

# Sherman Huskies beat Mustangs

The Heppner Mustangs were nipped by the Sherman Huskies, 75-65, Friday night at the Mustang gymnasium.

The Huskies scored first in the first quarter, and although it was a nip and tuck game all the way the Huskies had a 3 point lead as the first quarter ended, 19-16.

The second period of play was even as each team scored 19 points with turnovers and fouls being about equal. The score at the half was 38-35, Huskies.

The third period of play was the turning point for the Mustangs, who took the lead for the first time. With an 11 point lead, the Huskies saw their lead dwindle as the Mustangs came back, played the backboards well, and managed to get a few points on

free throws. With 2:15 in the period the Mustangs had closed the gap to within one point, 48-47, and seconds later Mike Bergstrom put the Mustangs ahead. But the Mustangs had run out of gas, for with 50 seconds left in the third period, the Huskies managed to take a 7 point lead, and as the period ended they had a 57-50 lead over the Mustangs.

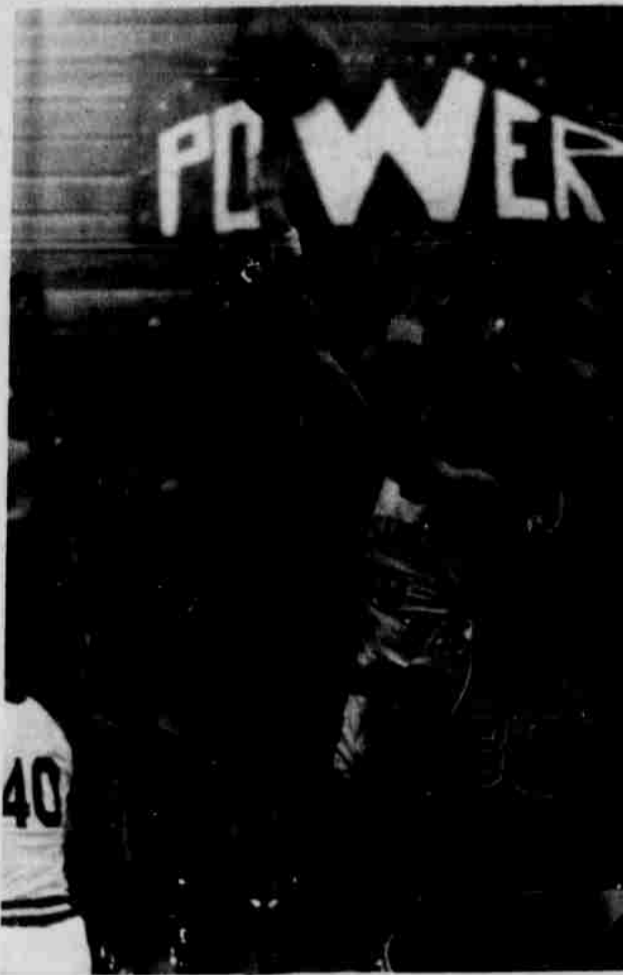
During the fourth quarter it was the Huskies most of the way, with the Mustangs running into trouble on turnovers. With four minutes in the ball game, the Huskies had an 11 point lead, 67-56, and were willing to trade basket for basket with the Mustangs for a while until the Huskies went into a stall to eat up the clock.

All the Mustangs could do to try to get the ball was foul the

Huskies and give them two shots from the free throw line. Although they managed to get the rebounds, the Huskies poured it on and maintained a 10 point lead as the final buzzer sounded.

John Kilkenny claimed top honors for the Mustangs as he hooped 23 points and hauled down 15 rebounds. Ken Eckman and John Boyer each added 14 points to the tally while Mike Bergstrom got 8. Also scoring for the Mustangs was Tom Roberts with 4 points and John Myers 2.

Scoring for Sherman County was led by Kelly Steward who shot in 15 points; Tom McNab followed with 14. Rounding out the Huskies scoring attack was Richelderfer with 12, Dials 10, Sharp 9, J. McNab 8 and Bird 7.



David McLachlan (30) flips in 2 points in Heppner's Friday night loss to Sherman County.

# Condon topples Weston, 78-75

Top-ranked Weston-McEwen's Tigers and Scots fell to an aggressively hot shooting Condon team when they met at Condon Friday night, 78-75.

