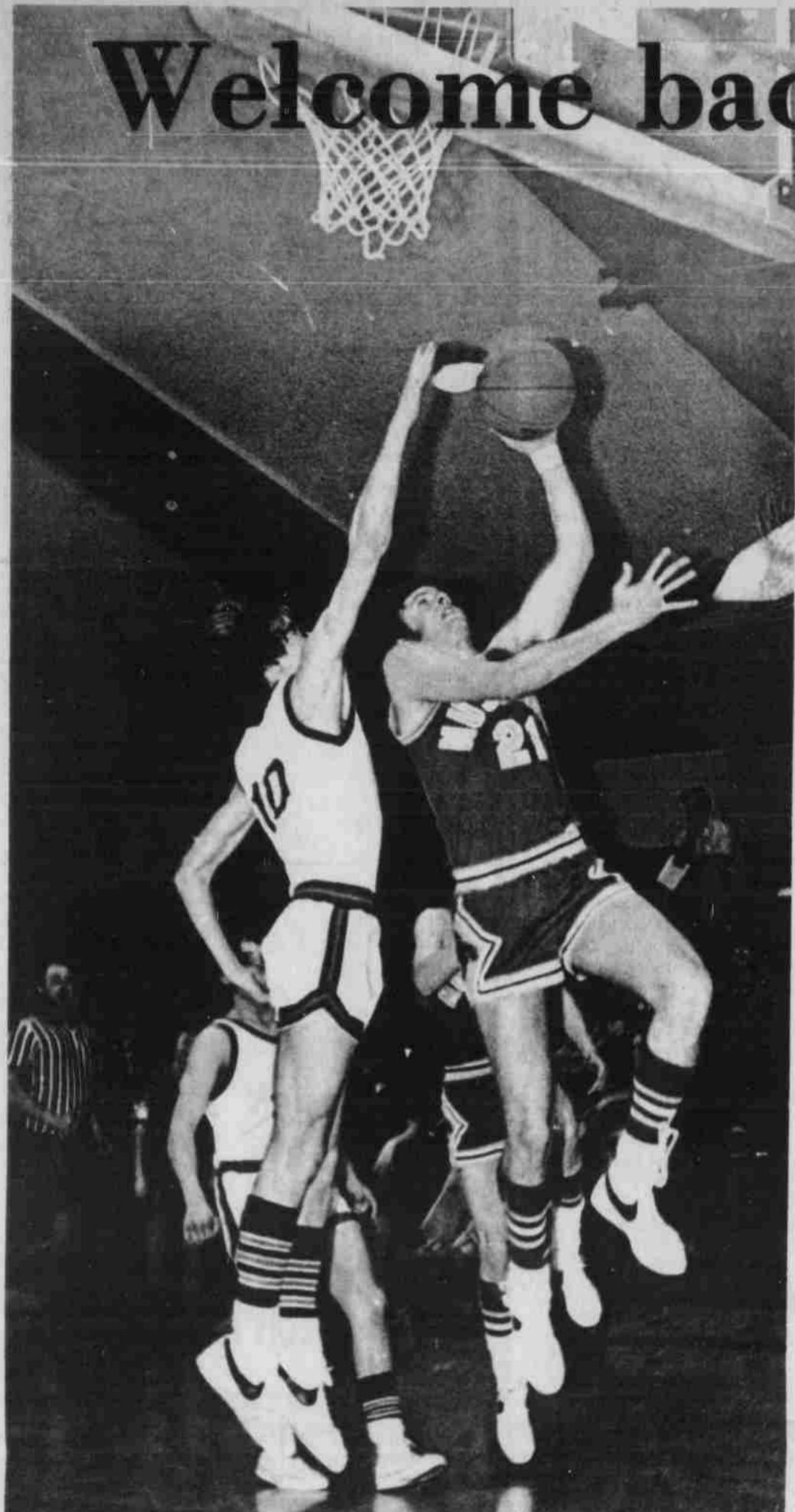


# Welcome back Dave, we missed you

## Mustangs score 73-63 Viking victory



OFFENSIVE BOARDS and driving produced most of the tally in Dave Allstott's premiere Friday at Umatilla. The senior forward, plagued by grid iron injuries, returned to Heppner's lineup Friday and scored 16 points and pulled down 23 rebounds. (Gazette-Times photo by Mark Piper)

Welcome back, Dave Allstott. Long time no see. Long time no win.

