

Heppner Varsity Volleyball plays in Dufur tourney

By Tylynn Cimmiyotti

The Heppner varsity volleyball team traveled to Dufur on August 1 to play multiple teams.

Up first against the Mustangs was Dufur High School. This is a 1A team ranked 54 (at the time of this writing). Coach Mindy Wilson describes this match as a struggle for the team to get started, but the girls were able to pull together to get the win.

Heppner vs. Dufur
Final scores: 25-19, 25-12, 25-16

Stats:

Dara Teeman: Assists-7
Katie Wilson: Kills-3
Hallee Hisler: Kills-5
Ava Gerry: Kills-6
Morgan Cutsforth: Digs-6, Kills-5, Aces-2
Katie Spivey: Digs-8, Kills-2
Hailey Wenberg: Digs-16, Aces-3
Makiyah Christian: Assists-9, Ace-1
Keeley Nairns: Block-1, Kill-1

Heppner then played St. Paul High School. This team is also a 1A team but ranked near the top at the 6 spot (at the time of this writing).

During this game, Coach Wilson says the girls had an eye-opening experience with such a well-rounded, big-hitting team as St. Paul. Their team is made of tall and fundamentally sound players. The Lady Bucks never missed a beat, which made it hard for the Mustangs to gain momentum.

After the first loss, Heppner measured their success by meeting goals made for the following two sets. They were proud to meet each and every single goal they made against such a strong opponent.

Heppner vs. St. Paul
Final Scores: 8-25, 16-25, 18-25
Stats:

Dara Teeman: Assists-8
Hallee Hisler: Kills-5
Ava Gerry: Kills-3
Morgan Cutsforth: Digs-12, Kills-1
Katie Spivey: Digs-5
Hailey Wenberg: Digs-16

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Mustang varsity volleyball players pose with their trophy from the Helix tournament. Photo by Mindy Wilson

Heppner hosts East vs. West JV/V volleyball invitational

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It was an early Saturday morning start to Heppner JV and Varsity games that would fill the entire day Sept. 2. The Culver varsity volleyball team played the first game and the last game of the day, meaning they were around for 12 hours of volleyball.

East teams invited to play this weekend were Weston-McEwen and Grant Union, alongside Heppner. West teams invited to play were Culver, Kennedy, and Vernonia.

Heppner played against three good teams this weekend, only losing one match and winning two. The team was able to get some quality touches in and is still smoothing out the wrinkles in their lineup, but the Coach knows that is what pre-season matches are for.

The first game for Heppner vs. Culver was the match to watch. Before this weekend, Culver was unranked since this was their first weekend to play.

They were an intense, hard-hitting team with no lack of height. It was good to see our Mustangs working hard to keep the scoring relatively even. Culver finished the weekend ranked at #2 for OSAA. Heppner is ranked #18 after this weekend.

Heppner vs. Culver
Final scores: 17-25, 22-25,

27-25, 9-25

Stats:

Dara Teeman: Assists: 13, Digs: 7, Kills: 3.
Katie Wilson: Digs: 12.
Hallee Hisler: Kills: 7, Aces: 2.
Ava Gerry: Kills: 4, Aces: 2.
Morgan Cutsforth: Digs: 14, Kills: 4.
Katie Spivey: Digs: 18, Kills: 2.
Hailey Wenberg: Digs: 30, Kills: 2.

Heppner vs. Kennedy

Final Scores: 22-25, 25-21, 25-20, 22-25, 15-9

Stats:

Dara Teeman: Assists: 28, Digs: 9, Kills: 2, Aces: 2.
Katie Wilson: Kills: 2, Aces: 2.
Hallee Hisler: Kills: 6, Aces: 1.
Ava Gerry: Kills: 6, Assists: 2.
Morgan Cutsforth: Digs: 6, Kills: 13, Aces: 2.
Katie Spivey: Digs: 6, Kills: 2.
Hailey Wenberg: Digs: 5, Kills: 3, Aces: 4.
Keeley Nairns: Kills: 4, Blocks: 4.

Heppner vs. Vernonia

Final Scores: 15-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-14

Stats:

Dara Teeman: Assists: 22, Digs: 4.
Katie Wilson: Aces: 3, Digs: 7.
Hallee Hisler: Kills: 9, Aces: 2, Block: 1.
Ava Gerry: Kills: 7, Digs: 8.
Morgan Cutsforth: Digs:

16, Kills: 5, Aces: 1.

Katie Spivey: Digs: 9.

Hailey Wenberg: Digs: 30.

Keeley Nairns: Kills: 3.

