

# Mustangs Top Rockets In Home Opener, 59-51

For nearly the first full quarter of their home opening game Friday night, the Heppner High Mustangs showed none of the basketball flash that carried them into last year's state tournament.

But suddenly they came alive with some flashes of the speed and teamwork that took them to Coos Bay, and for the next three quarters had it their way as they claimed a 59-51 victory over the fine tall firs of Pilot Rock.

For the first six minutes it appeared that they were going to get few field goals on this fateful evening, but the Mustangs, trailing 8 to 1, then got into gear. Tim Driscoll and Gene Heliker connected on a couple and the home five was off and running.

They couldn't claim the lead at the end of the first quarter, but they came within a point of tying it at 14-13.

In the second quarter, Heppner's long range gunner, Jim Doherty, started his heavy artillery and blasted the bucket with four field goals that broke the game open for the Mustangs. Heliker and Mac Hoskins also contributed two field goals each in the period, while the lanky visitors connected on only five between them, and the home club went off the court with a 30-26 lead. This they never relinquished from there out.

Heliker kept Heppner stock soaring as he peppered the basket with three field goals in the third quarter and Driscoll put three more in the bank for the Mustangs. Thus, going into the fourth, the home live had a 42-point lead, 50-38. After scoring the respectable 20 points in the third, they cooled to nine while the Rockets tallied 13 in the fourth, but the triumph was tucked away.

Any illusions that the Rockets would be severely hampered without their star of last year, Rich Mikel, seemed to be pretty well dispelled by their performance. They have come up with backboard control and lofty height around the lineup that should make them a power in their new league home this year. Heliker took high honors for the game with 18, but Heppner scoring was pretty even among the top four. Doherty had 14, Driscoll 13, and Hoskins 11.

Terry Anderson, remembered well from last year's Rockets, and Joe Harrison, each tallied 11 to lead the losers.

## Gary Van Bloklund At Ft. Belvoir, Va.

Pvt. Gary R. Van Bloklund, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur L. Van Bloklund of Heppner, has completed a six-weeks powerman course at the Army Engineer school, Fort Belvoir, Va., according to information from the news center there.

However, he missed the graduation ceremonies because he was ill with pneumonia and confined to DeWitt Army hospital, according to word received by his parents. He finished the course ranking third in the class.

Gary will have a five day leave but will not come home because of the shortage of time and his illness. He expects to go before the board in applying for officer candidate school. If not successful in his application, he will remain at Ft. Belvoir.

During the powerman course, he received instruction in the operation and maintenance of hand and power tools, gasoline and diesel engines and electric generators.

Pvt. Van Bloklund, 21, entered the army in August, 1965, and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif. He is a 1962 graduate of Heppner High school.

His mother said Tuesday that he is apparently recovering satisfactorily from the case of pneumonia.

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# BOWLING

## Thursday Nite Ladies NN

Team	W	L
C. Ed Cole	39	13
Ruggles	30 1/2	21 1/2
L. E. Dick	28 1/2	23 1/2
MILadies	28	24
Columbia Basin	24	28
Murrays	22 1/2	29 1/2
First National	22	30
Wishing Well	13 1/2	38 1/2

### Pin Spinners

Team	W	L
Bank of EO	40	20
Elma's	33	27
Peterson's Jewelry	31	29
Elks	28 1/2	31 1/2
Wagon Wheel	28	32
Jack's Chevron	27 1/2	32 1/2
De's Market	27	33
Bristow's	25	35

### Commercial

Team	W	L
St. Patrick's Church	43	13
A. L. Daggett, Dist.	35	21
Willow Creek CC	35	21
Bank of EO	33 1/2	22 1/2
Heppner Studs	22	34
First National	21 1/2	34 1/2
ROF	19	37
Gardner's	15	41

### Fiesta Women's Major

Team	W	L
Turner, Van Marter, Bryant	43	17
Lexington Oil Co-op	36	24
Padberg Machinery	33 1/2	26 1/2
Central Market	31	29
M.C. Grain Growers	29	31
Van's Variety	27	33
Loit's Electric	21	39
Kinzua Corp.	19 1/2	40 1/2

### High Ind. Series—Jim Miller

Team	W	L
232; High Ind. Series—Jim Miller	570	High Team Game
First National Bank, 1042; High Team Series—Willow Creek CC, 2817, First National Bank, 2817, (tie).		

## Bob Lowe Enjoys Seattle Rail Trip

Bob Lowe, an ardent railroader at heart, thoroughly enjoyed a tour by special railroad coach to Seattle over the week-end. This was the fourth such special railroad tour he has taken this year, he said.

Sponsored by a Portlander interested in railroads, the Sunset tour started at Portland at 9:30 Saturday morning and Bob Lowe left here at 4:30 a.m. by auto to be there. After arriving in Seattle, the tourists took a sightseeing jaunt around Seattle by Grayline bus, had breakfast at the Space Needle Sunday and returned to Portland at 9:30 Sunday night.

Lowe stayed overnight Sunday in Portland and returned Monday.

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# 10-Point Lead Melts as Heppner Loses to DeSales

Leading at one time in the second quarter by 10 points, the Heppner Mustangs faltered late in the second quarter and also in the third to lose a 63-62 basketball squeaker to DeSales at Walla Walla Friday night.

The lead melted when reserves went into the game for Heppner in the second stanza. In two minutes the strong DeSales five cut it to one point, 36 to 35, where the half ended.

