



Rob Eckman, Heppner, far left, has just taken a shot for the Mustangs in their game against Riverside. The Mustangs won the game on their home court.

## Mustangs win big, defeat Pirates

The Heppner Mustangs played one of their better games of the season as they defeated the Riverside Pirates 73-41 Saturday night on the Mustangs home court.

Fouls in the early period of play against Jerry Zielinski, Riverside, seemed to be the turning point of the game. Zielinski had 3 fouls called on him in the early minutes of play and was out of the game until the second quarter.

At the end of the first quarter the game was all knotted at 14 each and at the end of the half the Mustangs had a 7 point lead, as they led the Pirates 28-21.

During the third quarter the Mustangs put it all together as they were able to contain Zielinski and the remainder of the Pirate squad to only 9 points for the period. Meanwhile the Mustangs, hitting from all angles connected for 36 points. At the end of the 3rd

period the Mustangs led the Pirates 54-30.

The Mustangs continued their hot streak during the final period scoring another 19 points while the Pirates scored 11 points.

Rob Eckman led the Mustangs in scoring with 19 points followed by Jim Lankford 17, and Dave Allstott 11. Clay West and Keven Haguewood each had 8 points for the Mustangs while Tim Skow had 6 and Clay Wilson 1.

Jerry Zielinski was high for the Pirates with 13 points, Jerry Crowder 6, Brian Hadley 5, Dan Shoemaker 4, Gordon Bozarth 3, Scott Witt, Robert Richards, Gayl Phillips, Mike Nelson and Arley Hamilton each scored 2 points for the Pirates.

Friday, Jan. 9, the Mustangs meet the Condon Blue Devils at Heppner. Game time for the varsity is 8 p.m.



Clay West, No. 42, drives in for 2 points during the Mustang-Helix game. The Mustangs defeated the Grizzlies 65-60.

## Fish and Wildlife to meet

The Fish and Wildlife Commission will hold a public hearing Friday, Jan. 16, concerning opening dates for 1976 hunting seasons as well as several major changes that have been proposed for deer and elk hunting.

The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the Western Forestry Center Auditorium located in the Zoo-OMSI area just off SW Canyon Road in Portland.

Only the opening dates are being considered for deer, elk, antelope, bow hunting, chukar and pheasant seasons. Closing dates will be determined later in the year after population census information has been received from field biologists.

The season openers are always set soon after the first of the year for the benefit of those who must plan their vacations well in advance.

Proposals call for separate blacktail deer and mule deer tags and the possibility of split seasons for elk with the hunters to select either the early or late season at the time of tag purchase. A proposed new drawing system could use a computer to select successful applicants for all controlled hunts. Other changes would phase out the present priority system over a four year period, establishing a waiting period for successful elk, antelope, and cougar applicants, and restrict successful cow elk applicants to their own separate elk seasons.

Other matters to be considered at the hearing include a rule to prohibit the harvest of herring for roe and revision of regulations relating to herring gear and open fishing seasons. The Commission will also consider making permanent a temporary rule which was adopted on Aug. 1 restricting the sale of Indian-caught steelhead in Oregon.

Anyone with comments on any of these subjects is welcome to testify at the hearing. Those who are unable to attend may send written communications to the Department of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 3503, Portland, OR 97208. Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained upon request after Jan. 5 by writing the same address.

Before convening at the Western Forestry Center, the commission will meet at its Portland headquarters at 1634 SW Alder at 9 a.m. to consider a proposal to lease mineral rights through the State Lands Division on approximately 1,000 acres of the Commission's Camas Swale property in Lane County, and bids on construction work at the McKenzie River Hatchery.

## Redden and SB 1

State Treasurer Jim Redden, speaking today before the Oregon State Police graduating class, lashed out at Senate Bill 1, now before the U.S. Senate, as containing the "seeds of distrust and dissension."

Redden said the 753 page document contained needed reforms to the federal criminal system but strongly criticized the so-called "Erllichman" clause as the "final straw."

The "Erllichman" clause provides that if a public official breaks the law he can have a blanket defense in court by proving that the "illegal conduct" was the

result of a "belief" that such action was "required or authorized" by a government agency, Redden explained.

"Let's read that section like the public will—and like the public should: 'If you're in government, you can break the law and get away with it.' It's that outrageous," Redden said.

Redden called on Oregon's congressional representatives to strip the criminal law reform bill of any such dangerous clause. "We must convince the public that we in public service seek no special treatment and ask no special favor."

## NEW COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT HELPS

Less than a month ago a two-way radio was installed at the Condon office of Columbia Basin Electric Coop. and at the residence of Joe Nix, Lineman Agent in Condon.

During the recent "frost" conditions in the Condon area on Dec. 20-21 the new installation really paid off according to Coop. manager, David Harrison. The new radio saved a lot of outage time he said.

Contact with the Condon crews from the Condon office saves much time in problems relating from Heppner as previously was the practice.

The new radio antenna is on top of the Condon Grain Growers elevator. Now the crews can be reached at Fossil and in most every area around Condon. Formerly there were several "dead" spots.

## COLUMBIA BASIN DONATES

The Columbia Basin Electric Coop. is again planning to help on yet another tennis court lighting project.

In cooperation with the Heppner Lions Club, the Columbia Basin Elec. will donate labor and company equipment to install lighting at the Heppner Grade School Tennis Court.

This will be the fourth such project to which the Coop. has made a substantial labor donation. Recently a new tennis court lighting project was installed by the Coop. at Fossil. At Condon last year the incandescent lights at the tennis court were replaced by new style "quartz" units. Earlier, the tennis court at Lone was lighted by the Coop. crews.

While the donation's have been substantial, Coop. manager Dave Harrison stated that the local utility is pleased to be able to help on these projects which will provide tennis or basketball activity for youth of the area, as well as recreation for adults.



Tim Skow tanks two for the Mustangs as Pirate Jerry Zielinski, No. 31, look on. The Mustangs defeated the Pirates 73-41.

## Nuclear Power . . . .

Dr. Robert K. Gerding, chairman of Oregonians for Nuclear Safeguards, said, "Congress once again has denied full insurance protection to the public in the event of a nuclear power plant accident." He was responding to recent defeats of Congressional bills in both the House and Senate which would have amended the Price Anderson Insurance Act. This federal insurance Act limits the liability of the nuclear industry to \$560 million in the event of an accident at a nuclear power plant. The government now carries \$435 million of this coverage. The amendments would have waived the \$560 million limit and assured full protection to the public in the event of an accident.

Dr. Gerding said, "These defeats once again demonstrate that the nuclear power industry continues to be subsidized by the U.S. Government.

If private insurance companies are unwilling or are not required to fully insure nuclear power plants, this should be taken as a demonstration of their lack of faith in the reliability of plant safety systems. The people of Oregon should know that the private insurance companies and the nuclear power industry are not bearing the full risks of an accident, and neither should we."

"However," Dr. Gerding said, "I am pleased that Oregon's two senators responded to growing public concern in Oregon and voted in favor of the Senate amendment which would have provided greater insurance protection for the public." Representative Weaver voted in favor of a similar House amendment. Representative Duncan voted against it, and Representatives AuCoin and Ullman did not vote.

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