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SPORTS

# Grant Union drills Heppner in openers

From the initial tip-off, Mustang fans knew their Heppner basketball unit was in trouble Friday when sixth rated Grant Union of John Day bounced in. Grant Union upheld the fans' belief, blowing Heppner away in back-to-back weekend contests, 85-56 and 78-38.

Turnovers by the Mustangs produced many of the GU lay-ins and the win.

Heppner fell behind by 14 in the first period and never saw the light again. Grant Union led by quarter scores of 21-7, 42-23, 58-34 and finally the 85-56 final in the Friday game.

The Mustangs shot a poor percentage on Friday, hitting 16 of 37 attempts for 43 per cent. GU hit on about 50 per cent of their shots, canning 32 of 65.

Tom Dieker, an all-state selection last year, paced the Prospectors with 26 points. Dieker hit nine field goals and eight free throws.

The Mustangs were led by sophomore Dennis Peck, who had nine points. Mark Huddleston added eight, while Carl Christman and Wayne Seitz and Mike Smith each had seven.

Dieker had eight points in the first period, many on lay-ins, to lead the Prospectors to a 21-7 first period lead. Their lead lengthened in the second period, despite a five point effort by Christman. The Mustangs trailed by 19 at intermission, 42-23.

The second half wasn't any better. GU outscored the Mustangs, 43-33 in the second half, hitting 18 fielders to Heppner's 11.

Grant Union capitalized on 21 of 32 free throw attempts while the Mustangs hit 24 of 40 tries.

Kevin Hagewood led the Mustangs on the boards, jerking down nine rebounds as GU outrebounded Heppner, 50-40.

| HEPPNER (56) | FG | FT | F  | TP |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Peck         | 3  | 3  | 4  | 9  |
| Christman    | 1  | 5  | 1  | 7  |
| Hagewood     | 1  | 1  | 4  | 3  |
| Huddleston   | 3  | 2  | 4  | 8  |
| Seitz        | 3  | 1  | 1  | 7  |
| Marlin       | 1  | 1  | 2  | 3  |
| Myers        | 1  | 3  | 2  | 5  |
| Young        | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Skow         | 1  | 2  | 1  | 4  |
| Cutsforth    | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| Rauch        | 1  | 0  | 3  | 2  |
| Grieb        | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| Smith        | 1  | 5  | 0  | 7  |
| TOTALS       | 16 | 24 | 26 | 56 |

| GRANT UNION (85) | FG | FT | F  | TP |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Talus            | 4  | 0  | 1  | 8  |
| Stout            | 1  | 3  | 2  | 5  |
| Dieker           | 9  | 8  | 4  | 26 |
| Porter           | 6  | 2  | 5  | 14 |
| Duffy            | 0  | 0  | 5  | 0  |
| Moulton          | 2  | 2  | 2  | 6  |
| Sheets           | 4  | 2  | 2  | 10 |
| Ladd             | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2  |
| McKinniss        | 0  | 1  | 5  | 1  |
| TOTAL            | 28 | 18 | 38 | 85 |

|        |    |    |    |    |
|--------|----|----|----|----|
| Denney | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Baack  | 5  | 3  | 5  | 13 |
| TOTAL  | 32 | 21 | 34 | 85 |

Saturday's loss didn't produce any more smiles from the Mustang crowd. Grant Union used Heppner turnovers and sharp shooting to command a 78-38 win.

Heppner stayed with the Prospectors for a few minutes in the game, holding a 6-5 lead at one point. But by the time the quarter had ended, GU held a 19-6 edge they wouldn't relinquish.

Dieker again paced the winners, this time with 28 points on 12 field goals and four gift tosses.

Mark Huddleston was the first Mustang to hit double figures, adding 11 points to the Heppner cause. Huddleston also led the Mustangs on the boards, with nine rebounds, while Seitz had seven.

