

Mustangs squeak by Rockets 9-7

By Rick Paullus

When a last second field goal attempt by the Pilot Rock Rockets missed by the narrowest of margins, the Heppner Mustangs had pulled out a 9-7 win over the Rockets on Friday, Oct. 8 in Pilot Rock in a wild Columbia Basin Conference game.

The Mustangs, 3-0 in the CBC and 3-3 overall, had gotten a 35-yard field goal on a free kick from freshman Matt McCabe with 48 seconds left in the game to regain the lead at 9-7.

The Mustangs get a much needed week off with a bye before being at home against the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Friday, Oct. 22 in CBC play.

The game started out good for the Mustangs as the Rockets were forced to punt on their first possession, which Jode Coil returned 16 yards to midfield. Matt Kenny ran twice for eight yards and a face mask penalty took the ball to the thirty-eight. After a hold brought it back to the forty-one, Tyler Boyer ran for seven then the Rockets jumped offside on third and five to give the Mustangs a first down at the 28-yard line. Matthew VanCleave then threw a pass that bounced in and out of the defensive backs hands and into Brandon Seitz hands who took it in for the touchdown from the five. The two-point conversion failed but the Mustangs led 6-0 midway through the first.

Neither team could move the ball the rest of the first quarter and through the second as they traded punts with the Mustangs gaining in field position each time as Kenny had punts of 41, 46 and 62 yards. The Mustangs had good field position at the Rocket 32-yard line after a Boyer 13-yard return late in the second quarter. Kenny ran for four, VanCleave hit Seitz for 14 yards and a first down at the sixteen, Boyer ran for four, Kenny for four and Coil for one before the Rockets held on fourth at their own six.

The defense held again and a short punt out of bounds gave the Mustangs good field position again inside the Rocket 30-yard line. However, a fumbled shotgun snap was recovered by the Rockets back at the Heppner 47-yard line. The defense held again with the Mustangs taking over on downs and ran out the clock clinging to a 6-0 lead at the half.

The Mustangs took over at their own 24-yard

line after the second half kick-off and went right to work as Boyer ran three times for 31 yards and a personal foul penalty took it down to the Rocket 29-yard line. Boyer ran twice for 13 yards then for eight more, but a hold brought it back to the 25-yard line. Boyer ran for five and on third and long, the Rockets picked off a pass at the goal line and brought it back to their forty-four.

The teams traded punts with the Rockets taking over at their eleven after a 41-yard punt by Kenny. VanCleave then picked off a deep pass and brought it back for an apparent touchdown, but a clipping penalty and a personal foul brought it back to the Rocket 49-yard line. Boyer ran six times for 16 yards, but a fumble was recovered by the Rockets at their own 27-yard line.

The Rockets then scored their touchdown on a 70-yard catch and run and kicked the extra point to take a 7-6 lead with 9:28 left in the game.

The Mustangs took over at their own 21-yard line after the kick-off with Boyer, running twice for nine yards then breaking free for 67 yards before being tackled at the three, but it was brought back by a holding penalty and they were forced to punt.

The defense held and they took over at their own 15-yard line after a punt and went back to work as Boyer carried five times for 28 yards. Aaron Delveaux gained five and on a fourth and five at midfield, VanCleave hit Seitz for 11 yards and a first down at the thirty-nine. Boyer then carried five straight times, the last time to the two, but the ball came out late on the tackle and was recovered by the Rockets with 1:42 left.

The defense held and Coil made a diving fair catch at the Rocket 25-yard line and the Mustangs opted to go for the free kick with 48 seconds left in the game. After a long delay to get everyone satisfied with the rules, McCabe came on and kicked the ball through the uprights to give the Mustangs the lead.

McCabe kicked the ball deep into Rocket territory, but a good return brought the ball out to the Mustangs 42-yard line with 36 seconds left. The Rockets picked up 12 yards on first down then Kory Paullus picked off a Rocket pass at the goal line and brought it back to the twelve but fumbled and the Rockets

recovered to set up their last second field goal attempt.

The defense was led by Boyer and Paullus with 16 defensive point each with Kenny and Quinn Peck each getting 13 points. Rory Kilkenny had 11 points, Delveaux 10 points and Peter Geer had nine points.

Boyer was the workhorse on offense carrying the ball 38 times for 202 yards with Kenny running 10 times for 28 yards.

VanCleave completed five of eight passes for 68 yards with Seitz catching three passes for 52 yards.

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Pilot Rock 0 0 0 7-7

First Quarter
Heppner- Seitz 28-yard pass from Matthew VanCleave (run failed) 7:17

Fourth Quarter
Pilot Rock- Kyle Humphreys 70-yard pass from Mitch Byrnes (Jacob Mitchell kick) 9:28

Heppner- Matt McCabe 35-yard field goal 4:48

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Heppner-Tyler Boyer 38-202, Matt Kenny 10-28, Jode Coil 4-5, VanCleave 4-(-13), Aaron Delveaux 1-5 and Kory Paullus 1-(-7); Pilot Rock-Tyler Schachtsick 10-27, Byrnes 9-20, Humphreys 5-27 and Michael Krosting 4-8.

Passing: Heppner-VanCleave 5-8-1 68 yards; Pilot Rock- Byrnes 6-24-2 117 yards.

Receiving: Heppner- Seitz 3-52, Kenny 1-10 and Paullus 1-6; Pilot Rock- Humphreys 2-86, Bobby Parish 2-12, Krosting 1-13 and Schachtsick 1-6.

Public hearing on charter school to be held in Ione

The Ione School District Board of Directors will be holding a public hearing on Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. to review the charter proposal for the Ione School District. The meeting will be held in the school cafeteria.

