

Grant Union Wins Two Opening Tilts To Lead Division

Basketball Standings

GREATER OREGON LEAGUE

Western Division

Team	W	L
Grant Union	2	0
Heppner	1	0
Sherman	1	1
Burns	1	1
Enterprise	1	1
Wahtonka	0	1
Madras	0	2

Coming Games—Friday: Madras at Enterprise, Burns at Heppner, Grant Union at Wahtonka, Saturday: Burns at Wahtonka, Grant Union at Heppner, Sherman at Enterprise.

Last Week's Results—Friday: Sherman 58, Burns 48; Grant Union 64, Madras 47; Enterprise 56, Wahtonka 49. Saturday night: Grant Union 50, Sherman 48; Heppner 62, Enterprise 39; Burns 62, Madras 47.

Grant Union's Prospectors jumped to the top of the western division of the Greater Oregon League after posting two wins in opening rounds of basketball play over the week-end.

Led by 6-2 Chris Labhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Labhart, formerly of Heppner, the John Day team thumped Madras, 64 to 47, Friday night at John Day and then edged Sherman County Saturday night, 50 to 48, also at John Day.

The Prospectors had an easy time against Madras with Labhart firing 28 points and picking up 17 rebounds, but they had to come from behind to top Sherman, which has been heralded as one of the "teams to beat" in the Western Division. The Prospectors trailed most of the way, but out-whittled the lead to two points, 37 to 35, by the end of the third quarter and then outscored the visitors by four points in the final period. Labhart and Paul Dieker were highpoint men for Grant Union, each with 13, but the Huskies' fine forward, Gene Lant-horn, had 18 for the losers.

The Huskies had notched an opening round win Friday night over Burns, 58 to 48, with Lant-horn hitting 17 points and Dan Jensen 16.

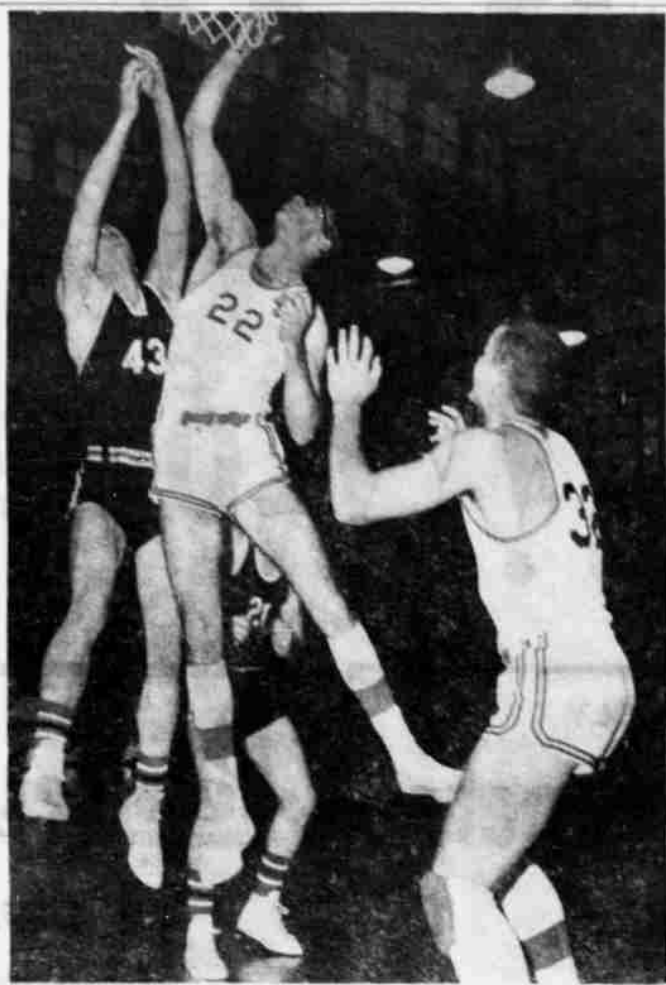
Heppner's Mustangs started play with an initial victory Saturday night over the Enterprise Savages on the Heppner floor, 62 to 39, with Mac Hoskins pacing the field with 24 points. To the Savages, the loss evened their record at 1-1 after they had defeated Wahtonka, 56 to 49, the night before with forward Ted Freels leading the way.

