

# Mustangs on top of 2A Blue Mtn. Conference; 11<sup>th</sup> overall for OSAA



Katie Henricks and Keeley Nairns go up for a block.  
~ Photo by Susan Hisler

Last week the Mustangs worked to come out on top of the 2A Blue Mountain Conference ranking. At the time of this writing, the Mustangs are sitting at the top spot for BMC and ranked 11th overall for OSAA.

On Tuesday, September 12, 2023, the Mustang volleyball team hosted the Irrigon Knights in their first league contest of the season. Heppner came out on top, winning 3-0. Coach Wilson said the team served well and played tough at the net. The team was able to improve on the little things and finished strong.

Heppner vs. Irrigon: W 3-0, 25-9, 25-6, 25-9. Stats: Ava Gerry: 5 kills, 10 assists, 7 aces. Morgan Cutsforth: 2 kills, 10 digs, 7 aces. Hallee Hisler: 5 kills, 2 aces, 1 block, 4 digs. Maya Payne: 6 kills, 7 assists, 3 aces, 2 digs, 1 block. Katie Spivey: 11 digs. Keeley Nairns: 4 kills, 1 block. Katie Henricks: 1 kill, 5 digs, 1 block.

On Saturday, September 16, 2023, the Mustangs traveled to Powder Valley High School in Wasco to compete in the Powder Valley Tournament.

According to Coach Wilson, the girls came in that morning working hard to control the ball against Damascus Christian; the other team was struggling a little off and on, and the Mustangs took full advantage.

In the game against Nyssa, Heppner struggled with their serves but was able to control and put the ball away off of the

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need to have the entire community involved and engaged to find a long-term solution that works for everyone," said the release.

"H2OEO's work is focused on the Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area (LUB-GWMA), a 562-square-mile region comprising northern Morrow County and northwestern Umatilla County. The LUBGWMA was created in 1990 to identify and implement practices to reduce nitrates in the groundwater of the geologically diverse area, an issue dating back decades."

"Since its informal inception in 2022, the coalition has so far provided direct and indirect testing for 500 wells, distributed 1,000 one-gallon water jugs, helped install filtration systems, and provided information about clean water resources and programs," according to the release.

"The businesses and organizations that are joining this effort are deeply connected with their communities and concerned about the long-term good of the region," said H2OEO



Katie Spivey #20 spikes the ball against Irrigon opponent ~ Photo by Susan Hisler

serve-receive.

Heppner vs. Damascus Christian: W 2-0, 25-21, 25-23. Stats: Ava Gerry: 1 kill, 4 assists, 2 aces, 5 digs. Maya Payne: 1 kill, 3 assists, 2 digs, 2 aces. Hallee Hisler: 6 kills, 6 digs, 1 ace, 2 blocks. Morgan Cutsforth: 3 kills, 8 digs, 1 ace. Katie Henricks: 1 kill, 2 digs. Katie Spivey: 1 kill, 8 digs. Delaney Stefani: 4 digs.

Heppner vs. Nyssa: W 2-0, 25-19, 25-19. Stats: Ava Gerry: 1 kill, 6 assists, 4 aces, 2 digs. Maya Payne: 5 kills, 2 assists, 1 dig, 1 ace. Hallee Hisler: 3 kills, 1 dig, 2 aces. Morgan Cutsforth: 2 kills, 2 digs, 1 ace. Katie Henricks: 1 kill. Katie Spivey: 6 digs.

Heppner vs. South Wasco: L 0-2, 14-25, 20-25. No Stats.

On Monday, September 18, The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Weston McEwen for their second league game of the season. The team had their struggles this evening but came back each time, battling as a team to get the win. Heppner played Weston McEwen tough at the net, which was a big thing for the Mustangs, Coach Wilson puts it.

Heppner vs. Weston McEwen: W 3-1, 26-24, 25-23, 17-25, 25-20. Stats: Ava Gerry: 6 kills, 9 assists, 4 aces, 5 digs. Maya Payne: 7 kills, 2 assists, 2 digs. Hallee Hisler: 2 kills, 2 digs, 3 aces, 5 blocks. Morgan Cutsforth: 2 kills, 2 digs, 2 aces. Katie Spivey: 1 assist, 8 digs, 2 aces. Keeley Nairns: 1 kill, 3 blocks. Delaney Stefani: 3 digs, 1 ace.

Secretary Jeff Wendler, who is the director of livestock operations at Three Mile Canyon Farms. "Collaboration is the key to building trust and cooperation. We want to be a connection point that amplifies good information and potential solutions."

"H2OEO is coordinating with public health departments in Morrow and Umatilla counties and the Oregon Health Authority to help share information and resources, ensuring people have access to testing, water deliveries, and information about filtration systems and well maintenance. The coalition has also launched the [www.h2oeo.org](http://www.h2oeo.org) website to collect and share relevant resources for well users and as a platform for ongoing education about groundwater, nitrates, and well maintenance, and more."

Founding members of H2OEO are AWS, Beef Northwest, Boardman Foods, Calbee America, Lamb Weston, Oregon Potato Company, Threemile Canyon Farms, and Tillamook County Creamery Association.

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