



HEPPNER'S MUSTANGS, lost improving after losing a number of close games at the start of the season, draw a rest this week-end before meeting Burns here on January 26 and 27 in a pair of return games. The squad lost two close ones at Burns last week-end. Front row (from left) are Kit George, Ken Smith, Billy Cox, LeRoy Gardner, and Shan Applegate. Back row, Coach Bob Cantonwine, Lee Padberg, Doug Dubuque, John Porter, Dick Springer and Captain Bruce Moyer. (G-T Photo)

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Sports

Heppner Scares Burns But Drops Games There

Showing their best hustle of the season, Heppner High's basketball team threw a real scare into the Burns Highlanders in the spacious new basketball court of the Harney county team Friday and Saturday nights, but the Mustangs had to yield in the end and came home disappointed to be on the short end of 54-47 and 51-50 scores.

In each game the Mustangs overcame sizeable Burns leads to take the advantage late in the contests but also in each tussle the Highlanders capitalized on Heppner mistakes to squeak through with victory.

In the Friday night game, the Heppner gang had a five point lead with three minutes to play. However, one of the Mustangs stepped on the boundary line in tossing the ball in play, and the Burns five took possession, resulting in a basket. Seconds later, the identical mistake happened as the tension told on the young Heppner team.

The two Burns field goals were added to two free throws by a Highlander to recapture the lead. Two more free throws and two crumbles from the floor by the Highlanders finished the scoring for the seven point victory.

But the rest of the story is all to the credit of the Mustangs, whose heartbreaking losses have characterized their season to date. The glass backboards of the Burns gym apparently bothered them for a time and they made only 12 points in the first half of the Friday night game while the Highlanders racked up 20. But they came back in the third quarter—the period that has given them trouble in other games—with a 20 point scoring spree that knotted the count at 32-32 at the start of the fourth period. Then they moved in front, only to lose the game via the mistakes mentioned.

Captain Bruce Moyer and LeRoy Gardner paced the team in the opener, each hitting 13. Moyer got five field goals and added three free throws for his total. Gardner hit on three of five attempts from the floor and netted seven free throws late in the game, a big factor in Heppner's recovery. This was his best game of the season.

to go after being down 10 points, 46-36, at the start of the fourth quarter.

Moyer had a chance to shove the Mustangs farther in front but missed a layup, a rare thing for him. Larsen of Burns then attempted a shot, was fouled, and missed one attempt from the gift line but hit the second to tie the score. Moyer then failed to hit another layup, and Larsen missed the first but hit the second and there went the ball game, 51-50.

Traveling violations late in the game hurt the Mustangs in this one. Padberg, cold on the first night, came back to form Saturday. He hit six of 10 from the floor and made good on each of two free throws for 14. Moyer stumbled on his shooting and made only two of 14 tries from the floor, but connected on nine of 14 from the free throw stripe for a total of 13.

Shan Applegate had a good night Saturday with four of seven from the floor. He had no chances on the free throw line hit two buckets and made three and made a total of 8. Porter hit two buckets and made three of seven free throws for seven, but he had to take to the bench on five personals in this game.

The contest took its toll for Heppner because Dubuque sprained his ankle and it was almost sure that he would not see action against Ione.

Big gun for Burns was Merseth who made eight field goals for 16. Gunner Mosley fired 22 times and hit five, which, with three free throws, gave him 13.

In shooting averages, Heppner only tried 49 from the court and made 15 for a .306 mark, while Burns shot 69 times and made 19 for .275.



NEW CENTER for the Mustang varsity basketball team is John Porter, big 6-2 southpaw. Fans saw Porter, transfer from Pilot Rock, in action for the first time against Ione Tuesday night. He also played in the pair of games at Burns. (G-T Photo)

Mustangs Draw Rest From Basketball Play

After hitting the maplecourt hot and heavy recently, the Heppner High Mustangs draw a rest this week-end and will not see action again until Friday and Saturday, January 26 and 27, when the Burns Highlanders come to Heppner for a pair of return games.

After that, the team takes to the road to play Madras there February 2 and 3.

BURNS 54				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Mosley	6	4	3	16
Womack	1	3	4	5
Larsen	3	7	2	13
Merseth	2	2	5	6
Berg	1	0	1	2
Woodfin	4	0	0	9
Presley	6	0	3	12
Catterson	0	0	1	0
Rodabaugh	0	0	2	0
	19	16	21	54

HEPPNER 50				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Padberg	6	2	3	14
Moyer	2	9	1	13
Dubuque	0	0	0	0
Applegate	4	0	1	8
Springer	1	6	4	8
George	0	0	0	0
Porter	2	3	5	7
Gardner	0	0	0	0
	15	20	14	50

BURNS 51				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Mosley	5	3	4	13
Womack	1	3	2	5
Larsen	3	5	4	11
Merseth	8	0	5	16
Berg	1	2	2	4
Presley	1	0	4	2
Rodabaugh	0	0	2	0
	19	13	23	51

