

Mustangs Split in Week Hoop Play

Ione Falls But Echo Wins; Two Good Games Due

By James Monahan

Coach Larry Downen's Mustangs romped over the Lexington Jack-rabbits Friday night in a lopsided duel on the bunnies' home court by a 49-22 score and lost their chance for the league leadership the following night when George De Lapp's Echo Cougars edged out the Mustangs 49-44 despite a 19 point shooting spree by John Piper.

Playing a terrific defensive game, the Heppner cagers held the rabbits scoreless for 12:33 minutes before the Orangemen from Lex scored on a pair of gift shots by Duke Hunt.

Heppner "hit the hemp" for 19 counters before the jacks scored but continued on to hold a 22-8 halftime lead.

John Piper lead first half scoring with 7 tallies while Skip Ruhl scored a pair of ducers and equal member of black stripe tosses for a total of 6.

The Mustangs rolled in 27 scores in the second half while the "long ears" collected 14 points on 4 field goals and 6 charity tosses.

Reserves played most of the tilt and kept the contest under control at all times.

Heppner shot 59% on the foul line as they connected on 13 out of 22 while the bunnies were shooting 10 for 17 for 58%.

Heppner Lexington
J. Piper—11 Laney—2
D. Piper—8 Cornelson—3
Tibbles—4 Hermann—9
Turner—3 Hunt—2
Connor—2 Nolan—6
Sayers—4
Ruhl—11
Groshears—4

High point honors were copied by Skip Ruhl and John Piper who totaled 11 each while George DeLapp's cats jumped to a quick 4-0 lead and constantly kept a jump ahead of an ever-pressing Heppner attack.

Poor defensive balls spelled defeat for the Mustangs and 14-12 first quarter lead for the Cougars was an early game clue as to the outcome.

Virtually even playing was on schedule for the second stage action as the Mustangs battled to come within 4 points at halftime with a mid-tilt score of 24-20.

Echo guard, Allan Tollar, drove down deep into the key to sink 3 jump shots and give the cougars a boost in their 15 point third quarter spurt. The horses tallied only 9 scores.

Led by Lowell Turner and John Piper the blue and gold cagers fired back in the final period to score 5 points while the Cougars hit for only 11.

A pressing attack employed by Larry Downen's hoopsters narrowed the margin to 2 points late in the last quarter, but a long shot by Mike Ramos of Echo gave them the lead they never relinquished.

High point honors of the night went to Piper, and A. Tollar of Echo followed with 13.

The Mustangs shot their best free throw percentage of the year as they rolled in 20 out of 26 for a record 76%, but their field average was a low .235 while the cougars hit nearly .600.

Heppner Echo
J. Piper—19 A. Tollar—13
D. Piper—6 M. Tollar—4
D. Ruhl—4 S. Ramos—10
S. Ruhl—5 M. Ramos—12
Tibbles—6 Smith—10
Turner—4

Heppner plays host to a visiting Stanfield quint this Friday and travels to Irrigon the following night to cope with "Big Joe" Mann and company.

Stanfield, victor over Ione and Irrigon, two of the leagues roughest, are bright marks on the Tiger's record book which will make the competition for the Mustangs rough.

Mann of Irrigon has been the league's leading scorer and has proved fatal to Ione when he rolled in 38 points.

With such threats on this weekend's schedule, victories will be no cinch.

Ione Town Five Troupe Pendleton

The Ione town basketball team got back its winning ways last Monday when it trounced the Pendleton Indians 82 to 70. The week before they had dropped a close one to the Pendleton Grain Growers team by a two-point margin.

Next Monday at 8 p. m. the Townies will tackle Echo in what is expected to be a top match. Echo is currently tied with the Pendleton Grain Growers for top spot in the league.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland returned Saturday evening from a ten day vacation spent in California.

Cattle Prices Trend Downward

HERMISTON—Action was fast, although consignments were fairly large at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday, sale manager Delbert Anson reported today.

Volume reached 410 cattle, 72 hogs and 48 sheep, with 51 consignors on hand.

Fed cattle were down, except for steers, which ran steady to higher at the top of the price range. Heifer calves were lower because of higher weights and veal was down due to quality.

Buyers are calling for steer calves and yearling feeder steers.

The Market:
CATTLE: Baby calves, 4.50 to 22.00 a head; steer calves, 16.20 to 18.50 cwt.; heifer calves, 13.90 to 14.85 cwt.; veal, commercial only, 19.50 to 21.00 cwt. Stocker steers, 13.20 to 14.30 cwt.; feeder steers, 14.30 to 15.10 cwt.; fat slaughter steers, 15.10 to 15.75 cwt.; fat heifers, 13.20 to 14.50 cwt., with a few singles to 16.00.