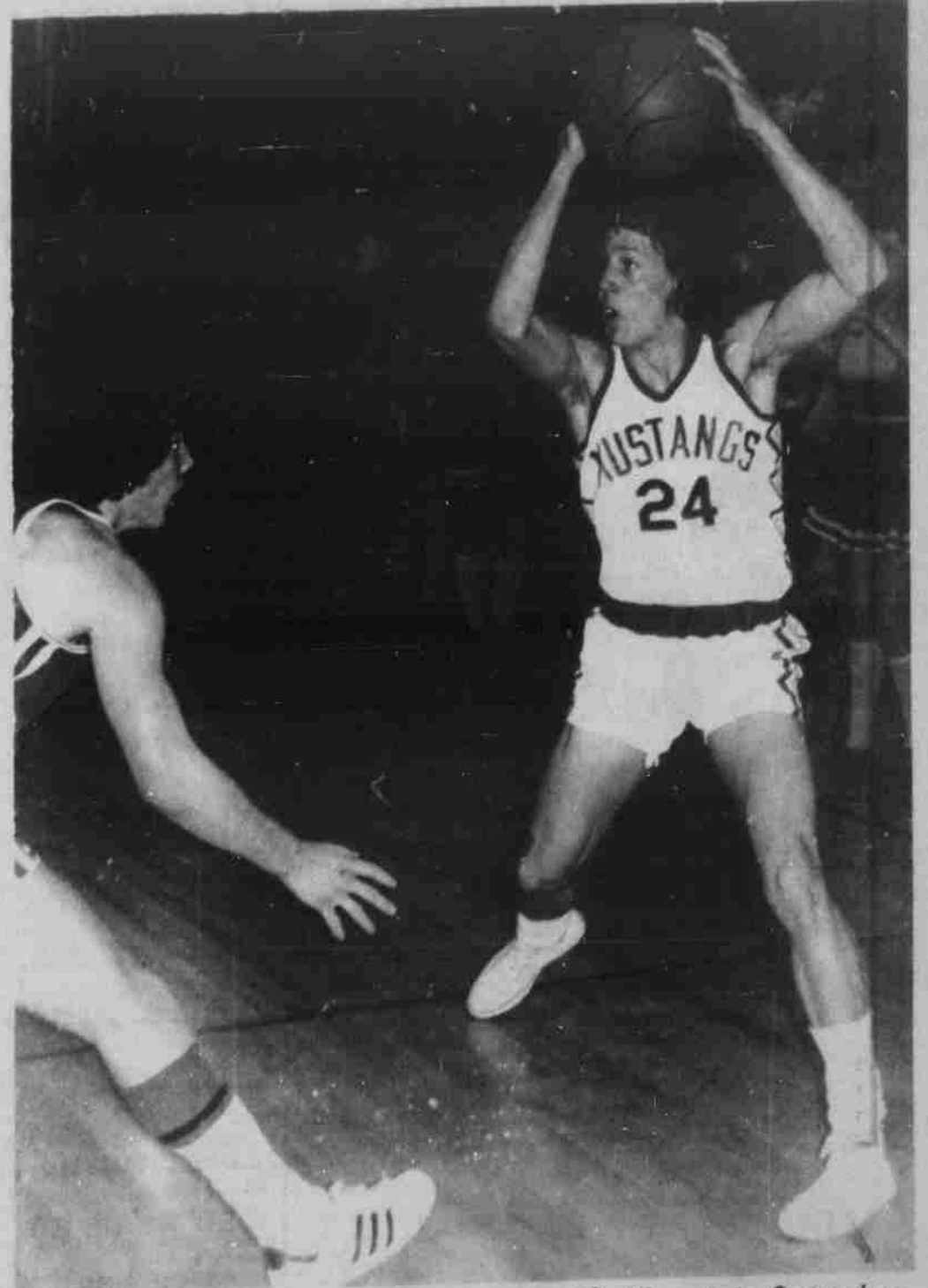
Turnovers cost Heppner the game. While Heppner couldn't get the ball to the hoop, Grant Union was busy canning 31 of 68 tries from the field. The Mustangs got 48 chances and connected on 10 of them.

GU held Heppner to just 16 first half points, leading at the intermission, 37-16. In the third period, Heppner mustered a ten point attack while their stronger AA foe turned in a 24 point quarter to hold a commanding, 61-26 lead.