Dave Allstott donned the Mustang blue and gold for the first time as one of Chris Borgen's kamikaze roundballers and led the Mustangs past Umatilla for their first conference win of the season.

Allstott had 16 points and yanked down 23 rebounds in the 73-63 triumph.

In the locker room following the game, all was quiet. Borgen called the win "satisfying" and said, "I'll be honest with you, I forgot what it felt like to win." It has been more than two months, on Dec. 11, since Heppner had a win. The Mustangs went 15 games after their first Condon victory before securing another.

Allstott, a senior sharp shooter, honored as a Columbia Basin Conference honorable mention last year, had sat out the entire basketball season after missing a few football games with injuries.

The forward broke his left, shooting wrist in the first grid contest against Condon, but it wasn't diagnosed broken until more than half the football season had elapsed.

In the meantime, he suffered a shoulder separation in a later football tilt and was sidelined from the grid iron. The hidden wrist break showed up later and because of the time involved, the small bone in the wrist had been severely splintered because of continued use.

Allstott told the Gazette-Times this week that he really hadn't gotten a doctor's okay. "The doctor said I'd be smart if I wouldn't play. He told me to wait till baseball."

But Allstott's favorite sport is basketball and after a week's practice and season long physical training, he returned to the court. Borgen said it wasn't any

one man operation, but that Allstott was a catalyst to a good team effort that produced five men in double figures Friday night.

Allstott, who is eyeing a small college in Washington for later schooling and basketball, said he'd "missed" basketball and just "wanted a chance."

Most of Allstott's 16 points came via his rebound strength. He pulled down a possible school record 23 and was five for 14 from the field and six for ten from the line.

Along with Allstott, Brian Marlin and Dennis Peck had 12, Ken Grieb had 11 and Wayne Seitz added 10.

After the game, it was

jubilation...with a thought. "The look on everybody's face," Borgen said, was "that this should have been how we played all year. It was a quiet confidence. We knew we should have been playing like this all the time."

It was a test for Heppner and they rose to the challenge.

Borgen started a senior lineup, but when the group fell behind by eight points, he sent in four underclassmen and Allstott.

For the record, Allstott brought down the 23 caroms and had 16 points in just a little over three quarters of a contest.

Allstott and Grieb each scored seven points in the second period, where Heppner took charge with a 21-5 edge and led at halftime, 34-25.

The second half was pretty even. Dennis Peck played good defense on Mike Brown, the Vik sharp shooter, and held him to 14 points, all but four coming in the second half.

Borgen praised the effort of the entire team and singled out Mark Huddleston defensively, Brian Marlin for a good shooting night, Grieb for "the smartest game at guard," and Peck for his defensive tasks.

From the field, Heppner outdid Umatilla, canning 24 of 57 attempts. The Viks made 23 of 63. From the line, Heppner was 25 for 40; Umatilla was 17 for 32.

Heppner 13 21 16 23 73  
Umatilla 20 5 17 21 63

Heppner: Peck 12, Christman 4, Allstott 16, Huddleston 6, Rauch 2, Marlin 2, Grieb 11, Seitz 10. Field goals: 24-57; free throws: 25-40; fouls: 29.

Umatilla: Carlson 21, Brown 14, Carlson 8, Body 6, Picard 5, Watson 2, Cimmiyotti 7. Field goals: 23-63; free throws: 17-32; fouls: 27.

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## Ione hopes fall after Helix triple overtime

A fourth quarter comeback was thwarted last Thursday when Helix took advantage of three overtimes to stop Ione's Cardinal girls, 23-20. The winner, Helix, now advances to the district tourney.

The two teams were knotted at the end of regulation, 14-14. Susan Thompson hit a 15 footer at the buzzer to send the game into its second overtime after a 16-16 tie.

Grace and Michelle McElligott hit field goals in the

second overtime to match buckets with Helix and end that OT in a 20-20 draw.

Helix blew a chance to end the game with a free throw with a second remaining in the second overtime, but they settled for the third when Ione "ran out of score." Helix had a field goal by Pinkerton and a free throw to ice it.

