

Mustangs Split In Last Weekend Basketball Play

By James Monahan
Heppners' fighting Mustangs came battling through Saturday night from an early quarter 5 point deficit to post a 54-45 win their first of the season, over a scrappy Scottie quint from McEwen after they lost their season opener 47-57 to a tall St. Joseph team the preceding night.

High man for the weekend was Skip Ruhl as he pumped in a total of 27 points for the two games. Cutting the nets for 13 against the towering Bluejays was not quite enough as "Big Bill" Doherty scored 7 of his 30 points to lead the Jays to a 14-3 first period lead.

John Piper caged two goals for four points while Tibbles and Ruhl dumped in a 2 pointer apiece.

Doherty poured on 17 tallies the second quarter to give the blue and white eagles a 23-31 halftime lead while the Mustangs tallied 15 among themselves. Second panel scores for the horses were Turner and Ruhl who each dropped in 6 and 5 counters respectively along with single baskets by D. Ruhl and D. Alderman.

Heppner drew the gap closer by the end of the third period as the score stood 43-37. The Mustangs damped in 9 free throws and 2 duces while the St. Joe basketekers fired in 3 goals and 6 charity shots. Early third period score gave the Mustangs 32-31 dead but 5 fouls on Tibbles and J. Piper hurt the Heppner squad and the Bluejays took the lead for the rest of the game.

The Jays gradually increased their lead to the game winning margin and held the Mustangs to eleven points with Tibbles tallying 6 of these.

Heppner
D. Piper, 2
D. Ruhl, 5
D. Alderman, 2
J. Piper, 8
L. Tibbles, 9
L. Turner, 8
S. Ruhl, 13

The Jays shot a 62% of their gift shots while the Mustangs were close behind with 61%.

Fouling hurt the Mustangs in the 1st half as they were called 5 times to the Jays 6 infractions. McEwen's D. Ingalls led the Scotties with a long jump shot that connected from 20 to 30 feet out to get a quick 5 point lead but it rapidly diminished as the Mustangs rallied with six field goals and 2 gift shots. Skip Ruhl put the Mustangs in front for good with a 35 footer with less than 3 seconds to go in the initial period.

Collecting 17 points in the second stanza the blue and gold squad rolled to a 31-19 halftime lead.

Ruhl and D. Piper collected 6 points apiece while Turner, Alderman, and J. Piper each caged a bucket from the field.

Heppner's firing attack cooled down in the last half and the McEwen Scotties dumped in 26 tallies to the Mustangs 23.

Minutes after the second half opened the Heppner quint jumped to a 17 point lead and from here the "Scotties" whittled away to a 46-33 third quarter score.

The last panel of play was the closest scoring period of play as the Mustangs were held to a meager 8 points to the Scotties 12.

Heppner
J. Piper, 10
D. Ruhl, 18
D. Alderman, 16
S. Ruhl, 14
L. Tibbles, 2
L. Turner, 8

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Steelhead Fishing Poor on John Day; River Very Muddy

State police reported Wednesday that warm weather during the past few days in the John Day river area has caused a heavy runoff which has raised the river nearly to flood stage.

The stream is very high and muddy which has stopped all steelhead fishing, it was reported. Police said, however, that a few of the fish are being taken from the Columbia in the Boardman and McNary areas.

Sage Riders List Top Point Winners

A recent meeting of the Umatilla Sage Riders was highlighted by the awarding of trophies and ribbons to the high point winners of the year.

Winners of the senior trophy was Clyde Nobles, Sr. This is the third straight year he has won the award and thereby gains permanent possession of the trophy. Clarence Frederickson, president of the club, came in second in total points, and Altha Kirk, a former resident of Heppner and secretary of the Sage Riders, won third place in the senior division and was highest woman point winner.

School Officials Attend State Meet

Joe Stewart, superintendent, and Ed Dick, chairman of the school board attended the State School Board Association meeting in Eugene Dec. 8, 9, and 10. This meeting had the largest attendance ever held by the association.

Reports were heard on "school insurance problems," "citizen participation in planning for school needs," "professional salaries for teachers," "trends in school architecture," and "basic school support."

