

Mustangs lose to Wasco in overtime

The Heppner Mustangs came from behind in the last quarter to tie the ball game against the Wasco County Redsidies Friday night, only to lose in the overtime period, 60-56.

It was a long battle for both teams from the beginning moments. Heppner took a slim one-point lead, 11-10, in the first quarter.

Things changed quickly as the Mustangs found themselves in "foul trouble" and the Redsidies took command

and hit the target. With one second remaining, Heppner sunk a basket and trailed by 26-27 at halftime.

Wasco County came back in the second half and pulled away from the Mustangs 43-36 with 28 seconds remaining in the third period. John Boyer dumped a basket for the Mustangs and they trailed by five. Wasco County tallied back with a basket and had a 7-point lead.

It looked like Wasco County was going to hold the seven-

point third quarter lead, but Barry Munkers came up with a mid-court swisher with one second left.

Heppner battled to close the margin in the final period, but never caught up until the last three minutes. Heppner's charge was lighted by Boyer who sunk two free throws, putting the Mustangs within four points of the Redsidies. The Redsidies added a basket but John Kilkenny and Munkers added free throws for Heppner, bringing the score to within four points again.

Heppner called time out with one minute remaining and trailing 52-48. Heppner quickly sunk two points and kept the visitors scoreless. With only nine seconds remaining in the game Kilkenny made a basket and was fouled on the play. Kilkenny failed to convert the free throw and the game went into overtime.

In the overtime period, Heppner lost Mike Bergstrom from a fall and couldn't seem to pull everything together as the Redsidies scored eight points to Heppner's four to take home the victory.

Heppner outrebounded Wasco County 26 to 20 with John Myers picking up eight rebounds for the Mustangs.

Boyer led Heppner scoring with 30 points followed by Munkers 6, Roberts 8, Kilkenny 2, Myers 4 and Bergstrom 6.

Heppner had a better shooting percentage from the line, converting 75 per cent of their line shots to Wasco County's 71 per cent. The Redsidies posted a 54 per cent from the field, Heppner settled for 41 per cent.

Jerry Paulson led Wasco County scoring with 26 points.

"Wasco County is the best team we have played so far this season," said Dean Naffziger, Heppner's coach. "We played pretty good and moved the ball in quite well, even though we made some defensive mistakes."

Heppner 11 15 14 12 4 - 56
Wasco 10 17 18 7 8 - 60

Heppner travels to Weston Friday night to tangle with the No. 2 ranked team in the state the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots.

On Saturday night, the Pilot Rock Rockets meet the Mustangs at Heppner. Both games begin at 8 p.m.

Pilot Rock girls dump lone 34, 24

Pilot Rock girls scored 12 points to lone's 4 in the second quarter to spark them to a 34-24 victory over the lone girls last Thursday night at lone.

lone jumped to a narrow one point lead at the end of the first quarter. The tables turned in the following quarter as Pilot Rock tallied 12 points to hold a 15-8 halftime lead.

lone came back in the second half and dumped 11 shots to the visitors' 9. Their charge ended in the final

period, as Pilot Rock scored 10 more to sew up the game.

Micky Hoskins led lone scoring with 8 points, followed by Barbara Wilson and Sherrie Wilson with 5 each, Mary Pat McElligott 4 and Vicky Edmondson 2.

In the rebound category, Joan McElligott grabbed 13. It was that second quarter that killed us, observed lone Coach Barbara Stefani.

lone hosts Hermiston tonight at lone. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

JVs roll over Tigers

The Heppner JVs kept the Stanfield JVs to only one point in the third period and went on to defeat Stanfield 53-25, Saturday night at Stanfield.

Stanfield put on a press from the beginning but Heppner broke the home team press to outscore the Tigers 12 to 7.

In the following quarter, Stanfield only scored five points to the Mustang's 14.

It was in the final half that the Mustangs put on the press. The JVs held the Tigers to only one point during the third quarter. The Mustangs went wild the next quarter and made 26 points.

In the shooting category, Stanfield only had a 22 per cent from the field and a 37 per cent from the line. Heppner posted 37 per cent from the field and 48 per cent from the line.

Top rebounders for Heppner were Kelwayne Haguewood with 9, aided by Dave McLachlan, Paul Van Marter and DeWayne McClain.

Dewayne McClain paced the Mustangs with 10 points, followed by Peck 9, Wilson 6, McLachlan 6, Van Marter 5, Haguewood 4, Padberg 4, West 3, Eckman 3, Burkenbine 2.

The JVs travel to Weston-McEwen Friday night to meet the Tiger-Scots at 6 p.m.

Saturday night, the Pilot Rock JVs will meet Heppner here. Game time is 6 p.m.

Mustangs take the Tigers

Tom Roberts scored 15 points and grabbed 9 rebounds to lead the Heppner Mustangs past the Stanfield Tigers, 49-39, Saturday night at Stanfield.

Heppner came alive against the Tigers following a close defeat to Wasco County Friday night. The Mustangs jumped to an early 12-4 first quarter lead, but found the hustling Tigers putting up a fight in the following quarter. The Tigers outscored the Mustangs 16 to 12 to trail the

visiting Mustangs by 3 at halftime.

Stanfield's drive ended in the third period as they found their shots going in only 8 times. Heppner took advantage of the situation and scored 14 points in the third quarter and 11 in the final period to capture the long awaited victory.

Heppner dominated the boards by collecting 43 rebounds, with Mike Bergstrom getting 12.