Burns brought its mark also to 1-1 by shellacking the White Buffaloes of Madras Saturday night, 62 to 47. Mike Fligg led the way for the Hillanders with 21 points.

One of the leaders — either Grant Union or Heppner—will topple from the ranks of the undefeated at this early season date because they meet at Heppner Saturday night. Sherman draws a bye Friday night but travels to Enterprise Saturday night. Madras makes the trip to Enterprise Friday night and has a bye Saturday night. Heppner has a big home week, end with Burns here Friday night and the Grant Union contest Saturday night. The Hillanders face Wahtonka at the Dalles Saturday night after the Eagles host the Prospectors from John Day Friday night.

The Oregonian prep poll Tuesday listed Heppner as 11th, and the Mustangs were the only team rated from the western division. Vale ranked sixth in the poll. But the Mustangs realize that such polls don't mean a thing and face the season playing each game as if it were the big one. They also realize that some of the teams in the circuit will be topflight competition and even some of the more lowly rated clubs are capable of upsetting some of those ranked higher.

Sports



MAC HOSKINS (22), 6-3 Heppner High center, scores on a tip-off during the Enterprise-Heppner game here Saturday night. Jim Jacobs (33), stands by ready to take a rebound if his lanky team mate should miss. Dan Courtney (43), 6-0 center for the Savages, vainly tries to block Hoskins' shot. Ted Freels (21), Enterprise forward, is visible in the background. (G-T Photo).

Mustangs Whack Savages, 62 to 39

Heppner High's Mustangs opened their league basketball season Saturday by trampling the Enterprise Savages, 62-39, on the Heppner court.

Mac Hoskins and Jim Doherty led the way for the Mustangs as they scored 24 and 14 points respectively. They were the only double-figure scorers for Heppner, while Jim Dutil led the Savage attack with 11. Ted Freels, who hit for 26 points against Wahtonka the

night before, was next high for the Savages with nine points.

Heppner didn't waste any time in scoring as Doherty took the tip and drove in for a lay-in. Soon after, he stole the ball from a Savage and went in for another two points and Heppner had a 4-0 lead.

The two teams played on nearly even terms in the rest of the first period as things slowed down. Neither team could find the target consistently but the Mustangs' superior rebounding gave them more opportunities. The gap at the end of the first period was only three points, but widened to a six point advantage at the half.

The Savages were fairly hot in the third period and played on even terms as both teams tallied 11 markers, then the Mustangs coasted in for the victory. They mustered 26 points in the last period to a mere nine for the visitors.

MUSTANGS (62): Jacobs 4, Pettyjohn 8, Hoskins 24, Doherty 14, Alsop 2, Stillman 6, Hall 4.

ENTERPRISE (39): T. Freels 9, D. Strom 6, J. Dutil 11, W. Field 5, K. McGraw 2, D. Courtney 2, T. Melville 4.

ENTERPRISE 5 14 11 9—39
HEPPNER 8 17 11 26—62

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Donna and Lisa, drove to Sun Valley for a skiing trip Tuesday, December 27 and spent three days, using their camp as home base. According to Mrs. Cutsforth the lower slopes were crowded with vacation skiers and the family counted 300 on Dollar Slope at one time. Waits for the ski tow were sometimes as long as 45 minutes.

To Catch A Steelhead

Part II of II Parts
By MILT GUYMON

What is it that makes a successful steelhead fisherman—one who will consistently take steelhead while other anglers go fishless time after time? How about you? How are your chances for success? If you are a novice at the game and haven't taken the time to learn the "know-how," your chances are mighty slim. It has been said that about 80 percent of the steelhead taken are caught by about 20 percent of the fishermen. Records tend to bear this out.

First, let's consider steelhead tackle. Our advice is to purchase one top-flight outfit. Get the best. Such an outfit will give years of trouble-free service, effortless and enjoyable fishing, and actually be cheaper in the long run.

This scribe prefers a rod of at least 8 feet in length, with relatively small butt section and even, gradual taper from butt to tip. Such a rod is called "classic action." It will bend well throughout its length and the flex is smooth and gradual. Classic action rods give the greatest feeling of rod control during casting. The feel of bait or lure is also immediately apparent in the hand.