Heppner JV volleyball

played Weston-McEwen JV1, W-M JV2, Culver, and Grant Union as well on Saturday.

Heppner JV vs. W-M JV2: Won.

Heppner JV vs. Culver: Lost.

Heppner JV vs. W-M JV1: Lost.

Heppner JV vs. Grant Union: Lost.

It was a quick morning as the teams were playing ahead of schedule. The JV team got plenty of playing time since there were no subs on the bench. Once the games were finished, the floaters moved onto the varsity bench and finished out the day at the high school. No Stats.

Upcoming VB Games:

Sat., Sep. 10, 9:00 am

tournament

@ Helix High School

Tue., Sep. 13, 5:00 pm

Vs. McLoughlin @ Heppner High School

Thurs., Sep. 15, 4:00 pm

Vs. Multiple Schools

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Mustang VB travels to Echo for three-way

By Tylynn Cimmiyotti

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Heppner Mustangs varsity volleyball traveled to Echo Tuesday evening to play Echo Cougars and South Wasco County Red-sides.

First up, the Mustangs competed against the Redsides.

They were met with some tough competition from the 1A team ranked at the 20 spot for their class.

The Mustangs had a slow start to the match and could never recoup. S. Wasco was hitting well, and Heppner could not get the momentum to swing their way.

Next, the Mustangs were up against the Cougars for their second match of the night. Echo is a 1A team ranked 27 in their class.

After losing the first match, the girls regrouped, showing drive and determination. They pulled together, playing a better game as a whole team against Echo. Coach Wilson was happy to see the team find their groove. They will be building upon that "groove" as the season progresses.

Heppner vs. South Wasco County

Loss, 0-3

Final Scores: 11-25, 19-25, 24-26

Stats:

Dara Teeman: assists: 12, digs: 8. Katie Wilson: digs: 7, aces: 1. Hallee Hisler: kills: 5, aces: 1. Ava Gerry: kills: 5. Morgan Cutsforth: digs: 17, kills: 6. Katie Spivey: digs: 12. Hailey Wenberg: digs: 17.

Heppner vs. Echo

Win: 3-0

Final Scores: 25-23, 25-19, 25-22

Stats:

Dara Teeman: assists: 19, digs: 10. Katie Wilson: aces: 3, digs: 10. Hallee Hisler: kills: 7. Ava Gerry: kills: 8. Morgan Cutsforth: digs: 17, kills: 9, aces: 1. Katie Spivey: digs: 6. Hailey Wenberg: digs: 14. Keeley Nairns: kills: 2, aces: 2, blocks: 2.

Mustangs VB travels to Helix for weekend tournament

Saturday, September 10, 2022

On Saturday, the

Mustangs varsity volleyball team traveled to Helix to play in a tournament.

The teams who played this weekend were: 3A schools: McLoughlin High (34), Riverside High (38), 2A school: Heppner High (16), 1A schools: Sherman County High (16), Imbler High (31), Cove High (35), Griswold (Helix) High (37), and Prescott High from Idaho.

During pool play, the Mustangs won all matches against Cove, Helix, and McLoughlin.

During bracket play, the Mustangs won two out of three matches, taking second place in the tournament.

"We had a great day even though it didn't end how we wanted. They did a lot of great things as a team, working hard and battling through the tough times. We are growing together as a team, and I am pleased with the direction we are going."

- Coach Wilson

Pool Play

Heppner vs. Cove

Won, 2-0

Final scores: 25-10, 25-22

Heppner vs. Helix

Won, 2-0

Final scores: 25-14, 25-10

Heppner vs. McLoughlin

Won, 2-0

Final scores: 25-5, 25-11

Bracket Play

Heppner vs. Riverside

Won, 2-0

Final scores: 25-19, 25-21

Heppner vs. Cove

Won, 2-0

Final scores: 25-21, 25-14

Heppner vs. Sherman

Loss, 0-2

Final scores: 24-26, 22-25

Total weekend stats:

Dara Teeman: assists: 81, digs: 21, aces: 8. Katie Wilson: aces: 12, digs: 31, kills: 11. Hallee Hisler: kills: 23, blocks: 4, aces: 6. Ava Gerry: kills: 29, aces: 13. Morgan Cutsforth: digs: 28, kills: 23, aces: 16. Katie Spivey: digs: 18. Hailey Wenberg: digs: 56, aces: 7. Keeley Nairns: kills: 7, aces: 1, blocks: 1.

Upcoming games:
Thurs. 9/22, 5:00 pm @ Stanfield High School

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