Heppner fell by 42 on field goals but hit two more free throws. The Mustangs were 18 for 32 from the line while GU hit 16 of 28 tries.

| GRANT UNION (78) Saturday | FG | FT | F  | TP |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|
| Talus                     | 2  | 3  | 4  | 7  |
| Stout                     | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2  |
| Dieker                    | 12 | 4  | 2  | 28 |
| Porter                    | 4  | 2  | 5  | 10 |
| Duffy                     | 2  | 1  | 0  | 5  |
| Moulton                   | 3  | 0  | 5  | 6  |
| Sheets                    | 5  | 4  | 2  | 14 |
| Ladd                      | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2  |
| McKinniss                 | 0  | 0  | 5  | 0  |
| Denny                     | 1  | 0  | 3  | 2  |
| Baack                     | 0  | 2  | 4  | 2  |
| TOTAL                     | 31 | 16 | 34 | 78 |

| HEPPNER (38) | FG | FT | F  | TP |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Marlin       | 0  | 3  | 2  | 3  |
| Peck         | 1  | 0  | 5  | 2  |
| Christman    | 2  | 1  | 3  | 5  |
| Young        | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0  |
| Hagewood     | 0  | 0  | 5  | 0  |
| Huddleston   | 3  | 5  | 2  | 11 |
| Cutsforth    | 1  | 2  | 0  | 4  |
| Rauch        | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Grieb        | 3  | 2  | 3  | 8  |
| Smith        | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| Seitz        | 0  | 5  | 2  | 5  |
| Skow         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| TOTAL        | 10 | 18 | 28 | 38 |



Mark Huddleston paced Mustangs with 11 points Saturday and eight Friday (G-T Photo)

## JV's falter

The only thing the Heppner High School junior varsity did different than the varsity was get beat earlier in the evening.

Grant Union's JVs pounded Heppner in back-to-back contests this weekend, 75-40 and 61-35.

Grant Union, an AA team which is boasting a varsity that is rated sixth in the state, didn't look back after the initial tip off.

In the first contest on Friday, Heppner picked up ten point performances from Curtis Sweek and Mark Piper, but never saw daylight as GU jumped out to a 19-5 first period edge.

The lead stretched to 20 by halftime when Grant Union outscored the Mustangs, 42-22.

An appearance by Howard Huddleston just before halftime seemed to add a spark of life to the Mustang unit and they whittled their deficit to 16 at the end of the third period.

But, in the fourth quarter, Grant Union outscored Heppner, 15-6, to regain an even larger lead for the win.

After Sweek and Piper, who also led the squad with eight and 10 rebounds, respectively, Bob Miller had nine points and five rebounds, Huddleston had five points and four rebounds, Ron Ward had three points and Handy Warden added two. Sweek came up with two assists, too.

Saturday was no sweeter. Instead of a 19-5 first period score, Heppner had mustered a six point performance and the 19-6 edge. The bigger and stronger Grant Union built a 33-12 halftime edge and coasted to a 61-35 win.

Huddleston paced the Mustangs with 10 points and four rebounds. Sweek followed with seven points and five rebounds, Piper with six points and seven rebounds, Warden with five points and seven rebounds, and Ward with four points and as many rebounds.

Grant Union, who outscored Heppner 28-23 in the second half, was paced by Palmer with eight points.

Heppner's JVs take on Gilchrist in a Friday night half of the Condon Christmas tourney.

## lone girls win

One junior high girls defeated Heppner's eighth grade girls in basketball action last week, 32-18.

# Fillys crush Riverside in opening game, 61-28

If first game victories are any omen of things to come this year, then Heppner Filly fans should start buying state tournament tickets today.

Heppner's Filly brigade drove a hapless, basketball skilled inept Riverside into the hardwood last Thursday, 61-28, following a 68 point performance by the Filly junior varsity.

Riverside's 28 points equalled that of many high school girls' roundball teams. But at times, the Fillys looked as if they could take on many boys' squads and not bat an eye in doing it.

Heppner outshot their foes, 28-13 from the field, hitting 38 per cent. Riverside hit 25 per cent, most of those from Stubblefield from the top of the key.

A strong zone defense pushed Riverside outside. They never got under the bucket. Heppner gave up one shot from inside the key.

