

Mustangs Handed One Defeat Then Pick Off Irrigon

"The Basketball Blues" were handed the Heppner Mustangs Friday evening by an upsetting Stanfield hoop quint as they withstood a last minute rally and took a two point victory margin of 49-47. Mustang mentor, Larry Downen brought up his own version of a 3-2 game held high scoring Joe Mann of Irrigon to a "poor" 25 points as the blue and gold squad broke back into the victory column with a 54-41 win over Grant Schiewie's Irrigon Comets the following night.

Irrigon, under the guidance of 6'7" Joe Mann spurred to a quick 6-0 lead before John Piper broke the ice for the horses and slowly fought for a first quarter lead. Quick feeds to D. Piper added 6 points for a final 14-13 initial panel score.

"Big Joe" Mann tallied 12 of the Comet's 13 points to lead all scoring.

Slackening the pace, the horses accumulated 9 more points and 3 ducées plus 3 gift shots to hold 23-21 halftime score. Although the Mustangs shot 0% at the black stripe in the third quarter, they connected for 7 field goals with Ruhl, Tibbles, and J. Piper connecting on 2 each while frosh forward Duane Alderman, scored his first 2 points of the game.

"BJ" led the Irrigon quint as he collected 6 out of the Comet's 10 scores.

"Skip" Ruhl totaled seven of the Mustang's final 17 tallies while D. Piper was runner-up with 6. Ahead only 6 points at the fourth quarter start by a 37-31 score, the Mustangs immediately jumped ahead with a 6 point burst and fought back and forth till the game's end.

High point laurels for Heppner went to Ruhl who through his guard slot took advantage of poor Irrigon offensive passes and totaled 16. Game honors were won by "BJ" Mann as he flipped in close ups for 25 counters. D. Piper was runnerup for Heppner with 14.

Stanfield Wins By Two Shooting a poor 23% (which was boosted to 26 on 5 straight last minute layups by J. Piper) the Heppner basketballers fell before a dead-eye foul shooting quint from Stanfield by a close 49-47 score.

With a 79% shooting average to go by the Tiger squad fired in 17 of 22 gift attempts while the horses came through with a "Mensley" 56%.

John Piper and Skip Ruhl fired in 2 ducées in the first few minutes of the game for a 4-0 lead but the Tigers fired back with a pair of foul line scores and a F.G. to tie the tilt at 4-4. Ruhl fired in 2 more goals from the field to run the total to 8-4. J. Piper added a 2 pointer to conclude the Mustang scoring. Stanfield added a free throw and a corner shot to start the second quarter a 10-7.

A set of black stripe tosses and a jump shot by D. Piper was all Heppner had in store for the se-

Heppner FFA Takes Part in Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Heppner's chapter of the Future Farmers of America was one of the eight groups attending the parliamentary procedure contest at Pendleton Jan. 28.

First place winners of the contest was Athena with Pendleton and Mac Hi taking second and third.

Members of Heppner's team were president, Eddie Brosnan; vice-president, Bob Stevens; secretary, Tom Currin; treasurer, Gary Jones; reporter Dick Applegate; and sentinel, Mike Monahan.

Judges for the contest were vocational agriculture instructors Norman Kopman, Mac Smith, and Don Stewart from La Grande, Enterprise and Union respectively.

Boardman, Stanfield, The Dalles, and Hood River also competed in the contest.

cond stanza while the Tigers pushed through 3 long pushes and 2 gift shots to lead 15-14 at half time.

Third quarter play saw the Mustangs fall as far back as ten points but a last minute bucket by Ruhl cut the distance to two points 31-23 with the Tigers ahead.

Rallying in the fourth period the horses cut loose with 22 points while Stanfield dumped in 16, but the total lacked two points of balancing the contest.

The last chance for the Mustangs came when Vic Groshen tipped a jump ball to John Piper in the Tiger fore court and from there drove deep into the Heppner key and flipped an off balance shot which rimmed out as the gun went off.

High point honors for the night went to J. Piper who collected 17 while Stanford's Norm Evans took advantage of the foul lanes and collected 8 gift shots and added 3 F. G.'s for 14 tallies. Umatilla and P. R. Next.

Home again at last; the Mustangs entertain the Umatilla Vikings on the home court this Friday night and continue on the home maples Saturday night for a Cayuse encounter with Pilot Rock.

Heppner, starting its second round of league play, will be the favorite as victories have been posted over both squads but vast improvement in the Umatilla quint makes them a dangerous "5".

Pilot Rock who is now in second place in the Eastern League will provide a threat as they have dangerous potentiality in height with McGowan the main threat. Games are scheduled to start at 6:45 and 8:15.

