

Heppner hangs on to cinch 3rd in league

A last quarter effort by Pilot Rock to upset Heppner in the final game of the season fell short as the Mustangs defeated the Rockets, 83-79, Friday night at the Heppner High School gymnasium.

Trailing the Mustangs by 16 points at the start of the fourth period, 64-48, the Rockets scored 31 points in the final quarter to the Mustangs' 19, with the winning tallies coming from the Mustang free throw line with less than 30 seconds left in the game.

The Rockets scored first in the game, but the Mustangs came back and took the lead as the first quarter ended, 21-16.

The Mustangs kept up their fast pace during the second quarter and led the Rockets by 9 as the half ended, 40-31. The Mustangs increased their lead in the third quarter, and as the period ended the Mustangs led 64-48.

Toward the end of the game the Rockets had closed the gap on the Mustangs and at one point the Mustangs had a one point lead. However a foul sent Clayton Wilson to the line and Wilson increased the Mustang lead, 81-79. After inbounding the ball with seven seconds left on the clock, the Mustangs intercepted the ball and another foul by the Rockets gave the Mustangs

another two points and the victory.

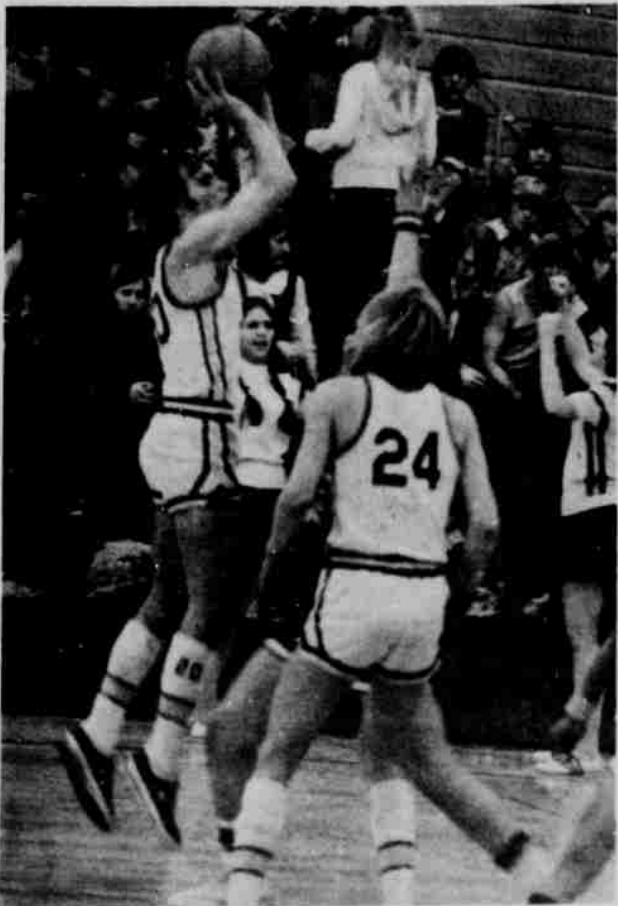
Leading the Mustangs in scoring was Ken Eckman with 32 points, followed by John Kilkenny with 20, Dave McLachlan 15, Dave McLeod 8, Clayton Wilson 6 and Jerry Gentry 2.

Robert Kopp also scored 32 points for the Rockets, followed by John Murray with 14, Ron Kopp 9, Leonard Strong 8, Marty Perrine 4, Allen Crum-packer 3 points and Steve Quaempts 4.

The Mustangs hit on 32-72 from the field for 444; the Rockets connected on 32-79 for 405. From the free throw line the Mustangs hit on 19-36 for 328; their opponents scored on 15-23 for 352 per cent.

The Mustangs had 37 rebounds with John Kilkenny getting 15 and Dave McLachlan 14. Heppner had 29 turnovers and the Rockets 30, and the Mustangs had 17 fouls to 26 for the Rockets.

The win gives the Mustangs undisputed third place in the Columbia Basin League.



