

MUSTANGS: Largest lead 10 points in third quarter

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Heppner walloped the Tigers 83-65 Jan. 9.

“We knew coming in it was gonna be a dogfight,” Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm said. “That’s two really good basketball teams that gave everything they had. I can’t ask anything more from my team in terms of effort or hustle. We’ve worked so hard to get to this point, and to have big road wins like this (is huge).”

It was a back-and-forth affair all night that was rather mistake-free. There were only a total of 15 turnovers committed by both teams combined and, for the most part, there weren’t any silly fouls, either.

Heppner led by 10 points once when CJ Kindle hit a 3-pointer with 5:45 in the third quarter to put the Mustangs up 31-21, but it wouldn’t get any bigger. Stanfield’s biggest lead of the night was four after Tony Flores hit a 3-pointer with 5:09 left in the second quarter.

Stanfield’s lead was brief. Entering the second quarter up 13-8, Heppner watched as the Tigers’ defense ratcheted up, forcing three straight turnovers while embarking on an 11-2 run to take the 19-15 lead on Flores’ 3. The possession prior, Thyler Monkus converted a three-point play to take a one-point lead at 16-15, then Flores hit his 3 for the four-point lead.

Then Weston Putman took over.

The 6-foot-2 senior scored 10 of Heppner’s last 13 points as Heppner closed the first half on a 13-2 run to take a seven-point lead into the break.

“A couple of (guys)



Staff photo by Sam Barbee

Stanfield’s Tony Flores (20) rises over Heppner’s CJ Kindle for Stanfield’s first basket during the Mustangs’ 44-43 win Saturday in Stanfield.

didn’t play their best game (Friday) night (in a 49-42 loss vs. Irrigon), and so they were amped up and ready to redeem themselves tonight,” Rosenbalm said. “Weston was one of those guys. He was pretty upset last night with the way he played and we wanted to come and show our fans what he can play like.”

The Mustangs largely controlled the action in the second half, grabbing the 10-point lead shortly into the third quarter. Stanfield, though, whittled it away. Grogan’s 3 with 4:59 in the frame cut the lead to seven, and a minute later Flores’ 3 cut the lead to five at 33-28 with 3:56 on the clock. Up

five in the quarter’s last possession, Patrick Collins scored a putback as the buzzer sounded to give Heppner a seven-point lead heading into the final period. It was the second time Heppner scored as a quarter ended. Putman tossed in a layup as the first quarter buzzer rang.

Stanfield scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to pull even at 37 on Grogan’s free throw, and Flores had a chance to take the lead in a one-and-one situation, but failed to convert. On the ensuing possession, Putman converted a three-point play with 6:12 left to put Heppner up three at 40-37. Stanfield wouldn’t tie again.

The Tigers got within three at 43-40 on a Grogan free throw, and got within two at 44-42 on Ryan Bailey’s basket with 1:18 left. Grogan, again, made one of two from the line to cut the Mustang lead to 44-43, and had a chance to win it with six seconds left. His shot was off, a jump ball was called, giving Stanfield one last shot, but Woods’ couldn’t win it.

“We’re not done. We still have good guys coming up,” Baros said. “It’s not all sealed in stone that we’re there. We still gotta work to get there.”

Stanfield is at Culver this Friday for a 4:30 p.m. tip. Heppner’s next outing is a 6 p.m. meeting with Weston-McEwen in Heppner the same day.

HHS (16-2, 6-1)	13	15	9	7	—	44
SHS (13-5, 5-2)	8	13	9	6	—	43
HEPPNER — W. Putman 17, L. Grieb 10, P. Collins 7, C. Kindle 6, K. Clark 2, C. Hedman 2, J. Lindsay, W. Stegall, K. Murray, K. Currin.						
STANFIELD — T. Flores 13, D. Grogan 9, Garcia 7, T. Monkus 6, B. Woods 6, R. Bailey 2, L. Moreno, J. Carrillo, J. Galarza, A. Nunez, D. Brooks, E. Angel, N. Sanchez, E. Esquivel.						
3-pointers — HHS 3, SHS 5. Free throws — HHS 5-13, SHS 8-14. Fouls — HHS 14, SHS 15.						

