

Mustang volleyball ranked No. 2 in Blue Mountain Conference

The Heppner Mustangs moved up in the Blue Mountain Conference ranking to number two, with a 7-1 record. They are just behind number one ranked Weston McEwen.

-Stanfield game: The Mustang team was able to achieve a high level of performance serving a season high of 95% as a team. Collectively the kill percentage was at 70%, also a season high. The Mustangs were led at the net by Lenka Dobosova with 13 kills and Brynna Rust with seven kills.

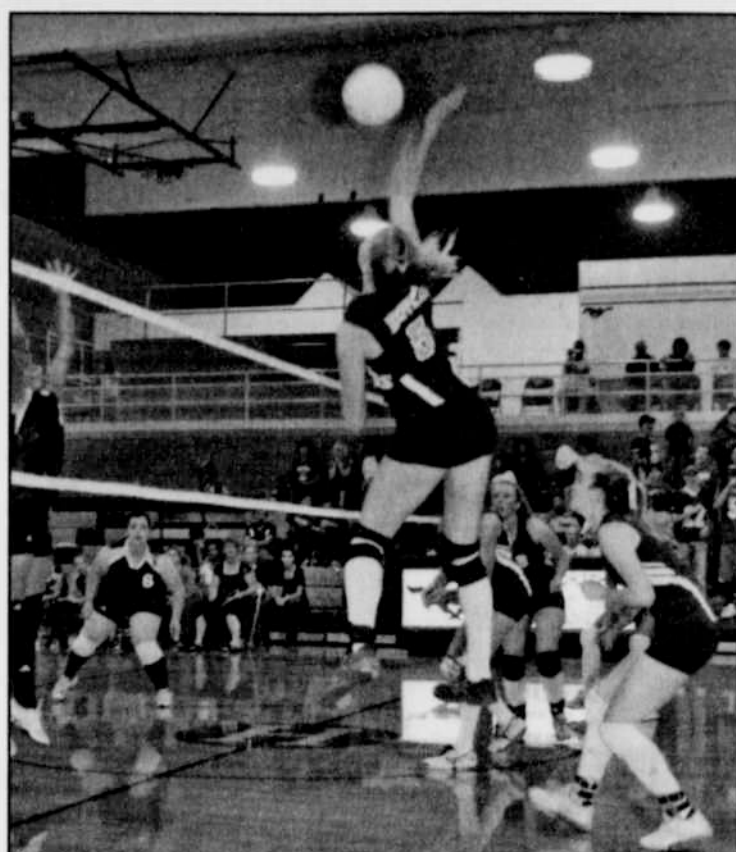
-Union/Enterprise game: The team played for over five hours and came away victorious. The Mustang's offense started at the serving line where they were 94% as a team for the day. Setters Maggie Armato and Jessica Hughes distributed the ball well to the hitters and contributed from the service line as well. Armato served 97% and Hughes was a perfect 100% with four ace tips. Dobosova and Peck continued their senior leadership on the floor and their dominance at the net, racking up 33 kills, nine blocks and 24 kills, and four blocks respectively.

I'm pleased with the girls focus and desire to continue to improve each week. We look forward to our next challenges at Pilot Rock on Thursday and Elgin at home on Saturday.