In the shooting category, Heppner shot a low 32 per cent from the field and 52 per cent from the line. Stanfield posted 30 per cent from the field and 74 per cent at the line.

Tom Roberts and John Boyer led Heppner scoring with 15 each, followed by Munkers 4, Dunlap 2, Sumner 1, Myers 8 and Bergstrom 4.

Stanfield's top scorer was Jim Newland with 18 points. He was followed by Berry 5, Markum 5, Garber 5, Hoskins 2, and Mills 2.

Heppner 12 12 14 11 - 49
Stanfield 4 16 13 10 - 39

Frosh yield to Echo

It was the quickness and good shooting that led the Echo JVs past the Heppner Frosh, 65-40, Thursday night at Heppner.

Echo didn't walk away with the victory without a battle. The first quarter ended with Echo on top, 17-14.

The stamina of the Frosh was gone in the next quarter as the quick Echo JVs pumped in 11 points and allowed the Frosh only 5. Echo held a comfortable 28-19 halftime lead.

Echo scored 18 points in the third quarter and 19 in the fourth to defeat the Heppner Frosh.

Carl Christman topped all scoring with 16 points. Echo's Hale and Cohn each had 12 points.

The other Heppner scorers included Haguewood 5, Burkenbine 6, Alistott 4, Smith 4, Rauch 3, West 2, Skiller 2.

Clay West and Carl Christman controlled the boards by grabbing 12 rebounds each for Heppner.

Heppner 14 5 12 9 - 40
Echo 17 11 18 19 - 65



Heppner's John Boyer and Ray DeClue of Wasco County battle to get the ball as Tom Roberts (22) and Mike Bergstrom (44) wait to give Boyer a helping hand.

Every Olex boy is on the basketball team

Olex Grade school basketball team met the lone Jr. High Cardinals Jan. 17 at lone. The visiting team was defeated 24-18, but in this game, the score doesn't tell the whole story.

There are 11 boys enrolled in the Olex school and they are all on the team. They range from grade 3 to grade 8. Every boy is given a chance to play during the game. Their coach is Mrs. Edith Spicher, a first-year teacher from Salem.

Old Men outlast JVs

The lone Junior Varsity played the "Old Men" Jan 18 and lost the game 24-31.

The Old Men, coached by Herb Peterson, substituted freely to keep up the pace set by the JV's but managed to surpass them on the backboards.

Playing for the oldsters were Rev. Bill Arthur, Jerry Martin, Alvin McCabe, John Edmondson, Rev. Mark Johnson, Keith Rea, Paul Barnett, Marvin Padberg, Larry Male, Lindsay Kincaid, Bob Oswalt and Herb Peterson.

The JV squad played Lefroy Rea, Leon Nix, Kim Gutierrez, Joe Rietmann, Ashley McCabe, Skye Krebs, Glen Griffith, Bruce Nix, Harvey Childers, Danny Akers and Dickerson.

Micki Hoskins and Barbara Palmer were cheerleaders for the Old Folks team. They wore dresses styled for the 50s and rolled ankle socks. The JV cheerleaders were dressed in mini-skirts and knee-high stockings.

Art and Jerry Stefani were the officials.

Mrs. Spicher explained, "We have practiced three times this year on a gym floor. The court at Olex is an outdoor blacktop play area. One mother and I take the boys into Arlington between 5-7 p.m. to practice. We have a few handicaps, but we play for fun."

There are five girls enrolled in the school and two of them act as the cheerleaders.

Team roster for Olex is Tony Collins, 6th grade; B. Bettencourt, 6th; Marion Weatherford, 7th; G. Bettencourt, 5th; Matthew Weimar, 8th; Vern Kennedy, 6th; Dave Wise, 8th; Wayne Salchenberg, 3rd; Blake Marvel, 6th; Morris Weatherford, 4th; Tim Bowman, 7th; and Paul Snow, 5th. Cheerleaders are Cheri Collins and Danell Marvell.

Scoring for lone were T. Sherer 2, Stefani 3, B. Rietmann 2, White 4, Keene 2, S. Sherer 4 and McCabe 4.

Scoring for Olex were Weimar 10, Marion Weatherford 3, Collins 2, B. Bettencourt 2, Kennedy 2 and Morris Weatherford 1.

Grain Growers pace league

The Morrow County Grain Growers basketball team is in full swing in the Hermiston City League. The team has played 9 games winning 6 and losing 3 in the 10-team league.

There are nine games remaining in the league and a three-game tourney will follow at a later date.

The next game, non-league, will be held Sunday at lone High School against the McRoberts Ford, Portland.

Members on the team are Frank Halvorsen, John McCabe, Gordon Meyers, Del LaRue, Ed Sherman, Lou Padberg, Laverne Van Marter, and Marvin Padberg, player and coach.

Fillies roust Hermiston

Cyde Alistott tallied 10 points to lead the Heppner Fillies to a 31-18 win over the Hermiston girls Thursday evening at Hermiston.

The Heppner girls not only controlled the scoring, they took command of the boards. Kristi Haguewood was the top rebounder for Heppner, with Mary and Susan Healy aiding the cause.

Mary Healy followed Alistott in scoring with 7 points, followed by Susan Healy 6, Donna Bellamy 4, Kristi Haguewood 3, Molly Pierce 2, and Judy Bennett 1.

Dorothy Agee is the Heppner coach.

The Fillies meet the Weston-McEwen girls tonight at Heppner High School. The game time is 6:30 p.m.

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