TIMBERWOLVES:

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too much for the Blue Mountain Timberwolves to overcome on Saturday, falling at home to Treasure Valley.

Treasure Valley (14-7, 5-2 East) busted out to a 21-11 lead after one quarter and increased its cushion to 41-28 at halftime. Blue Mountain (8-13, 2-5) eventually outscored Treasure Valley 25-22 in the second half, but it was not enough.

Treasure Valley out-shot Blue Mountain 44 percent to 39 percent from the floor, and won the rebound battle 37-27. The Chukars took advantage of Blue Mountain’s 19 turnovers, as well, netting 24 points off turnovers.

Savannah Heugly led the Timberwolves in scoring

and was the only player to finish in double-digits with 25 points on 11-17 shooting. For the season, Heugly is averaging 21.0 points and 11.7 rebounds per game, which is the fourth-best in the NWAC in both categories.

Other Blue Mountain top scorers were Kayla Reyna with nine points on three made 3-pointers, and Brook Haringa with seven points.

Blue Mountain next plays at Walla Walla on Saturday.

TVCC (14-7, 5-2)	21	20	13	9	—	63
BMCC (8-13, 2-5)	11	17	10	15	—	53
TREASURE VALLEY — G. Oldham 12, H. Waldemar 12, K. Haley 10, S. Keele 7, K. Murphy 6, R. Helmick 6, M. Kimball 5, M. Stockett 5, J. Praegitzer, B. Beeston, T. Vernon.						
BLUE MOUNTAIN — S. Heugly 25, K. Reyna 9, B. Haringa 7, E. Ramsey 5, B. Gregory 5, K. Collins 2, L. Cagle.						
3-pointers — TVCC 4, BMCC 6. Free throws — TVCC 15-22, BMCC 7-11. Fouls — TVCC 18, BMCC 18. Fouled out — M. Kimball (TVCC).						



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

BMCC’s Isaiah Harris (11) goes up for a layup as Daryl Robertson (2), of Treasure Valley, defends Saturday against in Pendleton.

Stanfield’s Cynthia Curiel (3) is defended by Heppner’s Jacce Currin (10) and Rylee Kollman during the Tigers’ 38-24 win Saturday in Stanfield.

Staff photo by Sam Barbee



TIGERS: Defensive pressure gets to Heppner

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and offensively we had good looks into he first quarter and just missed layups.”

Heppner lost by double figures despite dominating the offensive glass. Led by Rylee Kollman’s seven offensive boards, Heppner grabbed 13 in total, compared to Stanfield’s five.

In a scary moment, Heppner sophomore Morgan Correa left the game early on after hitting her head on the floor. She would not return to the game and left during half-time holding her head after likely suffering a concussion.

But it was the Tigers’ defensive pressure that

proved the difference. Heppner committed 27 turnovers Friday night, while Stanfield coughed it up just 15 times. Thirteen of Heppner’s turnovers were Stanfield steals.

The Mustangs took a 6-2 lead into the second quarter, and Stanfield roared past, outscoring the visitors 14-3 in the frame. The third quarter was much of the same, wht Stanfield starting the stanza on a 10-0 run and finishing the quarter at 14-4.

Heppner tried to come back in the second half, but Stanfield kept them at arm’s distance.

“Our girls are getting

better,” Heppner coach Robert Wilson said. “We’re a really young team, but we’re seeing improvement from game to game, especially with handling pressure.”

Stanfield heads to Culver Friday for a 6 p.m. tip. Heppner stays home to host Weston-McEwen at 4:30 p.m.