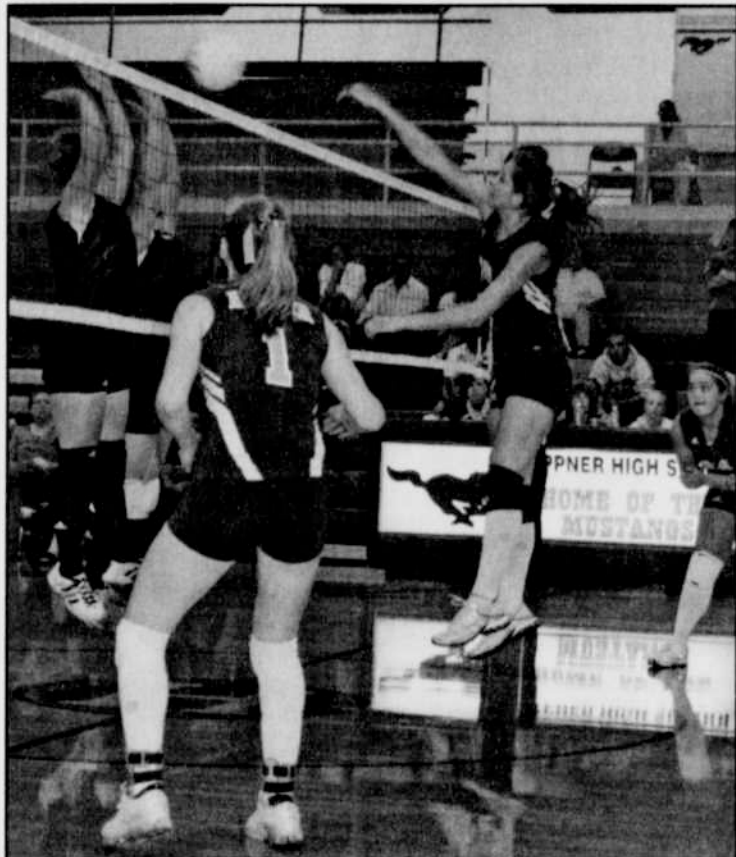
Stanfield scores: 25-6, 25-16, 25-13

Union scores: 16-25, 25-15, 25-22, 24-26, 15-6

Enterprise scores: 19-25, 25-23, 19-25, 25-18, 15-9



The Heppner Mustangs beat the Stanfield Tigers in three matches. Pictured is Lenka Dobosova. -Photo by Sandy Matthews



Sheryllyn Peck and Joanna Patton at the net. -Contributed Photo

Cardinals fall to Redsidies 60-16

Not too much went right for the lone Cardinals on their road trip to Maupin last Friday. Playing in conditions ranging from down-pour to mud puddle, the Cards lost to the Redsidies 60-16.

The Redsidies scored early and often, jumping on the Cards 20-0 in the first quarter and taking a 42-0 lead at the half.

A third quarter touchdown pass from RJ Ramos to Alex Rietmann gave the Cardinal faithful a little something to cheer about. On a 4th and 13, Rietmann, who is not usually in the receiving corps, got the first down and 47 more yards for the touchdown. Ramos hit Zac Orem with another pass for the point after.

Alex Rietmann also pulled off the only other Cardinal score midway through

the fourth quarter, taking a kickoff return almost coast to coast. Picking up the slippery pigskin inside the five, he fumbled it a bit before grabbing and going. The blockers gave him some holes and he shot through for the score. Zac Orem and Cory Peterson connected on the point after.

"It was one of those things that started off bad from the start," said Coach Dennis Stefani, noting that the Cardinals fumbled the opening kickoff and immediately turned the ball over. "It didn't help playing in those conditions but on that night, they were a bigger, faster and stronger team."

South Wasco effectively shut down the Cardinal running game, holding Cory Peterson to just 23 yards on 13 carries. On the

flip side, the Redsidies averaged just under 10 yards per carry en route to 339 yards on the ground.

The Cardinals actually had the edge in passing yardage. RJ Ramos was 9-15 for 96 yards with two interceptions and one touchdown. The Redsidies tallied 73 passing yards.

"Our heads were hanging a little bit at half time," said Stefani "but we told the kids to try to look at every bit of the game and try to figure out what is going wrong." He was encouraged that the Cards decided to use the second half as a learning experience. "We came out of the locker-room with our heads up."

The Cards next opponent will be Arlington at lone this Thursday night at 7 p.m.

2008-2009 Homecoming Court



Picture left to right is the 2008-2009 Heppner Homecoming Court: Wacy Coil and Jessica Hughes, Spencer Palmer and Kathryn Strouse, King Braden Britt and Queen Sheryllyn Peck, Sam King and Kaylee Helfrect, and Brent Eckman and Brynna Rust. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Lady Cards volleyball takes three league wins

The lone Lady Cardinals reversed their volleyball fortunes last week, winning three league matches.

The Cards traveled to Arlington on Tuesday, taking down the Lady Honkers in a five game match 24-26, 10-25, 25-14, 25-20, 15-13. Playing from a two-game deficit position, lone powered to the win.

Beth Morter (18-18) and Tyree Svetich (16-16) were 100% from the service line. At the net, the Cards were led by Brianna Peterson and Beth Morter with six kills each. Tyree Svetich added five.

"We started out slow but came out strong in the

third game and didn't look back," said Coach Dawn Eynetich.

The Lady Cards were on the road again Friday, making the road trip to Maupin to take on South Wasco County. The Lady Cards finished off the Lady Redsidies in three games, 25-14, 25-14, 25-19.

Tyree Svetich led the team at the service line, again making 100% of her serves (14-14) with two aces.