Heppner	Stanfield
J. Piper 17	Dallman 2
D. Piper 2	Walch 7
S. Ruhl 12	Sutton 2
L. Tibbles 6	Wolfe 6
L. Turner 4	Evans 14
Alderman 2	Houk 4
Groshens 2	Meade 12

Heppner	Irrigon
J. Piper 12	Mann 25
D. Piper 14	Ballard 12
S. Ruhl 16	Sing-Dec. 2
L. Tibbles 8	Simmons 2
L. Turner 0	Taylor 0



CONGRESSMAN SAM COON announced this week that he will be a candidate for re-election to the U. S. house of representatives where he is now serving his second term. He is a Republican.

Union Missionary Group Plans For World Prayer Day

The old and new officers of the Union Missionary society met Monday afternoon at the Episcopal parish house to complete plans for the World Day of Prayer which will be held at the Christian church Feb. 17 at 2:30.

New officers of the group are Mrs. Ben Anderson, president; Mrs. Carl McDaniel, vice-president; Mrs. Marcel Jones, second vice-president; Mrs. Floyd Jones, secretary; program committee, Mrs. Jane Rollins, chairman, Mrs. Phil Newitt, Miss Opal Briggs and Mrs. Earl Soward; the refreshment committee, Mrs. Lenie Lowden, chairman, Mrs. Harold Cohn and Mrs. Charles Vaughn.

Retiring officers are Mrs. R. B. Rice, president; Mrs. Ben Anderson, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Bailey, second vice-president; Mrs. Earl Soward, secretary; program, Mrs. Ella Farrens, Mrs. Whitmer Wright, Miss Leta Humphreys; refreshment, Mrs. Floyd Adams, Mrs. Mattie Green and Mrs. Marcel Jones.



MONROE SWEETLAND of Milwaukie, state senator from Clackamas county and publisher of the Milwaukie Review, who announced early this week that he is filing for the Democratic nomination for secretary of state in the May 18 primary.

Rough Year Looms For Oregon Farmers, Economists Say

Another rough year is looming on the Oregon farm front. Average net income for Oregon farmers this year may be little more than half of what it was in 1951, believes M. D. Thomas, Oregon State college agricultural economist.

Large stocks of farm products piled up in past years will hold prices down even if Congress approves the so-called "soil bank" early this year, says Thomas. Major benefits from the soil bank are "long range," states the economist, with immediate benefits likely to be felt only by Oregon seed growers who would find rapidly expanded markets for grass and legume seeds to plant the nation's soil banks.

The soil bank would take out of production 10 to 20 percent of the nation's cropland and save it until needed in an emergency such as a drought or all-out war, or by our future population.

If the acreage taken out of crop brought sufficient production cuts, farmers' incomes would improve after awhile, Thomas explains. Farm prices would probably be enough better in two or three years to more than offset the decreased production, he believes. Meanwhile, substantial government payments would be necessary to keep many farmers going while the "bank" is being established.

Already, the average Oregon farmer's net money income from farming has dropped below \$2000 compared to \$3000 in 1951. A further drop in 1955 and prospects for some further decline may slash farm family income by nearly one-half in the past five years.

The average net would be down even more if the number of farm operators in the state had not decreased, says Thomas. The census shows only 54,442 farms in the state in 1954 compared to 59,827 in 1950 and 63,125 in 1945. Many farmers on smaller Oregon farms are supplementing their income with off-farm work. The economist believes such families will seek even more off-farm work in 1956 with job pros-

pects and salaries now available. Mill and factory wage rates have risen steadily for several years and now average one-third higher than in 1949.

Local News In Brief

Maurice Elder is a patient in the Veteran's hospital in Portland. Mrs. Elder returned Tuesday after spending a week with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Blake of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann of Ione left Friday to spend a month in Arizona.

Several Morrow county men left Wednesday to attend a meeting of the National Wheat League in Portland. Among them were Frank Anderson, E. H. Miller Jr., Kenneth Peck, Nels Anderson and Max Barclay.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scrivner and Diane were overnight visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner last week enroute to Idaho on a business trip. Diane remained with her grandparents here while they were in Idaho.

Ione Wins From Boardman, Loses To Echo Squad

The Ione Cardinals won one game and lost one in the weekend's basketball play. Boardman fell before the Ione squad Jan. 27 at Boardman 67 to 52, but Echo playing at Ione came out on top the tussle with a score of 61 to 50.

In the Boardman game the Cards held the lead all the way with the first quarter ending 16-12; the second, 35-19. Dick Sherrer was the high scorer with 19 points and Bill Brannon 18.

In the Echo game, Echo got off to a running start in the first quarter to run up a 24 to 6 lead but by the end of the third period Ione had gained a short-lived 36-32 lead. Early in the fourth quarter Echo regained their lead to finish with a 61 to 50 score.

Ernie Drake was high point man with 14 and Jim Pryse and Bill Brannon tied for second honors with 11 points each.

