

PR Defeat Drops Mustangs Out of State Playoffs

By James Monahan

Coach Larry Downen's Mustangs broke through the first round of tournament play Thursday night with a decisive 44-35 win over St. Joseph, but after a 3 point loss to Pilot Rock in Friday night's tilt by a score of 49-52, the Heppner hoopsters fell apart the following night to bow before the Mitchell Loggers by a margin of 60-55.

In the St. Joseph game which was credited by both coaches and sportscasters as the "most exciting game" of the day, the gold clad Heppner quint fought back from a two-point deficit at the first quarter's end to surge ahead at the intermission by an 18-17 score.

Lowell Turner, who played one of his best games, put Heppner ahead for the first time on a pair of free throws after Doherty of St. Joe had connected on a single black stripe toss. Skip Ruhl went up with a jump shot to push the Mustang total to 4-1. After this, the two squads traded basket for basket with the lead teetering back and forth until Paul Quaempts put the Jays ahead for a first quarter lead of 12-10 on a long set shot from the head of the key.

Both teams switched to tight zone defenses in the second stanza with the blue and gold alternating to a man to man at times. These defensive tactics kept the scoring down, but with Heppner capitalizing on their foul shots, they regained their lead with a slim one point margin, 18-17.

John and Del Piper led the Mustangs in the third quarter as they scored 11 out of the Mustangs 14 points. A big factor in the Mustangs win was when Bill Doherty took a one-way ticket to the sidelines with 5 infractions.

Heppner drove deep into the key for good close up shots but a poor shooting eye kept the score from mounting higher. With 59 seconds left the Mustangs went into a stall and kept control of the ball except for a triple exchange of fumbles.

Del Piper took high honors for

HOSPITAL NEWS

Medical—Georgia Perry, Condon, dismissed; Henry Durst, Monument, dismissed; John Reeder, Pilot Rock, dismissed; Theo Urie, Condon, dismissed; Mary Joyal, Fossil; Austa Davidson, Arlington, dismissed; Delores Thorpe, Heppner.

Minor Surgery — Geraldine Swaggart, Heppner, dismissed; Sherry O'Brien, Heppner, dismissed; Edna Brandt, Kinzua.

Major Surgery—Mary Warren, Condon; Eddie Olson, Heppner; Lotus Robison, Heppner.

The Mustangs with 11 points, while Pete Quaempts took high game laurels with 12. Bill Doherty, St. Joseph center who usually averages 22 to 25 points a game, netted only 6 tallies.

PR Gets Lead

Pilot Rock jumped to an 11-4 lead and from there continued to keep a jump ahead of the Mustangs through out the game to post the closest winning margin of the tourney by a 52-49 score. Ladd McGowan and Duane Chapman led the Rockets through out the game by scoring a total of 29 points between them.

Fouling by the Mustangs hurt in the first half but they came back in the last half to come within two points when Skip Ruhl dumped in 2 foul shots to creep to a 41-32 score with 4:27 minutes left in the game.

Heppner's last chance in the game came with 38 seconds when S. Ruhl stole the ball twice but the Rockets margin was too big to overcome.

In the last game of the tourney for the Heppner quint, Mitchell's Loggers took the command except for a short period in the fourth quarter, and downed the Mustangs by a 60-55 score. John Piper hooped through 14 points but 35 points by Boles and Bevers of Mitchell was another total that the horses could not overcome.

Lowell Turner, Skip Ruhl, Lance Tibbles, John Piper, and Delbert Piper bowed out of the basketball spotlight for the last time at the tournament and should be congratulated for the fine record and performance they turned in for the season.

Statistics of the season are not yet compiled and will appear in this column in the near future.

Tom Wilson is at Gearhart this week attending a soil conservation meeting.

Speech Festival Winners Named

Students from all county schools took part in the Morrow county speech festival Tuesday at the Lexington school. Heppner students walked off with a majority of the awards, though every school placed well in the various divisions.

The program was divided into high and elementary divisions and one-act play festival was held in the evening with all five county high schools entering.

Winners in the high school division were: (names are listed in order of award)

Debate: Heppner team of James Monahan, Dave Cox, Wayne Soward and John Piper was unopposed.

Panel: Judy Mason, Ione; Darrel Blake, Heppner; Francine Francis, Heppner.

Poetry reading: George Little, and Meredith Thomson, both of Heppner tied for first; Shirley Koonen, Heppner.

After dinner speech: Darrel Blake, Heppner, Karl Beach, Lexington.

Oratory or persuasive: Virginia Anderson, Heppner; Dora Sue Davidson, Lexington.

