

# Mustangs lose to Irish

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs finished their tough non-league schedule with a 27-7 loss to the DeSales Irish on Friday, September 14, in Walla Walla. The Mustangs, 0 and 2, will begin defense of their Blue Mountain Conference crown by finally playing at home against the Stanfield Tigers on Friday, September 21, at 7 p.m.

The Irish wasted no time in jumping on the Mustangs by taking the opening kick-off and driving 65 yards in 2:43 as their very talented quarterback, Kevin Baffney, punched it in from one yard out and kicked the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

They struck again after recovering a Mustang fumble on their third play from scrimmage at the Heppner 26 yard line. Baffney hit Marcus Fazzari from six yards out for the touchdown and led 13-0 after the extra point sailed wide left.

The Mustangs got the ball back again taking over at their 40 yard line and after an offside on the Irish, Lane Bailey ran for eight yards and a first down. Bailey picked up three more, Dalton Wellman kept it for a five yard gain and on fourth and two, Bailey picked up just enough for the first down at the 36 yard line of DeSales. Bailey then hit the middle of the line, bounced free and outraced everybody to the end zone for the Mustangs' first offensive touchdown of the year. Josh



Heppner Mustang JV player Keenan Jack strips the ball from the Weston-McEwen player at Monday Nights Football game in Heppner. The Mustangs beat the Tiger Scotts 27-0. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Shank booted the extra point and the Mustangs cut the lead to 13-7 with 3:53 left in the first quarter.

The Mustangs' defense held, this time forcing a punt and they took over at their own 28 yard line. But the drive ended two plays later when the Irish picked off an errant pass at the 31 yard line. The Irish promptly took advantage of the turnover by driving for a score as Baffney again punched it in from one yard out and kicked the extra point for a 20-7 lead early in the second quarter.

The Mustangs got good field position as a short kick was returned by Sean Murray to the Heppner 46 yard line. Bailey ran twice for 10 yards and first down but the drive stalled and the Irish took over as the first half came to an end.

The Mustangs took over at their own 41 yard

line as Bryan Holland took the second half kick-off 22 yards and nearly broke it for a touchdown. They were unable to move the ball, however, and had to punt but the defense stiffened, forcing an Irish punt and the Mustangs took over at the DeSales 49 yard line. After a short run by Bailey, Wellman hit Spencer Palmer for a 13 yard gain to the Irish 33 yard line. The drive stalled though and the Irish took over at their own 32 yard line.

The Irish then put together a long drive capped by a three yard run by Baffney and after John Nibler kicked the extra point it was 27-7 early in the fourth.

The Mustangs took over at their own 25 yard line and picked up a first down as Brent Eckman ran three straight times for 12 yards but they stalled and had to punt. The teams traded

punts as the game came to an end.

Bailey ran 18 times for 86 yards.

The defense was led by Andre Rauch with 14 defensive points followed by Dennis Kenny with 12 points, Bailey had 11 points and Wacy Coil had 10 points. Same King had eight points and Palmer and Ricky Martin each had seven points.

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DeSales 13 7 0 7-27

First Quarter: D-Kevin Baffney one yard run (Baffney kick) 9:17; D-Marcus Fazzari six yard pass from Baffney (kick failed) 6:11; H-Lane Bailey 36 yard run (Josh Shank kick) 3:53.

Second Quarter: D-Baffney one yard run (Baffney kick) 10:53.

Fourth Quarter: D-Baffney three yard run (John Nibbler kick) 10:37.

Individual Statistics  
Rushing: H-Bailey 18-86, Brent Eckman 3-12, Dalton Wellman 3-5, Dennis Kenny 1-1. D-Baffney 12-67, Hayunga 15-66.

Passing: H-Wellman 3-6-1 14 yards; Eckman 1-1-0 seven yards. D-Baffney 8-17-0 76 yards; P. Richard 1-1-0 four yards.

Receiving: H-Spencer Palmer 3-21; Kenny 1-(-1). D-Hayunga 3-34, Fazzari 2-10; Hazeltine 2-12; P. Richard 1-18; T. Richard 1-6.

## Mustang Musings



Students and teachers are back for their third week of school. Pictures were last Thursday and kids were dressed up very nice and looking good at HHS. The junior varsity girls volleyball have games Monday against Arlington, away; here on Tuesday against Irrigon; and Thursday, here, with Stanfield. The varsity girls play here Thursday against Stanfield and on Saturday a four way tournament in Union. The JV football plays Monday here against Weston-McEwen, and next Monday in Union. Varsity football plays this Friday against Stanfield.

The Junior High girls' volleyball team and the Junior High boys' football team play this Friday in Irrigon.

This week we selected a few of the new students to interview: Cherisse Lemmon, Emma Osmin, and Kylie Kim.

