

Mustangs drop cliffhanger to Sherman County, 55-49

With less than a minute left to play the Heppner Mustangs committed three fouls that cost them the ball game as they were defeated by the Sherman County Huskies, 55-49, Saturday night at the Mustang gymnasium.

After battling for nearly five minutes in the first period to get on the board and even the score at 2-2, the Mustangs and Huskies both played a fine defensive game to finish the quarter with the Mustangs having a one point lead, 9-8.

In the second quarter both teams continued their defensive game and the Huskies managed to pull ahead of the Mustangs. The Mustangs tied the game at 19 all with 3:16 left in the period, only to have the Huskies take the lead as the half ended, 26-21.

In the third period the Huskies continued to lead the Mustangs, but the Mustangs continued to battle them man for man and basket for basket. The third period ended with the Huskies having a six point lead, 42-36.

Then came the four quarter, with the Mustangs going all out for the win. With 5:22 left in the game the Mustangs had narrowed the lead to four points, 46-42, and then with 1:55 left in the game the Mustangs took a one-point lead, 47-46. Another Mustang basket and they increased the lead by three points, 49-46, only to have the Huskies come back and tie the game at 49 all with less than one minute left to play.

Husky Dennis Macnab was fouled and he two for two to give the Huskies a 51-49 edge over the Mustangs. In their anxiety, the Mustangs again fouled Macnab and he sailed two more points through the hoop to increase the Huskie lead to four points. Another foul by the Mustangs put the icing on the cake for the Huskies as with only six seconds left they had a six-point lead.

The game was a thriller all the way and a hard one for the Mustangs to lose. However, the Mustangs had to play catch-up ball most of the game as they were only able to lead the Huskies in the first period, and again in the last quarter, and both times they could not maintain the lead.

Top scorer for the Mustangs was John Kilkenny with 17 points, who has recently returned to the Mustang roster; Jerry Gentry 12, Ken Eckman 10, Dave McLeod 8 and Clayton Wilson 2.

Scoring for the Huskies were Ken Melzer 12, Dennis

Macnab 11, Kelly Steward 10, Ken DeGrange 9, Ken Nisbet 7, Scott Henry 4 and Ted Von Borstel 2.

The Huskies hit 20 x 54 from the field for .370 and hit on 15 x 22 from the line for .682. The Mustangs hit 15 x 65 from the field for .231 and scored 19 x 27 from the foul line for a .704.

The Mustangs out-rebounded the Huskies 28-25, with Kilkenny getting 9.

This Friday the Mustangs travel to Wasco County to meet Maupin, and Saturday night they will host Stanfield at the high school gymnasium, with game time at 7:30 p.m.



AFTER stealing the ball from Umatilla Vikings, Dave McLeod (24) goes in for a two-point lay in. The game was played Friday night in Heppner.

Win streak ruined by Wasco Co.

After a see-saw battle, the Wasco County Redsidies defeated the Riverside Pirates in the last four minutes of play, 67-54, Saturday night at Wasco.

The pirates, previously undefeated, dropped the last two games last weekend and now have a 2-2 record.

Wasco County had only nine attempts at the free throw line while the Pirates went to the line 25 times.

Scoring for the Redsidies were Ray DeClue 25, Enterline 16, Ball 19, Morelley 4 and Woodside 3.

Jerry Zielinski led the scoring for the Pirates with 23 points, followed by Morlock with 14, Hadley 7, Richards 5, Nelson 3 and Russell 2.

4 H leaders can attend OSU forum

All 4-H leaders will soon receive an invitation, with pre-registration forms, to attend the Oregon Leaders Forum, scheduled for Feb. 9-11 at Oregon State University.

The annual event attracts leaders from all parts of the state, offering informative workshops, a variety of project helps, opportunities to meet and confer with other leaders, share ideas, meet the state 4-H staff, and in general become part of the statewide 4-H program.

Activities start Sunday afternoon, Feb. 9, with an afternoon tea at 3 p.m., and continue with a variety of educational and social events.

Leaders wishing to attend should contact Mike Howell or Birdine Tullis at the County Extension Office, 676-9642. Estimate of numbers attending is due Jan. 27.



JOHN KILKENNY (40) beats Viking Jim Bailey to the ball as he tries to get the rebound to one of his teammates. This was the first Kilkenny had played since the opening of the season.

How come?

Within the past weeks of the basketball season under way, readers have complained that the Gazette-Times has not published the scores of games, especially the junior varsity games.

