

Heppner Shocks Sherman In Ball Control Masterpiece

Cassius Clay pulled one of the biggest upsets of the century Tuesday night when he defeated Sonny Liston for the heavy-weight championship of the world but the Heppner High school Mustangs pulled just as big an upset, to some people, the same night as they journeyed to Condon and knocked off the Sherman High Huskies 28-24, in a basketball game that was rated as a formality for the Huskies.

The Mustangs took the best that the Huskies had to offer and came back with some tricks of their own as they dropped the Huskies into the number three position in the Greater Oregon League.

The Mustangs used exceptional ball control to awe the crowd and the Huskies. The Mustangs showed such finesse in their slow down and deliberate tactics that they limited the Huskies to eight field goals for the contest. The Heppnerites made sure of their shots and played on the basis that the other team can't score when they control the ball.

Another of the noticeable facets of the tight game was the overpowering effort with which the Mustangs' big men, Bruce Spencer and Scott Barratt, handled the Huskies' tall men on the boards, Doug Bish and Ron Johnson.

Heppner opened easy in the first quarter of the Tuesday game and was on the short end of a 5-2 score at the end of the canto.

The Mustangs continued their slow tactics in the second quarter but were more successful as they held the Huskies to four points and "sizzled" for 11 of their own to take a 15-9 advantage into the locker room at the half.

After the intermission, the Huskies came back fighting mad but were unable to gain ground in the third stanza as both teams rang the bell for seven points.

Heppner still remained in their stalling antics throughout the final period as the shocked Sherman five made a valiant but futile attempt to pull the game within their grasp.

Coach Bob Cantonwine's warriors played like veterans through the contest and looked like real champs.

All of the Heppner cagers turned in top performances for the night, especially on defense where they rattled the Sherman troops with their ball-hawking tendencies.

Heppner took only 17 shots from the field during the contest, but made seven of the attempts good for an average of .417.

Sherman took twice as many shots from the floor as the Mustangs but converted only eight of them for a .228 mark.

The Mustangs won the game at the charity stripe where they made good on 14 of 29 attempts. Sherman's quint trooped to the line 17 times and made eight.

The win against the Huskies gave the Mustangs a sure shot at the district tourney in La Grande.

Ken Smith was top scorer for the Mustangs, getting nine points. Carl Bauman and Bill Snyder had eight and seven, respectively for the Heppner cage crew.

Johnson dumped in seven to lead the Sherman effort.

Score:

SHERMAN (24)				
Fg	Ft	Pf	Pf	Tp
Lane	1	2	3	4
Blagg	1	2	1	2
Johnson	2	3	4	7
Bish	2	2	4	6
Rayon	1	1	4	3
Gentry	1	0	1	2
Totals	8	8	17	24

Score:

HEPPNER (28)				
Fg	Ft	Pf	Pf	Tp
Clark	0	1	0	1
Smith	2	5	1	9
Bauman	2	4	5	8
Spencer	0	0	2	0
Barratt	1	1	1	3
Snyder	2	3	2	7
Totals	7	14	11	28

Pilots Capture 3 from Ponies

By KIT ANDERSON

Heppner's Ponies found it tough going this week as the Pilot Rock Pilots took three of four games Friday and Tuesday. The Pilots took both "A" games and the "B" teams split two games.

The Ponies' "B" squad lost out in an overtime thriller at Pilot Rock with regulation time ending in a 20-20 deadlock. When the Pilots journeyed to Heppner, the Ponies' "B" team turned the tables and scored a 32-28 win. Gary Kemp led all scoring in both games.

The Heppner "A" team, badly beaten at Pilot Rock, 36-25, came out with an upset in mind in the second game and almost did it but ended on the short side of a 48-45 score. The Pilots led, 28-19, at the half but were outscored by the Ponies in the second half. Russell Kilkenny topped Pony scoring at Pilot Rock, but Dave Hall led at Heppner.

The Ponies scheduled game Friday at Umatilla has been postponed until the following Monday, March 2, at Umatilla.

School History Sought

Mrs. C. C. Jones, Lexington, is seeking information on the early history of the Lexington school. Trophies, plaques and other mementos of the school are being placed in the Morrow County Museum and Mrs. Jones is assembling a history of the school to accompany them. She is seeking early school annuals or any records of the early years of the school.

