

CAMERA OF JOHN BUCHNER, editor of the La Grande Observer, has stopped action during a fast dribble of Jim Doherty in the Grant-Heppner game at La Grande Friday night. (Note how bottom of bouncing ball is flattened on floor). Trying to check the Heppner captain is Bob Gienger of the Prospectors. (Photo courtesy of La Grande Observer, John Buchner).

Viks Bounce Mustangs To Earn State Berth

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came back again with a drive through the key that brought it to 10-6. Doherty blazed a long one through the hoop, and Findley retaliated for Vale with a layin after a drive to make it 12-8.

Jacobs, the glorious surprise of the tournament for Heppner, canned a layin on a feed from Hall to make it 14-8 with 1:44 showing on the clock for the first quarter. But that pestiferous Johnson canned two free throws on a personal by Jacobs to make it 14-10 before Kilkenny pushed a shot from the side. The irrepressible Johnson kept the Vikings within four on another pusher to make it 16-12. Mac Hoskins got his first point on a free throw with 36 seconds remaining and the first quarter ended, 17-12.

Johnson Carries Vale

Out of Vale's 12 points in the first period, Johnson bagged all but two. Had it not been for him carrying the load for Vale, the Mustangs might have picked up enough momentum to demoralize the Malheur county five. Heppner then might have done the same to the Viks as Vale did to the Huskies Friday night.

Things started going awry for Heppner in the second period. Jacobs, who climaxed a solid basketball career for the Mustangs with near brilliant play in this tournament, drilled a long two hand overhead shot that moved the lead to seven points, 19-12. But this was the height of the Mustangs glory in this championship game.

Cammann hit from the baseline, Findley scored on one of two free throws and came back with a jumper from the floor. Johnson drove in for a layup and suddenly the score was deadlocked at 19-19.

Hoskins brought the lead back with a free throw but Johnson shoved Vale in front for the first time with 4:54 to play in the second quarter on two free throws.

Hall dribbled the length of the floor and went in for a layup. That gave the margin back to Heppner, 22-21, but the inevitable Johnson was back with a long push, 22-23.

Heppner rallied briefly. Jacobs tucked in a tip-in and followed with a one-hand push to give the Mustangs a 3-point edge, 26-23. But Cammann hit, followed by another by Johnson, and the Vikings were in front, 26-27.

Never Retain Lead

The death knell for a Mustang Coos Bay trip was sounded at this moment—2:10 left to play in the second quarter—for Heppner was never able to regain the lead, no matter how they tried.

The western division co-champs who had moved so smoothly in the first period, were afflicted in the middle of the second with costly personal and started making telling turnovers.

With Cammann coming on strong, the Vikings expanded their one-point edge to five at halftime, and the 23-28 bulge they held was as wide as the distance between Heppner and Coos Bay.

Heppner's followers, perhaps 300 strong, hoped that the Mustangs could engineer a third quarter comeback. They had often seen this team shatter the opposition at the slightest opening in other games during the season. But the rally didn't ma-

terialize.

Johnson lost no time fattening the margin, getting two buckets in the first minute of the third quarter. Hall hit with a pusher, making it 30-37, and then came a dry spell for the Mustangs. Johnson blasted two more. Findley banked in a crippler when he found himself all alone in the key, and then picked up a free throw. Suddenly Vale was virtually out of range at 44-40. Big Dennis Doman made it a 15-point margin with a free throw, widest of the game.

Mustangs Miss

Through this barrage, Heppner muffed its chances. Jacobs, Hoskins, Hall and Doherty all stepped to the free throw line in the first three minutes of the quarter, but not one of their shots went through the hoop.

This was only a momentary lapse but it sealed the doom of the Mustangs. Hall came back to count two free throws, and tallied from the floor to make it 45-34. Findley made two for Vale on a tip, but Hoskins hit to move Heppner to 36 to 47. Big Mac holed one of two free throws, and a few seconds later Kilkenny bagged one to end the quarter at 39-47.