The Blue Devils pulled ahead by 2 at the half, 34-32, then went on a rampaging 25 point third quarter to lead by 14 points at the third quarter whistle. What looked like a comfortable win for the Blue Devils was nearly nipped in the bud in the fourth quarter, however, when the Tigers and Scots outscored Condon in the

final period 30-19 to pull within the final three point edge at buzzer.

Condon's Dave Eaton netted 23 points in downing the previously perfect league record of the hapless Weston and Athena team.

Herschel Lantis and Brice Logan each gathered 14 points in the effort while Shearer had 10, Pattee 8, Kackley 5, Phillips and Miller 2 each.

High point man for the game was Weston-McEwen's Tony Villanueva, who bucketed 32

points while grabbing 24 rebounds. Supporting him was T. Meinhart with 13, Lieuallen 10, Bonifer 6, R. Meinhart 5, J. Beamer 4, D. Beamer 4 and Hearn 1.

The loss for the Tigers and Scots knocked their record to 11-1, but they retained the Columbia Conference lead over Wasco County and Condon, who upped their record to 9-2 to move into a tight third place position.

## Wasco over Heppner

The Wasco County Redsidies kept a tight rein on the Heppner Mustangs Saturday night at Maupin and rode on to a 61-44 victory to keep them in the league's second place over a scrambling third place Condon team.

The Mustangs had a cold start and came out of the first quarter with a 6 point lack, 13-7. Although matching the Redsidies in the second period

### GIRLS SLOWPITCH BASEBALL MEETING

A Girls Slowpitch Softball meeting will be held in the conference room of the First National Bank, Heppner, Feb. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in the program as coaches, officials, score keepers, or managers are invited to attend. For further information, contact Martha Doherty, 676-5898.

## Wasco stays No. 2

The third period found the Mustangs again dropping behind, and the fourth quarter went the same disappointing way. The last period was highlighted by the Redsidies' Jerry Paulson, who ran wild scoring 13 points to bring his game total up to 26 points.

The win pushed Wasco County up breathing hard on the first place Weston-McEwen team that is still licking it's wounds from Friday night's loss to Condon. Heppner slumped down to a 4-9 record where they were bottled only by Stanfield and Riverside.

High scorer for the Mustangs was John Boyer, who netted 18 points topping John Kilkenny who followed with 16 points. Trailing the leaders were Barry Munkers, Ken Eckman, Tom Roberts, Mike McLachlan, and Mike Bergstrom with 2 points each.

Following Paulson's 26 point lead the Redsidies' varsity scored McCorkle 17, DeClue 12, Anderson 4 and Barnett 2.

Wasco County held on to its No. 2 spot in league standing by crushing Riverside at Maupin Friday night 81-53.

The Redsidies were never in trouble as they rolled up an 18 point halftime lead and finished the game with five players in double figures.

Jerry Paulson led the Redside's attack with 21 points, followed by Leland Anderson with 14, Ray DeClue and Randy McCorkle with 13 points each, Dennis Barnett 11, Enterline 4, Woodside 3 and Brown 2.

Jerry Zielinski paced the Pirates with 26 points while Fredrickson got 10, Trudeau 5, Graham and Mesteth 4 each, and McKenzie and Richards 2.

## Fillies trounce Echo

The Heppner Fillies defeated the Echo Cougars 51-22 in girls basketball here Thursday night.

The Cougars didn't come alive until the third quarter when they managed to score 18 points, after scoring only 4 in the first quarter. The cougars were held scoreless in both the second and fourth quarters of play.

The Fillies led the Cougars 22-4 at the half, and scored 24 points in the final period of play.

Susan Healy led the Fillies with 18 points, followed by Donna Bellamy 10, Kristie Haguewood 7, Cyde Allstott 6, Kitty Bellamy 4, and Molly Pierce and Kimee Haguewood with 1 point each.

The Fillies are presently in third place in tournament play, with two tournaments left in the season.

## JVs blast Sherman County

The Heppner JV Mustangs continued their winning ways Friday night as they did something their Big Brother varsity couldn't do; they beat the Huskies from Sherman County.

After doling out a barrage of points against Sherman in the first half, the JVs coasted to the wire where an 82-66 victory was waiting.