HEPPNER 47				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Padberg	1	4	5	6
Moyer	5	3	3	13
Dubuque	0	0	1	4
Applegate	2	0	1	4
Springer	0	0	2	0
George	0	0	1	0
Porter	3	3	3	9
Cox	0	0	1	0
Gardner	3	7	1	13
	14	19	22	47

HEPPNER 79				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Moyer	8	2	3	18
Springer	1	1	4	3
Padberg	8	4	2	20
Applegate	6	2	3	14
Porter	3	4	2	10
Dubuque	2	2	2	6
Gardner	0	0	3	0
George	2	0	2	4
Cox	2	0	4	4
	32	15	25	79

Mustangs Get Hot, Defeat Cards Here

Hitting 32 points in a hot third quarter, the Heppner High basketball team defeated the Ione High hoopers in the Mustang gym Tuesday night, 79 to 57, and evened the year's series between the teams at one-all. Ione had downed Heppner in an earlier meeting at Ione by two points.

First half of the Tuesday game looked as if the Cardinals would come through with a second victory. They took an early lead and staved off Mustang threats to leave the floor at intermission on the long end of a 29-25 count.

With two minutes to play in the first quarter, diminutive Shan Applegate sank a pusher to give Heppner a 7-6 margin but some neat outside shooting by Jim Martin and Tom Pointer of Ione quickly put the Cardinals back in the lead as they connected on three straight. Lee Padberg of Heppner countered with a jumper to end the quarter at 12-9 with the Cards on top.

The second quarter was a parade of personal fouls, and 11 straight personals were called, six against Ione and five against Heppner. In the space of three minutes without a field goal being scored. However, later in the quarter Padberg, Applegate and Moyer found the range for Heppner and Rollie Ekstrom, Ron Crabtree and Wayne Hams hit for Ione.

In the third quarter, Crabtree moved Ione six points in front when he opened with a jumper, but Moyer countered with one for Heppner, then hit a jumper, after which Applegate scored on a layup and the score was tied at 31-31.

For a few minutes it was nip and tuck between the clubs, but with three minutes left in the quarter, a full court press put on by the Mustangs sparked a rally that left Ione far behind.

Padberg took the ball down the floor dumped it in the basket for a 39-36 lead. Five seconds later, Applegate stole an inbounds pass from a Cardinal and scored, and just a few seconds later Padberg grabbed another Ione pass and converted it into two points. Padberg followed this with a long pusher. Thus, in the space of 20 seconds, a slim 1-point lead rolled up to nine.

Two big blows to the Cardinals' hopes came about a minute later when Crabtree was forced to leave the game on personals, and immediately after, the fifth



JIM MARTIN is one of the reasons for the good record the Ione Cardinals' basketball team is compiling this season. Jim is a forward with the team and a fine shot. He will be a starter against Echo and Umatilla at Ione on Friday and Saturday nights. (G-T Photo)

infraction was called against Ekstrom. By now down 13 points and missing two of their stars, the Cardinals had little chance of coming back, but the boys left in the game never gave up trying.

They faced the best that the Mustangs have shown all year in that second half, but Hams, Pointer and Martin turned in strong performances, as well as reserves from the Cardinal bench. Ione lost Martin midway in the fourth quarter, and the reserves, aided by Hams and Pointer, went the rest of the distance.

Both teams had good shooting averages. Heppner was low in the first half but the third quarter surge, going at about a 600 clip, gave them 444 for the game, 32 field goals on 71 attempts. Ione had 350 on 72 of 60 attempts.

Padberg was highpoint man in the game with 20 points for the Mustangs on eight field goals and four free throws. Captain Moyer of Heppner also had eight buckets but only two free throws for 18.

Crabtree had 17 points for the Cardinals in his less than three quarters of play on five field goals and seven free throws. Second high for Ione was Hams with 13 on five from the floor and three from the free throw line. Heppner won the jayvee game, 54 to 39, after leading 26 to 14 at halftime. Ken Wright of Heppner was highpoint man with 17. Bill Akers topped Ione with 10.

Jayvees— IONE 39—Madden 4, Akers 10, Hams 4, Morgan 5, Martin 6, Klinger 2, DeSpain 0, Hynd 2, Emerit 0, Halvorsen 0, Lindstrom 7.

HEPPNER 54—Nichols 7, Wright 17, Clark 10, Leller 3, Sherman 4, Smith 2, Ayers 7, Schoonover 2, Cole 0, George 2, Wardwell 0.

IONE 57				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Pointer	3	3	4	9
Crabtree	5	7	5	17
Hams	5	3	4	13
Ekstrom	3	0	5	6
Martin	3	0	5	6
Klinger	0	1	2	1
Davidson	0	1	0	1
Rigby	2	0	3	4
	21	15	28	57

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Applegate	6	2	3	14
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Gardner	0	0	3	0
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