In the final stanza, each team scored 13. The Viks went ahead as much as 13 when Findley hit a layin with 4:30 remaining. In the final minutes, the Mustangs showed some of their first quarter spark and got the margin down to five points on some beautiful play. Doherty hit a push shot, Hoskins drove the floor length for a layin after a steal. Kilkenny grabbed the ball on a Vale inbound play, fired it through, and the count was 54-49. With only 59 seconds remaining and the Mustangs working for a miracle, Doherty was called on his fifth personal, casting more gloom on the Heppner hopes.

Jacobs was already out on fouls, leaving early in the quarter.

Heppner reserves came in to fill the gap and they held their own despite a rash of whistle shooting against them. The score sheet shows four in a row against the Mustangs in 32 seconds — Doherty, Kilkenny, Hoskins and Hall. Vale made four points on these. Hall came back with a gift toss for Heppner and Randy Stillman made a neat drive and canned a pusher with 13 seconds to play, bringing the Mustangs to within six, 52-58. But Ron Page sank two free throws on Bill McLeod's personal to end the scoring at 60-52.

From the second quarter Heppner was in foul trouble. At the end of the game, two of the starters were out on fouls — Doherty and Jacobs; two had four — Kilkenny and Hoskins; and Hall had three.

Vale fared a little better with Doman out in the fourth quarter on five, and Johnson, Findley and Page all on the brink of disaster with four.

The Vikings did better from the free throw line than Heppner with 16 of 28 to the Mustangs' 12 of 27. The winners hit 22 shots from the floor to 20 for Heppner.

Johnson's 28 points more than doubled the pointmaking of any other player on the floor. Cammann had 13 and Findley 12. Hoskins, who did not have a good night—partly due to a bad ankle, emerged as high man for Heppner with 12. Hall made 11 and Jacobs scored 10. Doherty well checked, was held to eight.

BOX SCORES

	VALE (56)			
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Page	1	0	1	2
Johnson	4	3	1	11
Cammann	7	4	3	18
Doman	3	0	5	6
Findley	8	1	3	17
Smith	1	0	1	2
TOTALS	24	8	14	56

	SHERMAN (40)			
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
K. Bayer	2	0	0	4
Jensen	3	1	1	7
Lanthorn	4	2	3	10
Richelderfer	6	1	3	13
Stark	3	0	5	6
Coelsch	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	18	4	13	40

VALE	23	8	15	10-56
SHERMAN	9	10	15	6-40

	GRANT UNION (46)			
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Dieker	8	2	2	18
Labhart	4	1	5	9
Gubser	1	0	3	2
Hagen	3	0	1	6
Simmons	3	2	2	8
Stevens	1	1	3	3
Diest	0	0	1	0
Gienger	0	0	1	0
Mitchell	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	20	6	19	46

VALE	23	8	15	10-56
SHERMAN	9	10	15	6-40
GRANT UNION	13	6	17	46
HEPPNER	10	14	11	26-61

	HEPPNER (61)			
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Hall	5	6	3	16
Doherty	7	5	3	19
Hoskins	4	1	2	9
Kilkenny	1	1	4	3
Jacobs	5	2	0	12
McLeod	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	23	15	12	61

GRANT UNION	13	6	17	46
HEPPNER	10	14	11	26-61

	SHERMAN (62)			
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Lanthorn	10	1	5	21
Richelderfer	2	1	3	5
Stark	2	1	3	5
K. Bayer	2	1	3	5
Jensen	4	0	3	8
D. Bayer	1	0	2	2
Jones	2	0	0	4
Carlson	1	0	0	2
Owen	2	1	3	5
Coelsch	2	1	0	5
TOTALS	28	6	22	62

GRANT UNION	13	6	17	46
HEPPNER	10	14	11	26-61

	SHERMAN (62)			
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Dieker	0	3	0	3
Labhart	0	3	3	3
Hagen	3	1	2	7
Gubser	3	1	0	7
Stevens	3	0	2	6
Simmons	4	1	1	9
Mitchell	0	0	0	0
Diest	2	4	0	8
Magee	0	3	1	3
Wilson	0	0	1	0
Gienger	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	15	16	10	46

