

Mustangs Falter To Drop Games To White Buffs

Madras' White Buffaloes went home with a pair of league basketball victories after playing Heppner Friday and Saturday nights, but far on the hides of the Buffs was stung by a hustling gang of Mustangs who threw a scare into the 1960-61 A-2 state champs in the opening two contests.

Friday night's score was 65-51 for Madras, and the Saturday night battle ended 58-50 for the Buffs. In each game, though, the Mustangs took an early lead before fading later in the contests. With only three minutes left to play in the third quarter of the second game, the Heppner five had an 18-point lead over the Buffs, 47-29, before faltering as the determined visitors started to pour on the coal. While the Madras rally was in progress, the tiring Mustangs made only three points in the last 11 minutes of the game and none in the fourth period. In the same 11 minutes Madras made 30 points.

Black-headed Mike Clements, a six foot sophomore, capped the death knell for Heppner when he hit a layin and drilled two long pushers midway in the fourth period. The first long shot tied the score at 50-50 and the second was the go-ahead bucket. From then on, the Mustangs were left at the post.

Sophomores Lee Padberg and Doug Dubuque figured strongly in the good start for the Mustangs when they picked up seven of the team's 13 points in the first quarter of the Saturday night game. Dick Springer and Sonny Biddle also figured in the scoring in that period. With a 13-10 lead going into the second quarter, the Mustangs started finding the range. Shan Applegate banked six points in a row, four on free throws without a miss and two more points on a fast break layin. Bruce Moyer sank two free throws and the count moved to 21-10 for Heppner.

Biddle swished a pair from deep corner in the next two minutes and Heppner was in front, 25-11. At this point, though, the White Buffs took command for the rest of the quarter, profiting by ragged Heppner passing. With deadly young Clements zeroing in, aided by another sleek guard, Kanin Smith, the Buffs pulled within five points by halftime, 30-25.

Padberg, Springer, Biddle, Moyer and Applegate all contributed a sparkling five minutes for Heppner at the start of the third quarter to roll the tally to 47-29 before the tide turned. The fast break clicked and the points piled up steadily for Heppner until they ran out of gas midway in the quarter. They seemed to tire then perceptibly

and their game went to pieces with a rash of bad passing and over-anxiety.

But it didn't take long in watching the Mustangs on the opening night. Friday, to determine that Heppner has the makings of a fine ball club this year. Undaunted by the reputation of the Buffs, they went to work in that game and took a 16-12 first quarter lead, at one time being in front 16-6. However, the cool Buffs didn't melt under this pressure but came back with 12 straight points with Gerry Galbraith sparking the rally and took the lead at 18-16.

Springer broke the Heppner drouth when he hit from deep corner, and the Mustangs fought to a 28-27 lead by halftime. In the third, the Heppner five built up a 7-point lead but melted under the pressure of the never-say-die Buffs and by the start of the fourth period the visitors were in command, 50 to 41.

Both games were rough. Heppner lost Padberg and Dubuque by the foul route Friday while Madras lost Phil Stevenson, one of the team's high scorers.

On Saturday night Moyer and Dubuque went out on infractions for Heppner and Madras lost Fred Steele and Stevenson. Padberg was high scorer for both teams on the two night stand with a total of 29 points, 15 on the opening night and 14 Saturday, but the Mustang scoring was pretty even and showed good balance. Biddle made a total of 21 and Applegate tallied an even 10 each night. Moyer had 6 and 11 for 17.

Galbraith, not a spectacular player but steady and ever-present, topped Madras scoring with 26. Stevenson had a big night Friday with 16 but was shut out Saturday night. Clements tallied 24 and Smith 16.

The sizeable wildly-cheering turnout of local fans who saw the games were disappointed that the Mustangs didn't win after piling up the early leads, but they had no reason to be discouraged. The Heppner squad turned in fine performances except for ragged passing on occasion, a common malady with the fast break.

Coach Bob Cantonwine had said early this year that he felt sophomores might hold the key to the outcome of the season. If this is true, the prospect does not appear bad because Padberg played real good ball games and captured top scoring honors, and Doug Dubuque came through with some steady work and will be a real cog in the club with a little more experience.

Friday					
Madras	12	15	23	15-65	
Heppner	16	12	13	10-51	

Sports

Heppner to Play Moro Here Saturday Night

Heppner High will try to beat the team that defeated the team that was the "team to beat" this week-end.

It goes this way: Burns loomed as one of the strongest clubs in the league this year, being paced by Larsen, the 6' 5" center. Sherman county of Moro, however, boasting a club composed of last year's undefeated jayvees, upset over the past

week-end, while Heppner was losing to Madras.

Now the Mustangs will go to Moro Friday night hoping to upset this club that downed the "team to beat." And their work is cut out for them, but they showed good possibilities against Madras.

On Saturday night the two schools will clash again on the Heppner court and local fans will have an opportunity of seeing some more fine basketball action.

Some gloom settled in the camp of Coach Bob Cantonwine this week when Bruce Moyer, star letterman, appeared to have broken a finger in practice Monday. It is not known whether he will see action in this week's pair. Two more basketeers, Lee Padberg and Dick Springer were

Saturday					
Madras	10	15	14	19-58	
Heppner	13	17	20	0-50	

Friday Score:

MADRAS 65				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Galbraith	4	8	3	16
Steele	4	0	3	8
Stewart	0	1	4	1
Stevenson	7	2	5	16
Clark	2	1	3	5
West	1	0	0	2
David	0	0	1	0
Hyder	0	2	2	2
Smith	2	1	2	5
Clements	5	0	3	10
	25	15	26	65

Heppner Score:

HEPPNER 51				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Moyer	4	3	4	11
Biddle	3	6	3	12
Applegate	2	6	2	10
Springer	0	0	2	0
Padberg	6	2	5	14
Ball	0	2	0	2
Webb	0	0	1	0
Gardner	0	0	2	0
Cox	0	0	0	0
Dubuque	1	0	5	2
	16	19	24	51

Saturday Score:

MADRAS 58				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Galbraith	4	2	2	10
West	0	0	1	0
Steele	1	2	5	4
Stewart	0	0	0	0
Clark	2	3	1	7
Stevenson	0	0	5	0
Clements	7	0	2	14
Hyder	3	6	1	11
Smith	5	1	4	11
Gregg	0	0	1	0
	22	14	23	58

Heppner Score:

HEPPNER 50				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Moyer	1	4	5	6
Biddle	2	5	3	9
Padberg	4	7	3	15
Applegate	2	6	2	10
Springer	1	0	3	2
Dubuque	2	2	0	0
Webb	0	0	1	0
Ball	0	0	2	0
Gardner	0	0	1	0
Cox	0	0	0	0
	12	26	23	50

said to be on the sick list and will miss practices this week.

Cantonwine and Coach Jim Sutherland said that they may have some changes to make in lineups after the Madras pair of

er, may see action in both jayvee and varsity games to get in more experience and playing time.

and Ken Smith, who showed so well with the Jayvees against the

young Buffs, may move up to the varsity for action.

After the Sherman county pair this week, the Mustangs go to lone on Friday, December 15, for a traditional game.



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