Extempore: Lance Tibbles, Heppner; Don Casteel, Lexington.

Humorous: Judy Howton, Ione; James Monahan, Heppner; Kenneth Jones, Ione.

Radio speaking: Meredith Thomson, Heppner; Ruthie Warner, Irri- gion and Lowell Turner, Heppner, tie for second.

Impromptu: Wayne Soward, Heppner; Don Casteel, Lexington.

Serious reading: Edith Morris, Heppner; Maureen Groves, Lexington; Betty Rose, Heppner.

Elementary Winners Named

Memorized humorous selections: 5th and 6th grade, Gary Van Blokland, Heppner; Kathy Rea, Ione, 7th and 8th, Linda Heimburger, Ione; Douglas Shattuck, Boardman.

Poetry reading: 5th and 6th grade, Janet Thurston, Heppner; Marie Melvin, Irri- gion, 7th and 8th grade, Tony Upton, Heppner; Karen Lundell, Ione.

Story telling: 5th and 6th grade, Judy Walker, Boardman; Jacqueline Brindle, Heppner, 7th and 8th, Linda Warner, Irri- gion; Roger Doherty, Lexington.

Prose reading, 5th and 6th: Sandra Eubanks, Ione; Brenda Billings, Boardman.

Extemporaneous, 7th and 8th: Dennis Doherty, Lexington; Mary

Weather, Politics Fog Farm Outlook, Economists Report

Weather and politics are combining to make 1956 farm production and price prospects more difficult to judge than usual, say Oregon State college agricultural economists in the current issues of Oregon's Farm and Market Outlook, now available from county extension agents.

Farm price support levels and the much-discussed "soil bank" are still in the formative stages with a decision needed by the end of March to have much effect on spring plantings, says M. D. Thomas, agricultural economist. Another unanswered question is the full extent of winter damage to Pacific Coast fruit and nut crops.

Approval of some form of soil bank could strengthen markets considerably for Oregon seed growers if large national acreages are planted to protective grass and legume crops, Thomas states. Seeds that seem to receive the biggest call include wheatgrass, bromegrass, orchardgrass, perennial ryegrass, tall fescue, alfalfa, red clover, and alsike clover.

More common ryegrass, vetch and crimson clover seed might also be used, especially on cotton and corn land. The economists report seed supplies are quite limited for broome, redtop, orchardgrass, and wheatgrasses. Supplies are fairly large for other grasses, clover, and alfalfa seed.

November freeze and winter damage may bring local fresh fruit shortages, according to Roland Groder, OSC marketing specialist. A few local shortages, such as certain cane berries, may affect national prices. But Northwest production of most fruits is only a fraction of national totals and will have minor effects on prices, Groder explains.

The nation's 1956 strawberry crop still may be as large as the near-record 1955 tonnage, despite Northwest freeze damage, says Groder. Larger acreages planned in other sates last fall could easily make up the difference. Also, the carryover of

Local News In Brief

Mrs. Jodie Morrison of Ione and daughters Michele, Cheryl and Mary Jo were dinner guests Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson returned Wednesday from Everett, Wash., where they had been visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelly. Mrs. Kelly and small daughter Luanne, accompanied them home for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick spent last weekend in Eugene where they saw the Oregon-WSC basketball series.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble were in Woodburn last weekend visiting his father, Lane Gribble and his sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Tyler.

Bob Mitchell of Athena was a business visitor in Heppner on Monday.

Mrs. Dora McConnell of Dayton, Washington and Mrs. Mary Fisher of Walla Walla were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and children Sandra and Ray and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick and sons Ronald and Donald attended the boat show at the Pacific International Live Stock building in Portland last weekend.

Francis Nickerson of Eugene was an overnight guest of his mother, Mrs. Grace Nickerson, this week.

Mrs. E. O. Williams of Pendleton is visiting this week at the home of her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. John Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parrish will go to Portland this weekend to visit their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parrish and their new grandson who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Parrish March 2.

Produce prices are frozen strawberries seems likely to increase again this year.

Prospects look brighter for nut crops on the heels of last year's shortage. Cane fruit prices are also looking up with frozen berries moving well this winter to ease large carryovers for the past two years.

PARTY PLANNED

The Heppner American Legion Auxiliary will give a birthday party for the Legion Monday, March 12 at 8 p. m. honoring the March birthday of the Legion. Cards will be played and Legionnaires and their wives are invited.