SHERMAN	20	14	12	46
GRANT UNION	7	10	15	46

	HEPPNER (52)			
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Doherty	3	2	5	8
Kilkenny	4	1	4	9
Jacobs	5	0	5	10
Hall	4	3	3	11
Hoskins	3	6	4	12
Pettyjohn	0	0	0	0
McLeod	0	0	3	0
Stillman	1	0	0	2
Wagenblast	0	0	0	0
Kemp	0	0	0	0
Sweeney	0	0	0	0
Ashbeck	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	20	12	24	52

VALE (60)	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Page	0	2	4	2
Cammann	6	1	1	13
Johnson	10	8	4	28
Doman	1	1	5	3
Findley	5	2	4	12
Jacobs	0	0	1	0
Smith	0	2	0	2
TOTALS	22	16	19	60

HEPPNER	17	11	13	52
VALE	12	21	14	60

Top 10 scorers in the tournament were: Johnson, Vale, 39; Cammann, Vale, 31; Lanthorn, Sherman, 31; Findley, Vale, 29; Doherty, Heppner, 27; Hall, Heppner, 27; Jacobs, Heppner, 22; Hoskins, Heppner, 21; Dieker, Grant, 21; Richelderfer, Sherman, 18.

Vikings to Open Monday at Coos Bay

Vale's Vikings, bearing the championship of district 7 A-2, will open play in the state A-2 basketball tournament at Coos Bay on Monday against Biddle in the opening game of the tournament.

In the bottom of the same bracket, undefeated Stayton, with a 22-0 string, faces either Elmira or Pleasant Hill. The Stayton team has already defeated Pleasant Hill in a game early in the season.

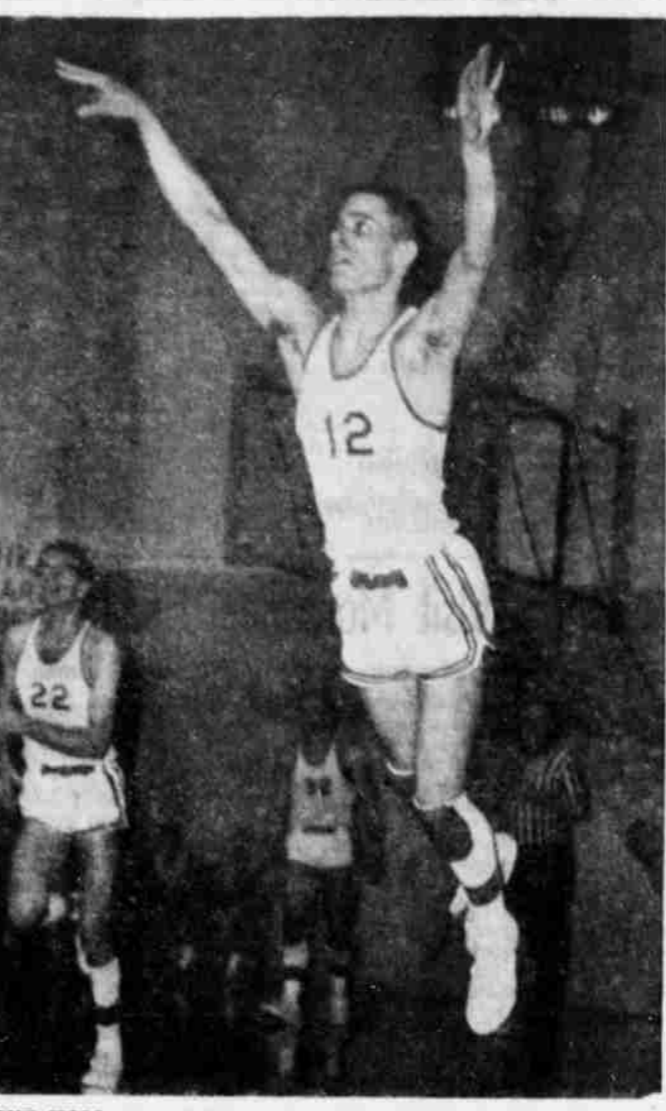
Should the Eagles emerge victorious and Vale gets through Riddle, the Vikings and Stayton will tangle in the second round.

