

Mustangs Fall to TigerScots



Mustang senior Katie Wilson (#4) passes the ball during the hard-fought game against the TigerScots. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

Thursday, Oct. 6, Heppner hosted Weston-McEwen during the Mustangs' Dig Pink night.

The Dig Pink night was organized by Hailey Wenberg as part of her senior project. This included an auction of baked goods that brought in a total of \$2,215 to go towards a cancer charity of Hailey's choosing.

Thursday night's game was fast-paced. Unfortunately, the Mustangs could not keep up with the TigerScots. The girls played their hearts out, never giving up, but just couldn't get the points they needed to win.

"Weston showed up and played well tonight. We struggled all the way around and just could not capitalize when we needed to. It's been a long homecoming week for the girls, so we're going to take advantage of our free weekend and regroup on Monday," said coach Wilson.

Heppner vs. Weston-McEwen

Lost, 0-3

Final Scores: 20-25, 17-25, 14-25

Stats—Dara Teeman: assists: 9, digs: 5. Katie Wilson: digs: 6, kills: 2. Hallee Hisler: kills: 2, blocks: 2. Ava Gerry: kills: 4, aces: 1. Morgan Cutsforth: digs: 11, kills: 1, aces: 2. Katie Spivey: digs: 9. Hailey Wenberg: digs: 15, aces: 1. Keeley Nairns: blocks: 1, kills: 1.

Heppner volleyball overtakes Irrigon in five games

By Tylynn Cimmiyotti

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, the Heppner Mustangs traveled to battle the Irrigon Knights. Heppner was taken by surprise this time around, as Coach Wilson described Irrigon as a "whole new team" that showed up for the match compared to the Knights the Mustangs played last week.

"It took everything we had to pull out this win," said Wilson. "We battled them for each point. It was a great match-up tonight."

Heppner vs. Irrigon

Won, 3-2

Final Scores: 26-24, 25-21, 21-25, 21-25, 16-14

Stats—Dara Teeman: assists: 21, digs: 14, aces: 3. Katie Wilson: digs: 22, kills: 2 aces: 5. Hallee Hisler: kills: 4, blocks: 1, aces: 4. Ava Gerry: kills: 14, aces: 1. Morgan Cutsforth: digs: 26, kills: 6, aces: 4. Hailey Wenberg: digs: 32, aces: 2. Keeley Nairns: blocks: 3, kills: 1. Katie Spivey: digs: 5, aces: 1.



(L-R) Cade Cunningham, Irelynn Kollman, Jacob Finch, Daralynn Teeman, Trevor Nichols, Katie Wilson, Hailey Wenberg, David Cribbs, Morgan Cutsforth, Landon Mitchell. 1st grade crown bearers- Jaxon Wilson & Dylan Turner. -Photo by Tylynn Cimmiyotti

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Mustang Football
Heppner Mustangs have had a good start to the 2022 season with a 3-2. Playing Toledo at home for a season opening win of 48-8. Then we traveled across the state to Warrington and lost 0-28. Week three brought a win against Irrigon with a score of 46-6, bringing us to week four, where we traveled to Lost River and suffered a loss 6-31. On Friday, September 3rd we had a win over Stanfield 34-6. - Lane Critchlow
Cross Country
The Heppner Mustangs Cross Country Team has had a great start this year. They've had 5 Cross Country meets. Which took place in Pilot Rock, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wallowa Lake, Hermiston, and Stanfield. They are placed 3rd in the district. They have had

some great finishes so far. The Pilot Rock race was a memorial race for John Hascall. In the Tillamook race, high school boys placed 8th overall. In the Umatilla race, high school girls placed 2nd and the high school boys placed 11th overall. In the Wallowa race, high school girls placed 4th and the high school boys placed 3rd overall. In the Stanfield race high school girls and boys both placed 3rd. We are looking forward to the meets ahead. - Saige Jensen
Volleyball
The Heppner Mustang volleyball team has had a busy season so far playing over 15 different teams. They just started their league season off with a close loss against Stanfield on Thursday, September 22. They're overall record is 11-6 and

their league record is 0-1. The team will be playing more games throughout October and hopefully into November. - Hallee Hisler