HHS (2-16, 0-7)	6	3	4	11	—	24
SHS (9-9, 4-3)2	14	14	8	—	38	
HEPPNER — J. Currin 8, R. Kollman 5, J. Kempen 4, K. Lindsay 3, R. Dompier 2, J. Mahoney 2, S. Grant, J. Evans, M. Correa, M. Combe, C. Grieb.						
STANFIELD — C. Curiel 9, M. Griffin 7, N. Esquivel 6, Y. Chavez 5, M. Banderas 3, S. Connell 3, B. Watson 2, B. Braithwaite 2, A. Lemmon 1, G. Chavez, A. Carrillo, C. Hopper.						
3-pointers — HHS 0, SHS 3. Free throws — HHS 6-18, SHS 7-20. Fouls — HHS 19, SHS 19.						

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday

Pendleton at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.

Mac-Hi at La Grande, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Stanfield at Culver, 4:30 p.m.

Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.

Pilot Rock at Irrigon, 6 p.m.

Hermiston at The Dalles, 7 p.m.

Hood River at Pendleton, 7 p.m.

Mac-Hi at Baker, 7:30 p.m.

Stanfield at Culver, 7:30 p.m.

Mitch/Spray at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.

Dufur at Ione, 7:30 p.m.

Arlington at Horizon Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Culver at Heppner, 4 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.

Irrigon at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.

Condon/Wheeler at South Wasco, 5:30 p.m.

Ione at Arlington, 5:30 p.m.

Powder Valley at Echo, 5:30 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Helix, 5:30 p.m.

Umatilla at Riverside, 7 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday

Mac-Hi at La Grande, 6 p.m.

Pendleton at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Friday

Mac-Hi at Baker, 6 p.m.

Stanfield at Culver, 6 p.m.

Mitch/Spray at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.

Dufur at Ione, 6 p.m.

Arlington at Horizon Christian, 6 p.m.

The Dalles at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Pendleton at Hood River, 7 p.m.

Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.

Pilot Rock at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Culver at Heppner, 2:30 p.m.

Nyssa at Umatilla, 3 p.m.

Vale at Riverside, 4 p.m.

Irrigon at Stanfield, 4 p.m.

Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.

Nixyaawii at Helix, 4 p.m.

Powder Valley at Echo, 4 p.m.

Condon/Wheeler at South Wasco, 4 p.m.

Ione at Arlington, 4 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday

Hood River at Hermiston, 6 p.m.

The Dalles at Pendleton, 6 p.m.

Mac-Hi at Baker, TBD

Saturday

Pendleton, Hermiston at Oregon City Tournament, 10 a.m.

Hermiston (JV), Heppner, Echo, Irrigon at Pine Eagle Invitational, 10 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday

Multnomah at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Blue Mountain at Walla Walla, 4 p.m.

Warner Pacific at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday

Multnomah at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday

Blue Mountain at Walla Walla, 2 p.m.

Warner Pacific at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.

Prep standings

BOYS BASKETBALL

Columbia River Conference (5A)

Conf.

Ovr.

PS

PA

Rnk

Pendleton 2-0

Hermiston 1-1

Hood River 1-1

The Dalles 0-2

9-6

894

821

8

21

212

816

944

843

1251

30

Greater Oregon League (4A)

Ovr.

Conf.

PS

PA

Rnk

Baker 4-0

Mac-Hi 2-1

10-10

1076

1117

21

7-13

833

936

28

Football

NFL

Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7

At Santa Clara, Calif.

Denver vs. Carolina, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

Basketball

NCAA

Men's Top 25 Monday

No. 19 Louisville 71, No. 2 North Carolina 65

Houston 71, No. 12 SMU 68

Texas 67 No. 15 Baylor 59

Today

No. 20 Kentucky at Tennessee, 4 p.m.

No. 25 South Carolina at Georgia, 4 p.m.

TCU at No. 1 Oklahoma, 5 p.m.

No. 22 Indiana at Michigan, 6 p.m.

No. 11 Providence at DePaul, 6 p.m.

No. 14 West Virginia at No. 13 Iowa State, 6 p.m.

