

## Mustangs to host volleyball playoff game on Saturday Cardinals fall to Cougars 52-6

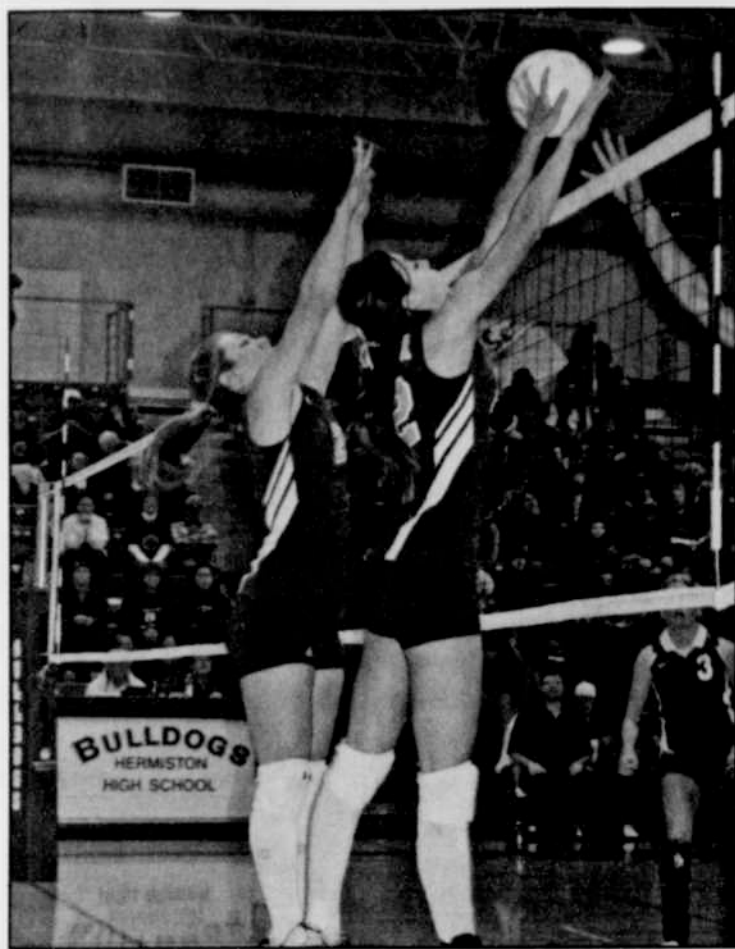
Heppner Mustangs had a lot of volleyball the week of October 20. They played their last league game in Stanfield on Tuesday, October 21, winning in three 25-20, 25-10, 25-19.

On Thursday, October 23, they were back in the area playing a tie breaker against Weston for seeding at the District Championships. The mustangs played to a packed gym. The energy brought by the community support in the Hermiston gym powered the Mustang to a win against the Tiger Scots in a shocking three game match. 25-16, 25-19, 25-17.

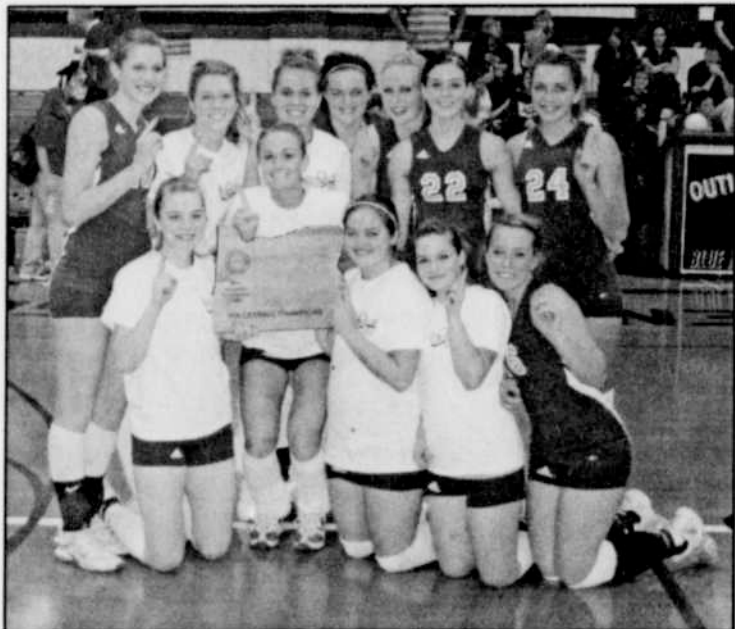
With that game behind them, the Mustangs earned the top spot at the district championship games in Enterprise on Saturday. The mustangs waited out the bracket games to learn that they would be playing the Tiger Scots for the championship title. The match was not pressure free, but the Mustangs played well and finished in the top spot, earning the champion trophy in four games 25-21, 25-16, 20-25, and 25-16.