Anyone may appear and comment on the proposed application during the meeting. A copy of the application is available for review at Ione Schools during school hours.

ATV group to meet

A meeting of the Reload Ridge Riders will be held Wednesday, October 20, upstairs at the Heppner Elks Club at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will include the election of officers.

Lady Cardinals down South Wasco

By Marie Key

The Cardinals' varsity volleyball team traveled to Maupin on Thursday, Oct. 7 and defeated South Wasco in three games, 25-12, 25-23 and 25-15.

Jenny Griffith led the team with 17 points, three aces, 25 passes, two blocks, five hits and three kills. Following close behind was Emily Rietmann with 10 points, two aces, seven passes and 24 set assists. Ashly Grams also contributed eight points, 10 passes, 30 set assists and one ace.

Other contributing were Alyssa Rietmann with three points, 34 passes, 15 hits and five set assists and Stephanie Holland with one point, 30 passes, six hits, one kill and five blocks. Sara Peck added 39 passes, 14 hits, two kills, three blocks and nine set assists. Kim Morris had nine hits, one pass and one block and Barbara Holland had 16 passes, nine hits, five kills and one block.

Ione JV girls defeat South Wasco

By Marie Key

The Ione JV girls defeated South Wasco JV in two games at Maupin on Thursday, Oct. 7. The scores were 25-17 and 25-19.

Amber Patton led the team with eight points, six passes and one kill. Brittnee DesBouillons followed with six points, eight passes and two hits.

Kylee Svetic added four points, eight passes, three set assists, two aces and one hit. Kaylee Palmateer added two points and two aces. Kayla LaRue added two points, six passes and three hits. Paige Armstrong had one point, eight passes and one hit. Emily Rietmann contributed six passes and four set assists, while Julianna VandenBrink had six passes and Teonna Vandever had five passes.

Neighborhood Center to hold Open House

The public is invited to the Neighborhood Center Open House to be held on Thursday, Oct. 21, from 5-7 p.m.

Along with a tour of the building, Center Coordinator Jan Skaggs will explain how the Center helps the community.

Cookies and coffee will be served.

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Ponies see several wins over weekend



A Team players (L-R): Katherine Strouse, Melissa West, Maggie Armato, Jessica Hughes and Catherine McElligott in the background.



(L-R): Katie Moore, Kylie VanArsdale, Emily Thompson, Whitney Smith and Kaylee Helfrecht.

The Ponies played the Rockets at Pilot Rock Friday afternoon, Oct. 8. The B team easily won both their matches in two games. The scores were game one 25-7 and game two 25-10. The A team was evenly matched and played three very close games, but lost the match in a heartbreaking overtime third game. Scoring as follows: game one 23-25, game two 25-19 and game three 15-17.

On Saturday, Oct. 9 the Ponies played at Boardman against Riverside and Irrigon. The B team played well and won both matches easily in two games each. Scoring against Riverside as follows: game one 25-15 and game two 25-

16. The scores against the Rockets at Pilot Rock Irrigon were: game one 25-10 and game two 25-10. The B team won the tournament.

The A team played several nail biters but also won both their matches to win the tournament. Heppner Ponies A team won the first two games against Irrigon to win the match. The scores were: game one 25-20 and game two 25-20. They lost the first game against Riverside in overtime 29-31, but went on to win the next two games and won the match scoring, 25-11 and 15-10.

On Thursday, Oct. 14 the Ponies volleyball will play Echo at 5 p.m. at the Heppner Elementary School gym.

City clerk honored by international association

Melissa Ross, CMC, City Clerk/Recorder of the City of Ione, has been awarded the prestigious designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk" (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) for achieving its high educational, experience and service requirements.

Ross has been employed with the City of Ione since March 2002, where she serves in the position of City Clerk/Recorder.

She attained her designation as Certified Municipal Clerk through completion of the IIMC-approved Municipal Clerks Institute Program conducted by the Conferences and Professional Programs, Washington State University, Puyallup. This program provides over 100 student/instructor contact hours of in-depth courses in managerial and leadership skills, social and interpersonal concerns and technical training needed to deal with changes taking place in government today.

She has attended courses and seminars sponsored by the Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders and has completed other courses,

seminars and conferences relating to local government.

Active in professional affiliations she is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and Oregon Association of Municipal Recorders.

Ross has been a member of the IIMC since September 2002. She joins 41 active Municipal Clerks from the State of Oregon who currently hold the designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk."

The certification program of the IIMC was launched in 1970. The program aids municipal clerks and deputy clerks in improving job performance and recognizes the professionalization of the Municipal Clerk's office. Completion of a recognized career development institute or a baccalaureate degree in public administration or related field, responsible experience in local government and participation in conferences, meetings and educational seminars are required to earn the Certified Municipal Clerk designation. Qualifications of applicants are reviewed and approved by the IIMC Program and Review Committee.

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Please join us for Round Two of the Blue Mountains Community Collaborative Workshops

Wednesday October 20	Eastern Oregon University Hoke Hall, Room 309 One University Blvd. La Grande, OR	Workshops will be from 6 pm to 9 pm Discussion 6:00 - 6:30
Wednesday October 27	Convention Center 1601 Westgate Pendleton, OR	Welcome & Intro 6:45 - 7:00 Review Vision 7:00 - 7:15 Need for Change 7:15 - 9:00
Thursday October 28	St. Patrick's Senior Center 182 N. Main Street Heppner, OR	

Here's a chance to help shape the management of the national forests in the Blue Mountains over the next decade.



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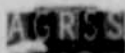
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