

Two More Hoop Mustangs Add Wins to String

By James Monahan

Coach Larry Downen's Mustangs captured their second and third straight wins of the year last weekend as they edged Pilot Rock in an overtime and squeaked by the Mt. Vernon Bears 51-49.

Behind 6 points with only 2:17 minutes left in the Mt. Vernon tilt the Mustang quint rallied as "Stretch" Tibbles dumped in two markers and hit on two charity tosses while John and Del Piper gathered four points to post a winning margin of two points.

Ruhl stole the ball on the opening jump but missed on a layup. J. Piper took the rebound and laid it up again for a successful crumple. Heppner had the opening score of the game.

Piper scored on two gift shots and ripped the cards for a duce from the floor. Del Piper dumped in two points from the four lane to conclude Mustang scoring while Mt. Vernon tallied ten to edge onto a 10-8 first quarter lead.

Outscored by a meager two points in the first quarter play the Mustangs edged ahead in the second period scoring column by 2 counters to balance the totals at 21-12 at the halftime. Three seniors took care of all scoring chores in the third period as Del and John Piper scored 8 and 3 respectively and Skip Ruhl tallied a lone bucket from out the front court.

Don McKrolo, Mt. Vernon center, dumped in 9 of his 15 points in the 3rd quarter but the Mustangs matched the Bears point for point to keep the game deadlocked for the final stanza.

The Bears edged ahead with less than five minutes left and their lead jumped to 6 points.

Blue and Gold cagers stepped up to the free throw line 4 times before their last minute rally and missed 4 straight charity tosses, any of which would have helped ice the game.

McKrolo and Hehn both earned trips to the showers as they both made 5 infractions late in the final period.

Mt. Vernon's last bucket was with 4 seconds in the game and the Bears were still 2 points down.

Heppner
J. Piper, 17
D. Piper, 17
S. Ruhl, 11
L. Turner, 0
L. Tibbles, 6

Mt. Vernon
D. McKrolo, 15
Hehn, 9
Spriggle, 10
Bond, 2
Kirchner, 8
Randell, 5

Pilot Rock Beaten
Skip Ruhl sparked the Mustangs in their overtime victory over the Rockets of Pilot Rock as he scored the highest total in two years with twenty points, four of which came in the overtime period.

Del Piper opened the overtime scoring with a long set shot for 20 feet. John Piper added a jump shot and Ruhl caged in another shot from the field while the Rockets were held to one last minute by Chapman.

Holding a 2 point lead going into the second stanza the 'Rocks' fell behind as J. Piper hit the hemp for eight points to lead all second quarter scoring and the Mustangs comforted a 6 point mid game lead.

A fiery battle developed in the second half when the Rockets cut the Mustang lead to four points. The Mustangs hit three free throws and the same number of field goals.

The Rockets continued their torrid pace until they came within two points of tying the contest, and at this point with 25 seconds left reserve guard Darrell Horn deadlocked the game with a short jump shot.

High for the night despite Ruhl's 20 points was Ladd McGowan who totaled 22 for the scoring crown.

Oddly enough both Piper brothers tied for high point honors in the Mt. Vernon fracas with 17 apiece.

Ed Groshens was the hero of the J. V. squads 29-28 victory over a tall second string Mt. Vernon team as he put the Mustangs out in front by a point with a last minute twisting jump shot.

The J. V.'s were behind all the way except for a first quarter 4 point lead. The squad coached by Jim Mallon started their dramatic 10 point comeback with 5:09 remaining to play.

Friday nights encounter with the babe "Rocks" of Pilot Rock was another overtime thriller in which the little Mustangs lost by 1 point after they had been the dominating team during the regular game play.

Knappa, State Basketball Champions of 1955, will meet the Mustangs on the Mustang maples the 29th of this month for the Heppner quint's fifth encounter of the year.

Led by big 6' 6" Bob "Pudgy Hunt", the Loggers will be slightly favored as they have been undefeated except for 1 loss in the Astoria Jamboree.

