

Colt volleyball program finishes season



The Colt volleyball program held their last games of the season on Saturday, October 16, at Heppner Elementary School. Coaches for this year's teams were Michelle Stone and Brandi Orem. The Colt teams will be together one last time on Thursday at Colt Night for the Pilot Rock versus Mustang Volleyball starting at 5 p.m. and the annual volleyball fundraiser soup feed. —Contributed Photo

Cardinals drop McKenzie 32-8

The Ione Cardinals overcame three lost fumbles to take a strong road win last Friday night, defeating McKenzie 32-8 in a game played in Blue River. The Cardinals found the marathon road trip worth the effort and the time on the bus to test the competition in the Mountain Valley League in the southern Willamette Valley. Ione was playing beyond normal conference opponents to fill two league game spots created when South Wasco County and Nixyaawii couldn't field teams this season.

From the start, the game had the feel of a Cardinal run away, despite the fact that the McKenzie team was oversized to say the least. On the Cards' first four possessions, they scored twice and were able to drive inside the 10 on the other two. On Ione's first possession of the game, the drive was capped with a Tanner Rietmann to Adam Collin 16-yard touchdown pass. Tanner Rietmann ran in the extra point. The next possession also ended in a score when Micah Stillman dashed in from seven yards out. The extra point was no good on that one and the score stood at 14-0.

Neither team scored in the second quarter so the Cardinals sat on the same 14-0 lead at the half. Early in the third, McKenzie briefly threatened to make things interesting. Taking advantage of an Ione fumble, McKenzie marched downfield and sent a runner in from 44 yards out. With the extra point good, the score stood at 14-8. The Cardinals had

an answer though, and on the very next possession Tanner Rietmann snuck in on a two-yard run. The extra point was no good. That was the start of 18 unanswered points for Ione. At the start of the fourth quarter, Alex Rietmann got loose for a 50-yard touchdown run. The final score of the contest came courtesy of sophomore, Ty Barnett who punched in from 12 yards out to make the final margin of victory.

"They were a big, physical team," said Cardinal Head Coach Dennis Stefani. "We were still able to control the ball and put together long drives." He was quick to credit the offense for doing a great job of moving the ball but said the difference in the game may well have been the defense. "Our defense played terrific."

Alex Rietmann was the leading rusher, gaining 177 yards on 20 carries. Tanner Rietmann, playing quarterback, was the second leading rusher with 89 yards on 16 carries. Luke Emmell was 2-24, Ty Barnett was 2-19 and Micah Stillman

was 4-16. The ground game was where it was at as the team only gained 46 passing yards out of 371 yards of total offense.

Tanner Rietmann had another all-around effort, leading the team with 15 tackles including seven solo. He also had one interception. Tom Holland had 10 tackles (3 solo) and Micah Stillman also had 10 with two solo.

"Tanner had the game of his life," commented Coach Stefani. "He played with a lot of emotion and the other kids followed." He also noted that Kirk Haguewood had a noteworthy effort. "He had a terrific game at defensive end."

"I'm very proud of them," said Coach Stefani. "It was a game that if we could have kept the turnovers down, we would have just dominated."

The Cardinals return to league play this weekend, traveling to Arlington on Friday, October 22. Game time is 7 p.m. and will be preceded by two quarters of JV action starting at 5 p.m.

Hamburger feed to be held before game

The Heppner Football Program will be hosting a hamburger feed before the football game on Friday, October 22. The \$5 meal will include hamburgers, chips, dessert and a drink. The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Heppner volleyball program to hold soup feed

The Heppner volleyball program will be holding a soup feed on Senior Night, Thursday, October 21, from 5-8 p.m. during the game against Pilot Rock. Dinner will consist of homemade soup, salad, roll, and dessert.

Fall High School Rodeo results and standings

The results and standings for the fall High School Rodeos are as follows: September 4-5 (Moro H.S. Rodeo)

Steer Wrestling – 3rd place, Devin Robinson (6.97); and 4th place, Garrett Robinson (8.75).

Breakaway Roping – 7th place, Blake Greenup (4.03).

Team Roping – 8th place, Devin and Garrett Robinson (14.81).

Goat Tying – 9th place, Blake Greenup (11.18).

Barrel Racing – 2nd place, Blake Greenup (16.498); and 7th place, Taighler Dougherty (17.057).

Tie Down Roping – 2nd place, Devin Robinson (9.87).

Pole Bending – 4th place, Taighler Dougherty (21.160); 7th place, Blake Greenup (21.373).

September 4-5 (Condon H.S. Rodeo)

Steer Wrestling – 2nd place, Devin Robinson (5.91).

Team Roping – 6th place, Devin and Garrett Robinson (17.87).

Goat Tying – 10th place, Blake Greenup (10.31).

Tie Down Roping – 5th place, Devin Robinson

(12.14).

Pole Bending – 2nd place, Blake Greenup (21.054).

September 10-11 (LaGrande H.S. Rodeo)

Steer Wrestling – 3rd place, Garrett Robinson (16.15).

Bull Riding – 2nd place, Willy Gentry (75).

Barrel Racing – 6th place, Blake Greenup (18.107).

Pole Bending – 3rd place, Blake Greenup (21.084).

September 11-12 (LaGrande H.S. Rodeo)

Steer Wrestling – 3rd place, Willy Gentry (16.49).

Breakaway Roping – 5th place, Taighler Dougherty (4.20).

Team Roping – 5th place, Kaci Kamm and Tate Gentry (14.02).

Goat Tying – 10th place, Blake Greenup (9.68).