Lenka Dobosova and Sherilyn Peck were the Mustangs' first team honorees while JoAnna Patton made second team and Jessica Hughes and Maggie Armato earned honorable mention.

On Saturday, November 1, at 4 p.m. the Mustangs will play Lakeview at home for their playoff game. If the Mustangs win this game they will advance to the state tournament that begins on Friday, November 7, and continues through November 8 in Forest Grove.



Heppner Mustangs Brynna Rust and Taighler Dougherty go up for a block at the playoff game against the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots in Hermiston on Thursday night. The Mustangs swept the Tiger Scots in three matches. -Photo by Sandy Matthews



Pictured are the members of the Mustang volleyball team after winning first place in their district tournament: Back row (L-R) - Joanna Patton, Brynna Rust, Amber Gray, Torri Lovgren, Lenka Dobosova, Taighler Dougherty, and Lindsay Cutsforth; Front row (L-R) - Sherilyn Peck, Catherine Strouse, Maggie Armato, Brandi Hong, and Jessica Hughes. -Contributed Photo

The lone Cardinals had a rocky ride at Echo last Friday night, falling to the Cougars 52-6. A reconfigured offense sputtered but the Cards also had defensive trouble, allowing the Cougars too many trips to pay dirt.

Echo led 14-0 after one quarter but blew the game open in the second, scoring 32 unanswered points to lead 46-0 at the half. Ione had an opportunity to score in the second quarter after Matt Hams took a Zac Orem pass 64 yards, all the way to the Cougar two yard line. But a Cardinal fumble was recovered by the Cougars and the opportunity was lost.

The Cougars scored once more with 2:31 remaining in the third quarter. The Cardinals avoided a shutout when Gunner Jessen

hit Zac Orem for a 60 yard touchdown pass early in the fourth.

"We tried to make some adjustments but just couldn't get our running game going," said Coach Dennis Stefani. The Cardinals were held to 59 yards on the ground. Tanner Rietmann was the leading rusher with 34 yards on five carries. Cory Peterson ran the ball ten times for 30 yards.

The Cards had 118 yards in the air, mostly coming from a couple big receptions. However, three interceptions in the game were costly.

On the other side of the ball, Micah Stillman led the team in tackles with nine. Zac Orem, Clay Morter, and Eric Jepsen each added six and Cory Peterson had five. The defensive effort frustrated Coach Stefani. "We

would hold them, hold them, hold them and then they would come through with a big play."

Stefani did note that that the defensive line was doing a pretty good job. "We were getting good pressure but when they got into our interior, we were in trouble."

The Cardinals will wrap up their season against Nixyaawii at Sundridge Middle School in Pendleton on Friday, October 31, beginning at 2 p.m. With their season record currently at 4-5, the Cards have a good chance to even up their record and finish 2008 at .500. "I would like to go there and finish the season on a good note," said Coach Stefani. "It's the seniors last game and I'd like to get them as many touches as possible."

### Seniors recognized during football game



Heppner seniors and their parents were honored Friday night at the Mustang football game. Seniors are: (front row) Sarah Ballard, Kathryn Strouse, Grant Smith, Spencer Palmer, Braden Britt, Quinn, Chick, Sam King, Deniz Valyon, Josh Shank, and Willy Esymer with their parents. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

### Chess Club in need of volunteers

Heppner Elementary School has had a chess club, Chess Mates, for the last 10 years and HES students have placed at regional and state tournaments. This year the chess club is in need of more volunteers.

Research has shown that playing chess has many educational and social benefits. Children who play chess, practice logical thinking, concentration, planning, pattern recognition, self-discipline, and also learn to take responsibility for their own mistakes.

The high school and middle school students who were part of the club in elementary school, now come down to tutor the new chess players. "It is so rewarding to see these students give back to the program," commented Mrs. Elguézabal, one of the advisors. However, the club is still in need of more help. "Just imagine yourself in a room with 18 first graders who would love to play chess, but don't know how. It's just impossible to get to everyone," added Mrs. Matteson, another one of the advisors.

Even if you don't know how to play, but would like to learn, you can be part of this group. Chess Club meetings are on Mondays from 3:15-4:15 p.m.

## Fall Dairy Farmers academic all-state program winners announced

The Ione football team pulled off an impressive victory in the classroom, posting the best grade point average of any football team in the state in the OSAA/ Dairy Farmers of Oregon Academic All State awards. The Cards turned in a 3.57 GPA which was the best in any classification.

The Ione Lady Cardinals also had a good showing in the volleyball results, posting a 3.90 GPA, second overall in the state. Only Crane, another 1A school, had a better volleyball GPA at 3.96.

