

Mustangs win cliffhanger

The Heppner Mustangs defeated the Enterprise Savages in double overtime Saturday night by a score of 78-76.

The Mustangs led the Savages during the first and second period of play as they scored 19 points in the first and another 19 points during the second period. The Savages scored 11 points in the first and 14 in the second period. At the half the Mustangs led 39-25.

In the third quarter the Mustangs maintained their lead and in the final period the Savages came from behind and scored 20 points to tie the game as regulation play ended with a score of 66-66.

As the first overtime period ended the score was again tied at 72 all. Seconds before the second overtime ended with the score again tied at 76 all. A basket by the Mustangs as the buzzer sounded gave the Mustangs the victory 78-76.

Although Dave McLachlan scored 37 points for the Mustangs in their win, it was a concentrated team effort that

won the game," said coach Dean Naffziger.

The Mustangs scored 33-74 from the field, 446 while the Savages scored 27-84 for 321 per cent. The Mustangs had 12-24 from the free throw line for 500 per cent while their opponents scored 22-39 for 564 per cent.

Leading the scoring for the Mustangs was Dave McLachlan with 37 points followed by Dave Allstott with 13, Carl Christman 5, Clayton Wilson and Tim Skow 6 points each, Clay West and Kevan Hague-wood 4 each, Rob Eckman 2 and Jerry Cutsforth with 1 point.

Friday and Saturday night the Mustangs will host tournament play which pits the Mustangs against the Condon Blue Devils and the Prospectors of Grant Union against the Wallowa Cougars. Saturday night the winners of the event will play for the title while the losers will meet for the honors. Game time is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. both evenings.



Heppner Mustang David Allstott sinks a basket against the Enterprise Savages, Saturday night. The Mustangs won the game in double overtime, 78-76.

Sports Schedule

Heppner High School

Varsity

Dec. 12-13, Tournament here 6:30 p.m.
Freshman
Dec. 11, Hermiston, here 6 p.m.
Dec. 16, Condon, there 6 p.m.

Girls

Dec. 18, Hermiston here 6 p.m.

Elementary School

Dec. 13, Condon there 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 18, Riverside there 1:30 p.m.

Ione High School

Dec. 12-13 Tournament, Dufur

Girls

Dec. 16, Riverside, here 4:30 p.m.

Ione Jr. High

Dec. 11, Riverside here 2 p.m.
Dec. 18, Arlington here 2 p.m.

Commission reviews mule deer

Game management staff of the Department of Fish and Wildlife reviewed last week with the Fish and Wildlife Commission a set of sweeping mule deer management alternatives aimed at easing the current low mule deer numbers in eastern Oregon.

Proposals included steps to control coyote numbers on critical deer ranges, control and manage hunter numbers in eastern Oregon, ease a growing problem of illegal poaching, unregulated Indian hunting and off-road vehicular harassment of wildlife, and a plan to protect and develop forage and cover on eastern Oregon ranges.

To improve fawn survival, the staff proposed a program to be conducted primarily by its own staff for controlling coyote numbers on critical deer ranges by trapping and hunting. The Department would also seek approval from EPA for experimental use of the M-44 cyanide device for use as part of the Steens Mountain study of mule deer fawn survival.

To reduce hunting pressure on mule deer the staff proposed separate tags for mule deer and blacktail deer in 1976 and restriction of bow

and muzzle loader hunters to their special equipment seasons. The staff also proposed continuation of the 4-point regulation in parts of eastern Oregon, closure of one management unit to all hunting, and various levels of antlerless hunting on another management unit in order to measure the effects of various types of regulations on mule deer numbers. Expansion of the road closure program to the limit of enforcement capability was also proposed.

Illegal poaching is recognized as a growing problem and the Department proposed gathering comparative information on the handling of wildlife law violations by the courts. Proposals also included additional law enforcement training for department employees not normally used for enforcement and use of these people in the field during the hunting season. A possible increase in the State Police game law enforcement budget was also discussed.

The Department views unregulated Indian hunting as a management problem and proposed to develop a mule deer management plan in concert with the Klamath Indians for their former res-

ervation lands and further proposed to encourage legislation which would clarify Indian hunting rights on former reservation lands and elsewhere in the state.