The Mustangs fired away from the field at a .545 percentage clip which gave two Heppner players, Wade Padberg and Paul Van Marter, a total of 19 points each. Adding to the final Heppner score was DeWayne McClain, who netted 14 rebounds and 14 points. Following these team efforts were Gentry with 8 points, Wilson with 6, Mills 6, Peck and West 4 each and Skow 2.

## JVs turn victory to defeat

A 7 point halftime lead for the Heppner JVs proved inconclusive Saturday night when the Wasco County JVs came from behind in the second half to steal a victory, 44-55.

The Mustangs jumped off to a 9-6 first quarter lead which they expanded to a 23-16 halftime lead. What appeared to be another peaceful win for the JV Mustangs was suddenly spoiled in the third quarter when the Redsidies sunk 19 points to take the lead and the Mustangs lost two players to foul problems.

The last period of play

proved to be in the same mold as the third quarter and the Mustangs lost another player while the Redsidies charged on to take away a victory they lost earlier in the season to same Mustangs.

Leading the upset Heppner team were Paul Van Marter and Wade Padberg, who each connected for 11 points. DeWayne McClain hooped 7 points, Gentry 6, Peck and West 3 each and 2 by McLeod.

The victorious Redside JV team had Britain with 18, Moore 13, and Webb 13. The loss slid the JVs back to a 16-3 record for the season.

## ECHO WINS TITLE

The Echo Cougars clinched their first championship in basketball in 21 years when they topped the Big Sky Conference's Eastern Division with a perfect record of 9-0.

The Cougars finished the season by knocking off the Griswold Grizzlies Friday night by a score of 89-59. Echo commanded a 48-25 halftime score and held on to their lead through the remainder of the game.

Jeff Spike led the way for the victorious Cougars with 22 points. Joe Correa added another 21 points to the Echo cause. They were followed by Mark Bowman with 12 points, Ottum, Reese, and Baggerly with 8 each, Dillon 6, and Sampson and Bondurant 2.

Second place Griswold was led by Rich Hartle who netted 29 points, followed by Wade Muller with 12, Steve Terjeson 11, Webber 6, Thorne 4, and Hawkins and K. Terjeson with 4 each.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL QUARTER-FINALS START THURSDAY

District quarter-finals of the Girls Basketball Tournament will be held at Heppner High School, Thursday, Feb. 21.

Hermiston will play Ione at 6 p.m., followed by the Heppner-Echo game at 7:30 p.m.

In other quarter-final action, Pilot Rock will meet Umatilla in Umatilla the same night.

Weston-McEwen has established a first place position in the league and has a bye for the quarter-finals.

Winners of these games and Weston-McEwen will go to semi-finals at Pilot Rock, Feb. 28.

Finals will be at Pilot Rock, Saturday, March 2.

## Riverside bows to Condon

The Condon Blue Devils ran away with a 10 point lead in the first quarter Saturday at Boardman and didn't quit until the final buzzer ended action with a final score of 76-50.

For Condon it was just another victory as the Blue Devils attempt to scramble their way to the top of the Columbia Basin Conference. For Riverside it was another disappointing loss in a season

that has been frustrating for such players as Jerry Zielinski, who once again led his hapless Pirates with 18 points to take game honors.

Condon was led by Herschel Lantis and Brice Logan, who both garnered 12 points. Greg Shearer and Gary Miller were also in double figures with 10 points each. They were followed by Pattee and Pierce with 8, Weatherford and Kackley with 6 and Phillips 4.

## Arlington sinks lone 42-36

The slow, careful working of two opposing ball teams resulted in a low scoring 42-36 victory by the Arlington Honkers over the Ione Cardinals Saturday night at Arlington.

After a 3 point lead by Ione was wiped out in the second quarter, the score was tied 21-21. Ione edged ahead by 3 once again in the third quarter, holding the Honkers to 6 points. But in the final period Freshman Gary Smythe came off the Arlington bench to sink a crucial free throw which established a lead that built up to 6 at the buzzer.

Ione's Paul Peterson hooped 10 points to take game honors and pulled down 9 rebounds to lead his team. Behind him were Gates with 8, T. Peterson 7, J. Peterson 6, Krebs 3, and Gutierrez 2.

Leading the Honkers were Hickerson with 9, Hulden 8, S. Smythe 7, G. Smythe 6, Anderson 5, Steward 4 and Wilkins 3.

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