Grace McElligott led Ione with nine, followed by Susan Thompson with six, Michelle McElligott with two, Debora

Palmer two and Joan Doherty with one.

Ione had nine field goals to Helix' four, but the Grizzly ladies sunk 15 of 34 free throws compared to two of 14 by Ione.

In a game Tuesday, Sherman County bested Ione, 40-9, in a lopsided battle. Sherman outscored Ione from the field by 18 points and from the line by 15.

Donna Palmer led Ione with four, Grace and Janet McElligott had two each and Lori Edwards added one. Carla Van Borstel led SC with 14 points.

## Grizzlies stack deck, crown Cards 67-30

Ione was just outgunned Friday night. Helix' powerful Grizzlies outscored Ione by 46 points from the field on their way to a 67-30 romp.

Ione fell behind by three after a period, and by 12 at halftime. The Grizzlies out-

scored the Cards in the second half, 37-12.

Robin LaRue led Ione with 14 points. Weidert and Emerick had 11 each for Helix.

Ione was seven for 42 from the field; Helix was 32 for 91.



Dave Piper flies to the bucket with the basketball in Heppner's JV win over Wasco County Saturday. Piper ended the game with five points in the 56-54 win. (Gazette-Times photo)



## Get Oregon-ized, Bill

For about the last three or four weeks, I've played in an aggressive, offensive, and emotional battle. The sports editor at the Hermiston Herald, Bill Bighaus, and I have engaged in a verbal attack on one another, arguing who is better: the University of Oregon Duck roundballers or UCLA Bruins.

Now I contend that the Ducks are just as good in most years and just a little bit better, this year. Bill likes to fool around and say that UCLA has a better team because they have a better record.

Ha Ha Bill. Sure, a record can be a thing of beauty or an eyesore if you measure a team with the teams they've played. But we aren't measuring these two teams against their schedule foes. We are comparing them to one another. And Oregon has beaten the University of California at Los Angeles in their last three games.



What's the argument? The Ducks are better against UCLA anywhere they meet. How many times has UCLA been beaten at Pauley Pavilion? Five times in about the last 200 games. And guess who has beaten them twice at Pauley and again last week at Mac Court?

Yep. That's right again. Oregon's Kamakaze Ducks, the ones that all other opposing coaches call the "greatest defensive team in the country."

And what's the big guy at UCLA named? Vroman? Yea. He had a great game at Mac Court Saturday. He had two points. I guess he matches up to Greg Ballard's 28 points like Little League Reds and Cincinnati Reds.

I will admit that the Bruins have a good team. Why would I go so far as to say Oregon is better if they weren't bettering a good team?

Marques Johnson is one of the best five players in the Pac 8 along with Ballard and he, too, is in a class by himself. But team for team, we'll go with Ernie Kent and Kelvin Small and Mike Drummond and Robbie Closs. For subs, we'll put the defensive wizards of Murray and Moreck and Mack and Graham. Nelson is good for awhile, too.

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## Mustangs scare Wasco before falling in fourth quarter rally

"We played good for three of the four quarters," Heppner mentor Chris Borgen said. "But we let down."

Wasco County sunk 17 of 22 free throws in the fourth quarter to ice a 75-66 win in the Mustangs' final game of the

year.

Both teams scored 52 points from the field. Wasco County used 23 of 33 from the line while Heppner made 14 of 22 to show the difference.

Borgen said Keven Hague-wood played his best game of

the year Saturday. Hague-wood had 10 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Brian Marlin led Heppner with 16 points while Dave Allstott had 13 and Wayne Seitz added 10. For Wasco, Puckett had 20. Heppner jumped out to a

15-8 first period lead and built an edge of 13 points before dropping the lead and holding a two point edge at intermission.

Wasco erased the edge and took a four point third period lead, 46-42, then added five points to the mark in the last period.

Wasco used a deliberate, slow down style of offense.

Heppner outrebounded the Redsides, 46-33. Hague-wood had eight while Allstott had 12 caroms.

Heppner 15 10 17 24 66  
Wasco County 8 15 23 29 75

Heppner: Peck 9, Allstott 13, Hague-wood 10, Skow 2, Marlin 16, Grieb 6, Seitz 10. Field goals: 26; free throws: 14-22; fouls: 2.

