

# White Buffs Due Here To Open December 1, 2

Heppner's Mustangs draw one of their toughest conference foes in the opening pair of basketball games of the season. They will play A-2 State Champion, Madras at Heppner on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2. The Buffs went through the state tournament earlier this year with flying colors, but do not have many of that squad back this season.

These two games will be the first of 18 games on the season's schedule for Coach Bob Cantonwine's Mustangs. All but two of the tilts—a pair with lone—are league contests.

While Heppner's varsity and junior varsity are busy with Madras here, the Mustang freshmen will go to Umatilla to play in a 2-county jamboree with lone, Riverside, Echo, Umatilla and Stanfield. The Mustang varsity was scheduled to take part, but could not make the date and keep its appointment with Madras in league play, and so the freshmen will fill in. The frosh are due to open the jamboree with lone at 7 p. m., December 1. Riverside and Echo play in the next game and Umatilla and Stanfield play the third abbreviated contest. Each game will consist of two 10-minute quarters.

All games of the Mustangs at

home will start at 6:30 p. m. with varsity contests following at 8.

Complete schedule is as follows:

December 1 and 2, Madras at Heppner; December 8, Heppner at Sherman county; December 9, Sherman county at Heppner; December 15, Heppner at lone (non-league).

January 5 and 6, Grant Union at Heppner; January 12 and 13, Heppner at Burns; January 16, Heppner at Heppner (non-league); January 26 and 27, Burns at Heppner; February 2 and 3, Heppner at Madras; February 9, Sherman county at Heppner; February 10, Heppner at Sherman county; February 16 and 17, Heppner at Grant Union.

One thing about the schedule that the Mustangs do not like is a 20-day layoff after the December 15 game through the Christmas and New Year holidays, and a 10-day layoff after the January 16 game with lone.

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# Mustang Varsity Hoopers Face Stiff Competition

After practicing since November 6, the Heppner High school varsity basketball squad has been cut to 16 men upon whose shoulders hangs the season of 1961-62. Coach Bob Cantonwine said Monday.

Two returning starters are Bruce Moyer, guard, 6-1, and Marion Biddle, forward, 6-0, both seniors. Beyond that, the other starting berths are pretty much "up for grabs," as the coach puts it.

Two other seniors on the squad are Archie Ball, guard, and Nat Webb, guard, 5-9 and 5-7 respectively. Webb worked with the varsity last year and Ball is up from last year's jayvees.

Juniors on the squad include Shan Applegate, guard, 5-9; Dirk Springer, center, 6-1; and Bill Cox, forward, 6-0, all with jayvee experience, and LeRoy Gardner, forward, 6-0, who played with the varsity last year as a sophomore.

Coach Cantonwine looks to the sophomores as the key to the team this year. Much of the year's success will depend on them, he figures. He has two likely looking prospects that have made the varsity. Lee Padberg, 6-0, is taking a forward position, and Doug Dubuque, 6-1, is a center. Both had freshman experience at the school.

The Mustangs will use a 1-3-1 man-for-man offense and will work on a fast break on offense and a full court press on defense, the coach said. Positions under this Cantonwine system are a little indefinite, and the labels of guard and forward are rather hard to define.

Practice sessions have been rigorous, and considerable time has been devoted to leg and arm development through use of weights. So far, the squad has shown good hustle and spirit, the mentor declared. They have been working on new offensive patterns.

While prospects for a good team do not look too bad, the Mustangs are sure to be involved in a tough conference. Madras, with whom they open here De-



COACH BOB Cantonwine says he has a good varsity basketball squad at Heppner High but the boys face stiff competition in the league.

ember 1 and 2, are state A-2 champions of 1960-61. They have only two returning lettermen, however, one of whom was a starter with the champion five. He is Galbraith, 6-2, who dumped some 18-20 points per game last year. He is a fine rebounder and excellent shot.

The other returning veteran is Clark who played much of the year with the White Buffalo Jayvees. A third top-looking man is Steele, who is only 5-4, but appears to be a comer for the Buffs.

Coach Cantonwine puts the "team to beat" label on Burns, who is loaded with talent held over from last year. The coach there has everyone back, including Larson, 6-5, a dynamo from last year's team.

More bad news for Heppner in outlook for the season is the fact that Sherman County has all the men from last year's jayvee team, which rumped through the circuit undefeated. In addition, the Moro coach has three of five varsity starters back.

Jayvee Coach Jim Sutherland has 11 on his squad, all with freshman or jayvee experience. Bill Sherman, transfer from Stayton, is listed at 6-3 and is the tallest on the squad. Dan Wardwell is pegged at 6-0. Mike Lesser and David George are each 5-11. Richard Clark and Roger Schoonover each 5-10. Kenneth Wright and Rodney Ayers each 5-8. Ken Smith and John Cole each 5-7, and Raymond Nichols, 5-6½. They will

play preliminary games each night that the varsity plays.

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