

Mustangs win over Pirates

The Heppner Mustangs worked the ball in the key and dominated the scoreboard as they handed the Riverside Pirates a 66-44 defeat Saturday night in Heppner.

Fresh off a loss to Condon, the Mustangs captured the lead in the early minutes of the game and held it to the end.

In the first quarter the defenders kept up with the Mustangs and trailed by only 5 points.

Heppner's strategy of working the ball in and taking the good shots paid off in the following quarter as they took command of the basket and increased their lead to 12 points at halftime.

Heppner exploded in the second half as the Mustangs piled in 34 more points. The Mustangs not only controlled the scoreboard but also dominated the backboards, with Mike Bergstrom aiding the cause.

The victors were paced by John Boyer with 16 points, followed by Munkers 2, Dunlap 4, Eckman 14, Roberts 8, McLeod 2, Sumner 2, Mills 2,

Kilkenny 5, Myers 4, Bergstrom 3.

Jerry Zielinski led the scoring for Riverside with 12 points. He was followed by Graham 10, Donovan 2, Fredrickson 10, Trudeau 6, Messteth 4.

Heppner led in both shooting categories with 35 per cent from the field to Riverside's 31 per cent. From the free throw line, Heppner posted 63 per cent to their opponents' 50 per cent.

"For the first time this season, the boys worked the ball in and played good offense as well as defensive," said Heppner Coach Dean Naffziger.

"Riverside has a good young ball club, and they will win some ball games this season."

The Mustangs travel to Umatilla Friday night to meet the Vikings. The JV game will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the varsity to follow.

On Saturday night, the Mustangs tangle with the Sherman Huskies in an 8 p.m. contest at Moro.



John Boyer puts it up and in as teammate John Kilkenny keeps Riverside Pirates at bay.

Condon hangs it on the Mustangs

The Heppner Mustangs didn't create joy here Friday night following the Heppner-Condon game.

The blue and gold brought home their first basketball loss of the season and the first loss of the league as the Condon Blue Devils handed the Mustangs a 70-58 defeat Friday in Condon.

It was a neck-and-neck battle in the first half with the Mustangs leading 14-12 in the first quarter. The Mustangs increased the lead as they dominated the boards and had a 5 point lead at halftime.

A cold spell prevailed in the second half for the Mustangs and Blue Devils took advantage and started hitting the basket.

In the final quarter, the Blue Devils, aided by the fast break and rebound power from Craig Pattee, increased the lead to 12 points and a victory over the Mustangs.

Heppner's loss was accredited to their shooting. They shot only 28 per cent from the field and 62 per cent from the line. The victors posted a high 43 per cent from the field and 58 per cent from the free throw line.

Condon outrebounded Heppner by one with the Blue Devils collecting 45 rebounds to Mustangs' 44.

Mike Bergstrom and John Kilkenny grabbed 16 and 11 rebounds respectively for the Mustangs. Lantis had 18 rebounds for Condon.

Top scorers for Heppner was Kenny Eckman with 17 points followed by John Boyer with 15.

Craig Pattee led the Condon Blue Devils with 21 points. "We were just haven't been able to work the ball in all season," said Heppner Coach Dean Naffziger. "We were hurt bad in the second half with flat footing and lack of good defense."

Heppner 14 17 12 15 - 58
Condon 12 14 21 21 - 70

Heppner - Boyer 15, Eckman 17, Roberts 2, Gentry 2, Myers 11, Kilkenny 7, Bergstrom 4, Munkers, Dunlap, McLeod.

Condon - Pattee 21, Easton 16, Lantis 8, Shearer 5, Logan 7, Phillips 7, Weatherford 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bradshaw, Albany, Miss Marilyn Bradshaw, Oakland, Ca., and Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Vearrie, Mark, and Ronnie, Albany, spent the Christmas holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doherty.

Ione Cards lose to Echo

Ione bowed to Echo 47-86 in the Cards second loss this season in a game played Saturday evening in Echo.

Like the night before, the Cardinals played neck-to-neck with the Cougars in the first quarter. The Cards trailed by only 4 points at the end of the quarter.

Ione was helpless in the next quarter when Echo tallied 32 points to Ione's 8 to take a 47-19 lead at half time.

The Cardinals found themselves in turnover trouble again, and gave the ball up 38 times in the ball game. The Cougars used Ione's problem to strengthen their lead in the third and fourth quarter. Echo sunk 14 points in the third period and 25 in the fourth.

Phil Carlson led Ione scoring with 12 points. He was followed by Warren with 3, McElligott 6, P. Peterson 6, Kevin Gutierrez 2, Rietmann 2, Gates 4, Hamlett 2, T. Peterson 10.

Echo was paced by Jeff Spike, who collected 38 points,

followed by Ottum 8, Reese 8, Bowman 17, Correa 8, Samson 3, Dillon 4.

Ione posted a 75 per cent shooting from the line while

Echo had 51 per cent.

The victors outrebounded the losers 40 to 27.

"With Carlson the only returning letterman, we have a young ball club which needs a lot of practice and ball control," Ione Coach Del LaRue said.

The next game for the Cardinals will be Friday night at Fossil. The Cards take on the Wheeler Falcons at 8 p.m.

On Saturday night the Cards host the Arlington Honkers at Ione.

Notice

Lexington Machine Works will be closed from Jan. 19 thru Feb. 4 due to moving into a new shop. The gas station will be open 8 to 5, Monday thru Friday-closed Saturday and Sunday.

Echo turns back the Cards, 72-47

The Ione Cardinals turned the ball over 31 times and suffered their first Big Sky basketball loss as the Echo Cougars took a 72-47 victory over the Cards Friday night in Ione.

Echo took the lead in the first few minutes of play with Ione close behind. At the end of the first quarter, the Cards trailed by one point.

The home team couldn't keep up with the visitors and garnered only 6 points in the second quarter. Echo had a comfortable lead at the half.

Echo continued its scoring campaign in the second half and capitalized on Ione's turnovers. When the final gun sounded the victors took home a 25 point lead victory.

Mark Bowman scored 23 points for Echo. Phil Carlson tallied 14 points for Ione.

The Cougars dominated the

boards with 43 rebounds to the Cards' 32. Phil Carlson led the Cards with 17.

Echo outshot Ione in the field goal category, a 39 to 23 per cent. However, the Cards dropped in 75 per cent of their free throws while the Cougars managed 56 per cent.

"We fell apart when they put on the press and were too nervous to control the ball," Ione Coach Del LaRue philosophized.

Ione - Carlson 14, Warren 8, McElligott 3, P. Peterson 4, Kevin Gutierrez 2, Hamlett 4, Kim Gutierrez 2, T. Peterson 7.

Echo - Spike 17, Bowman 23, Ottum 12, Reese 8, Correa 6, Bundurant 2, Fisher 2, Cuman 2.

Time 12 6 14 15 - 47
Echo 13 16 20 23 - 72



Joe Messteth reaches over a Heppner JV to sink two points for Riverside.

MORROW STUDENTS ON HONOR ROLL

Names of local students who made the scholastic honor roll fall term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 534 OSU students made the Straight A honor listing and another 1,488 qualified for the B plus or better honor roll.

Local students on the list include:

Joseph M. Tatone Jr., junior, liberal arts, Boardman; and Cheri A. Carlson, sophomore, home economics, Ione.

CHEFS SUPREME DISH IT UP

Chefs Supreme 4-H Club met Dec. 15 at the home of Mrs. June Lindstrom.

The first group made frankfurter sandwiches, the second made sticky buns, and the third made macaroni and cheese.

The next discussion group will be held Jan. 16.

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