"We wanted to take this match in three games and that's what we did," said Coach Eynetich. "We have really been working on our serves and it shows."

A league rematch with Echo resulted in a three game win for lone 25-18, 25-19, 25-9.

Senior Captain, Tiana Camarillo, noted the positive outcome was more than skin deep. "We got off to a slow start this season but we're finally becoming the team we know we are. We are starting to execute from start to finish."

Tiana Camarillo and MaKenna Ramos were both 14 of 14 serving with one ace. Beth Morter led the team at the net with five kills. Brianna Peterson and Tyree Svetich added four each.

Heppner Jr. High Football Schedule

Oct. 9 - Umatilla at home, 6 p.m.
Oct. 17 - Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.
Oct. 24 - Mount Vernon at home, 3 p.m.

Ione M.S. Volleyball and Football Schedule

Oct. 10 - Arlington at Ione, 2 p.m.
Oct. 11 - at Helix, 10 a.m.
Oct. 16 - Dufur at Ione, 3 p.m.

Heppner Junior High Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 9 - Umatilla at home, 6 p.m.
Oct. 17 - Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.
Oct. 18 - 7th-8th Tournaments, TBA, 9 a.m.
Oct. 24 - Mount Vernon at home, 3 p.m.

2008 Mustang Football Schedule

Oct. 10 - Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.
Oct. 17 - Irrigon at Irrigon, 7 p.m.
Oct. 24 - Weston McEwen at home, 7 p.m.
Oct. 31 - Enterprise at Enterprise, 7 p.m.

Ione Football Schedule

Oct. 10 - Arlington in Ione, 7 p.m.
Oct. 17 - Dufur in Ione, 7 p.m.
Oct. 24 - at Echo, 7 p.m.
Oct. 31 - at Nixyaawii, 2 p.m.

2008 Mustang Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 9 - Pilot Rock in Pilot Rock at 5 p.m. (A/B teams).
Oct. 11 - Elgin at home at 11 a.m. (A/B teams).
Oct. 16 - Weston Mc at home at 5 p.m. (A/B teams).
Oct. 18 - 4-Way Tournament at home at noon, (A/B teams).
Oct. 21 - Stanfield in Stanfield at 5 p.m. (A/B teams).

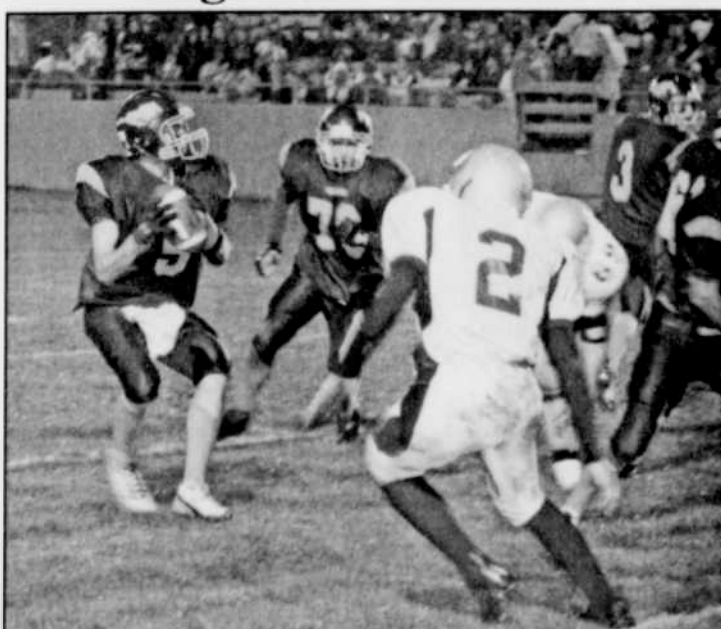
Ione Volleyball Schedule

Oct. 10 - Arlington at Ione, 5 p.m.
Oct. 11 - at Helix, 2 p.m.
Oct. 17 - Dufur at Ione, 5 p.m.


2008 Mustang JV Football Schedule

Oct. 13 - Stanfield at Stanfield at 5 p.m.
Oct. 20 - Hermiston Frosh at Hermiston at 5 p.m.

Mustangs beat Bobcats 40-6



Heppner Mustang Bryan Holland (#5) passes the football in the Heppner Mustang versus Union Bobcats on Friday in Heppner. Heppner beat the Bobcats 40-6 in the rain soaked game. The Mustangs take on the Rockets next Friday in Pilot Rock. -Photo by Sandy Matthews



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