

Mustangs win a Ho-Hummer, 67-49

Everyone in the Heppner High Gymnasium Friday night was pleased with the action on the court, except for a few fans and players from Stanfield who had to watch another stunning setback for the season as the Mustangs rode over them 67-49.

The Mustangs jumped off to an early lead as the Tigers were left standing in their tracks and they dropped behind 13-4 at the first quarter whistle. From then on the game was never in doubt as the Mustangs continued to shoot, apparently at will, from the field.

Stanfield ran good offensive plays and showed good teamwork, but poor shooting, excessive turnovers, and a strong Heppner defense held them ineffective.

The third quarter showed no apparent difference in the game's previous action. Stanfield continued to work in the ball but somehow it never reached the hoop. Heppner snapped in shots from the outside, and inside the key the

Mustangs continued to pull down the all-important offensive and defensive rebounds.

Through the fourth quarter the Tigers, Mustangs, officials, coaches and fans actually grew tired of the action. The Mustangs wearily hooped in the points, while the Tigers scrambled unsuccessfully.

The final whistle gave Coach Dean Naffziger his fifth win of the season and the Tigers returned to Stanfield still looking for their second win of a steeply uphill season.

As usual, John Boyer led the Mustangs with 21 points while teammate Tom Roberts added 11 points. John Kilkenny hooped in 10, John Myers also got 10, Mike Bergstrom made 8, McLeod, Gentry and Eckman each got 2, and Sumner scored 1.

Leading the Tigers was Brent Kasari with 13 points. Gary Marcum and Jim Newland each had 11. Also scoring for the Tigers was Cobb with 4, Hoskins and Ramos with 3, and Berry and Garber each had 2.

lone beats Wheeler, 62-58

Despite recent setbacks, the lone team proved it wasn't completely washed up for 1974 by overriding Wheeler County, 62-58, Saturday night at Lone.

The Cardinals pulled ahead by 2 in the first quarter. A strong defense by the Cardinals kept Wheeler County in check all night, allowing lone scorers to remain on top of a team which, according to league standings, should have won. The half found the Cardinals still ahead but only by one point, 26-25.

The third quarter eased the pressure on the Cardinals and they began the fourth quarter with a 6 point lead. Wheeler County gathered in 22 points the last quarter to reduce the lone lead to 4 points, but 4 points won the game for the Cardinals, expanding lone's record to 2-7.

High scorer for the Cardinals were the three Peterson brothers who combined for 57 of lone's 62 points. Paul Peterson led the way with 23 points, brother Todd had 22 and brother Joel 12. Also scoring for lone were Krebs with 2, and Gates, Gutierrez, and Griffith, 1 each.

Scoring for Wheeler County were Greenfield with 26, Spivey 10, Bell 9, Mahar 6, Pimberton, D. Greenfield and Ball with 2 each, and Brinkley got 1.

Umapine sinks the Cardinals

Friday night lone was on the court against the Umapine Chiefs, but they weren't really in the game as they fell behind from the first quarter on.

A 20-10 first quarter lead by Umapine set a trend as the Cardinals never gained on the ever-increasing Umapine lead, which ended at 71-43.

lone's offensive attack was marked by cold shooting and weak rebounding as they lacked in that department 37-61.

Although both teams came away from the game with two season wins, the Chiefs were able to rise above lone in the league standings since the Cardinals had 7 losses to Umapines 6.

Leading the Cardinal cause was Tom Gates with 10 points while Kim Gutierrez sunk 10 points. Also scoring for the Cardinals were Todd and Paul Peterson with 8 points each and Joel Peterson with 6.

Scoring for Umapine were Verl Pressnal with 25 points, Mike Maurer with 20, Greg Key with 16, Turner 6 and Fuller and B. Key each had 2.

POTLUCK DINNER FOR WRANGLERS

The Wranglers will host a potluck dinner and meeting Sunday, March 3, at the Annex Building, Morrow County Fairgrounds.

Following the 6 p.m. dinner a short movie edited by Monte Foreman will be shown.

All interested 4-H members are invited to attend.

