

**Tournament summary:**

# Wasco wins the title but not trip

Is it possible to be the District 7 basketball champions and still not qualify for the state tournament? Apparently so, for after the smoke had cleared away from last weekend's district event the Wasco County Redsidies came out champions, but the Tigers and Scots from Weston-McEwen will be representing the Columbia Basin Conference at the state tourney.

The action started Thursday night with fairly predictable results when Weston-McEwen took a 54-42 victory over the Blue Devils from Condon, and Wasco outpointed the Vikings from Umatilla 49-40.

The Tigers and Scots built up a small lead in the first and third quarters to take a comfortable victory into Friday night's championship game. Villanueva led the way for the victors with 18 followed by Lieuallen, who added 14 more. The Blue Devils had Lanis with 16 and Shearer with 12.

The Wasco County Redsidies gained their victory after coming on in the second half to outscore the hapless Vikings and enter the finals against Weston-McEwen. The Vikings almost pulled the victory out of Wasco's hands in the fourth quarter as they came within five several times before dropping back to the final tally. Leading the Redsidies was DeClue with 15 and Paulson with 12. The Vikings were led by Lafferty with 12 and Armstrong netted 10.

Friday night's consolation game found Condon scrambling back after a third quarter deficit to take the districts third place honors.

The Blue Devils jumped off to a quick lead in the game but only sharp shooting the fourth period saved the day for Condon as the final buzzer found the score 63-56. Greg Shaarer topped the Blue Devils with 20 while the fourth place Vikings were led by Stephens with 14.

The district championship was on the line Friday night when the Wasco County team came on strong the second half to beat the league leading Tigers and Scots in a low scoring game 44-39. A Weston-McEwen two-point half-time lead was reversed in the third period and the last period found the Redsidies in pulling slightly ahead to clinch the title. The champion Redsidies were led by Paulson who bucketed 16 and McCorkle, 10. The Tigers and Scots were paced by Villanueva who gathered 11 points; T. Meinhardt and D. Beamer each added 10.

But the Wasco victory was shortlived as the Saturday afternoon repeat match to

decide which team would go to state turned out grim for the champion Redsidies. The Tigers and Scots were able to find all that was missing the night before and score a handy victory, 56-42. A halftime lead was stretched through the third period leaving the Redsidies too far behind to regain the win. Villanueva once again led the Tigers and Scots with 17 points followed by Lieuallen with 12. The Redsidies followed the lead of Jerry Paulson who netted 11. Barnett added 10.

The third place Condon took home both the top rally squad trophy and the sportsmanship award as the tournament came to a close to wait for next year.

## Car racing to start March 31

With the opening of the 1974 auto racing season at the Umatilla Speedway but three weeks away, workmen are busily engaged in sprucing up and preparing the racing oval for the Sunday afternoon, opener, March 31.

Charley Kik, track owner, reports work is progressing on schedule and the track will be in top shape for the opener.

Ron Ail, managing director of Valley Sports, announced that the opener, featuring the Limited Super Stocks and Jalopies, will have entries from all over Eastern Oregon and Washington, as well as Idaho entries, and he expects more than 20 of the "stocks" and the same amount of jalopies entered for the opener.

Ail also stated that Dave Naas will handle management of the facility for the 1974 race season, and that plans are being finalized for the 1974 racing schedule. The speedway and Tri-Cities Raceway will work together on scheduling and will operate on alternating weeks for better racing in the area.



Carson Veers, left, owner of the Hermiston Livestock Auction, held every Saturday at 12:30 p.m., reports that cattle are coming in from various parts of Oregon for the auction.

## Burning Bold to race

Mrs. Charlene Papineau, Lexington, and her two-year-old thoroughbred horse, Burning Bold, will leave for Portland Meadows Friday where the horse will undergo further training prior to his racing commitments this summer.

Burning Bold has been nominated to run in the Joe Godstin Futurity, and is also eligible for the Washington Stallion Stakes, the Drumheller Memorial and the Two-Year-Old Juvenile

Champion races all to be held this summer in Oregon and Washington.

Mrs. Papineau will be joined later this summer for the races by her husband, Earl, and her son, Dennis.

Willow Creek Little League meeting has been changed from March 19 to March 27, due to the spring vacation.

## Horse show to be held March 24

The Spring All-Breed Horse Show sponsored by the Oregon Trail Appaloosa Horse Club is to be held March 24 at the Pendleton Round-up Pavilion, at 9 a.m.

This event includes pole bending, figure 8 race, barrels, Oregon trail flag race, balloon race, keyhole race, English pleasure, rescue race, western riding, barnyard jumping and scurry race.

Ribbons will be given to the

5th place. There are five age classifications: 8 and under with a \$1 entry fee; 9-12, \$1 fee; 13-17, \$1.50 fee; 18 and over, \$1.75 fee; open, \$3.75 fee.

Admission is free and a club lunch stand will be on the grounds.

For additional information, call any of the following numbers: 276-6891; 457-2022 or 567-6804.

The Oregon Trail Appaloosa Horse Club meets every second month with a potluck dinner being served. The club promotes the Appaloosa, but club members do not have to be Appaloosa owners. Annual membership is \$5 per family.

The following officers of the club will give you additional information: G.C. Wilson, president, 567-5872; Doug Moyer, vice-president, 567-6804; Secretary Dorothy Williams, 457-2022.

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## Cougars go to state

It took a nerve-wracking overtime period to do it but the Echo Cougars came out on top of the Big Sky Conference District Tournament and earned a trip to the state meet in Baker.

Echo was pitted against the Culver Bulldogs Saturday night and fought back from a half time deficit to catch up with the Bulldogs and eventually pull ahead in the overtime period to win 81-74.

The Cougars were led by the hot shooting of Jeff Spike who netted 27 points and Mark Brown who gathered 23. Chris Marston led Culver with 29 points.

Dufur claimed third place after beating Griswold 69-58 in the consolation game. In Friday night's action at the Umatilla gym Echo rolled over Dufur 98-80 as Spike totaled 35 to lead the way. Culver earned its second place finish by outscoring Griswold 68-54 in Friday's action.

## Some jobs open

The Cooperative Rural Manpower Project, with the help of secretaries in the extension offices in Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, and Wheeler counties, has the following job openings:

**MORROW COUNTY:** Several farm jobs, both full and part time. There are also tractor driving and fence building jobs in the northern part of the county. A construction company in California has requested help with information on people who might be interested in learning a trade in the laborers, ironworkers or operators unions. They are anticipating doing construction work in all areas of Oregon in the next few years so are asking for resumes from anyone interested in construction work requiring travel.

**GILLIAM COUNTY:** Two year-round farm jobs and one part time job.

People with all types of experience are looking for work and are registered in the area offices. Any person looking for yard workers, babysitters, car washers, painters, etc., may call the local office where young people (high school students) are seeking employment and are available for many kinds of jobs.

Contact Extension Service office in - Heppner, 676-9642; Condon, 384-2271; Fossil, 763-4115, or Moro, 565-3230.

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