Sports

Rockets Subdue Spirited Heppner

Heppner High's basketball team, reeling from the loss of four starters, dropped its final league game of the regular season Friday night to the Pilot Rock Rockets, 51-42, on the Heppner court.

Heppner fell behind momentarily in the first quadrant and then caught hold to gain on the Rockets, 14-12, at the quarter break. Ken Smith dazzled the crowd and the visitors in the first period as he bombed the net from long range and scored seven points for the home team.

The Mustangs reversed the order in the second stanza as they outscored the Rockets, 14-12, and deadlocked the score at 26-26 for the intermission. Carl Bauman and Smith scored 11 of the Mustangs points for the quarter.

Ice cold shooting in the third period proved to be the undoing of the spirited Mustang hoopers. The Horsemen couldn't get a handle on the ball during the canto and the Rockets took a 37-30 lead into the final period.

If spirit alone were the determining factor, the Mustangs would have pulled the game out of the fire in the closing minutes. But it wasn't and the Rockets hung on for dear life to win the contest. Repeatedly during the last quarter the Mustangs disturbed the Rocket cagers by stealing the ball. The Mustangs used five smaller men to harass the Pilot Rock club with an effective press.

It would be hard to single out an outstanding performer for the contest but one must give credit to Carl Bauman for his cool and determined effort against the Rockets. Bauman, a junior who will be with the Mustangs for the next campaign, played with nerves of steel during the contest and collected 17 points for the night.

Smith also turned in a good effort for the Mustangs, both on defense and offense, and gunned in 16 points.

Big Rich Mikel of the Rockets had trouble at the charity stripe during the evening but still topped all scorers with 18.

Local Keglers Place in Meet

Several local bowlers competed in the 14th Annual Hermiston City Bowling Tourney in Hermiston February 8 and 9 and many of the keggers brought home prize monies to prove it.

In the team bowling event, the Fiesta Bowl team of Heppner tied for sixth place with Shockman Brothers of Hermiston. The teams split \$55 in prize money.

Archie and Vernon Munkers teamed to capture eighth place and \$15 in the doubles roll. One hundred sixty-eight entered the singles bowling competition and out of that number, six local bowlers placed. Jim Miller came within seven pins of winning first place in the roll but had to settle for second place and \$35 in prize money.

Dean Hunt finished fourth; Oliver Devin, fifth; John Ledbetter, eighth; Vern Viall, eleventh; and Wayne Cacek, fourteenth.

Hunt finished eighth in the all events competition.

Devin, Cacek, Hunt and Gene Orwick all won special prizes in the competition for high games on certain alleys.

But perhaps one of the biggest commendations for the evening should go to a pair of talented sophomores on the Heppner squad, Bill Snyder and Scott Barratt. Snyder proved an effective ball handler and turned in a fine defensive game. Barratt played the more experienced Mikel head to head and left the Rocket gunner wondering what happened with many of his rebounding acts.

Score:

PILOT ROCK (51)				
Fg	Ft	Pf	Pf	Tp
Long	0	0	0	0
Jones	0	0	2	0
Hamilton	1	3	5	5
Ervin	0	0	2	0
Mikel	8	2	1	18
Anderson	0	3	4	3
Slate	5	5	1	15
Christensen	1	0	1	2
Holloman	3	2	1	8
Totals	18	15	17	51

Score:

HEPPNER (42)				
Fg	Ft	Pf	Pf	Tp
Bauman	5	7	4	17
Clark	0	0	1	0
Spencer	1	0	3	2
Barratt	0	3	2	3
Smith	7	2	3	16
Brown	0	0	4	0
Evans	1	0	1	2
Snyder	0	2	4	2
Totals	14	14	22	42

Benefit Battle Books BMC-Ione

Blue Mountain College's basketball quint, a team which fell to the Morrow County Grain Growers' five earlier this year, will invade the county again on Wednesday, March 4, when it comes to Ione to meet the Ione Townies in a benefit basketball game. The Chukars will square off with the Ione five at 7:30 p.m. on the Ione High school basketball court.

The benefit contest is sponsored by the Ione Lion's club and the proceeds from the game go to the band uniform fund of the Ione schools.

Preceding the BMC-Ione game, there will be a grade school intramural tournament with students from the Ione grade schools participating. This earlier affair will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Another feature of the big night is the trampoline act of Joe and Mark Halvorsen and Tom Heimbigner. The boys are priming for state competition on the trampoline and should put on a real show for the audience during the intermission of the BMC game.

