

BALL. BALL who's got the ball? This might be a fitting title for this bit of action caught at the Heppner-Wahtonka game Friday night. Heppner's Lee Padberg scraps for possession of the elusive ball and is surrounded by three Eagle cagers. (G-T Photo)

Mustangs Top Eagles For League Victory

Heppner High's basketball quint won a "Divine Comedy" Friday night on their home court as they upstaged the Wahtonka High Eagles and gained a 59-39 win. The victory was the thirteenth of the season for the Mustangs and brought their record to 13-1.

The agenda for the mistake-filled contest was set in the first few minutes of play when the Wahtonka five scored the first four points of the game, two for themselves and two for the home club when one of their players tipped a rebound into the Heppner bucket.

The "Divine" part of the above mentioned title was implied from the Heppner point of view. It was indeed a gift to the Mustangs that more of the 85 shots that the Eagles took from the field didn't find their way into the hoop. As it turned out, the Wahtonka club was frigid and made only 12 of their tries good for a .140 shooting average.

While the Eagles were managing to cope with their shooting problems, the Mustangs were having some of their own as they found the range on 21 of 69 attempts for a .303 mark.

The referees had their work cut out for them in this free-wheeling affair. They whistled 43 infractions during the contest. Neither team could make a bid at the charity stripe as Heppner made 13 for 32 and Wahtonka sunk 15 for 29.

Coach Bob Cantonwine used all 12 of his Heppner warriors in the scramble and all but one of the players managed to hit the score column.

Heppner jumped to an early 14-8 lead in the first quarter and

MCGG Spanks BMC In Benefit Game

Blue Mountain College fell victim to the Morrow County Grain Growers 85-72, Thursday night in the March of Dimes benefit basketball tilt at the Heppner high gymnasium.

The closest the Blue Mountain quint could get to the locals was early in the first half when they pulled to within one point of the local quint, 8-7. Clint Agee pulled the locals out of their slump by potting three hookers, giving the Morrow quint a 14-7 advantage over their younger rivals.

Agee was the big man on the boards for the Heppner five as he used his 6'7" frame to best advantage and hauled in all the loose balls that were anywhere near him.

The big center led his teammates to a 42-35 halftime advantage.

Blue Mountain was not to be denied, however, and after the intermission break, put the pressure on the taller Morrow county quint.

Midway in the second half, the Blue Mountain five pulled to within two points of the Growers at 54-52. At this point in the contest, Ted Schadewitz, ex-EOC cager and present head casaba coach at Condon high school, put on a scoring show that lifted his team well into a commanding lead.

From this point, the Grain Growers steadily pulled away from the college quint.

Morrow county outshot the Blue Mountain team .450-.282 to get their winning edge in the contest.

Bob Cantonwine led the Heppner scorers with 18 points. Schadewitz and Agee were close behind with 16 and 15 respectively.

Chuck Blackley led his team with 21 points and Kip Clark added 17.

Turnout for the game was good, with about 350 people showing up to view the contest.

was never in serious trouble for the rest of the game.

The Mustangs led, 30-17, at the half and were ahead, 40-24, at the end of the third quarter.

There were a few bright spots in the game for the Horsemen. One was the performance of their second unit which gave the crowd a good indication of what the Mustangs will have for the next season. Three of the second unit, all of whom will be back for the next season, showed exceptionally well. Bill Snyder, a sophomore guard, handled the ball well and pulled one of the finest plays of the game when he drove to the bucket and dumped a solid left-handed banker through the twine. Dave Anderson, a junior forward grabbed his share of rebounds and contributed six points for the Mustangs. Bruce Spencer, another junior at the center slot, roamed under the boards gathering rebounds and scored a beautiful tip-in late in the contest.

Lee Padberg led the Mustangs in the scoring department as he gunned in 17 points. Doug Dubuque backed Padberg's show by contributing 9 counters.

| WAHTONKA (39) | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Lewis | 4 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| Foster | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| McCauley | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Mitchell | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Hammel | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| Peterson B. | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Helseth | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| Way | 1 | 5 | 3 | 7 |
| Runie | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Crittenden | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Peterson J. | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 12 | 15 | 24 | 39 |

| HEPPNER (59) | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Wright | 4 | 0 | 2 | 8 |
| Dick | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Padberg | 7 | 3 | 2 | 17 |
| Bauman | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| George | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Clark | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Evans | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Snyder | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Anderson | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| Spencer | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Dubuque | 3 | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| Smith | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| TOTALS | 22 | 13 | 19 | 57* |

*Two of Heppner's points were scored by Wahtonka.

