



HEPPNER HIGH school's freshmen basketball squad is undefeated for the current campaign. Front row, left to right: Jeff Turner (6), Bob Harris (11), Earl Perkins (3), John Cox (5), Roger Leonnig (7), Rick Johnson (34). Back row, left to right: Dennis Carlson (10), Jim Doherty (9), Jim Jacobs (14), Mac Hoskins (12), Steve Wagenblast (13), Dennis O'Donnell (8). (G-T Photo)

Cards Bop Tigers For League Win

Ione High's basketball squad split a series over the week-end as it downed Stanfield, 68-64, Friday night and fell to the McEwen Scotties, 71-50, Saturday. The split left the Cards with a record of 5-8 in league play.

Friday night, on their own floor, the Cardinals capitalized on a big second period to down the stubborn Tigers. The Tigers outshot the Cards in the first period and led by a slim 14-13 mark at the end of the stanza.

Ione got its offense in high gear in the second canto and scored 19 counters while holding the Stanfield club to eight and enjoyed a 32-22 advantage at halftime.

The third quadrant was fought head to head on even terms as neither team could gain ground. At the end of the period, both teams had counted 16 more points.

A weak rally by the Tigers fell short in the final period. Stanfield made the come-back by finding the range for 26 but Ione scored 20 to finish victorious.

Mark Halvorsen and Jay Ball topped the Ionians with 14 points each.

Seibel was high man for the

Ione To Battle League Opponents

Ione High will try to move up in the standings of the Umatilla-Morrow basketball league this week-end as it battles with two teams which are just one notch ahead of it in the standings, Echo and Helix. Both Echo and Helix have records of 5-7 while the Cardinals are 5-8.

Friday night the Cards will

Halvorsen 10, M. Halvorsen 4, Ball 10, Lindstrom 8, Hausler 2.

STANFIELD (64)—Pratt 2, McElroy 4, Clark 10, Guthery 7, Alveraz 1, Corey 11, Sewell 9, Banker 1, Seibel 19.

IONE (68)—Heimbigner 12, Klinger 12, Lindstrom 4, M. Halvorsen 14, Ball 14, Emert 2, Hausler 8, Ortez 2.

travel to Echo to encounter the Cougars in a showdown game. The Echo club defeated Ione earlier this year.

In its last outing, the Echo club downed Stanfield 57-53. This means that both Ione and Echo defeated the Tigers by a margin of four points and would indicate that the Cards and the Cougars should be on even terms for the Friday night struggle.

Saturday, the Cards will host the Helix Grizzlies in another conference tilt. In an earlier meeting, Ione prevailed 61-54. Saturday, the Redbirds will be out to turn the trick again.

Helix could be rougher this time, however, as they made the Riverside Pirates work to gain a 57-44 decision over them in last week's action.

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Sherman Hands Heppner First League Defeat

By GREG PIERCE

Winning string of the Heppner High basketball team came to a screeching halt when the Huskies of Sherman county downed the Mustangs, 62-57, in a league encounter Friday night on the Huskies' floor.

The Mustangs, who had won 14 and lost one, were never in contention as they trailed 26-35 at halftime. In the third and fourth stanzas the Heppner five fought hard and outscored the Huskies in the fourth period but just couldn't hit from the floor as they shot a cold .333 and only 279 from the free throw line.

Ron Johnson, hoop ace for the Huskies, used his big arms and hands for taking of rebounds and pumping in baskets to lead the point production with 22.

Mike Lane, who helped in the conquest for Sherman, was second with 18 points.

Doug Dubuque, although checked closely, led the way for Coach Bob Cantonwine's quint with 15.

Lee Padberg, somewhat off his usual shooting form, threaded the net for 13 pointers. David George collected 10 points, and Ken Smith, one of the few reserves used by Coach Cantonwine, helped with eight.

The loss still leaves the Mus-

tangs on top of the western division standings of the Greater Oregon conference, and Sherman gained a notch by the win to take sole position in second place.

SHERMAN 62—Lane 18, Mobley 10, Johnson 22, Gentry 6, Eakin 4, Blagg 2, Ocheltree.

HEPPNER 57—Wright 2, Padberg 13, George 10, Dubuque 15, Bauman 3, Anderson 4, Smith 8.

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week are Margaret Nichols, Ione; Elma Scott, Heppner; Elsie King, Portland, and Julie Dungan, Hermiston.

Patients dismissed during this same period were Barbara Blake, Heppner; Richard Schmidt, Heppner; Gerald Mattson, Heppner; Joyce Peck, Lexington; Ethel Wood, Fossil, and Edgar Morris, transferred to Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Amundson of Heppner are parents of a daughter, born Friday, February 7. She weighed 7 lbs., 11½ oz. and was named Clorina Kay.

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Mustangs Bounce Back with 70-52 Win over Rockets

By GREG PIERCE

After losing to Sherman on the previous night, Heppner's Mustangs came through in good form Saturday night here by knocking off Pilot Rock High's basketball team, 70-52, in non-league action.

The two teams meet three times this year, two games of which are counting contests, but the one Saturday night was a Kings-X affair. The Rockets will come here again on Friday, February 21, for a final league game.

Pilot Rock ran into a hot shooting Heppner club and came out on the wrong side of things. The Mustangs were never in much trouble as they took an early 14-10 lead and coasted to a 30-20 intermission score.

The eye-blinking Mustangs peppered the net for 30 buckets in the ball game and held the Rockets to only 15.

This was the second time the Mustangs defeated the Rockets this year. They handed them a 55-47 beating on the Rockets' floor earlier this year. Ken Wright, shooting at a better pace than against Sherman, led the way to victory with his one-handed pushers, accounting for 17 points. Lee Padberg was next in order with 15, and Ken Smith, who really found himself in this ball game, added 10.

Smith was a ball hawking demon in the contest, rambling all over the floor to harass the Rockets. He stole the ball several times and drove in for lay-ups. It was easily the best game of his varsity career.

The Mustangs shot a little better than the night before at .423 from the floor and .526 from the free throw line. Rich Mikel led scoring for Pilot



KEN SMITH sparkled in the victory of Heppner High over Pilot Rock here Saturday, turning in the best game of his high school career. (G-T Photo)

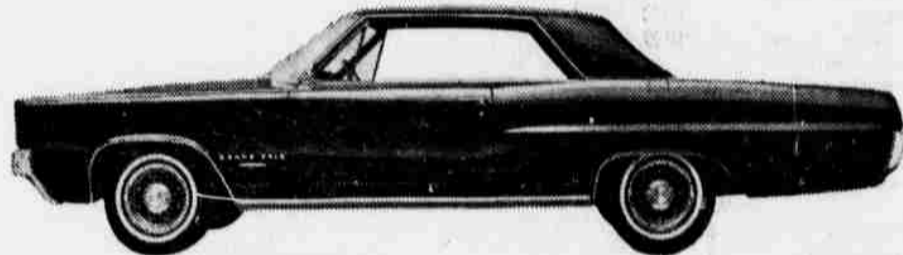
Rocket as he hit for 18, and Paul Jones was next with 11.

PILOT ROCK 52—Slate 7, Baker 2, Mikel 18, Jones 11, Christensen 2, Hollomon 1, Anderson 9, Ervin 2.

HEPPNER 70—Wright 17, Dick, Padberg 15, George 3, Dubuque 4, Bauman 6, Clark 7, Evans 2, Snyder 4, Anderson 2, Smith 10.



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