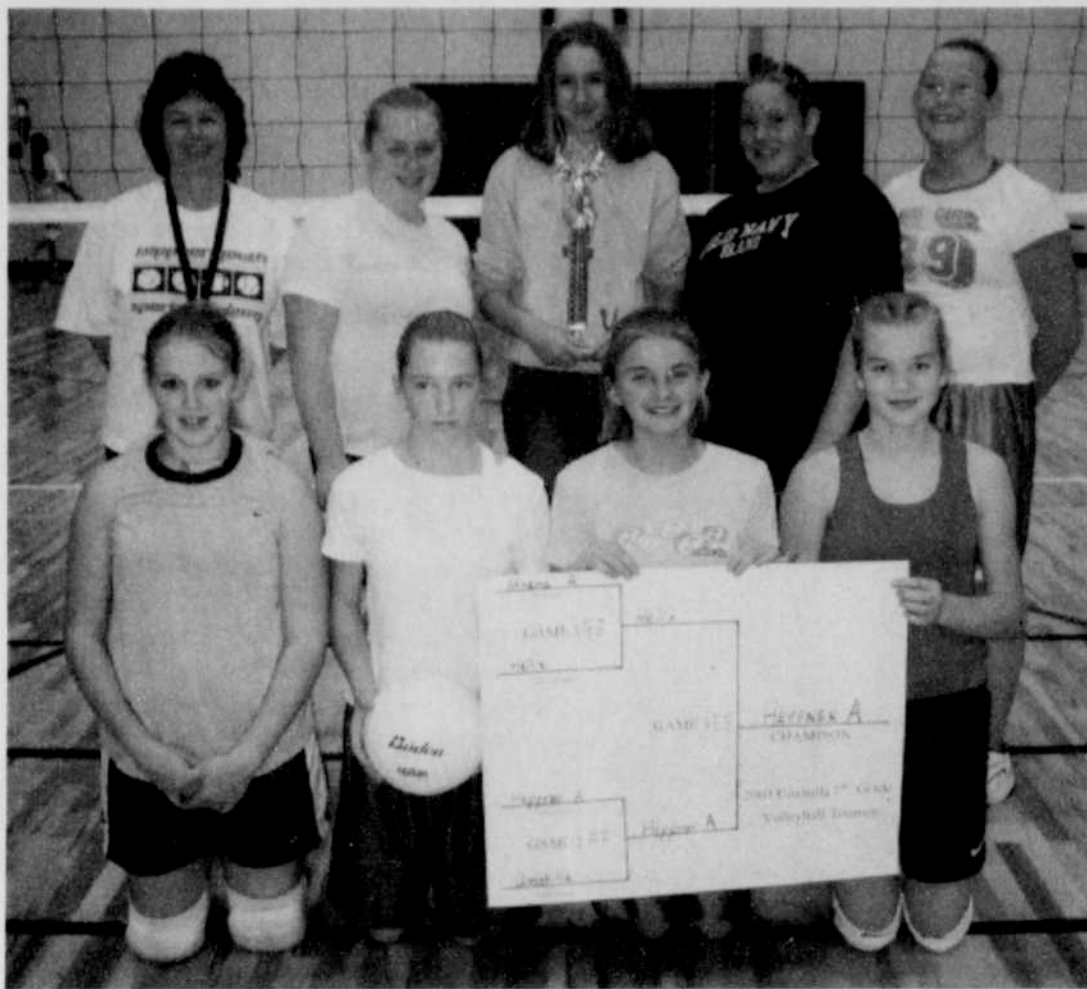


Heppner Jr. High volleyball ends season as champions



Jr. High 7th Grade Volleyball Champions: "B" Team - Coach Cindi Doherty, Kendra Rayburn, Kate Kendrick, Brittney Booth, Stephanie Rill, Jessica Connor, Melissa Robbins-West, Kassey Wilson and Sherilyn Peck