Mustangs Plunder McEwen Scotties

Heppner High traveled to Athena Tuesday night and had to hustle to outlast the tough McEwen Scotties, 56-51, in a hard-fought basketball tilt. The class B Scots had been beaten only twice before the Tuesday scrap, once by the Mustangs on the Heppner floor early in the season. The win was the Mustangs' 14th of the season.

The Mustangs opened the contest by hitting for a fast 16-10 lead in the first period behind the shooting of Lee Padberg and Ken Wright.

Three fouls each by Doug Dubuque and Padberg, Heppner's big men on the boards, in the second canto took the two Mustangs out of the game for a rest with about four minutes to play in the period. McEwen capitalized on the break and used it to roar back to a 28-28 tie at intermission.

Jim Whitney led the McEwen surge that knotted the score. Whitney ripped off six consecutive points in the last few minutes of the first half.

Heppner bounded back in the third period to gain a three-point lead at 40-37 as the teams lined up for the final stanza of play.

Padberg and Wright again led the Mustang onslaught in the final period. Padberg found the range for 22 points to lead his team in the scoring department. Wright chipped in 16 points for his night's effort.

| McEWEN (51) | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Shields | 5 | 3 | 4 | 13 |
| Hansell | 5 | 2 | 4 | 12 |
| Whitney J. | 7 | 3 | 2 | 17 |
| Keller | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| McMillan | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Whitney D. | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| TOTALS | 21 | 9 | 19 | 51 |

| HEPPNER (56) | Fg | Ft | Pf | Tp |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Wright | 8 | 0 | 4 | 16 |
| Dick | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Padberg | 9 | 4 | 4 | 22 |
| Bauman | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| George | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Dubuque | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| Anderson | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Smith | 3 | 1 | 0 | 7 |
| TOTALS | 20 | 16 | 17 | 56 |

Losses Handed To Lone Cards

Riverside bombarded the net at a .552 pace Friday night at Boardman to defeat Ione's Cardinals, 99-63, in Umatilla-Morrow league basketball action.

The two quints fought evenly throughout the first quarter and the canto ended with the score at 22 points apiece.

Riverside got their scoring machine into high gear in the second quarter and overhauled the spirited Cards. The Pirates counted 29 points in the period and held the Redbirds to nine.

Ione put up a valiant but vain rally in the second period as the Bucs continued to pummel points through the twine.

As the two teams lined up for the final tipoff, the Bucs were well in command with a 75-43 lead.

Any hopes that the Cards may have harbored going into the final minutes of the play were quickly dissolved as Riverside kept on hitting and hitting and . . .

The Bucs scored 24 more points in the final stanza to cap one of the finest displays of shooting to be seen in the Umatilla-Morrow loop this season and left the Cards with the feeling of a ship that had just taken a broadside at point-blank range.

Five Riverside players scored in double figures, led by Dick Skoubo with 23 and Jim Partlow with 21.

Jay Ball was high point man for the Cardinals and for the game as he connected for 26 marks.

Tigers Claw Cards
Saturday night the Cardinals returned to their home court to host the Weston Tigers, the number two team in the league, and fell victim, 68-44.

The contest was even for the first three quarters as the teams both fought doggedly for the

win. A fourth quarter spurge by the Tigers netted them their victory.

In the final canto, the Umatilla county club marked 23 points and held the Cards to four.

Ione's big period was the third when they counted 20 and the Tigers counted 19.

Bill Turney scored 26 points to pace the Weston club to its eighth league win of the season. The loss was Ione's seventh in league competition and dropped them into seventh place in the league standings.

Tom Heimbigner led the Ione effort with 13 points.

Score:
Riverside (99)—Gronquist 14, Hobbs 5, Skoubo 23, Partlow 21, Anderson 10, Bedord, Obermeier 3, Lathrop 11, McCoy 4, L. McCoy 8.

Ione (63)—J. Halvorsen 12, Heimbigner 10, M. Halvorsen 6, Ball 26, Klinger 4, Hausler 3, Ortez 2, McGill, Rea.

Weston (68)—Winn 1, Turney 26, Dauble 2, Peterson 11, Clark 18, Sams 3, Benzel 6, Cable.