SORRY

Missing from last week's Heppner High School Honor Roll was the name of David Campbell, who has had a 3.33 average for the past nine weeks.



Charlie Sumner shows the Heppner fans a little nimble finger work after being dumped on the floor Friday night against the Stanfield Tigers.

JVs fell Weston McEwen, 50-43

It took an overtime period to do it but the Heppner JVs came off the court with a last minute victory over the Weston-McEwen JVs Saturday night, 50-43.

The two teams matched perfectly in the first minutes and ended the number one period tied 8 all. The Tigers and Scots JVs came on in the second quarter to pull ahead by two at the half.

The Tigers and Scots continued to edge slightly ahead as they pulled up a 4 point lead at the end of the third period.

The last period found the Mustangs gathering in the needed points until they trailed by one point with only seconds to go. After a timeout and a turnover to the Mustangs they charged down the court until the buzzer sounded.

However, a whistle preceded the buzzer and Wade Padberg stood at the charity line with only 1 second on the clock. Padberg's first shot rimmed the basket in tying the game. His second shot missed sending the game into an overtime period.

The overtime proved fatal for Weston-McEwen as the

Mustangs forced several quick turnovers and netted 5 instantaneous points in the first minute. One more basket by the Mustangs and the game was over, with the Tigers and Scots scoring nary a point in overtime.

Leading the Mustangs was Jerry Gentry with 19 points and 10 rebounds followed by game-winning Padberg getting 16 points. DeWayne McClain netted 8 points while grabbing 11 rebounds. West made 4 with 7 rebounds and Van Marter sunk 3.

The hapless Tigers and Scots JVs were led by McBean with 14 and Barley with 8. From the freethrow line the Scotties shot .846 while hitting only .220 from the field. The Mustangs shot .286 from the charity line but hooped the baskets at a .359 clip to take the all-important win.

Pirates fall to Rockets

Despite Jerry Zielinski's career high 34 points, the Riverside Pirates went down to defeat Saturday night, losing to the Pilot Rock Rockets, 79-66.

The Pirates held on through the first and second quarters to drop behind only by 6 at the half, 31-25. A 26 point third quarter for the Rockets nearly obliterated any chance for the Pirates to come back as they fell behind by 12 going into the last period. The Pirates could only stay even with the Rockets in the fourth quarter and had to settle for their 12th loss of the season.

Supporting Zielinski in the Riverside cause were Jim Trudeau with a season high 15 points, Rickhards with 9, McKenzie 5, Phillips 2 and Bozarth 1.

Leading the Rockets were Robert Kopp with 24, Rob Izzet 12, Ron Kopp 11, Case 8, Hawk 6, Murray, Krosting and Etter each with 4 and Lankford 2.

JVs take win over Tigers

The Heppner JVs nearly lost a cinched victory Friday night when they let a comfortable lead dissolve in the fourth quarter.

The JV Stanfield Tigers had dropped well behind until coming on strong in the last period to let Heppner sweat out a 55-49 point victory.

A 28-17 lead at the half opened the door for a 20 point Heppner third quarter to stretch the lead to 47-33 final quarter beginning. A few sloppy turnovers later and the Tigers were given a second breath and began getting hot from the outside. The Mustangs slowed the game down and the win was theirs.

Leading the Mustang JVs were Clayton Wilson with 17 followed by Jerry Gentry who sunk 15 points and Paul Van Marter who netted 10. DeWayne McClain made 7 and led in rebounding while West got 3, Hagewood 2, and Wade Padberg came off the bench with an injury to make 1.

Newland made 18 for the JV Tigers and teammate Hoskins made 7, to lead the team.

lone girls drop thriller, 28-30

A cancellation by the Echo girls basketball team cut Thursday night's scheduled tournament down to just one game, but is proved to be a game full of excitement.

After a game between the Heppner Fillies and the Echo Cougars failed to materialize, the lone Cardinals and Hermiston Bulldogs suited up for early action and the Bulldogs came away with a 30-28 victory.

After a hard-fought first quarter between the evenly matched teams, the score stood at 9-8 in Hermiston's favor.