The runaway resembled a thoroughbred taking on a mule in a racing derby. Heppner raced to a 10-2 first period lead, stretched that to 23 points by halftime and drove Riverside out of the gym with a fourth period barrage of buckets.

A balanced scoring attack told the story. Riverside didn't know who to defend and the Filly zone was more than the Pirettes could handle.

Jackie Mollahan and Vicki Edmundson paced the Fillys with nine points each, followed by Wendy Meyers and Teresa Thurmond with eight each.

Stubblefield led all scorers with 12 points.

The battle on the boards was all Heppner, too. Paced by a 15 rebound effort from Maureen Healy, Heppner pounded the board for 15 caroms to just 25 for the losers.

Heppner led Riverside in every category, including turnovers, but the one TO difference wasn't enough to make up for the 33 point difference.

Meyers put up four points in the first period as the Fillys took a 10-2 lead. In the second period, Thurmond hit three fielders to pace Heppner to a 29-6 halftime lead.

It was no looking back. In the third period, Stubblefield found her range banging in six points as Riverside slipped past Heppner and whittled a point from their deficit.

But in the final eight minutes, Lori Rhea paced Heppner with five points and the Fillys countered Riverside's eight points with 19 of their own.

Meyers, Mollahan and Edmundson all hit 66 per cent of their field goals, each hitting four of six tries.

Maureen Healy led the rebounders with 15, followed by an 11 carom effort from Daria Cooper and eight from Diane Holland.

| HEPPNER (61)   | fg | ft | f  | tp |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|
| Kenny          | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2  |
| Mollahan       | 4  | 1  | 0  | 9  |
| Meyers         | 4  | 0  | 5  | 8  |
| Holland, Deb   | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2  |
| Healy, Janice  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2  |
| Thompson       | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| Rhea           | 2  | 1  | 0  | 5  |
| Edmundson      | 4  | 1  | 1  | 9  |
| Holland, Diane | 3  | 0  | 1  | 6  |
| Cooper         | 1  | 0  | 1  | 2  |
| Thurmond       | 4  | 0  | 0  | 8  |
| Healy, Maur.   | 2  | 2  | 0  | 6  |
| TOTAL          | 23 | 5  | 12 | 61 |

| RIVERSIDE (28) | fg | ft | f  | tp |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|
| Hellberg       | 2  | 0  | 5  | 4  |
| Monjay         | 3  | 0  | 3  | 6  |
| Stubblefield   | 6  | 0  | 2  | 12 |
| Johnson        | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2  |
| Prag           | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Hascall        | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Rayner         | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| Daines         | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| Hecker         | 0  | 2  | 0  | 2  |
| TOTAL          | 13 | 2  | 14 | 28 |

# Fillys blast Vikings for second win, 55-21

It was close...till the tip off. Heppner's Filly brigade, scoring record 61 and 55 points in their first two games, destroyed Umatilla Tuesday. Umatilla, the Fillys' second victim out of the Columbia Basin Conference after Riverside, bowed to Heppner, 55-21.

Heppner jumped out to a 16-2 first period lead and despite Coach Rebecca Randall emptying her bench by the end of the second period, Heppner built leads of 35 points before settling for the 34 point difference.

## Frosh drop tilt

Heppner freshmen shot poorly from the line, played good defense, but fell to Riverside's freshmen last week in a see-saw battle, 32-31.

The Mustangs hit just seven of 23 shots from the gift toss line.

Heppner fell behind 8-5 at the end of the first eight minute period, bounced back to trail by one halftime, 14-13. The two squads traded buckets in the second half, each scoring 18 points.

Jim Parker led the Mustangs with 16 points and 12 rebounds. A box and one defense stymied the Mustangs for awhile, but Ron Young got untracked with eight points, followed by Dale Holland's five and Jody Marlatt with two. Holland also had 14 rebounds to lead the Mustangs.

Daulton led Riverside with 16 points. Dale Holland, frosh coach, cited "excellent" team defense and Parker and Young for good performances.

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double figures that added together, would have stopped Umatilla by four points. Vicki Edmundson was the high point with 12 and sophomore Jackie Mollahan, with a soft touch under the bucket, added 12.