Some anglers prefer a heavier butt section and fast tip. This rod, usually called "controlled" or "variable flex," is usually the best for spin fishing since casting is accomplished mainly by the tip section. This rapid taper gives a pronounced "bounce" or snap when the rod is flexed, but since the tip is limber, it does not transmit the action rapidly to the butt. In other words, the feel of bait or lure is not nearly as pronounced as it is with classic action rods.

Your choice of rods should influence the type of reel to purchase, or vice versa. The classic action favors regular casting reels, while rods with fast tip action favor spinning reels. Regardless of type, get the best you can afford.

Stick with Same Lures

Now, select a few fish-getting lures and stick with them. Almost all the new-fangled gadgets will take steelhead occasionally, but only a few will take them consistently. Over

the years, we have tried most of the "hot shots" as they came along, but invariably have gone back to one bait and one lure. The lure preferred is the time-tested wobbling daredevil with copper or brass "innards," and the bait is the old standby—cluster eggs—which for this writer will take steelhead two to one over any lure made.

Cluster eggs are messy to handle and difficult to keep on a hook. For best results we suggest tying the cluster to the hook with red thread or fluorescent yarn. Use a large cluster—thumb size—in murky or dark green water and go to smaller sizes as the water clears. In clear water, especially when stream flows are low, a couple of eggs and a hank of skin will do the job.

We also prefer to break our terminal tackle down, using a leader of slightly less strength than our line. The purpose is to save line in case we get snagged or hung up. We also use a short dropper of very light weight for any weight we may attach, again a line saver if we become snagged.

We must assume you have now learned to "read" a river, so pick out a likely steelhead run and pinpoint the slots. If you are using a lure, cast upstream to the head of the run, let the lure sink, and just before it hits bottom begin your retrieve. Let the lure swing through or across the slot. What you are trying to do is to give action to the lure as it swings downriver and slightly across the current. At the same time you must also bring the lure across and in front of any steelhead that may be lying in the slot run. Continue casting and drifting through the run until you have covered every foot of it.

If you are using cluster eggs, just let the bait drift along downstream and through the slot, or through the entire run. Keep working the run with both bait or lure until you have covered every possible steelhead location.

Keep Lure Near Bottom

One point to remember—get your bait or lure down on or near the bottom, for this is where steelhead live. These big ironheads are bottom travelers and seldom move upward to the surface to strike.

This bottom fishing means

that you're going to lose gear, the boulder-strewn floor of Mr. Steelhead's home seems to possess invisible fingers that reach out to grasp any lure or bait that moves by.

Here again, the successful angler seems to possess a sensitive "feel" for these tackle-grabbers, and raises his rod at the proper time, which in turn lifts the bait or lure and allows it to slip by the obstruction. Some gear is bound to be lost, but anglers who possess the feel can usually keep the losses at a minimum.

This "feel" of a river bottom is probably the most difficult part of steelheading for the average angler to master. Some never do and continually hang up, or they become so frustrated they never allow their bait or lure near the bottom for fear of becoming snagged.

We have no explanation for acquiring this touch. The only advice we can give is that the angler must have complete control of his bait at all times, he must know its exact location as it drifts downstream with the current, and most of all he must be able to feel each nudge or bounce as it moves across the bottom.

To explain this further, as your bait or lure moves on its downstream drift it is pulled hither and yon by the current. The bait or weight may nick a rock at one location, slide or nudge its way across some pebbles at another, or it may bounce against or over a rock or boulder. Each pull, bounce, slide or nudge is immediately telegraphed through the line and into the rod. If the angler is unable to recognize what is happening on the bottom of the stream, regardless of how slight, he has no control over his drift. The feel of a river bottom is the primary reason this writer prefers the classic action rods to those with stiffer butt sections. The feel is there and very pronounced.

