

Amazing Mustangs Lose by 'Whisker'

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Lead missed both tries on a two-shot personal against Jess Schefstrom.

Shontz hit a free throw and Dimick scored on a jumper to give the Chieftains a 59-58 edge, and at that point Hall tallied the layin with 1:05 to go. These were the Mustangs' last points.

After Shontz scored the tipin at 1:45 to play giving Rogue River a one-point margin, the rest of the points came as a result of desperation plays by the Heppner five. They had to commit violations in an attempt to get the ball, and this resulted in another free throw point by Dimick and four more by Shontz.

While the six point spread might appear in the record books as a fairly comfortable victory, it was anything from that for the team whose great

21-1 record tottered precariously in this tournament game. The Chieftains' one loss, early in the season, was by one point.

Other Chieftains Held

Without Shontz in the contest, the Mustangs would have turned the trick with considerable ease. Only three other Chieftains hit the scoring column at all, making only 26 between them. Dimick counted 17, and Dan Copeland seven. But Rick Dees, given all-state mention by the daily press, never made a point.

The Mustangs tried a box zone defense with a roving fifth man assigned to Shontz, as they did against Dave Dieker in the district tournament, but this didn't stop the big guy. He made five field goals in the opening quarter, before Heppner found its tournament legs, but the Mustangs limited him to seven free throws in the second stan-

za. It appeared that they may have found his number. But this didn't prove out in the third when he bombarded four buckets and finished with three in the fourth to go with eight more free throws.

Some of his deadliest damage to the Mustangs came from the free throw line where he drilled 16 of 20 tries.

At the start of the contest, it appeared that Rogue River might blow the Mustangs right back to the wheat and cattle country. With just over a minute gone, and Shontz already in high gear, the Chieftains had a 6-0 lead. They extended this to 10-1 with only McLeod's free throw interrupting their point monopoly at the start. Wee Willie hit another gift toss to make it 10-2, but Heppner never rippled the twine with a field goal until nearly five minutes were gone. Then Kilkenny took a feed from McCabe after a fast break and scored.

Rogue River captured its biggest lead of the game at 15-4 when Copeland hit from the baseline.

Mustangs Rally
It was at this point that the Chieftains learned that Heppner didn't make the 380 mile trip to Coos Bay just for the ride. And the Mustangs did it in the same manner that withered so much of their opposition in late season.

Kilkenny jumped one, McCabe flipped another layin on another fast break with a feed by Kilkenny. He was fouled in the process and added a free throw. McLeod drove in for a one hander and 26 seconds later tallied on two free throws. Thus, in just over a minute and a half, the Mustangs cut the lead from 11 points to two—15-13.

Rogue River revived a bit here, but the quarter wound up at 17-22, and Heppner had posted its notice on the bulletin board with an exclamation point.

Five Mustangs got into the scoring in the second quarter when they held the Chieftains to two field goals and eight free throws for 12. Heppner made 14, and the half ended 31-31 for Rogue River. The Mustangs took their first lead with 5½ minutes gone in the quarter when McCabe converted two free throws. Supporters of the "aroused Giants" envisioned the type of second half comeback that overcame half-time deficits against Vale and Grant Union in the district tourney.

It almost came to pass, but the dying seconds of the contest were to decide the battle for the Chieftains.

Heppner fortunes sagged at the start of the third when

Shontz slapped them into a 7-point deficit with two consecutive tips. It took all the quarter for the Mustangs to regain the lost points, but Hall eventually tied it up at 46-46 on a free throw. This was a good period for McCabe whose three timely field goals kept Heppner alive. With 16 seconds left in the period Shontz scored another of his tips, but McCabe finished with a jumper that knotted the count at 48-48.

From there on, it looked as if the Mustangs might pull away, but Shontz' 14 point production in the fourth quarter, and the Heppner lads' inability to hit their free throws at the critical times saved the day for the state's No. 1 five.

Heppner shooting was considerably below its record in the district tournament at 39.6. The Mustangs hit 51.6 against Vale. However, Rogue River made only .338. Rogue River pulled 49 rebounds, 23 by Shontz, and Heppner made 42, of which 10 were by Kilkenny.

