and another first down. Brad Adams ran for nine, Donald Adams ran for nine more, then one to set up a two yard touchdown run by Rust. Brad Adams ran over a defensive back for the two-point conversion to close out the scoring at 78 to 14.

On the Tigers' last possession, Ben Turrell recovered a fumble and the Mustangs ran out the

clock to take the big win. Scott ran just five times for 189 yards and two touchdowns for the Mustangs. Geer carried 12 times for 138 yards and three touchdowns, and McCabe ran nine times for 136 yards as the Mustangs piled up 517 yards rushing for the game.

Matteson was 4 of 9 passing for 36 yards and a touchdown.

McCabe and Schonbachler led the defense with 31 and 30 points respectively.

Clint Bellamy had 14, Knowles 13 and Jake Roy 10. Matheny and Anthony finished with nine points apiece.

Stanfield 0 8 6 0 - 14
Heppner 28 16 20 14 - 78

First quarter

Hep - Craig Scott 78 yard run (Mitch Mathews pass from Ryan Matteson)
Hep - Michael McCabe 64 yard run (Michael Schonbachler pass from Matteson) 6:31
Hep - Scott 64 yard punt return (run failed) 3:03
Hep - McCabe 20 yard run (pass failed) :23

Second quarter

Hep. Levi Geer 6 yard run (Schonbachler pass from Matteson) 8:50
Hep - Schonbachler 10 yard pass from Matteson (Scott run) 5:24
St. - Victor Baros 1 yard run (Baros run) :40

Third quarter

Hep - Geer 1 yard run (Geer pass from Matteson) 8:11
Hep - McCabe 49 yard interception return (pass failed) 5:28
Hep - Geer 61 yard run (run failed) 2:45
St. - Baros 41 yard run (run failed) :35

Fourth quarter

Hep - Scott 92 yard run (pass failed) 9:05
Hep - Brian Rust 2 yard run (Brad Adams run) 3:23

Individual Statistics

Rushing- Stan. - Baros 11-112, Ena 18-101, Correa 5-44, McQuown 2-6, Pollick 1-(-4) Graham 2-(-8)
Hep - Scott 5-189, Geer 12-138, McCabe 9-136, Brad Adams 2-18, Schonbachler 3-17, Rust 3-11, Donald Adams 1-6, Brad Bowman 1-2
Passing- Stan. -Baros 2-8-2-5.
Hep - Matteson 4-9-0-36
Receiving - Stan. - Pollick 1-4, Ena 1-1
Hep - Stefan Matheny 1-27, Schonbachler 1-10, Scott 1-2, McCabe 1-(-3).

Mustangs beat Weston-McEwen for first place in East Division

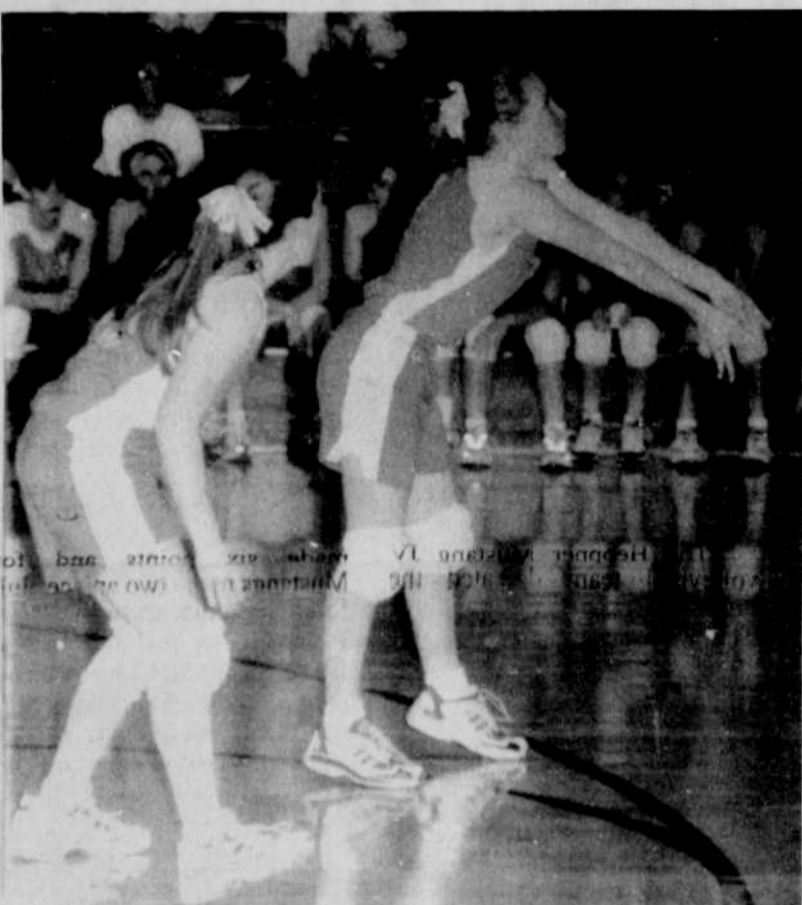


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Mustang volleyball player Allison Sykes returns a serve against Weston-McEwen in last Thursday's game. Looking on is Stephanie Clough.

The Heppner Mustang Volleyball team was back on track for a league win at Weston-McEwen Thursday, October 21. The Heppner win over the Tigerscots put the Mustangs in first place in the East Division of the CBC with 6-1 in the league and 13-4 for the season. The Tigerscots were 6-2 in the league and 12-6 for the season.

The Mustangs beat the Tigerscots in three 13-15, 15-8, 15-11, avenging an earlier loss to Weston-McEwen on Heppner's home court October 12, 15-8, 6-15, 8-15.

The Mustangs were 83 percent at the serving line and 91 percent in receives.

Casey Ingraham was right on target with 16 out of 18 serves, including three aces, for 87 percent serving. She led the Mustangs with 11 points. She also made 16 attacks, 12 kills, three blocks, seven dinks and was 100 percent in receiving with 11.

Kim Pointer was 8-9 at the serving line for 88 percent and made four points for the Mustangs. She made 20 attacks, 10 kills, nine dinks and one block. Pointer was 18-20 in receiving for 90 percent.

Amy Papineau was 15-16 at the serving line for 93 percent, making 10 points for the team. She made nine attacks, two kills and had 100 percent receiving with four.

Amy Drake made seven attacks, one dank and two blocks.

Stephanie Clough and Katie Sherritt both had 100 percent serving with one and six serves, respectively. Sherritt made five points.

Abby Kahl was 75 percent serving with 3-4 and Ashley Ropp was 6-9 for 66 percent. She made four points.

Allison Sykes was 13-14 in receiving for 93 percent. Clough, Papineau and Ropp were all 100 percent in receiving. Clough had seven, Papineau, four, and Ropp, one.

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