

Rockettes blast Filly hopes

Pilot Rock girls knocked Heppner out of district hope contention Tuesday night with a 70-30 rout of the Fillies. Pilot Rock and Weston-McEwen, barring any unforeseen upset victories by Oregon Trail or Umatilla, have the berths sewed up for district.

PR outdid Heppner in every category Tuesday, outscoring the Fillies from the floor by 48 points. Both teams made six free throws, Heppner canning six of 23, PR making six of 10.

PR had 23 fouls, Heppner 12. Jackie Mollahan and Wendy Myers paced HHS with six points each. Connor had 19, Weinke 16 and Withers 13 for the Rockettes.

Heppner was outscored, 38-10, in the second half.

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| Heppner | 10 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 30 |
| Pilot Rock | 12 | 20 | 17 | 21 | 70 |

Heppner: Mollahan 6, Myers 6, Deb Holland 3, Janice Healy 5, Edmundson 4, Cooper 2, Grieb 2, Maureen Healy 2. Field goals: 12; free throws: 6-23; fouls: 12; rebounds: 43; Janice Healy 12, Maureen Healy 9.

PR: Connor 19, Weinke 16, Hamilton 9, Ward 6, Withers 13, Dougherty 1, Fitzpatrick 2, Rugg 4. Field goals: 32; free throws: 6-10; fouls: 23; rebounds: 35.

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thursday

Thursday, Feb. 17
Hep. Jr. High vs. Umatilla here, 2:30 p.m.

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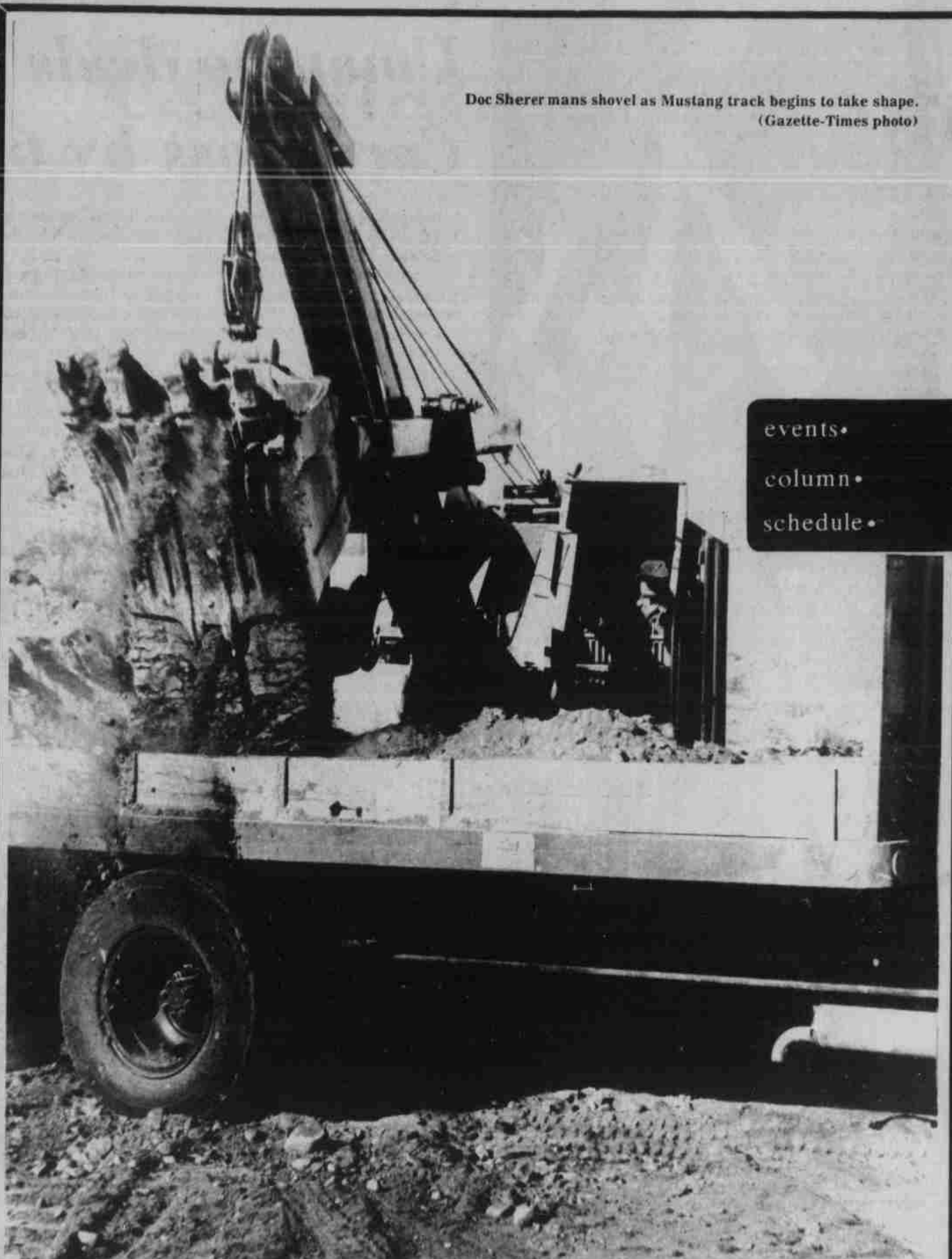
Friday, Feb. 18
Hep. var. & JV vs. Umatilla there, 6 & 8 p.m.
Ione var. & JV vs. Helix there, 6 & 8 p.m.