Fans will get a chance to see many local players in action during the game on both sides of the roster.

Keith Rea, Dallas Rea, Francis Rea, Gene Dockter, Berl Akers, Wayne Ball, Dick Strait, Larry Rietmann, Lindsay Kincaid and Dave Barnett comprise the local quint. Many of these players competed for Ione High during their younger years while others competed in various colleges.

Tom Pointer and Wayne Hamms, two Ione lads who did their prep basketball activity at Ione, are on the BMC roster and their coach, Jerry Moseby, has indicated that these boys will see a lot of action in the battle.

Admission for the function is \$1 for adults, \$.50 for high school, and \$.25 for grade school.



By BIRDINE TULLIS

Skiers enjoyed shirt sleeve skiing at Arbuckle Saturday and Sunday. One gal even arrived in shorts! The snow pack is holding quite well in spite of the very warm weather, with the marker showing 38 inches of snow on the slope. The storm passing our area Sunday and Monday dropped some new snow on the slope, so predictions are for good skiing again this week. The area will continue to be opened on Saturdays and Sundays as long as the public is interested.

Ken Peck, Steve Peck and Bruce Thomson took off early Sunday morning on a cross country trip from Arbuckle. Several others enjoyed a shorter cross-country trek from Arbuckle down the road to Jones Prairie to inspect the prospects for enlarging the ski area in that direction. Those on the shorter trip were Orville and Barb Cutsforth, Glenn Perkins, Garry, Tim, and Mark Tullis. Can't speak for the rest of the group, but Garry finds cross country skiing just plain hard work. Anyone interested in cross country touring will find the going easier on regular recreational type skis if they will release their cable from the back clamp, thus allowing their heel freedom when they are walking. Some good sticky wax would probably help in the uphill grind if regular cross country skis are not available.

Those needing equipment will find this the ideal time to buy. Sales are in full swing right now. Ken Peck was planning a final sale this week, and also received notice that Pete's Sport Shop is holding its annual sale of ski equipment right now. Don't overlook, however, the prospect for exchanges of outgrown equipment and clothing from family to family right here at home.

Keep in mind the spring carnival coming up at Arbuckle during spring vacation. This event is open to any skier interested in a day of fun and competition. It should provide a good excuse for those of you who have been wanting to drive up to the area to see just what is going on—mark the date and bring the family!

The road condition was good last Sunday and most people

Trampoline Team Shows Routines

Ione's trampoline team demonstrated routines which it will use in the forthcoming Oregon State high school championships when it appeared Saturday night, February 22, between the halves of the jayvee basketball game with Umapine at Ione.

The team, composed of Tom Heimbigner, Joe Halvorsen and Mark Halvorsen, is preparing for the state meet which will be in MacArthur Court, University of Oregon, Eugene, March 7, with the university host for the event.

Ray Heimbigner, who has coached the boys for several years on the trampoline, and Ione Coach Dick Strait together have been helping prepare the team for the meet.

were able to drive up without chains. Please, however, carry your chains at all times.

On the hill—Everyone feeling a bit of spring fever in the warm sunshine. Guests from Washington of the Don Wise family find Arbuckle much to their liking. Esther Kirmis up for the first time this year. The little squirrel who is making his winter home in the ski hut thought it was spring and came out to frisk around. Bring your sun tan oil and sun glasses.

New snow on the slope—we'll SEE YOU ON THE HILL!

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Film to be Shown In Three Towns

The film, "Martin Luther," will be shown to residents in Heppner, Lexington and Ione during the first week of March.

The two-hour film, considered by many as a classic among religious films, will be shown Sunday, March 1, at the Seventh-day Adventist church, 560 N. Miner St., Heppner.

On Monday, March 2, the program will be presented at the Lexington IOOF hall.

The showing at Ione will be Thursday, March 5, at the Ione American Legion hall.

Each program starts at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public. It is presented as a public service by the "20th Century Bible School" to encourage more study of the Holy Bible, according to Pastor Elwood Boyd.

JUSTICE COURT

Jury trial for Daryl Dick, Heppner, charged with violation of the basic rule on February 2, will be Friday in justice court. Dick has also pleaded not guilty to a charge of driving while his operator's license was suspended.

Kemp Dick, Heppner, has pleaded not guilty to a charge of driving while his operator's license was suspended. Citation was issued February 8.

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