A 33-4 halftime edge was aided by the Filly defense and an eight point effort from Edmundson. By the end of the third period, Heppner's lead was 35 at 47-12. The Viks outscored the Filly girls in the final stanza, 9-8.

Heppner outshot Umatilla 21-9 from the field. The Fillys hit 12 of 26 free throws while the Viking girls settled for three of 14.

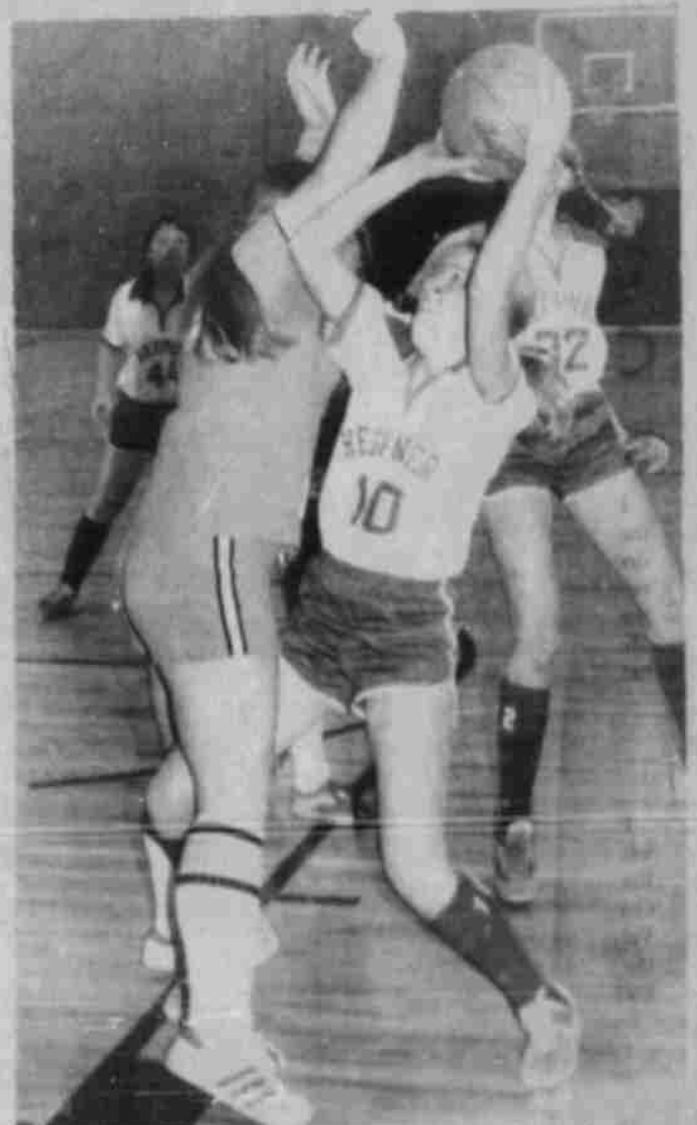
Maureen Healy came off the bench to lead the Fillys with rebounds and added eight

points on four fielders. Deb Holland added six and Shelley Thompson had five. Stacie Simpson and Shelly Trainer had eight points each for Umatilla. Heppner faces their toughest competition this week, today, at Dayville.

| HEPPNER (55-21) | fg | ft | f  | tp |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|
| G. Kenny        | 1  | 1  | 0  | 3  |
| J. Mollahan     | 6  | 0  | 3  | 12 |
| W. Meyers       | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  |
| Deb Holland     | 2  | 2  | 2  | 6  |
| J. Healy        | 1  | 0  | 3  | 2  |
| S. Thompson     | 2  | 0  | 4  | 5  |
| J. Grieb        | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| V. Edmundson    | 4  | 5  | 1  | 13 |
| D. Holland      | 0  | 2  | 1  | 2  |
| D. Cooper       | 1  | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| T. Thurmond     | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0  |
| M. Healy        | 4  | 0  | 1  | 8  |
| TOTAL           | 21 | 12 | 17 | 55 |



Diane Holland drives to the bucket at Riverside Thursday. (G-T Photo)



Jackie Mollahan (10) didn't let the defender slow her down. The sophomore guard scored 12 points Tuesday