

Heppner Jr. High volleyball teams to host weekend tournament

Heppner Jr. High volleyball teams have had a great start to this year's season with a full roster for both their 'A' and 'B' teams with over 20 young ladies participating for the Mustangs.

Coaches, Becky Cannin and Mindy Wilson started practice early this year, before school resumed and believe it has paid off in the team's performance.

The Mustangs have several home games with their next one this Friday, September 26, against Irrigon, and a tournament on Saturday, September 27, where Heppner will host several visiting teams for



The Heppner Jr. High B team played at the Pendleton tournament on September 8. -Contributed Photo

of four games for the 'A' team. At their last game against Weston Panthers, they played into the evening hours with 'A', 'B' and 'C' team matches winning their 'B' and 'A' team games.

Come and support our young talent this weekend. Go Mustangs!

The Mustangs participated in a kick off tournament in Pendleton, September 8, winning two out

Football field snack shack a little less dusty



Football fans can now enjoy watching football with out worrying about the dust bowl around the snack shack thanks to many volunteers. The Heppner Lions club purchased and spread gravel around the snack shack with help of the Heppner Volunteer Fire department and employees of the Morrow County School District. Billy Gentry furnished his time and tractor to help haul the gravel. Jay Coil Fabrication built new and safer steps up into the grand stand. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Heppner Mustang volleyball starts off new year with a new team

The Mustangs began their Blue Mountain conference play September 18th in Union. The Mustangs beat the 2A number three ranked Union Bobcats in an intense four game match, 25-17, 26-24, 18-25 and 25-20.

They played two more conference games in Stanfield on Saturday, September 20, meeting Elgin and Weston McEwen in a four-way tournament.

Play began with Elgin, the Mustangs won after battling through five games, 20-25, 25-13, 23-25, 25-12, 15-9. The Mustangs then immediately played 2A number one ranked Weston McEwen, playing hard but losing in an exhausting three game match, 23-25, 13-25, 20-25.

The Mustangs are playing with a relatively new team this year, with only two returning seniors; Maggie Armato and Sherilyn Peck and two returning juniors, Brenna Rust and Jessica Hughes. They moved up several younger players that have picked up on the varsity plays and really added a lot to the game. Also foreign exchange student senior Lenka Dobofova brings a lot of talent and experience. "(Heppner) has a lot of hitters. They just keep coming at you," said Union's coach Coach Mendy Clark.

The Mustangs will play a home game this Saturday, September 27, against Enterprise at noon, then again at home, October 2 at 5 p.m. for their homecoming

game against Stanfield. At 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 11, the home game will be against Elgin.

On Thursday, October 16, at 5 p.m. the Mustang girls will celebrate Senior Night with a soup feed fundraiser, Colt night, senior festivities and last but not least a game against Weston McEwen. Their final match at home will be a 4-way tournament, Saturday October 18, at noon they will meet Pilot Rock and Irrigon.

The Mustangs are hoping for a lot of community support at their games.

The Mustangs are ready to play volleyball, as states on their warm-up shirts "New Year, New Team."

2008 Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 25 - Irrigon at Irrigon at 5 p.m. (A/B teams).
 Sept. 27 - Enterprise at home at noon (A/B teams).
 Oct. 2 - Stanfield at home at 5 p.m. (A/B teams).
 Oct. 4 - 4-Way Tournament in Enterprise at noon (A team).

Cardinals take win over Sherman County

The Lone Cardinals got their league season off to a good start, putting away a tenacious Sherman County squad 46-28 last Friday night in Lone.

Sherman County came ready to play and was able to record the first score of the game after an lone miscue on a Husky punt gave Sherman possession of the ball on the lone five yard line. They scored two plays later to take an early 8-0 lead.

Not long after that, lone's Cory Peterson broke away for a 30 yard scoring run followed just 20 second later by a 55 yard touchdown run. Lone regained possession on an onside kick that bounced their way. The Cards led 14-8 with 2:53 remaining in the first quarter.

Sherman County responded with another score early in the second quarter on a 75 yard breakaway run to even the score at 14. Gunner Jessen came up with a key interception with under two minutes left in the half putting the Cardinals in great field position on the Husky 28 yard line. Four plays later RJ Ramos scored on a five yard quarterback keeper and then connected with Gunner Jessen on the point after to put the Cards back on top 22-14.

