

Heppner volleyball team to compete in state championship tournament

Heppner played Lakeview on Saturday in a play-off game to qualify for the state championship tournament.

The Mustangs, playing in another packed gym, beat the Honkers in four matches. The Mustangs started off strong with a 25-6 win and then struggled with catch up play in the second losing 23-25. After a shaky start in the third game, and recovering from the loss of one of their players and a rotation change, they settled down and won the next two to wrap up the games 25-14 and 12-18.

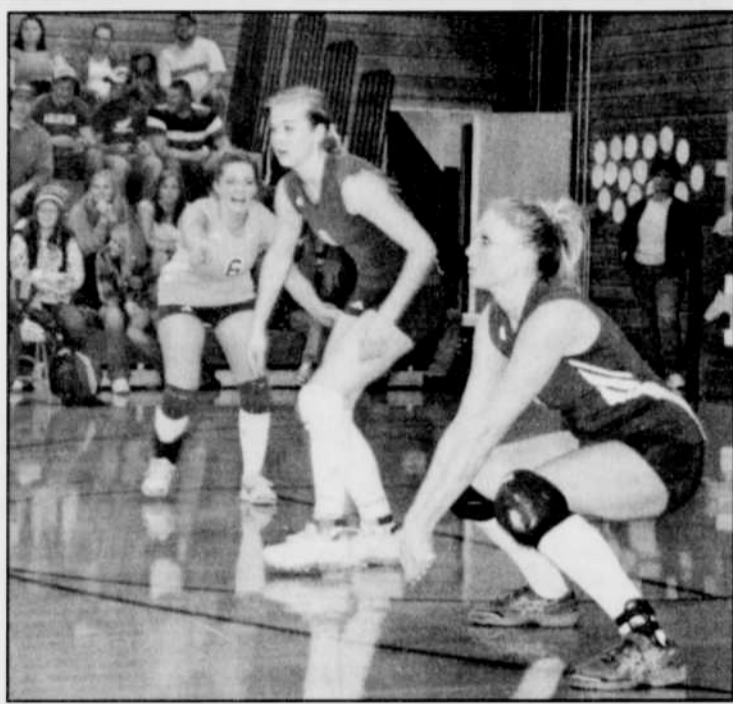
The Mustangs will travel to Forest Grove to meet the Nestucca Bobcats on Friday at 3:15 for the first game of a two day tournament schedule. This will be the first time Heppner has qualified for the state tournament since 1999. The Mustangs placed fourth in 1997 and fifth in 1998. Heppner is currently ranked second in the state and Nestucca is third.

This will be a great competition pegged to be one of the best of the tournament. Good luck Mustangs!



Top Photo: The crowd kept the walls of the gym vibrating with noise and spirit to keep the Mustangs in their game against Lakeview.

Bottom Photo: Lenka Dobosova digs the ball with the backup of Sheryllyn Peck and Brandi Hong. The Mustangs beat Lakeview in four matches. The Mustangs will play in the next round of state on Friday, November, at 3:15 at Pacific University in Forest Grove. -Photos by Sandy Matthews



Cardinals finish football season with 5-5 record

The Ione Cardinals finished the 2008 campaign on a positive note, downing the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles 65-44 in a high scoring shootout. With the win, the Cardinals evened their season record at 5-5 and left behind a 4-3 record in the Big Sky.

The Cardinals took immediate control of the game, jumping out to an 18-0 first quarter lead and maintained that control throughout the game. Tanner Rietmann got the Cardinals on the board with a six yard touchdown run on Ione's first possession of the game. Gunner Jessen picked up an interception on Nix's first possession and five plays later, Micah Stillman took a pitch 26 yards for the second score of the game. The Golden Eagles fumbled on their next possession and Clay Morter batted and chased a high-hopping fumble downfield to the end zone for another score.

The Golden Eagles got on the board in the second quarter, scoring on a nice 30 yard pass. The Cardinals responded with a couple more scores of their own. Micah Stillman scooted away for another touchdown, a 41 yard run. With 4:03 remaining in the half, RJ Ramos hit Matt Hams with a 42 yard pass for another score. The Cards trotted out their kicking team for the first time this season to attempt the extra point. Clay Morter booted the ball through the uprights but before the Cards could celebrate this unusual event, a yellow flag flew for too many people in the backfield. After a good deal of confusion, the Cards got another try but this one was no good. Ione scored again with 39.3 seconds on the clock when Zac Orem hit Matt Hams with a 58 yard pass. Then Micah Stillman picked off a Nixyaawii pass and ran it back 46 yards for another score with four seconds showing on the clock. The score at half time was Ione 44, Nixyaawii 8.

The Cards mixed things up a bit in the second half. Zac Orem connected with Gunner Jessen on a 44 yard pass to score in the third

quarter. Outgoing senior, Luke Bradfield, normally an offensive lineman, lined up in the backfield and punched in from three yards out for the only score of his football career. Fellow senior, Clay Morter, put the exclamation point on that score when he successfully kicked an extra point that did not get called back. Junior Alex Fetterhoff, finished off the offensive effort for the Cards with a 20 yard touchdown run.

"It was nice to end the season with a win," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "The seniors go out on a winning note and it is hopefully the start of a winning streak next year that they can be part of."

With a wide open game like that, there was plenty of playing time to go around. The situation allowed the coaches to look at the team playing in different positions. "We got to check things out and think a little bit about next year," said Coach Stefani.

