

Rockets sink Fillies by 4

The shooting touch of the Fillies hit the skids again in the fourth quarter, allowing Pilot Rock to ease past Heppner 34-30 in the conference opener Friday at Heppner.

"It seemed like an instant replay of the last four games," said Filly coach Sherri Brock. The Fillies have had a hard time surviving the final period lately as they have held leads going into the fourth quarter only to see them disappear by slim margins. Against Pilot Rock, the Fillies took a two point edge after three quarters but added only four points to their total while the Rockets closed out with 10 points.

Heppner started the game at a disadvantage since three players—Cindy Kerr, Jackie Mollahan and Janice Healy—were all out of action. Brock said the team played well under the circumstances especially early in the game. Heppner was down by three after the opening quarter but came back to lead by two at

intermission.

"We played excellent defense and were really thinking on offense," Brock said. "Towards the end we started to get a little shaky, with the game as close as it was."

Lori Rhea led the Fillies with 11 points including a couple of good driving buckets early in the game. Maureen Healy added seven points and collected 13 rebounds. Healy was also credited with 11 possessions gained in the contest. Wendy Myers and Geri Grieb both tossed in four points and Myers pulled down eight rebounds.

As a team, the Fillies shot 35 per cent from the floor and were six of 19 from the free throw line. Heppner came up with 17 steals and turned the ball over 22 times.

The Fillies, who have repeatedly come up on the short end of close ballgames, now stand 4-5 on the year and 0-1 in the Columbia Basin Conference, and are hoping that their luck is about to change.

Mustangs drop CBC opener

It must have seemed like they had been there before when Heppner entered the third quarter of a tight ball game and watched Pilot Rock leave them in the dust enroute

to 72-61 Columbia Basin Conference win over the Mustangs Friday.

The same thing happened a week before against Stevenson when a weak third quarter

sunk the Mustangs hopes of another tournament championship.

Against Pilot Rock, Heppner held a one point lead after the opening period and trailed

by only three at intermission. But in the third quarter, the Rockets exploded for 20 points while the Mustangs could manage just eight. A final period rally reduced the lead to eight points but it was too little too late.

A big portion of Pilot Rock's offense came from Jeff Lavender, a 6'5" junior standout who scored 25 points and pulled some key offensive rebounds. The Rockets also got a 16 point performance from sophomore Jim Post.

Bryan Marlin connected on 10 of 22 shots for 22 points to lead the Mustangs. Dennis Peck added 17 points and Ken Grieb hit four of six shots for eight points. As a team, Heppner hit 43 per cent from the field.

Rebounding for both teams was about even with Jerry Cutsforth collecting ten, Peck eight and Dale Holland seven to add to the Mustangs total of 43. Pilot Rock picked up 22 points at the foul line on 20 attempts while Heppner missed nine of 14 free throws.

Mustang coach Tom Day said the eight point output in the third quarter hurt in the game but added that the team played well in both the first and last periods. He credited Cutsforth with a strong game both defensively and on the boards. Day also said Holland did a fairly good job of containing Lavender.

The pace of the game stepped up in the second half when Heppner was forced out of its patterned offense and had to run with the Rockets. Day said his team needs to keep the game more under control in order to play most effectively.

The loss in the CBC opener leaves the Mustangs with a 7-2 season record and 0-1 in conference play.



The referee didn't buy this Pilot Rock defender's attempt at drawing a charge from Bryan Marlin. The Mustangs didn't help themselves much at the foul line—missing nine of 14 attempts.

HHS freshmen fall 64-40

For the second time this season, Heppner's freshman Mustangs found themselves on the short end of the rebounding chart and for the second time they came up on the short end of the scoreboard as Weston-McEwen whipped the HHS frosh 64-40 Thursday.

Heppner managed to stay close in the first quarter but from there the Tiger-Scots pulled away—taking a 10 point lead at halftime and stretching it to 19 after three periods. Under the boards, W-M took a 39-29 edge and they also displayed the hot shooting hand, burning the net for 30 of

67 shots—a 45 per cent clip—while the Mustangs hit only 30 per cent of their attempts—17 of 56.

Mustang coach Dale Holland said his team was defended well by the Tiger-Scots who boxed out to keep Heppner out of rebounding position.

"We broke down defensively in the second quarter," Holland said. "We didn't get back well when they ran on us and we couldn't go to the boards." Tony Currin canned eight of 12 shots to total 16 points and lead the Mustang scorers. Jim Launer tossed in 11 to go with his ten boards. Ken Stookey

came off the bench to score five and turn in a good defensive performance, Holland said.

The freshman Mustangs now stand 4-2 on the season.



Grace McElligott crosses the mid-court line with three Ukiah players in hot pursuit during Ione's 38-34 overtime win Friday.

Ukiah falls to lady Cardinals

Carol McElligott entered the game in the second half to score 10 points and lead the Ione varsity girls to a come from behind 38-34 overtime win over Ukiah Friday at Ione.

The Cards trailed through most of the game but rallied in the final period to take a two point lead with eight seconds remaining in regulation play. Ukiah tied the game to send it into overtime but the Cougars were blanked in the three minute extra period. Baskets by McElligott and Darcy Rea proved to be the winning margin for Ione.

Ione started the game with all three of its point guards out of action and the Cards were three points down at intermis-

sion. The Cougar lead was four points after three periods before the Cards put together their winning rally.

Card coach Martha Doherty said she was pleased with the way Ione came back in the second half to take the lead. She pointed to the Cards' 36-34 rebounding edge and the low total of 12 turnovers as important factors in the game. Ukiah turned the ball over 19 times.

Susan Thompson was the leading Card scorer with 11 points followed by McElligott with 10, Rea with eight and Grace McElligott with four. Thompson and Rea led the team in rebounding with nine and seven, respectively.



Lori Rhea dishes off a pass to a teammate in Heppner's 34-30 loss to Pilot Rock. Rhea scored 11 points to lead the Fillies.

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