saturday

Saturday, Feb. 19
Hep. Ione Jr. High boys' Jamboree at Ione, 9 a.m.
Hep. Ione Jr. High girls' Jamboree at Umatilla, 9 a.m.
Hep. var. & JV vs. Wasco Co. here, 6 & 8 p.m.

tuesday

Tuesday, Feb. 22
Ione girls vs. Sherman home, 6 & 8 p.m.
Hep. girls vs. Oregon Trail there, 6 & 8 p.m.



Doc Sherer mans shovel as Mustang track begins to take shape. (Gazette-Times photo)

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Sports



Blazers deny Heppner upset

Till the final buzzer sounded, Heppner's Mustangs were looking for an upset Friday. But Oregon Trail wouldn't give it to them and they settled for another loss, 57-51.

Heppner stayed within striking distance throughout the game, gaining a tie at half-time and trailing by a lone fielder at the end of three quarters.

Brian Marlin led Heppner with 13 points, Ken Grieb had 12 and Wayne Seitz added 10. Don Sutton hit seven field goals and Rich Snow added 12 for the Blazers.

Officiating put a damper on the close contest. In the end, fouls were not an issue, but blatant calls during the tilt brought booing from both sides.

Heppner mentor Chris Borgen was whistled for a technical foul when he stood up and motioned to his Mustangs and barked out defensive strategy. He was nailed again later by Walt Roloff, referee, for another tech and was told it was his responsibility to control the crowd.

Despite the inconsistency of the refs, Heppner ended up with more free throws. The Mustangs sunk 15 of 25 tries while OT settled for 13 of 28 attempts. Heppner was whistled for 24 fouls, Oregon Trail 22.

The Mustangs were 28 per cent from the field, canning 18 of 64 court attempts.

The key to the loss was rebounds. Oregon Trail plucked 21 offensive boards to Heppner's nine. Defensively, Heppner had 32 caroms to the

Blazers' 31.

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| Heppner | 11 | 18 | 10 | 12 | 51 |
| Ore. Trail | 13 | 16 | 12 | 16 | 57 |

Heppner: Peck 4, Hague-wood 1, Huddleston 2, Skow 3, Cutsforth 5, Rauch 1, Marlin 13, Grieb 12, Seitz 10. Field goals: 18-64; free throws: 15-25; fouls: 24; rebounds: 41; rebounds: Seitz 10, Cutsforth 8.

Oregon Trail: Berry 5, Marcum 2, Sutton 14, Hunter 8, Madison 4, Snow 12, Crowell 4, McGunnigle 8. Field goals: 22; free throws: 13-28; fouls: 22; rebounds: 52.

Card girls bombed

Kelly Lindell, lauded by Ione Coach Martha Doherty for a "beautiful" game, scored 26 points Tuesday night to lead Wasco County past Ione in a non-conference girls' contest, 58-12.

Doherty called Lindell the "closest thing to a pure shooter I've seen in girls' basketball." Debora Palmer led Ione with four, Grace McElligott had three, Michelle McElligott had three and Joan Doherty added two.

