

Mustang volleyball wraps up regular season with senior night

The Heppner Mustang Volleyball team won their final home match of the season by defeating the Stanfield Tigers 3-0 on senior night.

With the help of their teammates, the three Heppner seniors left the court for the final time with a victory. The senior players—Maddie Lindsay, Kelly Wilson and Paige Grieb—were recognized and honored before the match started. These three girls have been major contributors to the volleyball program throughout their entire high-school careers. They all brought a lot to the program both on and off the court and will be missed in the future.

Senior manager Jenny Marick was also recognized before the match started for all of her contributions to the team.

In the first set with the Tigers, Heppner led from start to finish. Onna DeLoach started it off by serving six straight points for the Mustangs. Morgan Correa then had a streak of six service points to extend the margin to 13-2. The lead continued to grow and the Mustangs won by a score of 25-11.

Solid play in the second set saw the team jump out to a quick lead and they never let up. Heppner won that set by a score of 25-9.

In the third and final set, Heppner got off to an early lead. Kelly Wilson then had several straight service points, including five aces, that put the team into the lead for good. The Mustangs continued to play well and won by the score of 25-12.

For the match, Heppner served 61-73. Wilson



Mustang volleyball celebrated senior night at its last home game last Thursday. Pictured in the front row are seniors Paige Grieb, Kelly Wilson, Maddie Lindsay and Jenny Marick. In the back row are Ken and Carri Grieb, Cam and Bonnie George, Steve and Mindy Wilson, Todd and Melissa Lindsay, and Kathy and John Marick. —Contributed photo

was 20-23 with seven aces.

Correa served well, going 16-17 with an ace. DeLoach was 7-11 with six big aces in the match and Sophie Grant was 7-8 with an ace. Paige Grieb went 2-2 and had an ace, and Maddie Lindsay was 3-5. Grieb led the team in digs with 13. Maddie Lindsay and DeLoach both followed with 10. Wilson had three and Grant, Correa and Jessica Kempkin had two each. Kaelyn Lindsay had one dig in the match. Kempkin followed with five and DeLoach had four. Kaelyn

Lindsay and Correa had three kills each in the match and Wilson was next with two. Correa also had four big blocks and Kempkin finished with two.

The Mustangs then travelled to Union to take on the Bobcats. Heppner played very well for most of the match but ended up losing 3-2.

Their overall record is 15-7 and they are 6-3 in conference play. They finished the regular season at Culver Tuesday afternoon. The team will then play in the Columbia Basin Conference tournament that is going to be held on Friday and Saturday at Weston-McEwen High School.

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7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

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Heppner "A" volleyball finishes season with near-perfect record

The Heppner Junior High School "A" volleyball team finished its season with a 15-1 match record. They hosted the last tournament of the season on Saturday and defeated teams from Ione, Boardman, Irrigon and Umatilla. The team is made up of eighth graders Claire Grieb, Jacee Currin, Jaiden Mahoney and Madison Combe, as well as sixth-graders Kendall Dowdy and Sydney Wilson. The girls are coached by Mindy Wilson.

Their only loss of the season came after a long road trip to John Day. They lost a match to the Grant Union team there, but came back and beat them a week later. Other teams that they defeated were from Helix,



Heppner Junior High School volleyball "A" team members (L-R) Sydney Wilson, Madison Combe, Jacee Currin, Claire Grieb, Jaiden Mahoney and Kendall Dowdy. —Contributed photo

Pilot Rock, Condon, Stanfield and Weston-McEwen. The team showed a great knowledge for the game and were fundamentally sound.

With the skill of these young ladies and the success that they had this year, the future of Mustang volleyball certainly looks bright.

HES announces students of the month for September



The Heppner Elementary Students of the Month for September are (top L-R) Katie Wilson, Trevor Nichols, Hannah Green, Jett Stewart, Sage Ferguson, Jayden Wilson, (bottom L-R) Irelynn Kollman, Kyler Wilson, Halle Hisler, John Lindsay, Mariah Combe, Caleb George, Claire Lindsay and Patrick Wolford. September's character trait was "Self-Concept" and included traits such as valuable, happy, unique and success. —Contributed photo

Heppner teams place in district soils contest



The FFA District Soils Contest was held in Boardman in late September, and two teams from Heppner represented (pictured above). The beginning soils team of Alex Lindsay, Riley Gorham, Katlyn Harper, Nikki Shaw, Morgan Correa, Wyatt Steagall, Rian Wizner, Taylor Nelson and Ethan Akers, won first place in the district. The advanced team of Logan Grieb, Patrick Collins, Jake Lindsay, Kolby Currin, Tim Jaca, CJ Kindle and Rylee Kollman, won second place. Alex Lindsay had the highest overall score for the contest at 126 and Riley Gorham followed close behind with 125. Collins, Kindle, Alex Lindsay, Kollman and Wizner represented Heppner at the State Soils CDE in Culver on Tuesday, Oct. 14. "This is the first time we (Heppner) have had a team compete at state in soils and they learned a lot, saw some beautiful terrain and did a great job!" said Heppner FFA Advisor Beth Dickenson. —Contributed photo

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