The Gazette-Times has telephoned the various schools in Morrow County in an effort to enlist their cooperation in calling in the scores of their games, but we have not been able to find anyone at the schools willing to assume this responsibility. It is impossible for our small staff to attend all the games played in the county; thus our only source of information is the schools. We cannot and will not rely upon accounts published in other newspapers.

We again urge the schools in the county to cooperate in reporting results of their athletic contests, as well as other school activities. Our readers want this news, we want the news. And if we are willing to devote the space to such items, cannot someone at each school make himself available to provide us with the news?

Perhaps the coach, assistant coach, a member of the team or a student proficient in reporting game statistics could be persuaded to report direct to the Gazette-Times. If so, it would be appreciated by all our readers.

During the weeks to come, if you do not see the results of your school's games in the Gazette-Times, at least you will know that we have tried to bring this important news to you.

ERNIE CERESA

Mustangs romp over Vikings

The Heppner Mustangs defeated the Umatilla Vikings 64-42 Friday night at the Heppner High School gymnasium.

The Mustangs took a 10-point lead early in the first quarter, but the Vikings came back to close the gap. When the first period of play ended the Mustangs led the Vikings by only four points, 16-12.

During the second period the Mustangs took the play from the Vikings and the half ended 37-18, Mustangs.

In the third period both teams did some fancy shooting from both the field and foul lines, but the Mustangs managed to outshoot and get more rebounds than the Vikings. The quarter ended with the Mustangs leading, 49-33.

The fourth period of play saw the Mustangs do a fine job of ball control, getting rebounds and hitting from both the field and the foul line. The game ended 64-42, Mustangs.

The Mustangs out-rebounded the Vikings 34-16, and took advantage of game turnovers 14-24.

The Mustangs were hot during the night and shot 24 x 62 from the field for .387 per cent and managed to hit on 16 x 27 from the foul line for .593 per cent. The Vikings hit on 16 x 39 from the field for .271 and on 10 x 31 from the foul line for a .323 per cent.

DOUBLEHEADER HERE TUESDAY

Tuesday, Jan. 14, there will be a doubleheader at the Heppner High School gymnasium when freshman basketball team meet the Tiger-Scots of Weston-McEwen at 6 p.m.

This game will be followed by the girls' team meeting the lone girls basketball team at 7:30 p.m.

The following Thursday, Jan. 16, the freshmen travel to Riverside and the girls go to Pilot Rock.

Individual scoring for the Mustangs: Dave McLachlan was high point man with 22 points; Dave McLeod with 13, DeWayne McClain, Clay West and Ken Eckman each scored 6; John Kilkenny 4, Mike Mills 3 and Clayton Wilson 2 points.

Mike Brown was high point man for the Vikings with 16 points, Randy Barton scored 10; Dennis Morris had 7, Phil Cimmiyotti 3, Steve Carlson and Kim Nielson scored 2 each and Tom Leader had 1 point.

Free throw contest winners

Winners in the Free Throw Contest sponsored by the Elks Lodge are as follows: (Boys 8-9) Randy Cole; (Girls 8-9) Carla Miles and Ann McLaughlin, play-off to break tie to be held; (Boys 10-11) Mike Walsingham; (Girls 10-11) Michele LaRue; (Boys 12-13) Scott Martin; (Girls 12-13) Kathy Gutierrez.

These winners will represent this area in another competition, Jan. 18 in Pendleton.

**Attention
HHS
Class of '65**

Get together with Judy Wright and Trish Toll to plan our class reunion. Anyone wanting to help, please come to Trish Toll's home on Jan. 16 at 8 p.m.

FOLLOW THE HEPPNER MUSTANGS



JV at 6:00 pm
Varsity at 7:30 pm

Coaches
Varsity Coach:
Dean Naffziger

JV Coach:
Duane Neiffer

Home Games

Jan. 11 Stanfield
Jan. 17 Weston McEwen
Jan. 31 Riverside
Feb. 8 Wasco Co.
Feb. 21 Pilot Rock

Cheerleaders

Judy Healy
Mary Healy
Kelly Harrison
Kimee Haguewood
Cheryle Turner

Away Games

Jan. 10 Maupin
Jan. 18 Pilot Rock
Jan. 24 Condon
Feb. 1 Umatilla
Feb. 7 Sherman
Feb. 14 Stanfield
Feb. 15 Weston McEwen

District Tournament

Feb. 27-28 Pendleton
March 1 Pendleton

State Tournament

March 6-8 Pendleton

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Lebush Shoppe
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First National Bank of Oregon
Gardner's Men's Wear
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