Governor Paul Patterson gave a report on the White House conference and Alan Tom reported on the work of the legislative interim committee.

The highlight of the conference speeches was "School Boards are Big Business" given by O. H. Roberts Jr. from Evansville, Indiana, president of the National School Board Association.

Other speakers on the program were Dr. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, and Rex Putnam, superintendent of public instruction.

F. F. A. SELLING TREES

The Heppner F. F. A. chapter is again selling Christmas trees from the lot on Main street alongside the Heppner Auto Parts. The boys revealed they will have more trees available this weekend.

D. Alderman, 2 JV's Get 2 Wins

The J. V.'s turned in a perfect performance for the weekend as they edged out the baby "Jays" of St. Joe 28-26 for their first victory over the "Jays" in 2 years and dropped the little "Scots" 45-31. With 3 seconds to go Dick Applegate dropped in 2 free throws to ice the game.

The little "Scots" were tied but once with the Heppner squad and from there the J. V.'s ran roughshod over the McEwen teams.

Pilot Rock plays host to the Mustangs this Friday night and the touring Mt. Vernon Bears stop at the Mustang "maples" for a Saturday night performance.

These will be the last games for the Mustangs until after the Christmas holidays.

Game time for the Mt. Vernon tilt is scheduled for 8:00. The preliminary starts at 6:45.

Stores To Remain Open Friday Nights

Nearly all Heppner stores will remain open the next two Friday nights, December 16 and 23 until 9 p. m. for the convenience of Christmas shoppers, it has been announced.

Most stores observed the special opening hours last Friday for the first time this Christmas season.

U of O Journalism Students to Hear Professional Men

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. Eugene, Journalism and pre-journalism majors will have a chance to hear professional men in newspaper, radio, and advertising fields during a series of assemblies sponsored by the University of Oregon school of journalism. These assemblies will be set up on a bi-weekly basis during the winter term.

Dr. O. Meredith Wilson, university president, will be the sole exception to speakers representative of the profession when he speaks at the first assembly on January 5.

Already contacted for speaking engagements are Malcolm Bauer, editorial writer for the Oregonian; Carroll O'Rourke, account executive, Cole & Weber advertising agency, Portland; and Paul Walden, manager of KODL, The Dalles, and president of the Oregon State Broadcasters association.

The purpose of the new program is to bring all journalism students together to hear men working in the field, Charles T. Duncan, acting dean, said. In the past professional journalists have visited the school but not all students have had the opportunity of hearing them speak.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geer, Fossil, a 8 lb. 6 oz. boy born Dec. 9, named Charles Maurice. To Mrs. Edward Yenne, Fossil, a 8 lb. 12 oz. girl born Dec. 12, named Violet Verenta. To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Merriman, Heppner, a 7 lb. 1 oz. boy born Dec. 14, named Robert Joseph.

Medical—Gladys Chambers, Condon; Vivian Haguewood, Heppner; Hazel Kandel, Kinzua; Hugh Owen, Heppner; Dee Ann Angell, Lexington; Barbara Adams, Spray.

Minor Surgery—Alvira McDonald, Heppner.

Major Surgery—Marilyn Schwisow, Condon, dismissed; Clarence Moore, Kinzua.

Out-Patients—Rohda Buchanan, Lexington; Charles Buchanan, Lexington; Bernice Yenne, Fossil; Ursula Cotmier, Condon; Eddie Huston, Heppner; Nestle Davis, Monument; Leona Smallwood, Heppner.

LONEROCK TO DECORATE TREE

A Christmas coffee cloche will be held at the Lonerock grange hall and annex when women in the district meet on Tuesday evening, December 20 to trim the community Christmas tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Blake and Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy have gone for a short vacation to the Blake's beach cabin at Wecoma, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith left Sunday for a vacation at the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hisler and Mr. and Mrs. James Sumner visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bristow and family in Portland over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rosewall were in Portland the first of the week.

Judge and Mrs. Garnet Barratt left today for Pendleton where Judge Barratt will attend a two day meeting of the State Water Resources Board and the Upper Columbia Basin Commission.

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