Expansion of road closure programs during the hunting season and during the winter season was proposed to ease the problem of harassment of deer and other wildlife by off-road vehicles, as was a program to work with land management agencies to develop programs on all state and federal lands to protect wildlife from vehicular harassment.

A number of steps were suggested for developing and improving forage for mule deer throughout eastern Oregon for all deer ranges.

After hearing these proposed alternatives, the Commission directed the Department to begin a comprehensive coyote control program immediately on critical winter deer ranges, beginning with the Steens, in hopes of improving fawn survival this year. The department was instructed to conduct this program to whatever limits it could afford without cutting

other management programs. The Commission also reviewed some major changes in drawing procedures for big game season permits which are proposed by the Department's game management staff. The system would use a computer to do the drawing and is nearly identical to a system in use by the Idaho Fish and Game Department for the past several years.

In the new drawing process, application for all special tags and permits would be made on a single application card which would be available from license agents. Major changes from the current drawing procedures would include a reduction in party application for deer from four to two, a phase-out of the priority system over a period of four years to be replaced with a three-year waiting period for those successful in the drawing for antlerless elk permits, antelope and cougar tags, notification of only successful applicants, and cancellation of any unfilled permits after a drawing. Elk seasons would be divided into a short first period and a longer second period.

Wild horse roundup ends

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), ended the largest roundup of wild horses in the country Nov. 21.

A total of 255 wild horses has been gathered from BLM managed national resource lands in Malheur County during the past four weeks. BLM planned to gather nearly 500 animals but ran out of money to finance the \$2,000 per day operation.

The gathered horses are being relocated in new homes with volunteers throughout the northwest. About 125 horses are now in BLM's holding corral at Burns, OR, but they are being moved out as quickly as possible. BLM officials believe that all of the horses can be placed, although there are few applications for the older, male horses.

The horses were gathered from an area where the wild horse population has increased about 25 per cent each year

since passage of the Wild Horse & Burro Protection Act in 1971. That Act made the federal government responsible for maintaining a level wild horse population and protecting the animals from commercial use and harassment.

During the past 15 months BLM in Oregon has gathered and placed in new homes, about 250 wild horses. Current inventories show about 7,000 wild horses on BLM managed land in Oregon.

BLM plans to resume gatherings next year at several locations to reduce grazing pressures and competition with wildlife on the ranges and to maintain a balanced wild horse population.

Persons who would like to apply for a wild horse should contact any BLM office for information and application forms.

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The October 1974 figure was 8.4 per cent. Seasonally adjusted the corresponding figures were: October 5.3 per cent; September 7.6 per cent; and October 1974 9.5 per cent. Agricultural employment showed a slight decrease of approximately 50 workers while nonagricultural wage and salary was up slightly over September. Trade reflected a seasonal decline (-40) but gains in food products (+20) lumber and wood (+10), and contract construction (+40) help lead to a net gain of 20 workers overall.

Keglers Korner

Central Market won four games from Fiesta Bowl to increase their first place league standings. Coast to Coast lost 3 games to Morrow County Grain Growers and Gardner's Men's Wear won 3 games from Peterson's Jewelers.

Morrow County Grain Growers rolled a 2549 for high team series with Gardner's close on their heels with 2541. MCGG also won the high team game with a 913. Gardner's had 907 and Coast to Coast a 902.

Inetia Canton, MCGG won the honors for individual high series with a 501. Jackie Allstott won the honors for individual high game as she bowled a 185 while Bebe

Munkers bowled a 181

Team	Won	Lost
Central Market	40 1/2	15 1/2
MCGG	38	18
Coast to Coast	31	25
Petersons	25	31
Gardners	22 1/2	33 1/2
Fiesta Bowl	11	45

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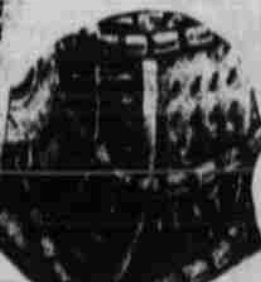
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