Dairy cows, 87.50 to 140.00 a head; stock cows, none; commercial cows, 11.60 to 13.10 cwt.; utility cows, 10.20 to 11.30 cwt.; canner cutter cows, 8.20 to 9.60 cwt.; shells, 5.25 to 7.80 cwt. Bulls, utility only, 11.40 to 14.20 cwt. HOGS: Weaner pigs, 3.50 to 6.75 a head; feeder pigs, 9.60 to 12.10 cwt.; fat hogs 11.90 to 12.60 cwt.; sows, 8.40 to 10.10 cwt.; boars 2.50 to 4.10 cwt. SHEEP: Feeder lambs, 14.40 to 15.40 cwt.; fat lambs, 15.50 to 16.35 cwt.; ewes with lambs at side to 16.00 a pair; bucks 1.50 to 3.00 cwt.

Merchant Marine Academy Exams To Be Given Soon

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The annual competitive examination for appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, will be held March 12, Congressman Sam Coon stated today.

The examination is open to those between the ages of 16½ and 21 (22 for veterans). Most high school graduates will qualify, including those who will graduate this June. Physical requirements are high, approximately those required by the Naval Academy.

Congressman Coon said, "This is a fine opportunity for a young man to obtain a college education, a commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve and a license as a U. S. Merchant Marine officer, all in one package."

Application deadline is February 13. To get an application, write to Maritime Training Officer, Maritime Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington 25, D. C.

It has been very successful in taking the heat off the governor, particularly in the purchasing department.

CARTOONIST RETIRES
Howard Fisher, editorial cartoonist of the Oregon Journal for the past 27 years, retired January 1.

Turning out a cartoon a day and ranking with the top ten cartoonists of the country is steady work. All the while he was cartooning his avocation was working in clay and stone for his first art urge was to become a great sculptor. His drawings have developed the efficacy of a Rodan sketch.

A sculptor who knows Oregon as Fisher does can do much for the cultural phase of this storied state. We are short on statues. There might well be two or more in a dozen Oregon cities where there are none.

TAX RECEIPTS UP
Ray Smith, chairman of the Oregon State Tax Commission, said Tuesday both personal and corporate income taxes during the present fiscal year through December 31, 1955 were almost \$4 million more than collections during the same period last year.

Total collections were \$26,019,368 and \$22,059,079 for the first six months of the 1954-55 fiscal year.

Personal income payments were \$17,554,661, while in the same period in 1954 they totaled \$14,856,617.

Corporate excise tax returns during the first six months of the present fiscal year were \$7,335,799, as compared with \$6,509,352 in 1954.

NEW GROUND OBSERVER SERGEANT NAMED
Master Sergeant Robert D. Coleman, USAF, has replaced technical Sergeant Roger Harkins as Ground Observer Corps sector sergeant for Umatilla and Morrow counties. Sergeant Harkins has been reassigned to headquarters 9th air division at Gelger Field, Spokane, Wash.

Sergeant and Mrs. Coleman and two children will live in Hermiston. He entered the service in 1938 and had overseas duty in both the European and Pacific areas.



MANY SOLONS TO RETURN

Well the Legislative Raven Club of the 1955 session is kaput. All busted up. All backsliders now.

During the last weary days of the 1955 session a majority of the members were making it known that they had had enough, that they never again would be a member of the Legislature. Return? Never again. Wearily they sighed the vows of the Raven Club.

"Nevermore."
That was nine months ago. This week we heard from most of them. Fifty per cent of them say they will have their names on the May primary ballot for re-election.

LAST WILL VALID
James H. Miller, worked hard as a logger and saved \$95,000. The lonely bachelor changed his will the day before he died and bequeathed his savings to the American Cancer Society, Stanford University Medical School, and the Oregon State School for the Blind.

A previous will, made 13 days before he died, left his money to H. Gerald Moran, Portland, employee of a brokerage house which looked after Miller's investments. Moran sued, trying to prove that Miller did not know what he was doing when making the second will.

The Multnomah County Circuit Court ruled in favor of Moran. The Oregon State Supreme Court this week reversed the lower court, holding that Miller knew what he was doing when he made his second will and that he was legally competent to make it.

NEW CHIEF OF FINANCE
A young man who helped design the state department of finance and administration was appointed director of the department this week by Gov. Patterson.

The appointee, Robert R. Johnson, designed, set up Oregon's Civil Service System in 1946 and was its first director. His services were judged too valuable to remain at the head of OSC. Legislative leaders requested he be given a leave of absence to aid the Legislature's Commission on Reorganization of Government. Here he aided in modeling the State Department of Finance and Administration to control the state's purchasing, budget, printing and office management functions.

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ATTEND FUNERAL
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sherman spent the weekend in Tacoma, Wash., where they attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Sherman which was held there Saturday.

DIVORCE GRANTED
Judge William W. Wells Wednesday granted Dorothy Cunningham a divorce from Ralph Cunningham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ruggles left Monday evening for Portland and Eugene where they will attend an insurance training school. They will return to Heppner Sunday.

092, the total amount collected from this source during the first six months of the 1954-55 fiscal year.

Many to Gather For Oregon Church Meet

Leading churchmen from among the clergy and laity will contribute to the program when the Oregon Council of Churches will gather ministers and lay people from all Oregon for its annual Convocation January 31, February 1-2 at the Westminster Presbyterian church, Portland. The Oregon Council of Church Women will meet in the same church January 30 for its annual session, and will then meet jointly with the Oregon Council of Churches for the remainder of the program.