Telephones On Increase in Area

With one telephone, on the average, for every three persons, the United States had more than half of the world's 94.5 million telephones on January 1, 1955.

This information was released in Oregon this week by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company from figures compiled by American Telephone and Telegraph Company in its annual survey, "Telephone Statistics of the World". It takes a year to compile the report.

The state of Oregon, Pacific Telephone officials in Portland indicate, was right in line with the national average. At the first of the year, the population of the state was just about 1,662,680 persons. The telephone population—Pacific company and independent companies combined—was 536,576.

Pacific Telephone's 1954 growth in Oregon, in number of telephone instruments installed was about 4.4 per cent—from 416,564 to 435,238. About 5.3 million telephones were added throughout the world during the same 12 months.

The company's growth in Oregon, through November of this year has been even greater. The birthrate of new telephones jumped to 6.1 per cent—in November Pacific Telephone had 461,959 telephones installed throughout the state, as compared with 435,238 on January 1, 1955.

Locally, telephone growth has also been good, according to Pacific Telephone manager D. A. Short. In the Pendleton area the number of telephones has increased 6.1 per cent the past year, from 12,688 to 13,465.

Telephones by towns in the Pendleton area through November of this year were: Pendleton, 6012; Stanfield, 263; Weston, 224; Milton, 2085; Athena, 478; Echo, 200; Heppner, 693; Hermiston, 2447; Lone, 187; Lexington, 124; and Umatilla, 762.

Despite telephone growth locally, and throughout the nation, Iceland has replaced the United States as the second talking nation in the world, American Telephone's annual report indicates.

Canada, with 417 conversations per person, is in first place for the third consecutive year. Iceland is next with 394, and the United States, 393 per capita.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson left Tuesday for Everett, Washington where they will spend Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly and new granddaughter, Luann.

Family Arrives For Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Singer and children arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake. The Singers have just returned from fifteen months spent in San Paulo, Brazil. After the holidays they will be located in New York.

Other Christmas guests of the Blakes will be their son Donald, who attends the University of Washington and another daughter Joan of Portland.

Also expected on Friday are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilliam and children of Portland who will spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Gilliam and Mr. and Mrs. Blake.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrival—To Mr. and Mrs. Ross Grover, Fossil, a 7 lb. girl born Dec. 17, named Sandra Lynn.

Medical—Marie Monahan, Heppner; Francis Gilliland, Fossil; Bert Cork, Heppner; Vernon Perry, Kinzua; Ezra Adkins, Kinzua, dismissed; Hilma Vieg, Heppner (deceased); Claude Cox, Heppner; Grace Turner, Heppner; Ola Ruggles, Heppner; Thomas Steagall, Lexington, dismissed; Paul O'Meara, Lone; Russel O'Donnell, Heppner.

HERMISTON SALE

CATTLE: Baby calves, 1.50 to 12.00 cwt; steer calves, 15.60 to 17.20 cwt; heifer calves, 13.60 to 16.30 cwt; veal, 16.50 to 18.30 cwt. Stocker steers, 12.10 to 13.50 cwt; feeder steers, 3.50 to 14.80 cwt; no fat slaughter steers or heifers; Dairy cows, 82.50 to 105.00 a head; stock cows, 79.00 to 120.00 a head; commercial cows, 10.60 to 12.00 cwt; utility cows, 9.10 to 10.60 cwt; canner cutter cows, 7.10 to 8.20 cwt; shells, 4.50 to 7.10 cwt. Bulls, 10.20 to 12.20 cwt. HOGS: Weaner pigs, 3.50 to 5.00 cwt; feeder pigs, 9.50 to 11.60 cwt; fat hogs 10.60 to 12.70 cwt; sows, 8.40 to 10.20 cwt; boars, 3.50 to 4.20 cwt; SHEEP: Feeder lambs, 14.50 to 15.30 cwt; no fat lambs; ewes, 4.50 to 6.50 a head; no bucks.

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Top Local Cattle Consigned For Hereford Assn. Sale

Two local stock growers, Kirk and Robinson and Floyd Worden, have consigned some of their top stock to the sixth annual Oregon Polled Hereford Association show and sale to be held in Redmond, March 2 and 3, according to word from Gordon Durham, Corvallis, secretary of the association.