'Nudge' Might Be Steelhead

In addition, if you are fishing with cluster eggs, one of those nudges might be a big steelhead just mouthing the bait. Seldom do steelhead really sock a cluster gob; usually it's a gentle tug and if the angler fails to have the feel, the bait is dropped and the fish is gone. More often than not a steelhead will follow the bait downstream as it drifts, mouthing it as he goes. Often this writer has observed anglers reel in following a drift to find their egg cluster smashed or stripped

from the hook. Yet the angler felt no tug and failed to recognize that a fish was there.

The complete opposite is true when fishing lures. Usually steelhead strike lures with such savagery that they hook themselves. Following the jarring impact the angler either fights his fish to the finish or loses it, whichever the case may be. Because the fish is normally hooked solidly, anglers who have difficulty taking fish on bait usually stick to lures that are known producers.

And there you have it—a few basic tips on how to catch a steelhead. Get good equipment and learn how to use it. Learn to read a river—to recognize the steelhead runs and steelhead slots. Use time-tested lures or bait, at least until you become proficient. Fish on the bottom because that's where Mr. Steelhead lives. And finally, learn to "feel" the bottom, through a sensitive set of signals tapped out by the bait or lure and telegraphed to you through the line and rod.

And in time you will take steelhead.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams had as their house guests over New Years, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis Van Hise of Bend. Mr. Van Hise is the math teacher at the Bend Junior High school.

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PIN SPINNERS

Team	W	L
Bank of EO	44	24
Del's Market	44	24
Wagon Wheel	36	32
Bristow's	28	40
Elma's Apparel	27	41
Jack's Chevron	25	43

THURSDAY NITE LADIES

Team	W	L
Wishing Well	50	18
L. E. Dick	42	25
Columbia Basin	36 1/2	31 1/2
Ruggles Ins.	36	32
Gateway Toyota	32	36
Murray's Drugs	31	37
First National	31	37
Miladies	14 1/2	53 1/2
High Ind. Game—Vesta Killenny, 201; High Ind. Series—June Bellenbrock, 517; High Team Game—First National, 493; High Team Series—Ruggles Ins., 2557.		

lone Scores Two League Victories

IONE (69)

Player	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Swanson	6	2	2	14
Halvorsen	4	7	5	15
Leon Magill	2	0	0	6
Lovgren	2	0	0	4
Sherman	2	3	1	15
Morgan	3	4	0	10
Ball	1	0	0	2
Crum	0	3	0	3
McElligott	0	0	0	0
Nelson	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	25	19	9	69

IONE (61)

Player	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Swanson	5	0	0	10
Halvorsen	3	1	2	7
Magill	0	2	0	2
Lovgren	4	0	2	8
Sherman	3	2	3	8
Morgan	5	6	0	16
Ball	1	0	3	2
Crum	1	5	1	7
McElligott	0	1	5	1
Nelson	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	17	16	61

STANFIELD (51)

Player	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Clark	4	0	5	8
Cox	3	1	2	7
Krause	1	4	4	6
F. Monkus	6	2	5	14
L. Monkus	7	0	2	14
Simmons	0	2	2	2
TOTALS	21	9	20	51

HELIX (36)

Player	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Hawkins	10	1	5	21
Rodgers	3	2	1	8
K. Campbell	1	0	2	2
Westover	0	2	1	2
Kucera	0	3	3	3
M. Campbell	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	14	8	13	36

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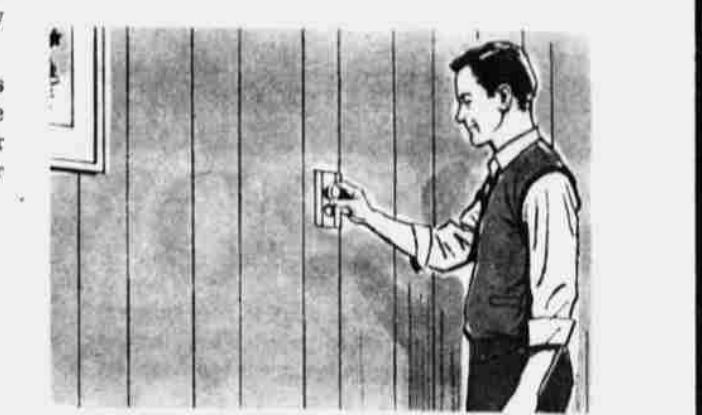


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