The one point deficit suffered by lone was soon made up by the scrambling Cardinals who were at a basic height loss to the Hermiston front line. Several clutch second period free throws helped the lone cause, while the struggle for rebounds over the Hermiston team went on. Strong defense by both teams held the second quarter score down but the Cardinals reversed the first period lead and pulled ahead by one at the half, 13-12.

The third period showed good team work and good shooting on both ends of the court. Action was fast and scoring high as the Hermiston team hooped 13 points to lone's 8 to take a 4 point lead in the final period.

A quick scoring rush by the Cardinals evened the score 25-25 with 6:30 left to play in the game. From then on each basket was treated with elation, each foul with disgust. Hermiston edged ahead until lone's Joan McElligott, who led the team, sunk a clutch freethrow with just 50 seconds left to tie up the game. Pandemonium reigned as a Hermiston player was fouled during the game-breaking bucket and appeared at the

Mustangs lose to Weston McEwen, 65-56

Heppner's senior ballplayers had a chance to end their home game careers with an upset victory over league leading Weston-McEwen Saturday night, but it didn't work out that way as they lost 65-56.

Things looked pretty good for Mustang Coach Dean Naffziger at the start of the game. Most of his ill players were back on the boards and they had the home court advantage.

The first quarter was closely matched as the Tigers and Scots edged slightly ahead taking a 12-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second period of play the Heppner team began slipping behind the strong offensive play of Weston-McEwen. Inside the key, Villanueva for Weston was muscling down crucial rebounds as the Mustangs began getting cold from the outside, which is the main point of the Heppner offense. Halftime found a 32-21 lead for the Tigers and Scots.

Spirited play by Ken Eckman and John Boyer kept the

Mustangs in the game as they managed to gain 2 points of their deficit in the third quarter to enter the last period behind by 10, 38-48.

In the fourth quarter Heppner managed to pull within 8 points but several crucial turnovers and a technical foul on Eckman left the Mustangs with too many points to make in too short of time.

Playing their last game at Heppner were seniors John Boyer, Barry Munkers, Dyrk Dunlap, Tom Roberts, Charlie Sumner, John Myers and Mike Bergstrom.

Boyer finished his home game career on top, where he has been most of the season. His 28 points were followed by Ken Eckman and John Kilkenny who each netted 12 points. Also scoring in Saturday night's effort were John Myers and Mike Bergstrom who each got 2 points.

Scoring for Weston-McEwen were Tony Villanueva with 22 points, Tim Meinhardt 14, Ross Meinhardt 10, Dick Beamer 9, Lieallen 6, J. Beamer 4.

Pirates walk plank again

What do you do when you're only one game from the cellar of the league and you're facing the league leader?

You try your damndest, and that's what Riverside did Friday night as they predictably lost to the Weston-McEwen team, 85-42.

A well-organized Tigers and Scots offense jumped off to a 26-7 first quarter lead which pretty well wiped out whatever hopes for an upset.

Once again Jerry Zielinski led the scoring attack for the Pirates, as he has most of the season. His 20-point effort gave him high point honors for the game. Supporting him were McKenzie with 8, Trudeau 7, Richards 3, and Haney and Shoemaker with 2.

Leading the balanced Weston-McEwen offense were Tony Villanueva and Ross Lieuallen with 12 points each. Tim Meinhardt netted 11, Hearn and Barkley had 10 each. Also scoring were D. Beamer and R. Meinhardt with 8, Bonifer, King, and J. Beamer with 4 and Warner with 2.



Heppner's John Myers flips off a shot in Saturday night's loss to Weston-McEwen.

Little League schedule set

At the Feb. 19 meeting of the Little League, a temporary schedule was set for the coming season.

Saturday, March 30, will be a cleanup day at the Little League field, with parents asked to attend to help with the work.

Tryouts for the teams will take place on two consecutive Saturdays, April 13 and 20, with the first game of the season starting May 4.

In other action taken by the board, Jo Pettyjohn will be the official scorekeeper for games played in Heppner. Barbara Stefani will take over the duties at lone.

Another Little League meeting is planned for March 19. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the First National Bank, and begins at 7:30 p.m., with all interested persons invited to attend.

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