

Special hunt set

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Tuesday approved two special controlled hunts—one in the Fossil area of the Wheeler unit and one in the Heppner Game Control District.

Both hunts will be held Dec. 17-21 with special tags issued by the Commission on a first come-first serve basis. For the Fossil hunt, 600 special tags will be issued and 500 will be distributed for the Heppner hunt.

The Commission will not use the emergency hunt roster in these cases and to be eligible, applicants must have an unused buck tag or a controlled hunt tag.

Applications must be made on special controlled hunt forms available at licensing agents. Applicants must enter either "Fossil" or "Heppner" on the form and include their hunting license number and unused tag number on the form. Completed applications should be sent to the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Box 3503 Portland, OR 98208, as soon as possible.

The hunt is for antlerless deer only and successful applicants are eligible to take two deer—one on the unused buck tag and one on the special hunt tag.

Range conditions, poor herd conditions in the agricultural areas and damage due to foraging deer were named as reasons for the special hunt.

Koffler directs JVs

Three transfers, a new coach and a pre-dawn practice hour add up to a hazy outlook for the Mustang junior varsity basketball team but after four games in the next week, the season perspective should be quite a bit clearer.

"These first games should tell us a lot about where we're going this year," said George Koffler, in his first year at the JV roundball helm. "Right now there are a lot of variables."

Koffler is in the process of inducting his 11-man squad into a new offensive set up which, he said, operates around three basic plays with about four options off of each one. Koffler plans to stick with a man-to-man offensive and will also play man-to-man defense "about 90 per cent of the time".

The junior Mustangs will have their first chance to try out the system today (Thursday) against the visiting Lone Cards.

"We've got good height for a JV team, we're not bad speed-wise and I think we'll hang in with our rebounding," Koffler said, adding that outside shooting doesn't appear to be one of his team's fortes.

Koffler is looking to his three transfer players to contribute some help to the

team effort. Todd Sherer and Scott Sherer recently transferred from Ione and Darrel Bigelow is a recent addition from Prineville. Of the returning junior varsity players, Ron Ward, a 6'3" junior, figures to be a top rebounder while 5'11" Mike Stookey and 5'9" Bob Miller should add some scoring punch along

with 6'0" sophomore Richard Schmidt.

Adding some stability to the team will be four starters off last year's well-coached and disciplined freshman team. Ron Young, Larry Palmer, Joedy Mariatt and Eric Clow played together as a starting unit and should see plenty of game time this year.

G T SPORTS



In the hopper

Prep roundball season gets underway this week

Day seeks aggressive tempo

Heppner varsity coach Tom Day held his first inter-squad scrimmage of the year Tuesday evening in preparation for the Mustang season opener Friday at Ione.

Day is taking a closer look at his players before deciding on a lineup and competition among the 11 squad members is still close for inclusion in the starting five.

Aggressive play in the scrimmage was to be an important factor in deciding who gets the starting nod, Day said early Tuesday.

"I don't want the players to have to force their actions but tight, aggressive play is what I'm looking for," Day said. "Playing aggressively while still maintaining poise is the type of play I want."

Experience on the Mustangs will come from five senior members including 6'0" Gordon Hoffnagle, 6'0" Mark Huddleston, 6'0" Sam Myers,

6'1" Jerry Cutsforth and 5'10" Ken Grieb.

From the junior class comes

6'4" Howard Huddleston, 6'2" Dave Piper, 5'10" Dennis Peck and 5'9" Bryan Marlin.

Rounding out the squad are two sophomores, 5'11" Jim Parker and 6'1" Dale Holland.

Card lineup still open

As of Tuesday, Card coach Del LaRue had narrowed his choices down to seven players to send out on the court in Friday's home opener against Heppner.

"We're a little behind schedule," LaRue said. "The snow hurt us and a few players have been out of town or sick—I guess you could say we lost almost a week of work."

LaRue has settled on a backcourt starting duo of Danny McElligott and Dennis Stefani and said Kevin McCabe had nailed down one of the forward spots. The other two slots still remain open with two seniors, 6'1" Rick Gilbert and 6'0" Dennis Thompson vying for the post and 6'0" junior John Lindstrom and 5'11" Robin LaRue in the running for the other forward. Rounding out the squad are three sophomores, 5'5" Glenn Krebs, 5'9" Bruce Millman and 5'8" Terry Starr.

Practice sessions in the past week have been geared toward skill refinement and drills after an opening week of conditioning work.

Concerning the Cards opening contest, LaRue said he would have to "play it by ear".

"Heppner has a new coach and I really can't anticipate too much," LaRue said. "We'll just have to play it straight and take it to them."

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1977-78

AWAY GAMES IN BOLD FACE TYPE

Fri. Dec. 2	6:00	Ione	
Sat. Dec. 3	6:00	Helix	
Mon. Dec. 5	7:30	Hermiston	Girls only
Fri. Dec. 9	7:00	Heppner Tournament, Con-	Boys
Sat. Dec. 10	9:00	don, Riverside, Union	only
Fri. Dec. 16	6:00	Ione	
Sat. Dec. 17	6:00	Helix	
Thurs. Dec. 22	7:30	Hermiston	Girls only
Wed. Dec. 28		White Salmon Tournament.	
Thurs. Dec. 29		Lyle, Heppner, Stevenson	
Fri. Jan. 6	6:00	Pilot Rock	
Fri. Jan. 13	6:00	Oregon Trail	
Sat. Jan. 14	6:00	Weston-McEwen	
Fri. Jan. 20	6:00	Umatilla	
Sat. Jan. 21	6:00	Sherman County	
Tues. Jan. 24	6:00	Wasco County	
Fri. Jan. 27	6:00	Weston-McEwen	
Fri. Feb. 3	6:00	Pilot Rock	
Sat. Feb. 4	6:00	Condon	
Tues. Feb. 7	6:00	Umatilla	
Fri. Feb. 10	6:00	Oregon Trail	
Sat. Feb. 11	6:00	Riverside	

JV Cardinals list 7 frosh, 5 returnees

Five returning players will be joined by seven freshmen freshman on this year's Ione junior varsity basketball team coached by Gordon Meyers.

Meyers said progress has been hampered by practice cancellations due to bad weather and the fact that the JV team has to share gym space

with the freshman team at Ione. With only a few practices under their belt, the JV's are pretty much of an unknown factor at this time, Meyers said.

The team has patterned its offense after the varsity system and Meyers said he will adapt his defensive strategy to fit his style of players.

The Card roster lists one junior, 5'11" Rick Doherty and four sophomores, all back

from last year; 5'7" Larry Snider, 5'7" Tim Holtz, 5'10" Mike Conklin and 5'7" Jerry Rietmann.

Freshmen joining the team this year include; 5'10" Les Thompson, 5'9" Greg Rietmann, 5'10" Shawn LaRue, 6'1" Mark Patton, 5'9" Ralph Morter, 5'6" Treve Peterson and 5'11" Barney Rea.

The junior varsity Cards open their season today (Thursday) at Heppner.

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Gardner's	24	16
Central Market	22	18
Coast-to-Coast	21	19
Sears	19½	20½
Peterson's Jewelry	18½	21½
Jerry's Mobil	15	25
Bucnam's Tavern	12	28

Split conversions:

Roxie Lovgren, 5-10
Roberta Klaus, 5-6-10

HIGHLIGHTS:

Roxie Lovgren, 194 High Game

Roxie Lovgren, 496 High Series

Jerry's Mobile, 945 Team Game

Gardner's, 2715 Team Series

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