Jr. High 8th Grade Volleyball Champions: "A" Team - Coach Dana Reid, Aftan Betsinger, Jenna Bowman, Katie Kilkenny, Taylor Kempas, Cyde Coil, Megan Orr, Kylie Doherty, Kelsie Fox, Whitney Matthews and Baillie Keithley



Echo B-C Tournament 1st & 2nd Place and Sportsmanship Award: "B" & "C" Teams - Coach Dana Reid, Stephanie Rill, Jessica Connor, Kelsey Wolfe, Jenna Bowman, Mercedes Garrett, Maggie Armato, Brittney Booth, Kaylee Helfrecht, Melissa Robbins-West, Katie Moore, Kendra Hendricks, Kathryn Strouse, Kelsie Fox, Baillie Keithley, Sherilyn Peck, Kassey Wilson, Chelsey Hedman, not pictured Stephanie Cutsforth

Twenty-eight seventh and eighth graders hit the volleyball courts in September. The large turnout resulted in creating three teams ("A", "B", and "C") with some players floating between teams to increase the amount of playing time and to help strengthen the teams during competition to create opportunities for more improvement.

Improvement was a highlight during the season. The seventh graders learned the basic fundamental skills, while the "A" team, due to the exceptional talent, learned very advanced skills and were able to capitalize on these skills during competition.

The Heppner Jr. High volleyball teams finished with very successful seasons. The "A" Team finished undefeated with a 14-0 record and for

many of these girls, they were Eighth Grade Champions for a second year in a row, while the "B" Team finished as the Seventh Grade Champions.

The "B" and "C" Teams participated in the Echo B-C Tournament and ended their season with first and second place finishes. The "C" Team gave the "B" Team a run for their money in the championship game, but the "B" Team came out on top.

Heppner placed three members on the All-Tournament Team (Jenna Bowman, Sherilyn Peck and Melissa Robbins-West) and the "C" Team capped off the tournament with the Sportsmanship Award.

Heppner Jr. High is full of naturally talented athletes and with their great attitudes will contribute greatly to the Mustang volleyball program in the future.

DA's report

Luis Angel Lopez was convicted of Burglary-1, a Class-A felony. Lopez was sentenced to 36 months supervised probation, 90 days in jail, 80 hours of community service and payment of \$1214 in fines, fees and restitution. Lopez was also convicted of Theft-2, a Class-A misdemeanor. For this, he was sentenced to 180 suspended days in jail, 24 months bench probation and payment of \$124 in fees.

Cardinals defeat Cougars

By Justin Archer

The Echo Cougars lost the coin toss, so the lone Cardinals got to receive the ball at the start of the game.

The ball was caught by Clay Morter who ran about 25 yards before being tackled. The Cardinals kept going up the field getting more and more first downs. Then, on a sweep, Justin Archer ran the ball for a touchdown. The field goal was not good. The score was 6-0 Cardinals.

The Echo Cougars then received the ball and were tackled by a number of Cardinal players. The Cougars could not get a first down. The Cardinals then took over, making another touchdown by Alan Rietmann.

The Echo Cougars tried again and managed to make their way up the field to make a touchdown. The two-point conversion was not good. The score was 14-6, lone.

The Cardinals came

back with a strong offense making other touchdowns by Cory Peterson and Clay Morter. The Cougar's offense didn't go that well. There were many bad punts and some blocked punts. On one blocked punt by Aiden Burt and Cory Peterson, Alan Rietmann picked it up to walk in for the touchdown. At the end of the first half the score was 41-6 Cardinals.

The Cardinals came back in the second half to kick off. The Cougars ran back to be tackled by Dalton Campbell, Matt Colemann, and RJ Ramos. The ball was fumbled many times and was recovered by Paul Hams and other teammates. In the second half the Cougar's offense seemed to be running smoothly. They made many touchdowns and good plays. For the Cardinals, Gunner Jessen and Peterson made some good runs up the field.