Centered around the theme "The Church and Economic Life", the Convocation will offer addresses by Dr. George Hedley of Mills College, Oakland, California, and Dr. Cameron Hall, director of the department of the Church and Economic Life in the National Council of Churches. There will also be panels, discussions from the floor, and workshops around the theme.

New Road Shock Dampers on GM Truck

Road shock dampers that give light trucks the steering safety and riding comfort of an expensive automobile have been developed by GMC Truck and Coach Division after a two-year research project.

In revealing the new engineering development today, GMC became the first American motor vehicle manufacturer to bring out such dampers for smoothing out road vibrations before they reach the frame. They were displayed for the first time at the Chicago automobile show January 7-15th.

Mounted behind the trucks' front wheels, the dampers counteract road jolts with "floating" weights that slide down in metal cylinders when bumps are encountered.

"This development is one of the most significant ever achieved for truck riding comfort," said GMC chief engineer C. V. Crockett.

"These dampers not only minimize road jolts, but also tend to keep the wheels in contact with the road surface even under the most severe driving conditions, thus giving the driver more positive control over his vehicle at all times."

The chief engineer said the dampers actually "smooth out" washboard roads and greatly reduce the threat of the vehicle skidding out of control.

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Monument News

Shower Given
Mrs. Doris Kingman was hostess to a baby shower for Mrs. Tony Hutchison Jan 18 with Jessie Matteson co-hostess. Present were Mrs. Don Ayers, Mrs. Jack Sweek, Mrs. Mike Hutchison, Mrs. Paul Kimmel, Mrs. Delbert Stubblefield, Mrs. Jim Crocker, Mrs. Bud Taylor, Mrs. Clarence Holmes, Mrs. L. D. Vinson, Mrs. Elmer Matteson.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Aiems and daughter of Eugene spent the weekend with her father Joe and her sister and family, the Mike Hutchinsons. They took in the Gay 90's dance.

Maxine Jenkins and two children spent the past week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Tom Ross at Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hynd, Mrs. Annie Schaffer and L. J. Matteson spent Sunday visiting at the homes of Edna Moore, Lee Slocum and the Mattesons, returning to Cecil Sunday night.

Mrs. Henry Martin entered a Salem hospital Jan. 19 where she was put in traction for her back which she hurt during Christmas.

Leo Flower was a patient at Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Showalter and Kenny of Garden Grove, Cal., were visiting their daughter and family, the Lauren Lipperts.

Elzie Emery drove to Heppner Friday to return his father, H. A. Emery to the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

HOSPITAL NEWS
New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ball, Ione, a 7 lb. 5 oz. girl born Jan. 20, named Malanie Ann. To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Stone, Heppner, a 6 lb 13½ oz. girl born Jan. 23, named Jeanette Geraldine. To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Letwisch, a 5 lb. 11½ oz. girl born Jan. 24, named Janice Marie. To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hinsdale, Fossil, a 7 lb. 8 oz. boy born Jan. 25, named Terry Lee.

Medical—Henry Emry, Monument; Melvin Morris, Heppner, dismissed; Fred Carter, Irrigon; Grace Younce, Spray; Craig Sumner, Arlington; Laura Montgomery, Heppner.

Minor Surgery—Wilma Warren, Heppner, dismissed; Alfred Huit, Heppner, dismissed; Susan Pope, Arlington, dismissed; Rosetta Palmateer, Ione.

Major Surgery—Georgette Morgan, Monument.

Out-Patients—Harold Mabe, Jr., Fossil; Gary Huit, Heppner.

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4-H Club News

BUTTER CREEK-HINTON LIVESTOCK CLUB
The January meeting was held at the Brosnan home, presided over by the president, Dan Brosnan.

We discussed means of paying for our flag set, which was used for the first time.

After that we made rope halters. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Brosnan. The February meeting will be at Monagles.

IONE LIVESTOCK CLUB
The Ione Livestock club met at the Herbert Ekstrom home January 22 at 2 p. m. The members answered roll call by describing different breeds of cattle. After our meeting we graded and judged bull calves.

Roll call at our next meeting is to be answered by describing different breeds of pigs.

RHEA CREEK LIVESTOCK CLUB
The Rhea Creek 4-H Livestock Club met Sunday the 15th at the home of Nat Webb.

Members looked over their record books for the year and discussed future projects.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Linda Lloyd.

Lexington News
Al Huit employee of the Lexington Oil Co-op is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

The two sons of Mrs. June Cooper, Raymond and Standley Schoonover have moved to Lexington where they will live with their mother. Raymond is a junior in high school and Standley is an 8th grader, both coming here from Salem high school.

Floyd Breeding of Stanfield spent the weekend in Lexington.

O. W. Cutsforth and son Pat and daughter, Mrs. Ron Olson were visitors in Newport and Portland last week where they visited with a sister of Mr. Cutsforth who is ill.

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SPECIAL BUYS

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