Ione was outscored in the

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by Wil Phinney, sports editor

If Heppner Lions have their way, fleet-footed thinclads draped in silky garments will be touring a new sand and granite track this spring. Heavy machinery, with volunteer operators, are working weekends to develop the present 363 yard track into a regulation 400 meter oval.

And it's no little project. Corners of the present track may be lengthened as much as 20 yards to convert it to the new raceway this spring.

The present track had a few problems and a few dips, but with the able-bodied volunteers the Lions have rounded together, the new track was taking shape on the first day of work.

Doc Sherer manned the huge shovel and donated two work days to the project. Dick Wilkerson donated three days of time, fuel and labor on the bulldozer.

The City of Heppner has given the group the use of city trucks and Morrow County Grain Growers has given them a flat bed truck and hoist.

A big key to the entire operation was the recent donation of concrete by Shockman Brothers. The concrete will work as the inside curb for the project.

Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative is supplying the volunteer unit with powder and drilling to take care of stubborn lava on the southeast corner.

The list of volunteers reads like a list of all-star workers. Ed Hiemsta and Hal Whitaker will join forces with their shop classes to help with the forming for the inside curbing.

Randy Lott of Lott's Electric is supplying a loader at the granite pit. And the granite is being donated by Herman Green, Dick Wilkerson, and hopefully the Umatilla National Forest Service.

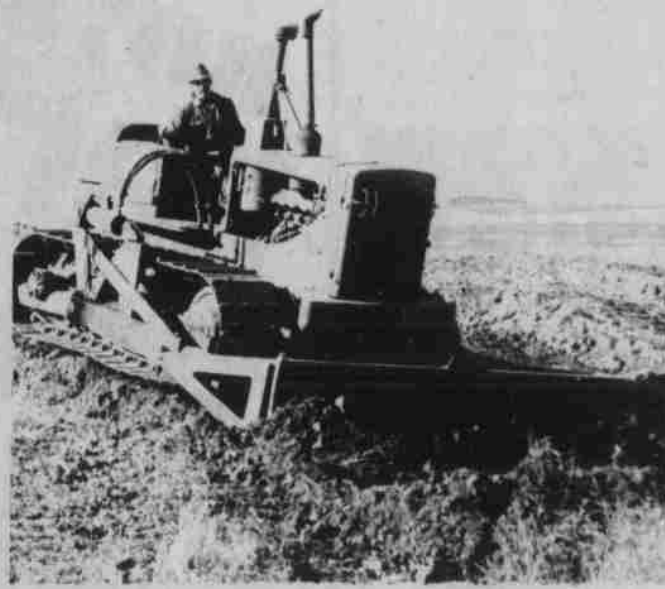
Dallas Craber is giving up his roller-packer long enough to serve the community and Lions' members Bill Lande, Jim Wishart, Dave Harrison and John Edmundson are working hard.

Bill Gentry and Elmer Sams are shooting the levels for the project, Heppner track coach Dale Conklin is pitching in,

along with Principal Jim Bier, MCGG and Lion Larry Miles. Others will undoubtedly pitch in on the project and will reap the profits when they see the Mustangs churning around the 400 meter track.

A few of the problems that have faced the crews will be ironed out. An inspector gave the group the go ahead when he found that the entire project was a volunteer-donation program.

Physical problems, such as a 16 inch dip at the northwest corner and seven inch dips on the southwest and northeast straight-a-ways posed a bit of a problem, but what with the



Dick Wilkerson pushes fill towards track as lanes widen. (Gazette-Times photo)

bulldozer bulldozing and Doc's shovel shoveling, those, too, will become part of the constantly progressing track.

Dave Harrison, one of four project heads that include Edmundson, Jim Wishart and Mills, said he hopes the project will be completed in about four weeks.

With this group at the helm, Heppner's Mustang tracksters should feel proud when their blue and gold sprints around the track.

Little towns never get anything done? My favorite saying for that kind of question: Poo-tee-weet. (If I could write down the sound a horse makes when he blubbers, I'd use that instead.)

Good job, Heppner. It's a little more incentive for the Mustangs to reach that finish line tape.

Heppner Player's of the Week Ione



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Dennis Peck



steals, pts.
Jackie Mollahan

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