In the lower bracket, Myrtle Point opens against Reedsport, and Rainier meets either Nestucca or Amity.

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DAVE HALL, one of Heppner's scoring leaders in the district A-2 basketball tournament at La Grande, appears to be flying gracefully through the air here. Actually he has just cast off on a last second shot prior to the end of the first quarter against Vale Saturday night. (G-T Photo by Pardee).

Heppner, Sherman Both Top Grant at La Grande

Sherman County, which hit a Vale cyclone in the first round of the district basketball tournament at La Grande Friday night to lose, 56 to 40, came back strong Saturday night to take third place in the tournament by slapping Grant Union, 62 to 46.

Heppner's Mustangs had knocked the Prospectors out of title contention Friday night in a game with almost an identical score to that of the Sherman-Grant game, 61 to 46.

HEPPNER 61, GRANT 46

The Prospectors hoped for a gold strike against the Mustangs in the Friday night game and fought like tigers to stake their claim. A 26-point scoring binge in the final quarter brought the final margin of 16 for Heppner, but just 7½ minutes earlier, the contest could still have come either way with the Mustangs holding only a four point spread at 35-31.

It was 5:10 Paul Dieker that plagued the Mustangs as he canned eight field goals, six coming in the second half. But Jim Doherty, one of Heppner High's all-time basketball immortals, had 19 for the Mustangs. Dave Hall, coming on strong as a junior, hit 16, and Jim Jacobs, who probably was the hero of the tournament for the Mustangs, connected on 12. Most of Jacobs' shots were spectacular ones that proved to the crowd that he can score after finding trouble most of the season with hitting the basket. Ailing Mac Hoskins, the big guy for Heppner, had a light night with nine.

Chris Labhart, most fearsome of the Prospector five, was held to nine.

Grant opened the game with spirit and took a 5-point lead early in the game. By the end of the first quarter, Hall and Hoskins had started to find the range and Heppner went into the second quarter three points behind at 13-10.

In the second quarter, Jacobs gave a sparkling performance with Doherty also breaking through with his playmaking and fine floor play. With these two sparking the offense, the Mustangs took over and went off at halftime leading 24-19.

The third was nip and tuck, Heppner tallying 11 while Grant hit for 10. At the start of the fourth, it was 35 to 29 for Heppner. Dieker kicked off the fourth with a jumper, and the margin dropped to 35-31.

Hall came on like a one-man gang in the remainder of the game. He made three field goals and six free throws for 12 points. Doherty scored eight and Jacobs and Kilkenny each had three, as the Mustangs wrote finish to Grant's hopes for a state tourney berth.

VALE 56, SHERMAN 40

With Pat Cammann twirling it, Vale had Sherman County caught in a revolving door in the tournament's opening game and won, 56 to 40. The 5-6 guard bombarded the basket with unerring long shots while Randy Findley added the second half of the one-two punch, and the Huskies sailed to an 18-2 lead.

The western division co-champs, a pre-tourney favorite, were on the verge of a rout before they gained their poise. The first quarter margin was 23 to 9 for Vale.

The 14 points were too much for Coach Pasco Arritola's boys to pick up in the remaining three quarters. With David Richelderfer and Gene Lanthorn leading the way, they managed to hold the Vikings even for the rest of the game, but the first quarter margin held up. Score at halftime was 31 to 19 for the winners. At the end of three it was 46 to 34.

Cammann finished with 18 in the game, most of them coming in the first quarter, while Findley had 17. Richelderfer topped Sherman with 13 while Lanthorn had 10.

SHERMAN 62, GRANT 46

Bouncing back from their initial defeat, the Sherman Huskies took vengeance on Grant Union Saturday night, 62 to 46. They did it in much the same manner as Vale had treated them.

The Huskies' fine junior, Gene Lanthorn, made up for lost ground as he zeroed in on the

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