Ione Townies Notch Fourteenth Hoop Win

The Ione town team basketball team racked up its 14th win of the season Monday night when it edged out a tough Echo squad 62 to 58. The game was tied several times and the outcome was in doubt until the final whistle.

Larry Pryse was high man for Ione and John Ramus for Echo. Ione's season record now stands at 14 wins and two losses and the squad will tackle Stanfield next Monday night, one of the two teams to beat the Townies Ione's only other loss has been at the hands of the strong Pendleton Grain Growers five.

Local Chinchillas Place in Show

Mr. and Mrs. Whitmer Wright and Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. James Wright of Moses Lake were in Spokane last weekend to attend the annual chinchilla show of the Columbia Basin branch of the National Chinchilla Breeders' of America. Nearly 200 animals from Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho and Montana were entered in the show which was the first to be sponsored by the Columbia Basin Branch of which the Wrights are members.

Although the Wrights had not groomed any of their small herd for show entry, they decided to take two along for comparison with top grade animals from other ranches. The animal entry committee insisted upon entering them in the show and one animal placed third in his class of males over 12 months. The female was judged third best in her class.

Judges were Lester Vel of Salt Lake City and Mel Erickson of Seattle.

Tricia Lynn Prock, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Prock, is in Pioneer Memorial hospital with pneumonia.

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FHA Farmer Loans Available Here

Farmers in Morrow county may apply for the additional loan funds available for financing 1956 operating expenses. R. E. McLeish, national administrator of the Farmer's Home Administration notified Mr. Cody, the agency's local representative today.

The loans may be used to pay a wide variety of farm and home operating expenses including the purchase of fertilizer, tractor fuel, livestock feed and seed.

The loans will be made to family-type farmers and to operators with smaller than family-type farms whose anticipated gross income from farming and other sources will meet farm and home operating expenses and repay loan.

Applications may be filed at the county office of the Farmer's Home Administration. The office serving Morrow county is located at Pendleton.

All Farmer's Home Administration offices have been instructed to give prompt service to all loan applications. Cody pointed out that these loans are short-term credit designed to help farmers finance one year's operations. Credit is also extended by the Farmer's Home Administration for longer periods to finance adjustments and improvements in farming operations.

Real estate credit for purchase and development of family-type farms, for financing soil conservation measures, and for development of water supply systems for farm home, livestock, and irrigation are also available.

Story Gets Job Done Too Fast

Last week's Gazette Times story about the work done by the Ione civic improvement committee was a little premature, the paper has been informed.

The work done on the creek above Ione was on levy and creek banks, clearing them of debris preparatory to cleaning the creek channels as soon as the stream gets back to low water stage.

Much of what the GT reported in its story will be done in the future.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Circuit judge William W. Wells Friday granted divorces to Jean Steuber from Louis Steuber, and Charlotte Kessel from Elmer Kessel.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. William Lee Montgomery, Heppner, a 5 lb. 7 oz. girl born Jan. 26, named Carol Jean. To Mr. and Mrs. Art Young, Heppner, a 7 lb. 4 oz. boy born Jan. 30, named Richard Arthur.

Medical—Rebecca Myers, Kinzua, dismissed; Randy Anderson, Condon, dismissed; Tricia Prock, Heppner; Douglas Younce, Spray; Newton Matteson, Heppner; Jerrydean Mercer, Condon; Johanne Taylor, Heppner; Mike Warren, Heppner; David Seitz, Fossil; Daniel Matthews, Fossil.

Minor Surgery—Evelyn Dunn, Kinzua, dismissed; Verla Liehr, Heppner.

Major Surgery—John Asher, Spray, dismissed.

Winter-Injured Plants to Require Careful Handling

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Go slow in pruning trees and shrubs injured during last fall's disastrous freeze, advises an Oregon State college horticulturist.

L. T. Blaney says extent of damage to plants injured during the cold spell now depends on two factors—care in handling the plants between now and the time new growth gets underway and growing conditions next spring.

Blaney advises pruning be delayed as long as possible, even until the next growing season. He explained that in a weakened condition, the plant might be set back further than if it were not touched, or might even be killed.

He also suggests that gardeners not disturb a plant by moving it to a more protected area. And if the bark of a tree has been ruptured, he says it should be nailed or otherwise held in place to keep the inner layer of cambium from drying out.

A mild winter and early spring should be a big help in aiding recovery of plants damaged by the low temperatures, he notes. However, Blaney recommended use of plenty of fertilizer and water next spring, in any event.

A severe winter or prolonged spring could inflict additional damage to already weakened plants, he concludes.

Among Heppner people attending the Heppner-Irrigon basketball game at Irrigon Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Fancher, Mrs. Larry Downen, Dr. and Mrs. L. D. Tibbles and Mrs. Rufus Piper.

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