

★ 2-3 Fillys eye CBC cautiously ★

Although their record shows a 2-3 start, Heppner's Fillys have impressive team stats that should aid them against Pendleton Thursday and Pilot Rock Monday. Both Pendleton and Pilot Rock are boasting winning seasons.

Heppner is averaging 45.4 points per game and holding their opponents to 39.8. Wins of 55-21 and 61-28 is much of the reason for the points versus record marks.

Heppner has dumped Umatilla 55-21, and Riverside 61-28. They fell to Weston McEwen 48-36, and dropped a pair to Dayville 46-36 and 52-46.

Weston-McEwen and Umatilla were league contests and leave Heppner in third place in Columbia Basin East with a 1-1 mark. WM leads that race with a 3-0 mark, followed by Pilot Rock at 2-1, Heppner, Umatilla, and Oregon Trail at 0-2.

In the west, Wasco County is a surprise at 2-0, followed by pre-season favorite Sherman County at 1-1, Condon 1-2 and Riverside 0-3.

In league stat sheets sent out last week, Maureen Healy is topping the CBC rebounders with a three game average of 15. Updated stats show the sophomore Healy to have 72 rebounds and a 14.4 average.

Vickie Edmundson, according to three game league stats, is the 11th best scorer with an average of 8.6. Five game,

updated stats drop that average to 7.2, scoring 36 points in five games. Jackie Mollahan, rated 14th in the CBC charts with a 6.7 average, has improved her shooting to a seven point average over five games.

In team stats, Heppner is leading their opponents in the following categories: assists, 32-14; field goals, 99-80; field goal attempts, 329-319. In field goal percentage, Heppner is hitting .300 per cent to .250 by foes.

In free throws, Heppner has canned 29 of 73 for .397 per cent while opponents are 39 of 102 for .382 per cent. The Fillys are outrebounding their foes, 259-119; Heppner has committed 96 fouls to 80 by opponents and has outscored their foes in five games, 227-199.

Averaging stats, Heppner would do this to their average opponent: outshoot them from the field, 19.9-16; slip at the line, hitting 5.8 of 14.6 chances to 7.8 of 20.4 tries; Heppner would outrebound their foes, 51-24, and according to stats, should outscore their foes, 45.4 to 39.8.

Leading the team in total statistics is Maureen Healy. Miss Healy, a 5-7 sophomore, has nine assists, is hitting .241 per cent from the field with 14 for 58 shooting; is three for nine from the line; has 72 rebounds in five games; has just three fouls in five games; and has a 6.2 average, scoring 31 points. The highest scorer is Edmundson with 36, followed by

Mollahan with 35, Maureen Healy with 31, Guy Kenny with 24, and Wendy Meyers at 22. The top shooter is Mollahan with a .533 percentile. She has

canned 16 of 30 tries from the field, the highest field goal total on the squad. Edmundson is tops from the line, hitting eight of 11 for .727 per cent.

Filly stats

Five game accumulation

Name	Assts.	FG	FGA	PCT.	FT	FTA	PCT.	REB	P.F.	Points	Avg.
Cooper	0	5	11	.454	0	1	.000	20	4	10	2
Edmundson	2	14	32	.437	8	11	.727	5	4	36	7.2
Healy, J.	5	4	31	.129	2	7	.285	30	15	10	2
Healy, M.	9	14	58	.241	3	9	.333	72	3	31	6.2
Holland, Deb	3	7	34	.205	2	5	.400	29	9	16	3.2
Holland, Diane	1	4	20	.200	2	6	.333	18	6	10	2
Kenny	1	11	40	.275	2	4	.500	8	15	24	4.8
Meyers	3	10	31	.322	2	8	.250	35	11	22	4.4
Mollahan	5	16	30	.533	3	7	.428	28	14	35	7
Rhea (3 games)	1	4	13	.307	2	4	.500	1	1	10	3.33
Thompson	4	5	16	.312	2	5	.400	3	7	12	2.4
Thurmond	0	5	12	.416	0	4	.000	9	6	10	2
Grieb (2 games)	0	0	1	.000	1	2	.500	1	1	1	.5
Heppner Team											
Total	32	99	329	.300	29	73	.397	259	96	227	45.4
Opponent	14	80	319	.250	39	102	.382	119	80	199	39.8

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Poor shooting haunts Mustangs as CBC east opener awaits

If team statistics tell the complete story and those stats aren't subject to change, then Heppner's Mustangs are in for trouble this weekend.

But Chris Borgen and his band of Kamikaze Kids figure that's a big "if." They remember the Cardiac Kids from the grid iron and want to take that spirit to the hardwood Friday at Pilot Rock.

Heppner will muscle up to the Rockets Friday, one of two teams favored to win the Columbia Basin Conference East and perhaps the whole darn thing.

Figuring into Pilot Rock dreams has to be Weston-McEwen, the other favorite.

While Heppner's best hopes are still unveiled, they are looking back on a dismal pre-season that mustered a 1-6 record.

The Mustangs thumped Condon in one of two games with the Gilliam County rivals. The

other losses came at the hands of Grant Union, a strong AA team; Gilchrist, a strong A team; and Helix, a tough, running B school.