Barrel Racing – 3rd place, Blake Greenup (18.143); 10th place, Taighler Dougherty (18.584).

Tie Down Roping – 6th place, Devin Robinson (12.27).

Pole Bending – 2nd place, Blake Greenup (20.354); 5th/6th place, Taighler Dougherty (20.844).

Tie Down Roping – 5th place, Devin Robinson

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Rodeo Standings as of October 12

Girl All Around – 3rd place, Blake Greenup (72 points).

Boys All Around – 6th place, Devin Robinson (45 points).

Girls Rookie of the Year – 1st place, Blake Greenup (72 points).

Boys Rookie of the Year – 7th place, Tate Gentry (6 points).

Bull Riding – 5th/6th place, Willy Gentry (9.0)

Steer Wrestling – 5th place, Devin Robinson (17.0); 6th place, Garrett Robinson (15.0); 8th place Willy Gentry (8.0).

Breakaway Roping – 13/14/15 place split, Taighler Dougherty (6.0); 16/17/18 place split Blake Greenup (4.0).

Team Roping – 12th/13th place, Garrett and Devin Robinson (8.0); 14th/15th place, Kaci Kamm and Tate Gentry (6.0).

Goat Tying – 17th place, Blake Greenup.

Barrel Racing – 5th/6th place, Blake Greenup (22.0); 11th place, Taighler Dougherty (5.0).

Tie Down Roping – 3rd place, Devin Robinson.

Pole Bending – 1/2/3 place split, Blake Greenup (30.0); 6th place, Taighler Dougherty (12.5).

Mustangs used bye week to get healthy

By Lonnie Rill

The Heppner Mustangs (4-2) went into their bye week not only preparing for the next contest, but also to heal from a successful, but rough first half of the year. "We are taking a step back this week," said Heppner coach Greg Grant. "We are focusing on coaching up some of the younger guys and going back to fundamentals since we don't have to put in a game plan this week."

Grant's game plan has worked so far, after tallying the Mustang's 78th consecutive conference win in a romping of Stanfield 36-8 last Friday. As a matter of fact, Grant's plan has worked since October of 1998 when the Mustangs last lost in a 32-22

battle over then conference contenders Culver. To put the last time Heppner lost a conference game into context, Titanic was in the movie theatres, Green Day was topping the charts of Rolling Stone and President Bill Clinton plead his innocence during his impeachment. Ridiculously, Heppner's streak of conference wins doesn't even begin to work into the record books until it eclipses the 151 consecutive wins (regular season and playoffs) set by Del La Salle High School of Concord California from 1992 through 2004. Heppner does currently hold the longest conference winning streak in any division of high school football in the state of Oregon.

Heppner looks

ahead to rival Pilot Rock, who the Mustangs haven't lost to in 25 years, which pre-dates Grants's reign as play-caller by five years. "They (Pilot Rock) are a very physical, up front team that love to run the ball. They have some dangerous receivers too," Grant said. "They will probably play a very basic game, but they are tough on both sides of the ball."

When asked what he thought of the first half of the season Grant replied, "Our kids are working really hard, but they know there are some tough games ahead." Grant and the Mustangs host the Rockets on Friday night, October 22, at 7 p.m., at Les Payne Field in Heppner.

Lady Cardinals defeat Helix and South Wasco

The Ione Lady Cardinals kept marching through league opponents this past week, defeating Helix on Tuesday and South Wasco County on Friday. Both games were played on the road. The current week marks the last week of regular season play with Ione facing West Side opponent, Echo on Thursday, October 21, which also is senior night. The team travels to Arlington for a cross-league game on Friday night, October 23.

Although the team took down both opponents in straight sets, it was not exactly smooth sailing for the Lady Cardinals. At Helix, the team missed a total of 11 serves, an uncharacteristically high number for the normally consistent Ione girls. But when push came to shove, the Cardinals manhandled the Grizzlies 25-16, 25-14, 25-15. Joanna Patton led the team at the net with 13 kills and two blocks. Siren Endersen and Shadow Kendrick both added five kills and Shadow Kendrick was the team's best server of the night, serving a perfect 9-9.

On the road in Maupin on Friday, the Lady Cardinals struggled to maintain their intensity, giving the Lady Redsides too many chances to stay

in the game. The Cardinals won the first game 25-12 but fell behind 2-9 in the second game before scratching back to the 25-20 win. They finished the match with a 25-15 game. "It wasn't pretty," said head coach, Dawn Eynetich. "We lost all our intensity in the second game but managed to get it back and win."

Joanna Patton again had 13 kills along with four blocks. She was 100% at the service line, going 13-13. Collette Cason had four kills and Mary Rietmann spent a lot of time at the service line, serving 21-22 in the match.

Fall Dairy Farmers Academic All-State Program winners announced

The OSAA and the Dairy Farmers of Oregon have announced the winners for the Fall Dairy Farmers Academic All-State Program. Winners for Morrow County are listed below:

Football – Heppner, 4th place, (3.20 GPA); and Ione, 4th place, (3.30 GPA).

"LOVE, FROM HOME" CAMPAIGN SEEKS NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF AREA SOLDIERS DEPLOYED OVERSEAS

The Ione American Legion Post 95 Ladies Auxiliary is is compiling a list of names and addresses of area soldiers deployed overseas.

Items will be gathered and packages will be prepared and shipped to them

SUBMIT NAMES & ADDRESSES TO

arlyndagates@hotmail.com or Irene Holtz at lireneholtz@aol.com.

Once the list has been compiled the Auxiliary will begin collecting items for shipping. Items that are welcomed include:

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- Stamps
- Homemade cookies
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