Kirk and Robinson will consign one bull and two females and Worden two bulls and four females.

According to Dunham the sale committee of the association has just completed a four-day trip to inspect consignments to the spring sale and he said the association is making every effort this year to assemble the highest quality group of polled herefords cattle ever offered in a state association sale.

Irvin Mann of the Double M Hereford Ranch, Adams, will judge the show and H. B. Sager, Bozeman, Montana, will be the auctioneer.

Boardman News

The Garden club met Monday night at the home of Mrs. Rolin Bishop, with Mrs. Arthur Allen as co-hostess. There were 17 members present and Shirley Earwood was a guest. Following the business meeting there was an exchange of gifts, and Mrs. Nathan Thorpe read "The Night Before Christmas".

The Christmas program was presented at the Community church Sunday night, in which all Sunday school children took part. The program was based on "Meeting the Characters of Christmas" and "What Would You Do with God's Son." Special numbers were a trombone and a cornet duet "Star of the East", by Martin and Douglas Shattuck; a vocal duet by Sandra Thorpe and Gwendolyn Fussell; and a duet by Miss Jean Scott and Miss Zelma Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wiese and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen attended the square dance party at the Recreation hall in Hermiston Saturday night.

Watch This Space Each Week FOR THE LATEST MARKET REPORT

This Information Will Be Provided Each Week by the Northwest Livestock Commission Co. Sales Yard at Hermiston.

Northwestern Livestock Comm. Co. offered approximately 500 head on this preholiday market. Several classes were insufficiently represented in numbers to fully establish price trends and test demand. Generally the market was recorded as fully steady with last week. Commercial grade cows including odd heiferette types brought from \$12 to \$13.85; utilities \$9.50 to \$11.75; canners \$8 to \$8.75; cutters \$7.25 to \$7.75 and shells \$4.50 to \$5.50. Odd small drafts of feeder cows sold at \$7.50 to \$8.25.

Commercial grade heifers carrying fairly good condition moved briskly at \$13.50 to \$15.60; utilities \$9.50 to \$12; cutters \$7 to \$8.50 and stockers of medium and lower quality \$12 to \$14.50.

A few odd heavy steers sold from \$13.25 to \$16; 7-900 lb. weights \$12.50 to \$16.10; 5-700 lbs. \$13.25 to \$15.85 and 4-500 lbs. \$15 to \$17.10—quality in all instances medium and below.

Steer calves grading good brought from \$17 to \$17.80 in carlots, slightly lower than similar quality last week. Medium grade steer calves returned \$16 to \$16.50 and common kinds \$11 to \$15.

Medium was the top grade of heifer calves offered they topping at \$13.90 and bulk from \$13 to \$13.75. Common heifer calves including dairy types brought from \$8.50 to \$11.

Veal continued in good demand at prices from \$16 to \$20 with odd tops to \$22.75. Demand and prices on slaughter bulls dropped slightly with bulk bringing from \$11.50 to \$12.50 and scattered sales to \$12.70.

A general strengthening of demand and prices on all western markets has given a more encouraging tone to the livestock picture. Many men, closely associated with the industry, predict marked improvement in on-the-hoof prices following this holiday season.

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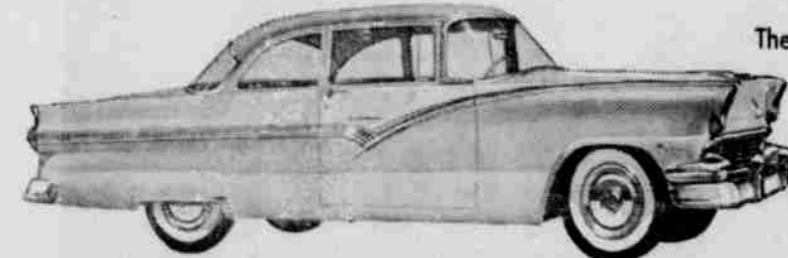
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