Whoever the opponents were, Heppner still faces that record. If stats prove right,

**Pilot Rock
Friday, 8
Madras here
Saturday, 8**

that record won't be changing for the better this week.

Pilot Rock is a tough, yet inexperienced outfit. They have compiled a 4-3 pre-season record against some fine ball clubs. But, if you can call it that, they are in somewhat of a slump.

The Rockets have fallen in their last two encounters, most recently to Dayton, Wash., 46-43 and the game before that to Enterprise, 79-69. Both those contests were on the road and Pilot Rock had already listed them as wins on their home court earlier this year.

PR has fallen to Enterprise, Dayton and Sacred Heart. They've knocked off Columbia, Glendale, Enterprise and Dayton.

Friday night, the PR roster will be made up from inexperienced ball players. Only one letterman, senior Marty Perrine, returns to the club. Along with Perrine, PR will choose from Dave Connor, Will Barber, Curtis Wood, Jeff Lavender and Jerry Heimgartner for their starting five. Sixth and seventh subs will be Robert Post, Denny Christianson or Richard Christianson.

On the boards, Ward is 6-4 and the top rebounder. After that, Heimgartner is 6-3, Perrine, a good jumper, is 5-10, and Lavender is 6-3.

Lavender is a big key in the Rocket success story. He is a sophomore, son of former



head coach Dave Lavender, now athletic director. He is a fine shooter, averaging 23 points a ball game.

Perrine is next, averaging 10 points; Barber and Heimgartner are adding eight apiece; Ward is averaging seven and Connon, with just two games under his belt, is averaging five.

"No quickness," Lavender says, but "we shoot the ball well."

Pilot Rock is averaging 55 points a game and is holding their opponents to 52.

Now the comparison, Heppner is allowing 64 points against them, but only scoring 45 on the average. The Mustangs leading scorer, Mark Huddleston, with 53 points, has a 7.5 average.

Rebound-wise, Heppner is holding their own. They are being outreached 46-38 on the average. Turnovers are even, 25 up.

Heppner's worst area is shooting, where the Mustangs are canning a lowly 26.8 per cent, hitting 118 of 440 tries for an average night of 17 for 62.

Heppner foes are getting about six more shots off at the

hoop and on the average are making about eight more at 25 for 68.

From the line, the Mustangs are hitting 61 per cent, averaging 12 for 19. Their foes are slightly poorer from the line, hitting 13 of 24 for 55 per cent from the gift toss stripe.

While Huddleston leads the squad with a 7.5 average, three others are over the five point night. Kenny Grieb is averaging 6.1, and Brian Marlin and Wayne Seitz are at 5.4.

Though the stats don't face the two teams off too evenly, Borgen thinks the time is right.

"We're ready for it," he

said. "We've been playing in streaks. I think that was mostly because of a lack of concentration and intensity. We're ready to put it together for a full game."

Borgen said the shots are falling in practice. "We've had some good, excellent practices. We're gaining confidence in our shooting."

A pattern change in the offense has also tied up some loose ends, Borgen said.

Heppner, 1-6, faces pre-season favorite Pilot Rock on the Rocket home floor Friday at 8 p.m.

"It'll be a tough opener," Borgen admits, but "we're ready for it."

Cards drop Ukiah, Mitchell

Ione's Cardinals dropped a pair of contests last week, despite a 29 point effort from freshman guard Dennis Stefani.

The Cards fell to Mitchell last week, 59-47, and dropped a 40-34 tilt to Ukiah Tuesday night.

"We had fantastic shots," Ione Coach Del La Rue said after the game Tuesday. "I went home and looked at the shot chart and cried. I counted two bad shots all night."

But they wouldn't drop. Ione hit 24 per cent, canning 16 of 68 while Ukiah hit 19 of 58. The Cards outrebounded Ukiah, 51-31.

Ione stayed even in the first period, before tailing at half-time, 23-18. Ukiah picked up one more point in the second half, outscoring Ione, 17-16.

Stefani, hitting from the outside, had 14 points, followed by Kevin McCabe with eight, Robin La Rue six, Danny McElligott four and Scott Sherer two.

Mabbott paced Ukiah with 18 points while Gilliland had nine.

Ione put three men in double figures last week, but the Keys brothers of Mitchell combined for 40 points to lead the triumph.

Stefani had 15, Kevin McCabe 11 and McElligott 10 as Ione hit 19 of 68 tries for 28 per cent from the field. At the line, Ione was nine for 15.

Jim Keyes had 27 and brother Pat added 13. Mitchell

outshot Ione, canning 28 of 57 tries for 49 per cent.

Mitchell outrebounded Ione, 53-30, setting up inside shots.

Stefani had 12 of his points in the first half, but a third period box and one by Mitchell slowed his style.

Ione stayed close in the first half, falling back at intermission, 31-25. In the third period, the box and one stopped the Cards with three points and gave Mitchell a 46-28 edge. Ione outscored Mitchell in the final stanza, 19-13.

Ione is dormant until next weekend when they face Umapine and Condon.

Hearing Tests Set For Senior Citizens

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Factory-trained hearing aid specialists will be at the office listed above to perform the tests.

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