

# Mustangs Lose Tilts to Sherman County on Free Throw Line



SHOWN HARD at work on the new warming hut of Baldy Butte Ski club is Gary Tullis, club member. The club has its skiing area in good shape for an expected fine season ahead. Ken Peck said Monday night that there was 30 inches of powder snow in the new area at that time. Kerry Peterson, 11-year-old son of Don and Martha Peterson, lone, was first to ski on the new run.



## SKI TRAILS

by Ken Peck

Unquestionably the little band of local skiers who have been chopping and sawing their way through pole thickets, clearing a new ski area, are most dedicated people. Lack of snow at the Park during the last two winters has held back participation in the sport. Last March the ski club voted to secure a Forest Service use permit and move to a higher elevation and more dependable snow conditions. Since then, Baldy Butte club members have cleared two acres, burned the brush, graded the slope, and at this time have the area almost ready to ski.

Gary Tullis Arnold Melby, Art Vance and others rushed a pre-fab 16x24 warming hut to completion. Don and Gerald Peterson furnished a tractor and dozer without which we would have been severely handicapped. Other club members donated material for the building and helped burn the brush piles which were raked up by the tractor. Steve Peck and Tim Tullis bossed this job of burning and now a well-groomed slope awaits the early skier. The Nelson brothers, Norm and Fred, put in several days with their chainsaws early this fall before the burning could be safely done. With this kind of cooperation and help, I say they are dedicated people—at least to skiing.

The ski tow equipment now being readied is scheduled for installation about December 16. We are waiting for a ski rope to be delivered. Operated by the Baldy Butte Ski club, the area will be open to the use of the

general public. You do not need to belong to the ski club to use the area, but we invite anyone who seriously wishes to ski to join. A fee will, of course, have to be charged those who ride the tow.

In order to finance the development most of the club members prepaid three years membership fees in advance, and for this use of their money they will have no tow fees to pay.

It is our hope that this ski area development will fill the need for winter sports recreation and we would particularly like to see the youth of the community use the facilities.

You parents who may be wondering what to give for Christmas—why not skis? Ask for them at local stores or talk to people who ski for they can help you in purchasing the right equipment. If you are serious about the sport, buy good quality boots, skis and release bindings. Don't buy skis which are too long and stiff. Children learn easier on short ones, as do less active adults.

Anyone can learn to ski if he can walk and enjoy being out in the snow. I recently read about a blind girl who learned to ski by following the sounds of her instructor's skis in the snow ahead of her. She progressed so well that she became an expert skier, even to downhill racing, strange as it may seem. At the Snow Bowl near Mt. Hood, I watched a casualty of WW2 who had only one leg ski with the aid of two outrigger skis instead of poles. He very easily

Shots by Sherman County's basketball team from the free throw line made the difference in the Saturday game here between Heppner High and the boys from Moro, and also proved a big factor in the Friday night game at Moro.

In the Saturday contest, which the Mustangs lost, 56 to 42, Moro made 24 points from the gift line on 26 whistled infractions against Heppner. On the other hand, Heppner made only eight points on free throws on 16 personals against the Sherman county boys. Although they trailed at times in the game as much as 19 points, the Mustangs finished with 17 field goals to their credit against 16 for Moro.

On Friday night, Sherman had the edge in field goals, 23 to 21, as they won, 60 to 47. They had 14 of their points from the free throw line on 16 Heppner fouls, while the Mustangs counted only five charity tosses out of the mere seven personals whistled against their opponents.

Despite the large number of personals Saturday night, the Mustangs could have won the battle if they had been able to come up with a reasonable shooting percentage from the floor. It was clearly an off night as they made their 17 from the soaring 78 shots from the floor, a percentage of only 220. Sherman picked off its 16 field goals on 51 tries, a 314 average.

On Friday night, the Mustangs demonstrated the best

negotiated the steep slopes of the bowl.

A special invitation is extended to all you who have skied before, even though it be 1930, 1937, 1946, 1953, since you have had the boards on, to come on up to the mountain and see how skiing is in 1961! A good tow takes a lot of the work out of the sport and you improve faster on today's better equipment. Come on up to the mountain and have some fun!

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# Sports

shooting of the series as they made 21 in 57 tries, while Sherman made 23 of 68.

Despite the statistics, though, Sherman county led all the way in both games. They had a battle on their hands Friday night, maintaining only a slim lead until late in the game. At the end of the first quarter they led 16-13 and had a similar 3-point margin by halftime, 30-27. At the start of the fourth quarter, they had it stretched to 44 points, 44 to 39, and went on from there for the final 13-point bulge.