"We talked last week about how this game was going to be tough for the seniors," said Stefani, noting that the game really didn't count for anything. It was especially tough for senior running back, Cory Peterson, who ended up watching most of the game due to an injured collarbone. Peterson, who rushed for over 1,000 yards this season, had one carry in the game before taking himself out. But rather than dwelling on what wasn't, he joined in the excitement on the sidelines. "The kids had fun. The sideline was pretty energetic," said Coach Stefani.

While the playoffs were out of the picture, the Ione coaches were not unhappy with where the team ended the season. "In comparison to where we were picked to finish, we didn't do too bad," said Coach Stefani. "I have to hand it to the kids. Even in some really tough games, I never saw a head down or any quit in them, even when we were getting beat pretty bad."

He also commended his seniors. "They did a terrific job of being leaders and they helped make this team what it was. It was as positive an experience as I have had with a senior class."

Rushing: 35-259
Micah Stillman 5-94; Tanner Rietmann 2-8; Cory Peterson 1-16; Alex Rietmann 3-51; Alex Fetterhoff 7-55; Luke Emmel 6-36; Luke Brafield 4-5; RJ Ramos 4 - (-1); Thomas Holland 3- (-5).

Passing: 4-13-162, 3 TD, 1 int; RJ Ramos 1-5-46-1 TD; Zac Orem 3-8-105-2 TD, 1 int.

Receiving: Matt Hams 2-114; Gunner Jessen 1-43; Patrick Lee 1-5

Total Offense: Ione 259 rushing, 162 passing, total 421; Nixyaawii 190 rushing, 112 passing, total 302.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office reports handling the following business:

July 22: -BPD received a report of a male subject who looks to be sleeping outside behind his vehicle.

-Irrigon Ambulance received a report of a juvenile male who had been vomiting for 2 1/2 hours.

Lady Cards finish volleyball season during district tournament

The Ione Lady Cardinals finished their volleyball season last week, first surviving a district playoff match on Thursday to advance to the Big Sky District Volleyball Tournament. With that win, the team assured themselves a spot in the District Tourney for the first time since 2006. District was held at Umatilla High School on Saturday,

October 25.

The Lady Cards hosted South Wasco County on Thursday night in a win-or-stay-home match. After downing the Lady Redsides in three games during the regular season, the team knew it was a doable proposition. However, playoff times can give teams new motivation. In the opening game, South Wasco took

advantage of some Cardinal confusion to win 25-14. Ione came back to win the second game 25-16 but it was the third game that gave the Ione girls a boost. Trailing 22-18, the Cards roared back to win the match 26-24, much to the delight of the partisan, playoff crowd. Ione led the whole way in game four to take the 25-19 win.

The Cardinals had perfect serving efforts from Makenna Ramos (17-17) and Beth Morter (15-15) while Morter led the team at the net with eight kills. Tiana Camarillo added seven and Brian Peterson had five.

"The girls were really nervous in the first game, once we got the first game jitters out we played a great game," said Coach Dawn Eynetich.

Advancing to district pitted the Lady Cards against Sherman County. The Cardinals looked a little intimidated at center

court but played the Lady Huskies tough in the opening game, losing 19-25. The hard-hitting Sherman girls really warmed up to take the next two games, downing Ione 25-12 and 25-9. In the third game, Caitlyn Van Borstel served points 14-24 to ice the match for the Lady Huskies.

"Sherman is a very tough team and they have some great hitters. I am so proud of how my girls played and it was a great accomplishment to make it to the District Tournament," commented Eynetich.

Although eliminated from further play, the Lady Cards were pleased to place three team members on the Honorable Mention list for the Big Sky All-Stars. Tiana Camarillo, Beth Morter and Makenna Ramos received certificates at the conclusion of the tournament.

Mustangs defeat Enterprise 48-8



Heppner Mustang Keenan Jack tackles the Enterprise Outlaw at the game on Friday night in Enterprise. The Mustangs defeated Enterprise 48-8. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Free Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Assistance Coming to Your Town

Morrow County Health District will be offering **Free Medicare Part D consultation appointments** during the month of December to help you determine the best prescription plan for your specific needs. **Plans change each year so it's important to review your coverage each year!**

Morrow County Health District Staff will be scheduling appointments to meet with local residents in the following towns:

- HEPPNER — DECEMBER 2ND, 9TH, 16TH & 29TH
- BOARDMAN — DECEMBER 11TH & 18TH
- IONE — DECEMBER 4TH & 15TH
- IRRIGON — DECEMBER 1ST & 8TH

Locations and a phone number for scheduling consultations will be announced soon.

Good Luck Heppner Teams!

From the staff of the Heppner Gazette-Times.

Electric Co-Op Annual Meeting Thursday, November 6th

The Annual Dinner meeting of Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc. is planned for Thursday, Nov. 6th at the American Legion Hall in Ione. Registration starts at 4:30 p.m. with dinner served at 5:15 p.m. The annual meeting and election of Directors will follow the dinner.

Multiple door prizes will be awarded and results of the annual Fourth Grade Electrical Safety Poster contest and the Annual Photography contest will be announced, with winning entries on display. Again this year will be a special section of door prizes devoted just for youth when accompanied to the meeting by their parents. MP3 Players, iTunes Cards, and other prizes for students will be given out.

All members are welcome to come and learn about their electric co-op.