

CB quarterfinals

Mustangs bow to Huskies, 49-51

By DAVE HANSON

One basket separated the Heppner Mustangs from overtime play and possible victory as they lost to the Sherman Huskies 49-51 Thursday in the Columbia Basin quarterfinals at the Pendleton Armory.

Coach Dean Naffziger put it this way, "We're really disappointed, but we played one heck of a ballgame."

"It was a defensive game with both teams. We didn't give up points cheap and neither did they," he said. High scorers for the Mustangs were Ken Eckman with 16 and John Kilkenny with 13. Naffziger thought both did an outstanding job, with Eckman sparking the offense and Kilkenny driving hard for the rebounds in the second half.

Credit for making this game the closest of three contests with the Huskies this year should also go to the rebounding and guarding ability of senior center Dave McLachlan and the hustle of Clayton Wilson and Jerry Gentry, who scored 11 points.

Eckman pumped in two jumpers early in the first quarter to put the Mustangs ahead of Sherman by a point. The Huskies then broke through with points from Scott Henry and Kelly Steward, who were making lay-ins on a fast break pattern. The score at the end of the quarter was 16-13.

Heppner trailed the Huskies through the rest of the half. Eckman made two more jumpers, and Gentry made 4 points in a row on a steal following a tip-in. The score at half time was 31-27.

The Mustangs came back strong in the third quarter with 4 more quick points, this time by Eckman, to tie the score at 31 all.

Fast action and low-scoring marked the play in this quarter as both teams tried to establish a dominant lead. The fans, who nearly filled the armory, were especially responsive to the struggle, supporting their respective teams with a lot of vocal enthusiasm. A reverse lay-in by Gentry put the score at 41-40 going into the final quarter.

Kilkenny got tough on the boards and also made 6 points in the fourth quarter to keep the Mustangs within range of grabbing the lead. A foul on

Huskie Ken Melzer put Sherman ahead 50-46 with two minutes to go. Jerry Gentry then made what proved to be the final 3 points of the game for the Mustangs by making one foul shot and then stealing the ball as it came in bounds for a quick lay-in.

Gentry stole the ball again in the final minute of play, and the Mustangs used this possession to set up for the final shot that would win or lose the ballgame. With 12 seconds to go, Ken Eckman decided to go for broke. His 10-foot jumper was shot slightly off-balance due to the oncoming Sherman guards and bounced off the rim. A foul on Kelly Steward then gave the Huskies the last deciding point.

CB All-Star team named by coaches

Three seniors and two juniors were named to the 1975 Columbia Basin All-Star basketball team as selected by the conference coaches.

District champion Weston-McEwen placed two on the first team, John Adams and Tim Meinhart. Also honored were senior Ken DeGrange, Sherman County and juniors Jerry Zilenski, Riverside and Robert Kopp, Pilot Rock.

Second team selections went to Ken Melzer and Kelly Steward, both seniors from Sherman County; John Kilkenny and Ken Eckman, both seniors from Heppner, and junior Jim Newland from Stanfield.

Adams and Meinhart were repeaters from the 1974 allstar squad first team and Zilenski was a second team selection a year ago.

Honorable mention went to Dick Beamer, junior, Weston-McEwen; John Ball, junior, Wasco County; Keith Garber, junior, Stanfield; Gary Phillips, senior, Condon; Stan Carnine, junior, Condon; Ray DeClue, senior, Wasco County; Mike Enterline, senior, Wasco County; Ken Norquist, senior, Pilot Rock; Gary Miller, senior, Condon; David McLachlan, junior, Heppner; and John Beamer, senior, Weston-McEwen.

Heppner beats Rockets, cops 3rd in district

After losing a close game to the Sherman County Huskies, the Heppner Mustangs came back Friday night to defeat the Pilot Rock Rockets 63-59 and win third place in the district tournament at Pendleton.

The Mustangs jumped off to a 11-point lead as the first period ended, leading the Rockets 22-11. They increased the lead 34-19 as the half came to a close.

The Rockets came back in the third period and closed the gap as they scored 17 points to 11 for the Mustangs and as the

quarter ended the Rockets had reduced the Mustangs lead to 9 points, 45-36.

In the final period of play the Rockets came on strong with an all-out effort to pull the game out of the fire. The rally fell short, and as the final buzzer sounded the Mustangs had defeated the Rockets 63-59.

Leading scorer for the Mustangs was Dave McLachlan with 24 points; Ken Eckman 17, John Kilkenny 12, Clayton Wilson 8 and Jerry Gentry 2.

Top scorer for the Rockets

was Robert Kopp with 31 points; Marty Perrine 12, Ron Kopp and Ken Norquist 4 each. Leonard Strong, Allen Crumpacker, Larry Lemons and Jeff Beers scored 2 each.