KEN ECKMAN goes up as he prepares to send the ball on its way to the basket for another two points for the Mustangs in their game against the Rockets Friday night. Eckman scored 32 points for the Mustangs.

Meeting to protest new gun laws

An increasing number of bills to restrict the ownership and use of guns in Congress has prompted a meeting in Hermiston Thursday to coordinate opposition to the legislation.

The National Association to Keep and Bear Arms, Hermiston unit, is calling the meeting at the Civic Recreation Center, Hermiston, Thursday evening, Feb. 27, beginning at 8 p.m.

Morrow County residents who would like to be able to keep their guns without undue federal restrictions are invited to attend the meeting. Bill Cherry is chairman of the affair.

Big Sky East Conference: lone ties for 1st

The lone Cardinals defeated the Helix Grizzlies Friday night 53-52 when Todd Peterson made a 22-foot jump shot with 19 seconds left in the game.

This gave the Cards a win and a tie for first place in the Big Sky East Conference, as both teams finished with a 7-2 record.

The Grizzlies led the Cards at the end of the first quarter 15-8 and 30-20 at the end of the half. But the Cardinals managed to close the gap as they scored 19 points in the third quarter to their opponents, 13, and trailed the Grizzlies 43-39 going into the final period of play.

High point man for the Cardinals was Todd Peterson who scored 28 points, followed by Warren, McElligott and

Joel Peterson with 6 each, Rietmann 4, Gates 2 and Gutierrez 1.

Kirk Terjeson scored 13 for the Grizzlies, Steve Terjeson 12, Hawkins 10, Thorne 11, Rankin 4 and Emmerick 2.

The Cards scored 24-64 for 375 while the Grizzlies hit 18-60 for 300 per cent from the field. The Cards hit on 5-14 from the foul line for 357, and Helix hit on 16-24 for 667 per cent. Lone out rebounded the Grizzlies 50-39 and the Cards had 20 turnovers to 16 for Helix.

Today the winners of the Big Sky Conference will square off when the winners of the East meet the West at Pendleton. The Cardinals will meet Wheeler at 1:30 p.m., and at 7 p.m. Helix meets Culver.



DOUG GUNDERSON, a student at Blue Mt. Community College, was a first place winner in the second flight of the Lions Club Golf Tourney. Doug shot a 7 over par on the local course last October.

Elks open coyote killing contest

The Elk Foundation Association is opening up a "conservation can of worms" next week by sponsoring a coyote-killing contest.

Warren Stewart, Pendleton, spokesman for the non-profit foundation, said the March 1-April 30 "kill" is an attempt to improve the survival chances of baby deer and elk.

Studies conducted by the Oregon Wildlife Commission in the Steens Mountain area indicate 80 per cent of the loss of mule deer fawns is due to coyotes and bobcats. Low fawn survival is the prime reason for the decline of deer herds in Oregon and adjoining states.

The coyote-killing contest will be limited to Morrow, Union, Wallowa and Umatilla counties. Stewart warned that the war on coyotes is bound to provoke indignant response from people who think coyotes

are cute and lovable and who believe it is "sinful to upset the balance of nature" by destroying them. But cattlemen who lose new calves to hungry coyotes, sheepmen whose stock are pulled down, and hunters in the outdoors who see the coyote, not as an eater of rodents, but a destroyer of domestic stock and wild game, will hardly be impressed, according to Stewart.

The foundation is dedicated to the preservation, conservation and enhancement of elk and their environment.

Wrestling card here March 10

The Heppner Lions Club will sponsor another big time wrestling event at the Heppner High School gymnasium, March 10, at 8 p.m.

In addition to some midget wrestlers, a six-man tag team is the scheduled main event. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Coast-to-Coast Store, Heppner. Ring-side seats are \$3; general admission, \$2.50; and children under 12 \$2.

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THE IONE CARDINALS front row from the left, Todd Peterson, Tom Hamlett, Mike Warren, Skye Krebs and Charlie McElligott. Back row from the left, Joe Rietmann, Kim Gutierrez, Joel Peterson, Danny Akers, Paul Peterson and Tom Gates. (Not pictured is Glen Griffith)

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