GRANGE TO MEET SUNDAY

The Rhea Creek grange will meet next Sunday starting with a potluck dinner at 1 p. m. Miss Donna Lingle, Oregon IFYE delegate to Greece will speak on her experiences.

Ione News

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Dobyns and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Howton attended the Gay Nineties festival in Forest Grove last week. They also visited their daughters, Dorothy Dobyns and Janet Howton who are attending the Pacific University there.

Miss Ruby Ann Rietmann of Pendleton spent the weekend at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Rietmann.

Jack Angel, manager of Pioneer Memorial hospital, returned Monday evening from a few days in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick were in Pendleton Thursday to attend the first showing of the 1956 Norge electric ranges.

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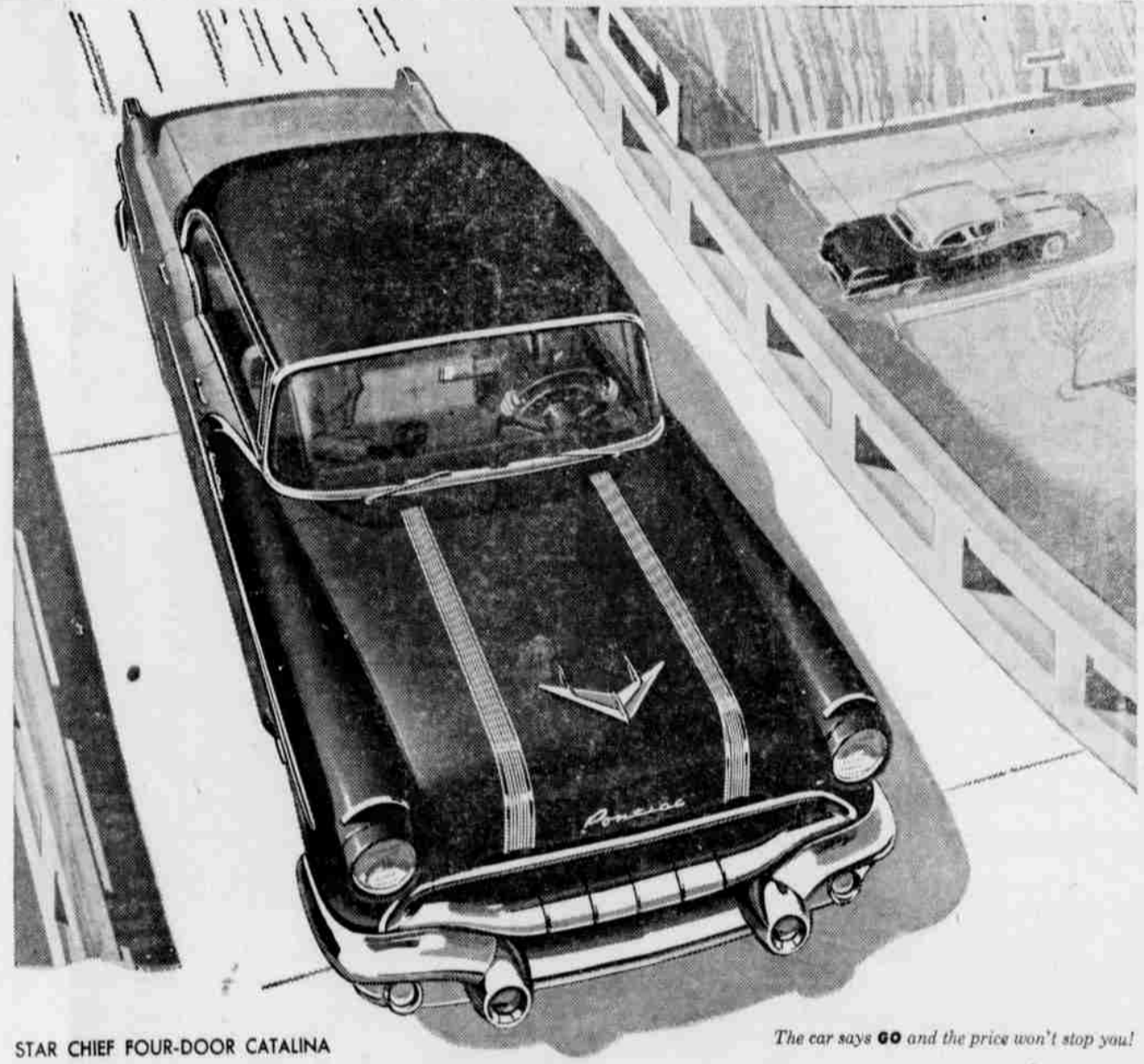
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