On defense the Cardinals had some good

tackles by Kip Krebs, who also had many good blocks. Luke Bradfield made some tackles along with Colemann, and Kevin Fowler who made some catches thrown by Paul Hams. The final score was 41-36, Cardinals.

Next week the Cardinals travel to Arlington to play their last game.

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Oct. 10: Michael Loren Adkins, 21, Hermiston and Kristi Kay Bloodworth, 19, Hermiston.

Oct. 13: Jose Mendoza Cervantes, 21, Hermiston and Esperanza Ortiz Mendoza, 21, Umatilla.

Oct. 20: Carlos Chacon Enriquez, 44, Hermiston and Mibia I. Alvares Derma, 24, Hermiston.

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Colts beat Simplot to win championship



By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Colts outlasted Simplot to take the Hermiston Grid Kids championship by a score of 18-12 on Saturday morning, Oct. 25 in Hermiston. The Colts finished off the year a perfect 8 and 0 in winning the championship, after finishing second a year ago. The Colts also won the title five years ago.

Simplot had the ball first, but the Colts defense stopped them on downs as Jordan Hatfield made two tackles for loss to give the Colts the ball at the Simplot 35-yard line.

Chance Day ran for three yards and then for four more, after an offside penalty on Simplot, for a first down at the 23-yard line. After another offside penalty, Wacy Coil ran for 13 yards and Jake Gregory took it to the four where Day took it in for the touchdown. The kick was no good, but the Colts led 6-0 midway through the first quarter.

The Colts defense stepped up again as Brent Eckman, Bryan Holland and Gregory made tackles for losses during Simplot's next drive. The Colts were unable to move the ball and Simplot put together another drive late in the second quarter, but Day and Eckman knocked down passes to end the threat and the half with the Colts clinging to a 6-0 lead.

The Colts took the ball on the opening possession of the second half and went to work as Coil ran twice for 13 yards and Day ran for four. Two personal foul penalties on Simplot moved the ball down to the Simplot 15-yard line. After an offside penalty and faced with a third and five, Eckman hit Jared Huddleston

in the end zone for a 10-yard touchdown. The kick was no good, but the Colts led 12-0 midway through the third quarter.

Simplot came right back driving down the field to score their first touchdown of the day on a 23-yard run. The kick was no good and the Colts led 12-6 late in the third.

The Colts came back to answer, putting together a drive, as Coil ran for five and Eckman ran twice for seven and a first down. After two motion penalties, Coil took a pass from Eckman 10 yards and Holland ran five yards for a first down at the 35-yard line. Eckman hit Huddleston for a 15-yard gain, Coil ran for five, but a motion penalty brought it back and Holland went 16 yards to the seven. Eckman took it around the end on a bootleg for seven yards and a touchdown. The kick was no good, but the Colts led 18-6 early in the fourth.

Simplot came right back with a score of their own on a 33-yard run. The kick was no good, so the Colts led 18-12 with 2:45 left in the fourth.

Eckman ran for seven yards on first down. After an incomplete pass, Holland ran for 11 yards and a defensive penalty took the ball to the 37-yard line. On third and seven, Holland went around end for 17 yards to the 28-yard line. Day broke for a touchdown, but a penalty brought it back to the thirty-two. Zack McCarl went for five and Holland picked up eight, but Simplot took over on downs at their own 22-yard line with 13 seconds left. The clock then ran out giving the Colts the win.

The Colts were coached by John McCabe, Kelly Fox and Mike Doherty.

Colts 6 0 6 6-18
Simplot 0 0 6 6-12

First Quarter
Colts-Chance Day four-yard run (kick failed) 2:43

Third Quarter
Colts-Jared Huddleston 10-yard pass from Brent Eckman (kick failed) 4:27

Simplot-#9 23-yard run (kick failed) 1:27

Fourth Quarter
Colts-Eckman seven-yard run (kick failed) 5:02

Simplot- 33-yard run (kick failed) 2:45

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