



DOUG DUTTON (51) of Sherman County high doing a spread eagle on a rebound is making sure that no one else gets the ball in this intense action during the Sherman-Heppner game here Friday night. Russ Kilkenny of the Mustangs bears down on him from the rear while Terry Stark (33) of Sherman and Mac Hoskins of Heppner try to figure out how they can get into the play. Mustangs won, 52 to 45. (G-T Photo).

# Sports

## Losses Kill Tourney Hopes for Redbirds

Losses to Echo and Umatilla over the week-end have knocked the lone Cardinals out of any possible chance to play in the Umatilla-Morrow B league district basketball tournament. The Redbirds now stand at eight wins and nine losses in the league with one game to play, that against Umatilla there Friday night.

The Cards lost to Echo at lone Friday night by a score of 80 to 64 and were topped by the Umatilla Vikings at Umatilla Saturday night, 62 to 44.

Contributing to the defeats was the fact that Frank Halvorsen was ill and saw only limited action and Chris Lovgren played with a back ailment. Without Halvorsen, the Redbirds lost much of their rebounding strength and this was particularly costly against the Vils, who outrebounded the Redbirds, 42 to 20.

Lovgren and Halvorsen may not be able to play in the final game of the season Friday. Coach Gene Dockter said Tuesday. He said that he was proud of his team for its performance through the season. Composed predominantly of sophomores, the Cardinals compiled a respectable record despite inexperience.

Coach Dockter said that the fast-developing sophomores may have peaked too quickly during the season, causing them to sag a bit in later games. However, he looks forward next year to the return of Jim Swanson, Frank Halvorsen, Eddie Sherman, Bob Ball, and Keith Nelson, all of whom will be juniors; and Chris Lovgren, who will be a senior. The seniors of this year who will play their last game against Umatilla are Virgil Morgan, Leon Magill, Montie Crum and Pat McElligott.

Joe Rosenberg's 32 points led the Echo Cougars to the 80-64 victory over the Cardinals Friday night in a game that emphasized the offense of both teams.

"They shot the eye out of us," said Coach Dockter. Echo hit on 51% of its tries from the floor while lone connected for 40%. The Cardinals took an 18-11 first quarter lead, but from that point, the Cougars came on with a rush, outscoring the Redbirds, 24 to 10, in the second period. Echo fired up in the third quarter and tallied 27 against 25 for Echo, but sagged in the final stanza, making only nine to 20 for the winners.

With Umatilla controlling the boards Saturday night, the Vikings led all the way, piling up an 18-7 first quarter lead and holding a 32-18 margin at halftime. The Vikings matched Echo's shooting percentage at 51.0 while the Cards could only connect on 30% of their shots.

Scores:

ECHO (80)				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
5	1	0	11	
3	1	1	7	
6	3	3	15	
0	0	4	0	
5	5	4	15	
13	6	4	32	

  

TOATLS				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
3	1	6	8	
4	1	4	9	
0	2	2	2	
7	3	3	17	
3	4	4	10	
2	2	3	6	
1	0	0	2	
0	0	0	0	

  

TOTALES				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
25	14	17	64	

  

IONE (44)				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
3	2	2	8	
2	1	4	5	
0	2	1	2	
5	0	3	10	
4	6	3	14	
1	1	1	3	
1	0	0	2	
0	0	0	0	

  

TOTALES				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
16	12	14	44	

## Jayvees Outscore Madras, 44 to 38

By MAC HOSKINS  
Leading by a slim margin most of the way, the Heppner junior varsity tipped Madras, 44-38, Saturday night to bring their season basketball record to a respectable seven wins and ten losses.

Mel Ashbeck and Jon O'Donnell led a first quarter surge which gave the Baby Mustangs a 17-12 lead—a margin which was significant enough to pro-

vide the impetus to victory. Indeed, during the final three stanzas, Heppner was able to outscore their rivals by only one point.

Madras fought back in the second quarter to within two, 23-21, at halftime. But Heppner edged ahead a bit during the third stanza, 32-27, to set the stage for the final exciting eight minutes.

Gary Kemp, offensively lackadaisical much of the game, found the range in the final quarter by scoring half of Heppner's 12 points. These dozen tallies were more than enough to counter the Buffaloes' belated rally, and the game ended 44-38.

Balanced scoring proved the keynote for Heppner, as Dean Kindie and O'Donnell tossed in 11 apiece, followed by Kemp's 10. Phil Phifer chipped in 13 to lead the Buffalo cause.