The first one was

Cherisse Lemmon. She moved here from Hillsboro, and now lives in Lexington. Being a sophomore this year, she enjoys her Spanish, and math class. Some of the things Cherisse likes are the colors pink and green, dancing, and lacrosse. She has three brothers and two sisters.

The second new student we selected was Emma Osmin. She moved here from Irrigon and lives in Heppner. She enjoys basketball, and volleyball. Emma's favorite class here is activity period. She is at the age of 12 and in the seventh grade.

The last, but not least, new student was Kylie Kim, who is also one of the exchange students here at HHS. She came here from South Korea and is 17. She has one sister at the age of 11. Her favorite class here is yearbook publications. Some of her favorite things are lunch, and the color pink.

## Cardinal football now 2-1 for season



The Ione Cardinal defense held when it had to, holding off Wallowa 40-38 in an afternoon shoot-out at Wallowa last Friday. After leading by 14 points in the final quarter, it all came down to stopping the point after attempt by Wallowa with 1:11 on the clock. With the game seemingly in the bag just moments earlier, the Wallowa quarterback who is also one of the state's best sprinters, picked off a Justin Archer pass and ran back 75 yards to a touchdown to put the Cougars within two.

With the game tying pass in the air, Paul Hams capped an all-around outstanding day on the gridiron by knocking the pass out of contention, giving Ione the win. The Cardinals used a grinding running game to put points on the board, scoring all their touchdowns on the ground. Alan Rietmann returned to the Cardinal squad after a two year absence due to injury and scored the first two touchdowns for Ione. He ended the game with three scores, carrying the ball 22 times for 111 yards, and also led the team in tackles with 14, seven solo. Paul Hams had a gutty performance, packing the ball 30 times for 183 yards and three touchdowns.

Ione had 444 yards of total offense, with 285

at Heppner, 7 p.m.

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on the ground and 159 in the air. Wallowa had 329 yards of offense in the game, throwing for 188 and running for 141.

Although the scoreboard said the final margin was just two points, Coach Dennis Stefani felt like his team was controlling the game. Many of Wallowa's scores came on big plays or as a result of mental lapses. The Cards got off an outstanding 84 plays in the game compared to 57 for the Cougars. "They say in football that if you get off 70 plays, you're controlling the game," said Stefani.

After being defeated soundly by Wallowa last year, the hard fought victory was a great stepping stone for Ione, now 2-1 on the season. "I think the kids are coming on and figuring out ways to win," said Coach Stefani. "They've come a long way since the St. Paul game. It was a great win."

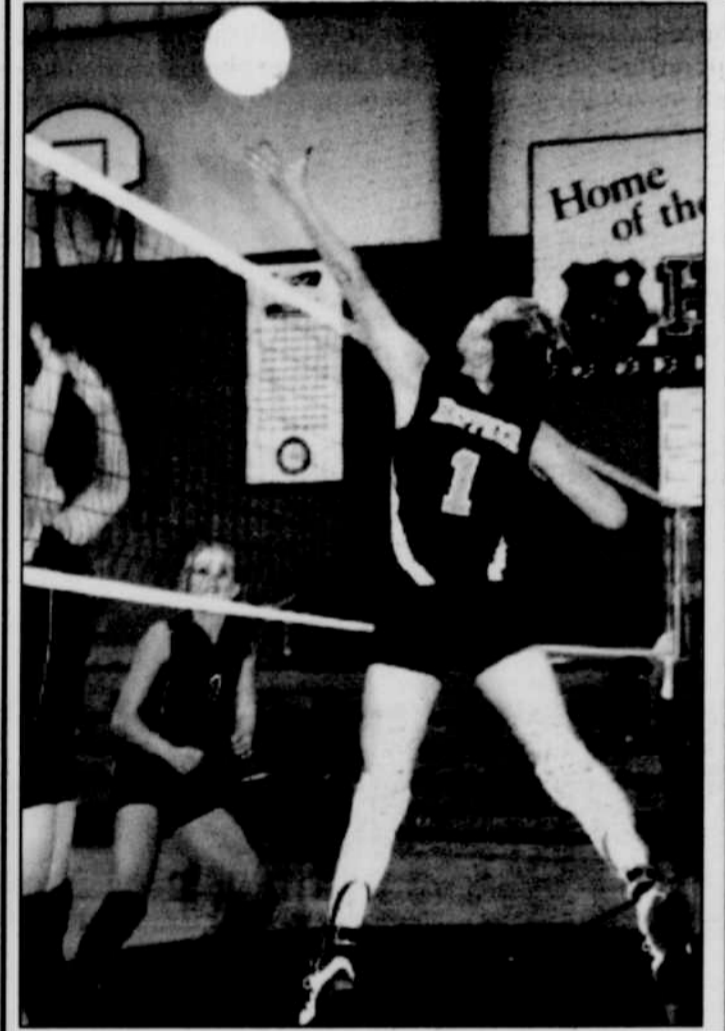
"Our defense made great plays throughout the whole game. They had their quarterback on the run all day and made some crucial stops."