Cheer Team

Our Heppner cheer team has been extremely supportive at all of our home football games this year. They have been getting up at 6 a.m. every morning to practice old and new cheers for many hard hours. They have also been learning halftime dances one on top of the other and they are putting on a new mix of dances with some of the senior boys for homecoming week. They have been a very cooperative and flexible team and they are very excited to continue on with the year of full of cheer. - Keeley Nairns

Mustangs slay TigerScots 14-6



Heppner sophomore Eston Berry (#14) and freshman Ryan Haugen (#78) taking down the TigerScot quarterback. -Photo by Kirsti Cason



Mustang senior Ty Boor (#28) up against TigerScot senior Cameron Reich (#10). -Photo by Kirsti Cason

The Heppner Mustang football team remained undefeated in Blue Mountain Conference play with a 14-6 victory over the Weston-McEwen/Griswold TigerScots.

The game started with the Mustangs fumbling the ball on their very first play. The next time Heppner got the ball they went on an 11-play, 52-yard drive that ended with another fumble at the TigerScot 14-yard line. The Heppner defense forced a punt and then the offense started a scoring drive. The seven-play, 60-yard drive ended when Landon Mitchell completed a 20-yard pass to Cameron Proudfoot for a touchdown to make the score 6-0 as the second quarter started.

A long TigerScot drive that ate up about half of the time in the second quarter ended when Mitchell ripped the ball from their running back and ran 56 yards the other way. The Mustangs started a drive that would end two plays later when Mitchell ran the ball in from 25 yards out for a touchdown. Ty Boor punched in the two-point conversion to make the score 14-0.

The TigerScots would score on their next possession to make the score of the game 14-6. Heppner lost the ball on their next possession, but the defense stepped up and got the ball

right back for the offense. The Mustangs drove the ball down the field all the way to the six-yard line but failed to score on the very last play of the half. The score of the game at halftime was 14-6.

The teams traded several possessions in the third quarter. The Mustangs intercepted a TigerScot pass on the first play of the fourth quarter to give the Heppner offense the ball back. Just three plays later the Heppner team fumbled to give the ball right back. The TigerScots then went on a long seven-play, 46-yard drive that reached the Mustang 15-yard line when Heppner intercepted a pass to give the Mustangs the ball again.

Heppner was forced to punt the ball back to the TigerScot offense, but the stingy Mustang defense held them on downs and took back possession of the ball with just over five minutes left in the game. The Mustangs got a first down and with some good clock management was able to run the time out and win the game by the score of 14-6.

The game was as close as the score indicates. Heppner had 13 first downs and the TigerScots 14. Heppner had 263 total yards to 264 for the TigerScots. The Mustangs had a big night on the ground as they ran

the ball for 236 yards and passed it for 27.

Turnovers were big in the game as Heppner fumbled the ball five times and lost four of them. The TigerScots fumbled three times and lost two of them, and they also threw two interceptions.

Leading the Mustangs in rushing was George with 102 yards on 12 carries. Mitchell had 96 yards and a touchdown on 23 attempts. Hayden McMahon rushed for 36 yards, and Proudfoot for 13.

Mitchell was 2-8 passing the ball for 27 yards and a touchdown. Proudfoot caught the ball one time for 20 yards and a touchdown, and Jake Lentz had a catch for a seven-yard gain.

On the defensive side of the ball, Boor led the team with 12 tackles and George was next with nine. With eight tackles each were Lentz and Jaime Cavan. Cade Cunningham was big on the night with seven, and Tucker Ashbeck finished with six. Mitchell had four tackles and with three tackles each were Proudfoot, David Cribbs and Ryan Haugen.

Heppner will travel to Boardman to take on the Pirates this Thursday night at 7 p.m.



Hailey Wenberg organized the Mustangs' "Dig Pink" night as part of her senior project. The bake sale raised \$2,205 toward breast cancer treatment and research. -Photo by Kirsti Cason

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