UMATILLA (62)				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
8	3	1	19	
6	6	3	18	
7	0	4	14	
1	1	1	3	
0	2	2	2	
1	2	2	4	
1	0	0	2	

  

TOTALES				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
24	14	13	62	

  

ECHO				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
11	24	25	20	80

  

IONE				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
18	10	27	9	64

  

TOTALES				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
7	11	11	15	44

  

UMATILLA				
Fg	Ft	Pt	Reb	Tp
18	14	12	18	62

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## Mustangs Square Series with Sherman

By JEFF TURNER  
The Heppner Mustangs stepped back into the league race for first place here Friday night as they handed the Sherman Huskies a 52-45 loss. After dropping a previous battle to the Huskies at Moro, 58-51, Heppner took advantage of its familiar hardwood to gain a key win.

The home town boys were in complete control throughout the game, taking the lead early in the first quarter, 4-2. From then on, Sherman had its troubles. Unable to penetrate the Mustangs' tenacious defense, the Sherman boys sensed the pain of defeat from practically the starting tip off to the final buzzer.

The first quarter ended a 10-6 battle where the frustrated

Huskies found it difficult to even attempt a shot. Sherman's big scoring threat, Gene Lanthorn was held scoreless during the first period, and he made only eight points for the game. Coach Bob Clough started junior forward Steve Pettyjohn, who traded with Jim Jacobs and Mac Hoskins on Lanthorn (who had popped in a cool 37 points against Enterprise).

Dave Hall, speedy junior guard gained high point honors with 17, hitting from outside and driving several times for easy lay-ups.

Heppner's board men, Mac Hoskins and Russell Kilkenny, teamed up for 29 rebounds and provided headaches for their foes with fine defense. Hoskins and Kilkenny also scored well, collecting 15 and 10 points respectively.

The home town fans began to squirm a little with about four minutes left in the game as Heppner began its stall with a 48-41 lead. Lanthorn was fouled as he tried for a rebound and sank the free throw, plus the penalty shot. The lead was cut to five, but Hall, who had sneaked under the basket, took a pass from Doherty and sank an easy two. The teams traded baskets again, and the buzzer sounded at 52-45, Heppner's victory.

Heppner would have bit the dust if the game had depended on field goal accuracy. Coach Clough's boys shot 25% from the field. Thanks to Heppner's outstanding defense, they held Sherman off.

HEPPNER (52): Jacobs 1, Ashbeck 2, Pettyjohn 2, Kilkenny 10, Hoskins 15, Doherty 5, Hall 17.  
SHERMAN (45): Bayer 2, Colesch 2, Jensen 10, Jones 2, Lanthorn 8, Owens 6, Stark 5, Richelderfer 10.

## White Buffaloes Fall to Heppner By 61-54 Margin

By RICK JOHNSTON  
Heppner's Mustangs made it two in a row over the White Buffaloes with a 61-54 victory at Madras Saturday night. Heppner trailed through the first period and had to outscore the Buffaloes by six points in the second quarter to come up with a 30-27 lead at halftime. Heppner never could muster a commanding lead. The Mustangs outscored the home town Buffaloes by a mere one point in the third quarter.

Leading by four points going into the final quarter, the Mustangs managed to hang on to the victory, adding another three points in the fourth period.

Mac Hoskins had 20 markers, followed by Dave Hall with 15 and Russ Kilkenny with 11. Hoskins and Kilkenny pulled down 29 rebounds between them while Jim Jacobs pulled in 14. Jim Doherty, high scoring guard for the Mustangs, was unable to start because of illness but came on late to provide some outstanding ball handling. Thornton and Rhode provided the offensive punch for the hosts with Thornton getting 12 and Rhode 15.

HEPPNER (61): Hall 15, Hoskins 20, Doherty 7, Kilkenny 11, McLeod 2, Pettyjohn 2, Jacobs 4.

MADRAS (54): Boyle 6, Steveson 8, Corwin 2, Thornton 12, Rhode 15, Gilber 2, Carpenter 4, Sanderville 2, Engblon 3.  
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MADRAS 17 10 14 13—54

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## Mustang Jayvees Top Huskie Quint

By MIKE SWEENEY

Coach Ed Hlemstra's Jayvees romped to a 54-33 victory over the Sherman Jayvees Friday, February 20, in a basketball game at Heppner.

Heppner employed a tight zone defense and a fast-moving offense against the Huskies. The local boys took an early lead and were never challenged. They grabbed an early 13-9 first quarter advantage and increased it to 29-18 at the half.

Heppner stormed through the second half to finish with the 54-33 victory. The fast improving sophomore guard, Jon O'Donnell, was the sparkplug for the Horsemen. He scored nine of his team's 16 third quarter points, and finished the game with 15 counters. He played an equally good defensive game. Dean Kindie tied O'Donnell for game honors with 15 points.

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