This program, sponsored by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon, recognizes

outstanding achievement in the classroom. The boys and girls team in each OSAA-sanctioned activity with the highest team grade point average (G.P.A.) earns the Academic All-State Award. Each member of a winning team receives a much-coveted "got milk?" sweatshirt, commemorative pin and a certificate. The school receives a plaque in honor of its team. Members of top ten schools in each activity at each classification are also recognized with a commemorative pin by the Dairy Farmers of Oregon and the OSAA.

### Senior mothers perform during half time of football game



A first class dance was performed by the senior boy's mothers during half time of the football game on Friday night. The crowd roared with spirit and enthusiasm as the mothers gave their all in the name of spirit. Pictured left to right are Tina Palmer, Sherry Smith, Shelley Britt, Candy Chick, Sarah Ballard (representing Josh Shank) and Sheri Stahl (representing Sam King). -Photo by Sandy Matthews

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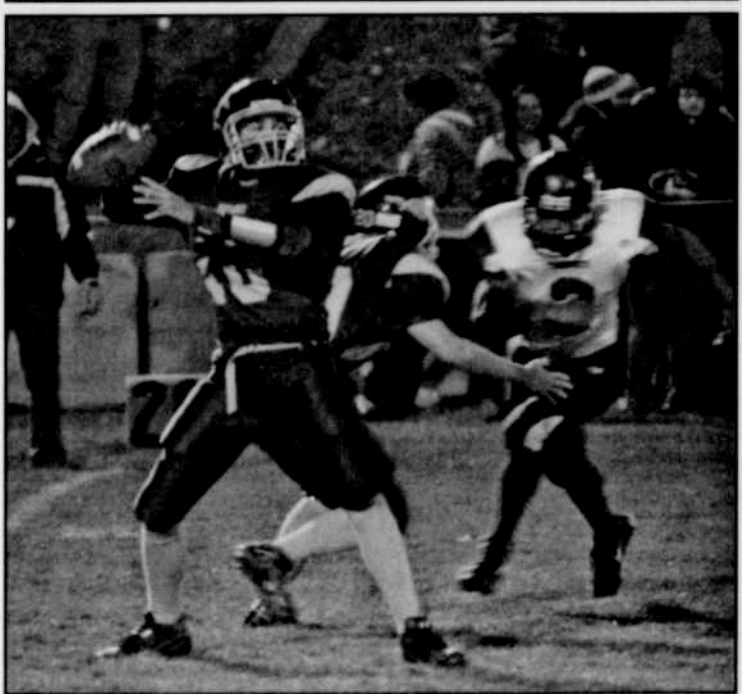
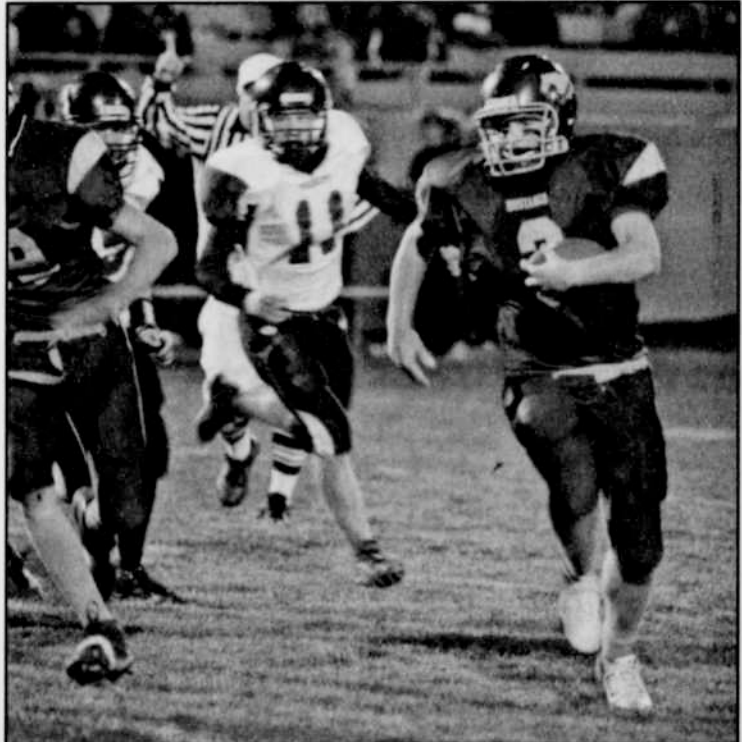
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### Mustang take win over Weston McEwen



Top Photo: The Heppner Mustangs won the Blue Mountain Conference with the help of Brent Eckman running in for one of his four touchdowns Friday night against the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots. The Mustangs stamped past the Weston McEwen Tiger Scots 47-14.  
 Bottom Photo: Quarterback Willy Gentry puts the ball up during the game. -Photos by Sandy Matthews

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