Coming back in the third, they still had Heppner on the run and pulled into a 5-point margin by the end of the third quarter, 52 to 47. The Mustangs rallied but found themselves one point short by the final whistle.

For DeSales, the victory was the third straight of the season. Gene Heliker was in high gear for the losers as he accounted for 24 points and was high point man. However, Gowan of DeSales and Kennedy, his team mate, each had 20. Jim Doherty of the Mustangs earned eight field goals and a free throw for 17.

Each team scored 25 field goals, but DeSales had a one-point edge in free throws.

### HEPPNER 62

Player	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Jacobs	0	3	4	3
Clark	1	0	2	2
Hoskins	2	2	1	6
Heliker	11	2	2	21
Doherty	8	1	2	17
Driscoll	2	3	1	7
Flalz	0	0	2	0
Wagenblast	1	1	0	3
O'Donnell	0	0	0	0
Warren	0	0	0	0
Brown	0	0	0	0

### DeSALES 63

Player	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Gowan	6	8	1	21
Elliott	1	0	3	2
Levens	1	1	4	3
Kennedy	10	0	2	20
Lentz	2	0	2	4
McCormick	0	1	1	1
Reid	2	0	0	4
Leonardi	1	1	0	3
Harvey	0	0	0	0

## Juniors Are Chosen For Month Honors

Four members of the junior class of Heppner High school were selected for boy and girl of the month honors at recent student balloting.

Chosen for the month of November, based on the trait of honesty, were Jill Schmidt and Steve Baker.

December selections were Verina French and Bob Harris. The two were chosen on the basis of courtesy.

### SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

**Heppner Elementary**  
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Monday—Chili beans, carrots and celery sticks, hot rolls and butter, fruit crunch cake, milk.

Tuesday—Macaroni casserole, cottage cheese, fruit salad, bread and butter, milk.

Wednesday—Scalloped potatoes and ham, buttered peas, apricots, bread and butter, milk.

Thursday—Vegetable beef soup, peanut butter sandwiches, pickled beets, rice pudding with whipped cream, milk.

Metsker maps of Morrow, Gilliam, Umatilla, Wheeler counties on sale at the Gazette-Times, \$1.25 each. Others available on order.

# Cold Cards Drop First League Start to Pilot Rock

One Cardinals was defeated in the first basketball game of their league play, 61-41, by the tall Rockets of Pilot Rock High on the latter's court Friday night.

The Rockets demonstrated a strong rebounding power and a good defense while the Cardinals suffered from "first game jitters" and extreme coldness on the Cards said.

The Rockets controlled the boards with 66 rebounds to 40 for lone, Terry Anderson grabbed 18 points for the Rockets and Mark Halvorsen had 16 for the Cards.

Pilot Rock shot 39% from the field while the Cardinals connected for only 24%. At the foul line, lone hit 40% and Pilot Rock fired at a 45% clip.

### IONE 41

Player	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
W. Holstein	2	0	3	4
S. Holstein	1	4	2	6
Halvorsen	4	8	2	16
L. Magill	0	1	0	1
Ball	5	2	4	12
Swanson	1	0	1	2
Linnell	0	0	1	0
Morgan	1	0	0	0
Lel. Magill	0	0	1	0
Crum	0	0	1	0
Lovgren	0	0	0	0

### PILOT ROCK 61

Player	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
McMahon	2	0	3	4
G. Harrison	2	0	1	4
Chapman	3	0	2	6
Standley	2	1	2	5
Anderson	6	4	2	16
O'Brien	1	1	0	3
Miller	8	2	4	18
J. Harrison	0	0	2	4
Black	0	1	0	1
Wright	0	1	0	1

## Store Seeks Return Of Banned Ice Balls

Van's Variety store, cooperating with health officials who have found that novelty ice balls imported to this country from Hong Kong contain contaminating water, asks an unknown customer to return the only unaccounted for set of ice balls to the store for refund.

Mary Van Bloklund, store owner, said that she had received eight sets of the novelties with a shipment of goods. She read of the fact that the water inside the plastic balls may be contaminated and was able to trace those which had been sold except for the one set.

While the water is sealed in the balls, she asks that the set be returned to prevent any possible consequences. It was reported that sale of the ice balls had been banned in three states.

## Circuit Court Jury Finds for Plaintiff

A circuit court jury found for the plaintiff, Joe Tatone, of Boardman and awarded damages of \$520 to him at the conclusion of a civil action in court here Tuesday.

West Extension Irrigation district was defendant in the action. Tatone had alleged that the irrigation canal broke through its banks and flooded his property, causing the damage for which he sought compensation.

Judge William Wells was on the bench during the case.

## Venue is Changed On Justice Case

Trial of Roy P. Urie, Condon, originally scheduled for 10 a.m. December 20 in Heppner justice court, has been rescheduled for the justice court of Ernest Jorgenson, Irrigon, on a change of venue, Justice of the Peace Earl Soward of Heppner said Wednesday.

Justice Soward disqualified himself, he said. Urie is charged with petty larceny involving the alleged theft of elk meat from another hunter.

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## Four Score on Elks

A party of four men who hunted in the special elk season in the Gurdane area from Saturday to Tuesday came back with four cows, each filling his tax. In the group were Bill Sowell, Jerry Rood, Mike Gray and Gail McCarty. While this party had good success, it was reported that many others with the special tags didn't fare so well. Not many elk were reported to have been taken.

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