Standings Pac-12

Conf

Ovr

Str

Oregon 7-2

USC 6-3

Utah 6-3

Washington 6-3

Colorado 6-3

Arizona 5-4

California 4-5

UCLA 4-5

Stanford 4-5

Oregon St. 3-6

Arizona St. 2-7

Washington St. 1-8

18-4

17-5

17-5

14-7

17-5

15-4

14-8

13-9

11-9

12-8

12-10

9-12

W4

W2

W5

W3

W1

W1

W1

W1

W1

W1

W1

W1

NBA

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

W

L

Pct

GB

Toronto 32

Boston 27

New York 23

Brooklyn 7

Philadelphia 7

41

166

20%

Southeast Division

W

L

Pct

GB

Miami 27

Atlanta 28

Charlotte 23

Washington 21

Orlando 21

26

447

51%

Central Division

W

L

Pct

GB

Cleveland 35

Chicago 26

Detroit 23

Indiana 25

Milwaukee 20

30

745

553

531

521

400

16%

Western Conference Southwest Division

W

L

Pct

GB

San Antonio 40

Memphis 29

Dallas 28

Houston 25

New Orleans 18

29

833

592

549

500

383

21%

Northwest Division

W

L

Pct

GB

Oklahoma City 37

Portland 23

Utah 22

Denver 19

Minnesota 14

35

740

769

468

388

286

22%

Pacific Division

W

L

Pct

GB

Golden State 44

L.A. Clippers 32

Sacramento 21

Phoenix 14

41

917

667

438

286

30%

Today's Games

L.A. Clippers 120, Chicago 93

Miami 105, Atlanta 87

Orlando 119, Boston 114

Dallas 91, Phoenix 78

Golden State 116, New York 95

Portland 96, Minnesota 93

Charlotte 101, L.A. Lakers 82

Monday's Games

Cleveland 111, Indiana 106, OT

Detroit 105, Brooklyn 100

Memphis 110, New Orleans 95

Oklahoma City 114, Washington 98

Atlanta 112, Dallas 97

San Antonio 107, Orlando 92

Utah 105, Chicago 96, OT

Denver 112, Toronto 93

Sacramento 111, Milwaukee 104

Today's Games

Boston at New York, 4:30 p.m.

Miami at Houston, 5 p.m.

Toronto at Phoenix, 6 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Florida 49

Tampa Bay 49

Detroit 49

Boston 49

Montreal 50

Ottawa 50

Buffalo 50

Toronto 48

29

27

25

26

15

5

63

58

135

108

130

127

124

136

139

144

134

Metropolitan Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Washington 47

N.Y. Rangers 49

N.Y. Islanders 47

Pittsburgh 48

New Jersey 50

Carolina 51

Philadelphia 47

Columbus 51

19

27

15

20

5

5

114

120

125

137

128

135

163

Western Conference Central Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Chicago 53

Dallas 50

St. Louis 52

Colorado 52

Nashville 50

Minnesota 49

Winnipeg 49

23

31

28

22

3

4

70

67

84

57

129

115

126

149

Pacific Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Los Angeles 40

San Jose 48

Arizona 49

Anaheim 47

Vancouver 50

Calgary 48

Edmonton 50

19

26

16

5

4

63

56

129

113

146

101

122

139

149

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss

Sunday's Games

Team Atlantic 4, Team Metropolitan 3

Team Pacific 9, Team Central 6

Team Pacific 1, Team Atlantic 0

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Today's Games

Toronto at Boston, 4 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 4 p.m.

Minnesota at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.

Montreal at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.

Florida at Washington, 4:30 p.m.

St. Louis at Nashville, 5 p.m.

Dallas at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.

Chicago at Colorado, 6 p.m.

Columbus at Edmonton, 6 p.m.

Los Angeles at Arizona, 6 p.m.

San Jose at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Australian Open

Saturday

Women's Singles Championship

Angelique Kerber (7, Germany, def. Serena Williams (1), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Men's Doubles Championship

Jamie Murray, Britain, and Bruno Soares (7, Brazil, def. Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Sunday

Men's Singles Championship

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Andy Murray (2), Britain, 6-1, 7-5, 7-6 (3).

Mixed Doubles Championship

Elena Vesnina, Russia, and Bruno Soares (5), Brazil, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, and Horia Tecau, Romania, 6-4, 4-6, 10-5.