The Mustangs hit on 24-64 from the field for .406 and the Rockets hit on 21-78 for a .333. From the free throw line the Mustangs hit 11-20 for .550 and the Rockets hit on 7-14 for .500 per cent.

The Mustangs out-rebounded the Rockets 51-36 with John Kilkenny getting 18 and Dave McLachlan 16.

4-H CLUB FORMED

A new 4-H Club for high school age members has recently been organized in Heppner with Mrs. Robert Johnson as advisor. Several events are planned by the new club for the coming spring months. A car wash will be held at Cal's Arco Saturday, March 29, and a skating party March 22 are among activities. All high school age youth are invited to join the Empire Builders. Regular meetings of the group are held on Monday nights. For more information, contact Mike Howell, 4-H agent, or Mrs. Johnson.



HELENA, Mont.—Mary Pat McElligott is on the 1974-75 squad of the Carroll College "Fighting Saints." Mary Pat is a freshman majoring in accounting. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McElligott, Ione.

Cardinals lose conference bid to Wheeler, 49-42

"Fast, aggressive ball play-off couldn't make up for a poor shooting percentage as the Ione Cardinals lost their bid for the Big Sky championship to the Wheeler Falcons, 49-42, at the Pendleton Armory Thursday.

Card Coach Del LaRue said although the team consistently followed the game plan, staying on the boards and close to their men, their shooting percentage cost them the ballgame.

"We had open shots in the bucket all day," he said. "If we'd had just one guy who was fairly hot we could have won the ballgame." The Cards

managed 24 per cent from the floor compared with the Falcons' impressive 43 per cent.

6'2" forward Andy Greenfield established an early lead for Wheeler with three baskets in the first quarter, helping put them ahead 11-6. Greenfield went on to become the game's high scorer with 20 points.

Early in the second quarter, jump shots by Todd Peterson and Joe Rietmann tied the score for the Cards, but foul trouble put them behind 26-22 at the half.

In addition to their height and weight advantage, the Falcons seemed to get all the breaks at the foul line as well. Wheeler made 19 of 26 attempts while Ione shot only 2 for 13.

The third quarter saw the Cards again rallying to within one point of the hot-shooting Falcons as they tightened up their man-to-man defense. A three-point conversion by Bill Pemberton put the Falcons ahead again and they continued to widen their lead through the fourth quarter.

Ione was plagued by fouls in the final minutes of the game as they intensified their defense. Paul Peterson made two nice jumpers to put Ione

within 5 points of a tie going into the last minute of play. Falcon center Shawn Humphrey then sank two foul shots to end the game.

The Cards got off 81 field goal attempts during the game, out of which 19 connected for 38 points. This was actually a higher total score from the floor than the Falcons acquired, making 15 for 46, and 30 points. Charlie McElligott and Todd Peterson lead the Cardinal scoring with 10 points apiece.

Rebounding was close: 40 for Wheeler and 35 for Ione. Senior center Mike Warren pulled down the most for the Cards with 10, followed by Charlie McElligott with 8.



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Wrestling matches Monday

The main event of the Lions Club sponsored wrestling matches Monday night will be a midjet mixed 6-man tag match.

The two-fall, 60-minute time limit event will put Billy the Kid, Snuka and Rocky Montero against Lord Johnathan Boyd, Matt Suzuki and Cowboy Lang.

The matches will begin at 8 p.m. at the Heppner High School gym.

There will be two preliminary matches and a semi-main event.

Advance tickets are on sale at Coast-to-Coast Store, Peterson's Jewelry and Gardner's Men's Store.

Proceeds from the wrestling event will help the Heppner Lions sponsor planned service projects for the community.

Eastern BSC All-Stars are chosen

The following players were selected to the Eastern Big Sky Conference All-Star Basketball Team by coaches of the eastern half of the league during a recent coaches' meeting:

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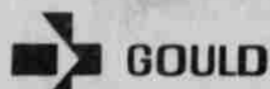


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Pacific hosting football clinic

FOREST GROVE—The fifth annual Pacific University Football Clinic will be held in the Pacific gymnasium on Saturday, March 15, with registration at 8 to 9 a.m.

Oregon high school district championship coaches will be the key speakers. This year they and their topics are:

Len Lutero of Siuslaw High School in Florence on "Wishbone Passing;" "Doc" Savage of LaGrande High School on "Defending the Wishbone;" John Trujillo of Prospect High School on "Weight Training for the Football Program;" Mike Lopez of Benson High in Portland on "Counter Plays

and Action in the Wishbone;" and Chuck Starr of Heppner High School on "Counters to Motion and Trapping Out of the Double Slot Offense."

Coach Frank Buckiewicz of Pacific says that usually 100 to 200 coaches attend the clinic.

INTER AGENCY MEETING

Morrow County Inter-agency committee will meet Tuesday, March 11, at the county office in Irrigon, with a no host luncheon. Agenda includes reports of senior citizen activities in the county.

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