Next up for the Cardinals is the opening of league play this Friday night at 7 p.m. versus perennial league rival Condon-Wheeler.

## 2007 Mustang football schedule

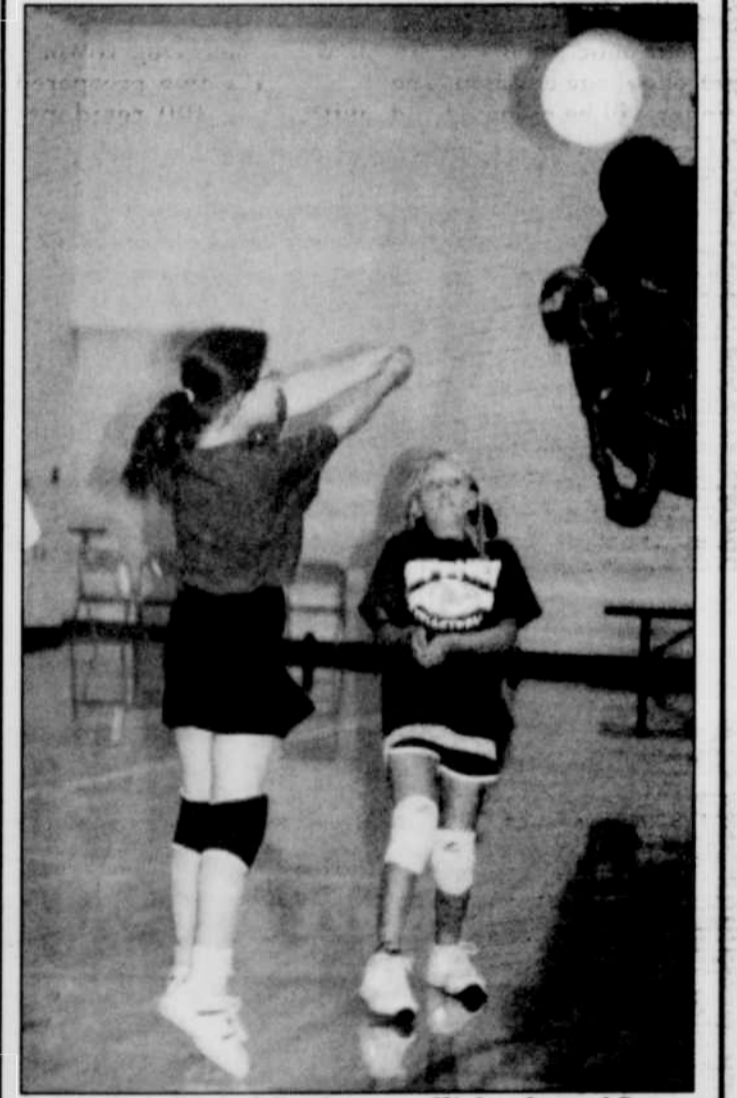
September 21 - Stanfield at Heppner, 7 p.m.  
September 28, Union at Union, 7:30 p.m.  
October 5 - Pilot Rock at Heppner, 7 p.m.  
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## Mustangs take second in tournament



Heppner Mustang Sherilyn Peck makes a hit against the Union Bobcats at the Sherman County volleyball tournament this weekend in Moro. The Heppner Mustangs ended up finishing the tournament in second place. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

## Colt Volleyball in full swing



Colt Volleyball is in full swing every Wednesday and Sunday at HES. Volleyball players from the 5th and 6th grade have fun and learn the basic skills of volleyball. Christy Correa is in charge of the program. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

**5th Annual Ione Education Foundation Fund Raising Dinner**  
AUCTION and RAFFLE ITEMS  
Saturday, September 22nd  
Social hour at 6 p.m. / Dinner at 7 p.m.  
at the Ione American Legion Hall

Menu: Prime Rib, Crab, Shrimp, Salad, Baked Potato, Bread, Dessert. Two drinks included with meal (choose from beer, wine and soft drinks).

**Ticket Prices:**  
Adults - \$25.00  
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Tickets available at Bank of Eastern Oregon, Ione

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By Friends of the Library and Heppner High Vo Ag Department

Book, Bear and Chair combos will be on display for pre-bids at Heppner businesses until Sept. 28th.

**FINAL BIDDING: Saturday, Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m., High School Cafetorium (before the Missoula Children's Theatre performance)**

Autographed books will also be auctioned:  
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