Wasco: Brittain 11, Woodside 17, McCorkle 11, Conroy 6, Puckett 20, Morelli 10. Field goals: 26; free throws: 23-33; fouls: 19.

## JVs slap Wasco, 56-54

Mark Piper, Curtis Sweek and Howard Huddleston combined for 38 points Saturday night en route to slapping a pesky Wasco County Redside junior varsity, 56-54.

Heppner led by a slim margin throughout the game and was still a step ahead when the final buzzer sounded.

The biggest quarter lead was four at halftime, 26-22.

Mark Piper paced Heppner with 15 points. Sweek had 13 and Huddleston added 10. Ashley had 13 for Wasco County.

Heppner hammered Wasco from the field, outscoring the Redsides 42-38. From the line,

Heppner hit 14 of 32 tries to 16 of 34 by Wasco County.

Heppner 10 16 15 15 56  
Wasco 8 14 16 16 54

Heppner: Sweek 13, Miller 8, Piper, M. 15, Piper, D. 5, Huddleston 10, McEwen 1, Jones 4. Field goals: 21; free throws: 14-32; fouls: 26.

Wasco: Ashley 11, Keilior 3, Heideman 12, Gabel 5, Ashley 13, Satanus 2, Henry 4, Reese 4. Field goals: 19; free throws: 16-34; fouls: 33.

## Filly JVs win

A classic blow-away. Like a tornado in a china shop.

Heppner's Filly JVs pounded Oregon Trail girls Thursday in their season finals, 33-5. Heppner held Oregon Trail scoreless in the first three quarters.

Julie Grieb had nine points to lead Heppner to a 25-0 third period edge. Laurie Harrison added six.

Heppner held quarter score leads of 11-0, 17-0 and 25-0.

Umatilla hit a pair of field goals and a free throw in the last period to save face.

Heppner 11 6 8 8 33  
Oregon Trail 0 0 0 5 5

Heppner: Harrison 6, Van Schoiack 2, Kerr 2, Dougherty 2, Grieb 9, Daly 4, Marlin 2, Steagall 4, Sherman 2. Field

goals: 15; free throws: 3-4; fouls: 7.

Oregon Trail: Cobb 1, Gibson 2, Longhorn 2. Field goals: 2; free throws: 1-5; fouls: 8.

## Ponies win

Heppner Junior High Ponies blasted Umatilla last week, 48-37.

Tony Currin led the Ponies with 18 points. Jim Launer added 10 points and jerked down 20 rebounds.

Other Pony scorers were John Bier six, Brian Thompson four, Pat Clark six, Randy Cole two, Smith two.

## Shuffling Viks escape JVs

Umatilla did some fast shuffling at halftime and sent in nine players at halftime who also suited up on the varsity. The Vik JVs overcame a 33-17 halftime edge with the new faces and wound up winning the contest, 64-58.

Heppner cruised to a 15-15 tie in the first period, then blew the Viking JVs off the court in the second period, 18-2. Nine of the ten names listed on the Viking JV roster ended up suiting up in the varsity tilt later. (Heppner crowned the varsity Viks.)

Mark Piper led Heppner with 16 points, followed by Howard Huddleston with 10 and Bob Miller with nine. Cimmiyotti played only the third and fourth periods and ended up with 11 points. Clyde Runion, the only player who did not suit up with the varsity, led the Viks with 13. Borchert added 12.

Jeff Watson and Randy Body were two others who were called in in the fourth period to try and take the game. It worked. Umatilla outscored Heppner, 20-12, in the final stanza. Watson had four points. Body didn't score. Cimmiyotti had eight in the fourth period.

From the field, Heppner beat the Viks, 46-38. But at the line, Umatilla went 26 for 41 while Heppner had to settle for 12 of 25. The Mustangs were whistled for 30 fouls, Umatilla 22.

Heppner 15 18 13 12 58  
Umatilla 15 2 17 20 64

Heppner: Sweek 5, Miller 9, Worden 6, Piper 16, Piper 5, Huddleston 10, Stookey 3, Hoffnagle 4. Field goals: 23; free throws: 12-25; fouls: 30.

Umatilla: Borchert 12, Cook 10, Picard 6, Cimmiyotti 11, Runion 13, Allen 4, Hendricks 4, Watson 4. Field goals: 19; free throws: 26-41; fouls: 22.