The Mustangs became a crowd favorite with their showing in this game, drawing support from almost everyone in the Marshfield High gym except the Rogue River contingent.

McLeod took a bad spill late in the contest and had to be assisted off the court, but the game senior came back Tuesday ready to go against Stayton.

Heppner High's band, cheering section and supporters from the home town won admiration from the tourney goers for their spirit.

HEPPNER 60				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
McLeod	4	4-8	4	12
McCabe	7	5-7	3	19
Kilkenny	4	4-8	2	12
O'Donnell	1	2-2	4	4
Hall	2	1-1	2	5
Stillman	0	2-2	1	2
Ashbeck	3	0-1	1	6
S. Pettyjohn	0	0-1	1	0
Dobbs	0	0-0	1	0
TOTALS	21	18-30	19	60

ROGUE RIVER 66				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Dimick	7	3-5	3	17
Dees	0	0-2	3	0
Copeland	3	1-3	3	7
Schefstrom	1	0-0	4	2
Shontz	12	16-20	3	40
Liles	0	0-0	1	0
Leroy	0	0-0	2	0
Byers	0	0-0	2	0
TOTALS	23	20-30	21	66

FIELD GOAL AVERAGES: .396				
HEPPNER	17	14	17	12-60
ROGUE RIVER	22	12	14	18-66

Heppner; .338 Rogue River.

Stayton Eagles Prove Waterloo For Heppner Five

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checked by the tournament-wise Eagles. Stayton was playing in its third consecutive state meet.

Morning Hits

Rich Manning started hitting for the Eagles and fired the early lead. After the lads of Coach Don Carey opened a sizeable margin, it was strictly no contest for the rest of the way. All efforts of the Mustangs were thwarted, a stunning reversal of their performance against Rogue River.

By halftime, Stayton had moved to a 33-20 lead, and the Mustangs took it worse on the chin in the third quarter when they managed only one field goal, that by Kilkenny, and a total of eight points. Going into the fourth, it was 50-28 for the Eagles.

The Stayton five used an effective zone defense against the Mustangs which stopped them from going through the key. Heppner's long shots weren't dropping, and with several Eagles playing deep on their zone defense they swept the defensive board. The Mustangs tried a man-to-man defense in the hope of stopping the Eagles but quickly realized the mistake.

With victory virtually out of reach in the fourth period, the Heppner five battled back and scored 11 straight, but it was too late for the Mustangs to conjure any of the hoop magic that has confounded top teams like Vale, Grant Union and Rogue River this year.

Heppner was understandably out of gas after the brilliant Monday performance and there was no filling station on the ruthless Marshfield High court.

In field goal shooting, the Mustangs made only .255 on 12 of 47 attempts. Stayton hit 22 of 50 for .440. On free throws, Heppner made a .678 percentage to .511 for the winners.

Score:

HEPPNER 43					STAYTON 60				
	Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp		Fg	Ft	Pf	Tp
Hall	1	1	3	3	Carey	4	1	0	9
McCabe	2	5	5	9	Guttormsen	3	2	4	8
L. Pettyjohn	2	2	1	6	Manning	5	5	3	15
McLeod	4	1	2	9	Sproles	4	2	1	10
R. Kilkenny	1	4	4	6	Miley	2	2	4	6
Stillman	0	1	2	1	Schotthoefler	1	0	0	2
Healy	0	1	0	1	Benefiel	2	2	3	6
S. Pettyjohn	0	1	0	1	Olmstead	0	2	0	2
O'Donnell	0	2	1	2	Brusaco	0	0	2	0
P. Kilkenny	0	0	0	0	Biever	1	0	2	2
Ashbeck	2	0	3	4	TOTALS	22	16	19	60
Dobbs	0	0	0	0	STAYTON	16	17	17	10-60
TOTALS	12	19	22	43	HEPPNER	9	11	8	15-43

Don Majeske, a student at Pacific University in Forest Grove, is spending spring vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske. Accompanying Don is his roommate, Bill Hornickel from Pennsylvania.

Nonda Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Clark, is home for 10 days spring vacation from her studies at Linfield College in McMinnville, where she is working towards a Bachelor of Science degree.

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