Lee Padberg hit seven of 14 field goal attempts and added one free throw for 15 points to tie for high point honors with Gene Eakin of Moro. Sonny Biddle had a good night for Heppner with 12 points, all on field goals. Shan Applegate picked up 10 counters on four buckets and two free throws.

Oddly enough, veteran performer Bruce Moyer was shut out, failing to hit from the floor and having no chances on the gift stripe. He had been suffering from flu through the week.

But Saturday night Moyer came back to set the pace for the losing Mustangs. His two free throws and jump shot at the start of the game gave Heppner a quick 4-point lead that the home boys were unable to hold. Bruce sank a long pusher and another jump in the period for eight of Heppner's nine points in the first quarter, but they trailed at the time, 16-9.

Doug Bish, Ken Maynard, and Tom Coats were piling up points for the winners and by halftime had shoved them in front, 31 to 16. Though outdistanced, the Mustangs didn't give up. Kit George fired a 30-foot shot from a set position just before halftime that drilled the net, and this gave a little surge to morale.

Going into the third, the Mustangs matched Sherman county basket for basket and came up with a rally in the fourth. Trailing 50-36, Applegate hit a free throw, Padberg jumped a shot and Moyer followed with a lay-in, bringing the count to 50-41. But that was it for the Mustangs. They could only make one more point while Bish, Maynard and Eakin each added two points for the winners.

Sherman played near ironman ball in the second game. They only made two substitutions, both coming late in the game, one after Coats had fouled out. Heppner lost both Moyer and Dubuque on infractions, and Gardner and Springer both were on thin ice with four each.

Maynard, a main cog in the Sherman attack, picked up his fourth foul in the third quarter but breezed right through the rest of the game without getting the fifth whistle.

Considering the fact that Sherman had bumped the league favorite, Burns, twice, outcome of the pair of games could not be considered too discouraging even though the Mustangs were off on shooting.

Friday night score:

HEPPNER 47				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Moyer	0	0	3	0
Biddle	0	2	1	2
Dubuque	6	0	2	12
Padberg	7	1	4	15
Applegate	4	2	1	10
Gardner	1	0	1	2
Cox	1	0	2	2
Springer	2	0	2	4
Smith	0	0	0	0
George	0	0	0	0
	21	5	16	47

SHERMAN COUNTY 60

	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Miller	1	1	0	3
Maynard	4	4	3	12
Eakin	6	3	0	15
Coats	4	2	1	10
Doolin	4	2	2	10
Bish	4	2	1	10
Jeffries	0	0	0	0
	23	14	7	60

Saturday night score:

HEPPNER 42				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Moyer	6	2	5	14
Biddle	3	1	2	7
Applegate	0	1	3	1
Dubuque	0	0	5	0
Padberg	5	2	4	12
Gardner	1	1	4	3
Springer	0	0	3	0
Cox	0	0	0	0
George	2	1	0	5
	17	8	26	42

SHERMAN COUNTY 56

	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Bish	3	1	5	7
Maynard	4	7	4	15
Eakin	2	9	2	13
Coats	2	6	5	10
Doolin	5	1	0	11
Sather	0	0	0	0
Jeffries	0	0	0	0
	16	24	16	56

## Crabtree Stars In Cardinals' Win Over St. Jo

Big Ron Crabtree, star end on Ione's 8-man football team, continued his starring role in basketball Saturday night when he led the Cardinals to a 49-41 victory over St. Joseph of Pendleton on the lone maple court. Ron hit for 19 points in the win.

Jim Martin was another big factor in the Cardinal attack, picking up 15 points, and Bolle Ekstrom followed with 10. The lone triumph kept their record unblemished for the season. They jumped to an early 12-7 lead over the visiting Bluejays and made it 27-16 by halftime.

Don Jordan and Maurice O'Grady each had 11 for the Bluejays.

Ione captured the jayvee game, 26 to 12.

Score:  
St. Jo—F: Jordan 11, Alex 3, 3. Reserves—Nehl 8, Neyt, Ken C: O'Grady 11, G: James 5, Fix nedy, Wells, Reginbal.  
IONE—F: Martin 15, Ekstrom 10, C: Crabtree 19, G: Klinger 0 and Davidson 3. Reserves: Pointer 2, Madden.

## Archery Club To Reorganize

Reorganization of the Blue Mountain Archery club will be undertaken at a meeting to be Wednesday, December 20, at 8 p. m. in the old library building. Bill Collins announces. The club was formerly active, and ex-members have indicated that they would like to see it started again. All interested are invited to attend.

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