Ione (44)—M. Halvorsen 10, Heimbigner 13, J. Halvorsen 4, Ball 8, Klinger 7, Hausler 2.

Sherman High Sets Spaghetti Feed

Cheerleaders of Sherman High school invite Heppner people to attend their annual spaghetti feed which will be Friday evening before the Heppner-Sherman game at Moro. The feed will be served from 5:30 to 7:30.

Admission for those over 12 is \$1 and for those under 12, 50c.

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Spending Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neill were Mr. Neill's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Neill of Hermiston. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coxen, also of Hermiston.

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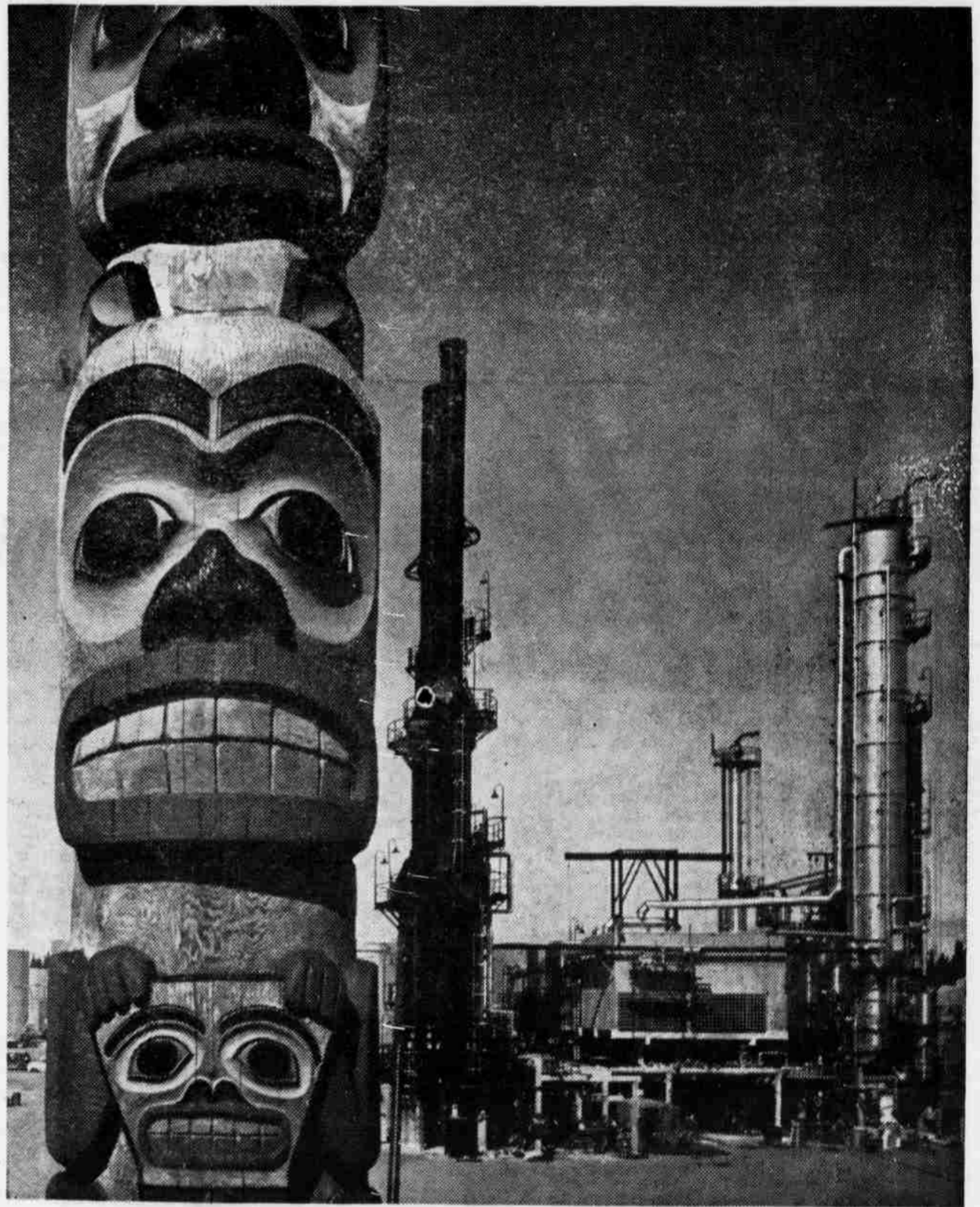
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