

Mustangs Roll Up Three Early Wins

With their basketball season less than a week old, Heppner High's Mustangs have rolled to a 3-0 record, topping DeSales of Walla Walla, McEwen of Athena and Umatilla high in that order since Friday night.

The boys of Coach Bob Cantonwine had a corker on their hands with big and potent McEwen there Saturday night but got top performances out of their starters to win, 48 to 42. They had another good contest against DeSales at Walla Walla Friday night in the opener but came through with flying colors, 65 to 49.

Their third game, the home opener against Umatilla High Tuesday night in the Heppner High gym was on the ragged order, but the Mustangs, perhaps a little court weary because of playing three games in five nights, had no trouble downing the visitors, 51 to 39, using reserves through much of the game.

Against DeSales, the Mustangs fell behind in the opening quarter, 13 to 11, but claimed the lead by halftime, 25 to 24. They shifted to high gear in the third period, scoring 27 to only 10 for the home five, and had a commanding bulge at the start of the fourth period, 53 to 34. From there, they coasted to victory.

Lee Padberg canned 20 points on seven field goals and six free throws to lead scoring for both teams. Dick Springer had seven and three for 17 and Shan Applegate counted five buckets and four gift tosses for 14. High for DeSales was Bob Greco with 13 on five field goals and three free throws.

Athena measured up to all advance reports and gave the Mustangs a nip and tuck battle. The McEwen five forged in front at the start, 14 to 11, and held a one-point edge at halftime, 24 to 23. The Mustangs moved in front in the third quarter, 35 to 33, and battled down to the wire for victory. The Scotties regained the edge in the final period for a time, but lost it with three minutes to play and the Mustangs emerged with the 6-point bulge.

In losing, the McEwen five stopped Heppner's fast break offense. The Mustangs had a shooting edge, 404 as they hit 19 of 47, to 310 for the Scotties on 13 of 42. High point man for the game was Robert McMillan with 17 points, nine of which were free throws, and he was followed by a teammate, Mike Shields, with 12.

Three Mustangs tied with 11 each, including Shan Applegate, John Porter Porter and Fred Harnden.

Against Umatilla here Tuesday before a good home opening crowd, the Mustangs led all the way. They showed brief periods of smooth work but otherwise had a ragged night. At the end of the first quarter they led, 10 to 6, and boosted this to a 10-point margin by halftime, 28 to 18. The teams held even in the third quarter and went into the fourth with the home club ahead, 37 to 27. Heppner shooting was off as they hit but 20 of 73 attempts for a 27.4 percentage. Umatilla did not have nearly as many shots but ended with a better average, connecting on 15 of 50 for an even 30.

High point honors went to L. York of Umatilla with 13, followed by Padberg and Applegate of Heppner with 12 each. Also in double figures was Porter with 11.

Scores:
HEPPNER 65
Applegate 14, Wright 3, Springer 17, Porter 7, Padberg 20, Harnden 4, Gardner, Sherman, Smith.

DeSALES 49
Gwinn 8, Goulet 8, Spanish 4, Greco 13, Koenig 2, Hanson 2, Dayton, Criscola 2, Gaffrey, Mauri 10.

HEPPNER 48
Applegate 11, Wright 2, Springer 11, Porter 3, Padberg 8, Harnden 11, Gardner 2.

McEWEN 42
Coppock 4, Alderman, Shields 12, Driessche 2, Smith 6, Peal, McMillan 17, McEwen 1, Morasch, Whitney.

UMATILLA 39
York 13, Golde, Coung 8, Cain 6, White 4, Eisele 2, Hiatt 6.

HEPPNER 51
Applegate 12, Harnden 6, Springer 4, Porter 11, Padberg 12, Wright 4, Gardner, Clark, Sherman, Nichols, Smith 2.



SHAN APPLGATE



DICK SPRINGER

Cards Tally 44 For Easy Win In Short Game

Ione Cardinals outclassed Stanfield, 40 to 12, in their abbreviated two-quarter game at the West End jamboree in Umatilla Friday night. Ron Crabtree, Ione center, alone topped the point production of the Stanfield squad as he hit for 15 points even though he played only one full quarter and less than two minutes in the second.

Riverside defeated Umatilla's No. 1 squad, 28 to 19, and Echo topped the other half of the Umatilla contingent, squad No. 2, 41 to 31, as the host team divided to make three contests.

Umatilla won the sportsmanship trophy at the jamboree. Russ Hays of Echo was high-point man of the tournament with his 20 points, while Crabtree was second with 15. J. Partlow of Irrigon had 12.

Scores:
IONE 40
Bill Klingler 2, Martin 3, Ken Klingler 5, Ekstrom 7, Padberg 2, Lindstrom 2, Crabtree 15, Morgan 4.