Sherman evened things up at 22 early in the third quarter before lone caught a lucky break. The

Cards were forced to punt on a fourth and 10 from their own 45. An lone bounce spotted the ball on the five yard line where the Huskies fumbled on their first play from scrimmage and the Cards recovered. Cory Peterson punched in with a five yard touchdown run and also ran in the point after. Lone took the lead 30-22.

The Huskies put together a drive starting on the lone 20 that ended with a 34 yard touchdown run. However the Cardinal defense was able to stop the extra point giving them a slim, two point margin.

The Cards then ground downfield and took almost six minutes off the clock for another score. Tanner Rietmann took the ball to pay dirt with a one yard run and Cory Peterson ran in the extra point. A 10 point lead, 38-28 with 9:21 remaining didn't feel too secure but things finally started to swing lone's way. Sherman started on the lone 25 and went backwards all the way to the lone seven with a defensive stop and a couple of costly penalties before Clay Morter sacked the Husky quarterback in the end zone for a safety.

With 6:01 left on the clock, the Cardinals finished off the Huskies when Clay Morter picked off a Sherman County pass, setting

up the final scoring drive for the Cards. Tanner Rietmann scored on a three yard run.

Cory Peterson continued to be the Cardinal's workhorse, carrying the ball 40 times for 245 yards. "He worked hard all game" commented Coach Dennis Stefani. Sherman County tallied more yards of total offense (217 rushing and 115 passing) than lone, who totaled 287 with just eight yards coming from the pass.

Defensively, Micah Stillman had 11 tackles for the Cardinals. Gunner Jessen had nine while Alex Rietmann and Clay Morter each had eight, Alex Fetterhoff had seven and Eric Jepsen had six. "Our tackling was distributed around pretty good" said Stefani.

"It was a hard hitting game. Sherman County came ready to play," said Coach Stefani. "Their coach said they had a terrific week of practice and it was the best they had played by far. He noted that the Cardinals need to go back to work on the passing game but "was pleased with how we stayed in the game. I give the offensive line credit for controlling the line of scrimmage."

The Cardinals go on the road to face Condon/Wheeler this Friday night in their second league contest. Game time in Condon is 7 p.m.

Lady Cards lose two league matches

The lone Lady Cardinals had some shining moments in their volleyball contests during the past week but ultimately lost two league matches, falling to Echo on the road last Tuesday and to Sherman County at home on Friday.

In Echo, the Lady Card's first game was punctuated by missed serves and net errors as the Lady Cougars took the 25-15 win. A revitalized lone team took control in the second game, at one point leading 15-3 before winning 25-12. A mid game lapse in game three as costly as Echo reeled off seven unanswered points. Lone got as close as 22-23 before Echo closed in for the 25-22 win. Nothing went very right in the fourth game as Echo won 25-19 took the match.

Tianna Camarillo had seven aces and Tyree Svetich was 100% on serving (19-19.)

"We played tough we just weren't really strong at the net and we were really struggling with our

passes" said Coach Dawn Eynetich.

On Friday, the Lady Cards hosted Sherman County and played the Lady Huskies close in the early going. After losing the first game 19-25, lone powered to a 25-18 second game win. A winnable third game got away from the lone team as Sherman came back to win 24-26 before the Lady Huskies finished off the match with a 25-11 win.

Brianna Peterson led the team at the net with eight kills and Sarah Stillman had a strong performance in the back row.

"All in all I am very pleased with how the girls have been playing. We have been struggling with getting our hits over and in and that is something that we have been continually working on," said Coach Eynetich.

The Lady Cards travel to Condon for a 5 p.m. match on Friday night and travel to Riverside on Saturday for a match starting at 1 p.m.

Last Gasp Tournament to be held at Willow Creek Country Club


Willow Creek Country Club will hold a Last Gasp Tournament at WCCC at 1 p.m. on Sunday, September 28.

A barbecue will be held. Those attending are asked to bring salads or desserts and their own meat to grill.

Heppner Mustangs begin conference play with win



The Heppner Mustangs started conference play with a win over Elgin 36-7 on Friday night in Heppner. Senior Mustang Quinn Chick (#20) takes it over the top of the Elgin defense, while Bryan Holland (#5) and Wacy Coil (#59) support the yardage. -Photo by Sandy Matthews



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