STANFIELD 12
K. Clark 1, Cory, Kim Clark 1, Banker, Seible 6, Woods 2, Davis, Guthery 2, Pratt.

RIVERSIDE 28
Skoube 2, J. Partlow 12, Boothman 2, Hobbs 10, S. Partlow, Anderson, McCoy, T. McCoy, Schmeder, Thompson.

UMATILLA NO. 1 19
Cain 4, York 3, White, Hiatt, Eisele, Lewis 1, Corollo, 1, Whipple, Sampson.

ECHO 41
Brown 9, O'Brien 4, Hays 20, Billings 6, Flanagan, D. Flanagan, Koller, Correa 2.
UMATILLA NO. 2 31
Young 14, Moore 8, Thonstad 3, Golde, McCoy 6, Mollie, Rose, Benson, Kelly, Swartz.

Dubuque to Undergo Operation to Knee

Doug Dubuque, 6-2 junior at Heppner High school, will undergo an operation on his knee in a Pendleton hospital Wednesday. Basketball Coach Bob Cantonwine said Wednesday.

He suffered an injury in football season and was able to play only spasmodically thereafter. It was hoped that the injury had healed by the start of basketball season, but it was aggravated in a recent practice and he has been unable to participate since.

The coach said that cartilage is torn, affecting ligaments and tendons. It is expected that it will take from four to six weeks for recovery.

Doug, first string center for the Mustangs, is sorely missed by the team, and his absence from the lineup will hurt Heppner's chances for a league title despite the fact that the team has a good crew of veterans and reserves to call upon this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Isom of Pendleton were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham, and were among those from here attending the Elks Annual in Condon Saturday night.

University Honors Given Miss Morrison

Miss Michelle Morrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Morrison, Ione, and freshman student at Oregon State University, was recently elected president of her sorority pledges, who this fall joined Alpha Chi Omega, social sorority. Michelle is one of 24 girls pledged. Another new member is Miss Ronnie Belsma, Heppner.

Other honors have been coming to Miss Morrison on campus. In November she was tapped and initiated as one of 58 new Angel Flight Cadets who will, through the year, be asked to do hosting at campus activities. The group is sponsored and voted on by the military Air Cadet Corps. Girls were chosen on personality, poise, appearance, drill and marching ability.

Highlight of the month came to Miss Morrison, however, when she was selected top girl sponsor of the Persian Rifle team, an advanced military corps. She was chosen out of a field of 12 semi-finalists and four finalists, including Queen Sharon, of last year's Portland Rose Festival. She will accompany the rifle drill team on exhibitions and competitive appearances later this year in Washington and Arizona.

Mrs. Blake Taken To Portland Hospital

Mrs. Bill (Shirley) Blake was taken to Providence hospital, Portland, Tuesday by her husband for medical tests and checkup. She had been in Pioneer Memorial hospital for a number of days with a case of pneumonia but apparently recovered satisfactorily.

She expects to remain in Portland for about a week. Mrs. Bob Brindle is taking her place in the office of Dr. Wallace Wolff while she is away.

To Take Course

John Jepsen and Tom and Gordon White, all of Ione, will go to Corvallis to start a 3-day short course, beginning Monday, on use of insecticides and regulations on them.

Baptists Schedule Christmas Potluck

Christmas potluck dinner of the Conservative Baptist church will be at 5:30 p. m. Sunday in the Legion hall in Heppner, Mrs. Bill Crooke of the church announces.

A short service, including singing, will follow the dinner. Everyone is invited, and each family attending is asked to bring a covered dish for the affair.

Mrs. Anne Smouse accompanied her son, Kenneth Smouse, Ione, to Corvallis Wednesday where she will spend the Christmas holidays with a daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Baker. Mr. Smouse will bring home their son, Kenneth Lynn, from Oregon State University for the holiday vacation.

Reasonable prices on business cards at the Gazette-Times.

Burkenbines Greet New Son in Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Burkenbine of Alpena, Mich., report that they have their Christmas present this year in the arrival of the first child, Michael Lee, whom they adopted December 7 at the age of three months.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Becket and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hayden, all of Heppner. Both Mr. and Mrs. Burkenbine grew up in Heppner, and they have been in Michigan for five years. He works for Abitibi Corp., manufacturers of hardboard.

Forsythia Blooming

Mrs. Jessie Griffin called Thursday morning to report that a forsythia is blooming in her yard, several months ahead of schedule. Apparently something in Mother Nature's bosom fooled the yellow flower, and Mrs. Griffin adds, "Yes, and it's going to get fooled again, I'm afraid." The forsythia normally blooms in early spring.

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