Mustangs drop back in CBC race by splitting pair

Heppner clamps down on Wasco 61-48

Columbia Basin Conference

East		West	
Weston-McEwen	7-2	Sherman County	8-0
Pilot Rock	7-2	Riverside	5-2
Heppner	3-4	Condon	2-4
Oregon Trail	2-6	Wasco County	0-8
Umatilla	1-7		

Heppner's bid to keep pace with the conference leaders was dealt a serious blow Friday when the Mustangs were tripped up by Weston-McEwen 75-60 at Heppner.

Earlier in the week, the Mustangs traveled to Wasco County where they dispensed with the Redsides in the two teams' only meeting of the season by a 61-48 score.

At Wasco, the Mustangs relied on their stingy man-to-man defense to hold the Redsides to only 17 field goals in 62 attempts, a 27 per cent effort. Meanwhile, Heppner found the range on 44 per cent of their shots from the floor and converted on exactly half of their 34 shots from the line.

Heppner took the lead early and stretched out their lead in each successive quarter—going on top by two after the opening period, six at the half and 13 after three periods. In the final period, the Mustangs took only seven shots but converted on four to seal the win.

Leading a balanced scoring attack was Dennis Peck with 12 oints followed by Jim Parker with 11, Ken Grieb with 10, Howard Huddleston with seven, Mark Huddleston with six and Dale Holland with five.

The Mustangs also controlled the boards by pulling 40 rebounds to 32 for Wasco. Howard Huddleston, in his first starting role of the season, grabbed 10 boards and Jerry Cutsforth contributed six.

Mustang coach Tom Day credited his team with a good overall defensive effort and added that both Huddleston and Parker—non-starters at the beginning of the year—turned in good games along with Lionel Wood who was recently brought up from the junior varsity team.

"Wasco is a young team, with a couple of freshmen and a sophomore playing a lot for them," Day said. "At times we really shut them down with good defense."

Offensively, the Mustangs clicked for 14 assists, including five handed out by Peck but they turned the ball over 30 times, 14 in the final period.

Howard Huddleston goes up for two of his six points against league leading Tiger-Scots. Heppner's loss dimmed hopes of a tourney berth.

Weston-McEwen dumps 'Stangs again 75-60 for seventh win

Heppner found themselves in trouble from the start against Weston-McEwen Friday and ended up losing to the Columbia Basin Conference eastern leaders by a 75-60 margin.

The Mustangs trailed by nine after the opening period and scored only 11 points in the second quarter to all 16 points back at intermission.

"Our biggest problem was lack of quickness," said Mustang coach Tom Day. "We just didn't play up to our potential."

Both teams shot 40 per cent from the floor but the Tiger-Scots got off 20 more attempts than the Mustangs—hitting 34 of 85 while Heppner connected on 26 of 65 attempts. The Mustangs picked up eight points from the line on 18 attempts.

Heppner was only whistled for 10 violations in the game, two in the first half, which limited Weston-McEwen's output at the line to five points in eight attempts. In the first meeting of the two teams early in the year, the Mustangs were tagged with 22 fouls.

Dennis Peck nailed 10 of 22 shots and totaled 23 points to lead the Mustangs in scoring. Sam Myers had seven, Howard Huddleston six and Jerry Cutsforth five. Dale Holland collected 11 rebounds and Huddleston grabbed 10.

"They are shooters," Day said of the Tiger-Scots. "We had some defensive breakdowns and allowed them to get a lot of lay-ins."

The Mustangs are now 0-3 in league play on their home court, a string that they hope to break Saturday when Condon comes to town.

City League Results

Clint Barber nailed 13 points, Mike Smith had 10 and both Charlie Sumner and Delbert Binchus added eight points to lead Greenup to a 68-47 win over Galbraith in the first game of city league basketball action Sunday. Chuck Ernst scored 23 and both Bob Krein and Mike Schwartz had 10 for Galbraith.

Behind the 16 point effort by Jim Lankford and seven points from Rob Eckman, Eckman pulled out a 44-40 come-from-behind win over VanMarter in the second game. LaVerne VanMarter racked up 19 and Bob Green added seven for VanMarter.

In the final game, Del LaRue even used his left hand once as both he and Tom Day scored 16 points to pace Summers past Watkins 69-45. Marvin Lane added 14 for the winners while Gary Watkins had 13 and Gary Kemp scored nine for Watkins.

This week's schedule will be:
6 p.m. Greenup-VanMarter
7 p.m. Summers-Galbraith
8 p.m. Eckman-Watkins

Jr. High Cards fall

Two late baskets lifted Oregon Trail past Ione 32-29 in boys 8th grade Junior High basketball action Thursday at Ione.

Ione had led for most of the game before the Blazers took command at the end. The Cards were led by John Murray with 11 points, Jeff Hams with nine, Chris Rietmann with three and Tim Patton, Denny Starr and Craig Gutierrez each with two points.

Earlier in the year, the Cards had dropped another close game to OT by two points.

The Ione 7th grade boys team also dropped their contest with Oregon Trail by a 28-21 margin.

Roger Morter hit 11 points to lead the Cards while both Vince McElligott and Roger Childers scored four and Darin Padberg added a pair.

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Wheeler stops lady Cards as Falcon stars shine

Wheeler put together an 18 point scoring burst in the second quarter to lead by 10 at halftime and from there the Falcons cruised to a 52-32 win over Ione Saturday at Ione.

Fourteen of the 18 second period points came from Peg Hoover, the Falcons standout guard who totaled 32 for the game. Center Val Shean added 18 points as the pair combined for all but two of Wheeler's point total.

Grace McElligott led the lady Cards with 11 points, Janet McElligott added seven, Darcy Rea had six and Michelle McElligott, Carol McElligott, Susan Thompson and Lori Edwards each contributed a pair.

As a team, Ione shot 34 per cent from the floor, hitting 13 of 38 shots. Wheeler had three more field goals than the Cards in the game but the telling factor was at the foul line where the Falcons hit 20 of 35 free throw shots while Ione missed 12 of 18.

Neither team held an advantage on the boards as Ione picked up 28 rebounds to 30 for Wheeler. The Cards turned the ball over 34 times and Wheeler lost the ball 29 times.

"We played them fairly even in the first period but in the second quarter the story was Peg Hoover," said Card coach Martha Doherty. "Then in the second half we stopped shooting for some reason."

Ione took only nine shots in the third period and seven in the final period as they scored 13 points after intermission.

Three Wheeler defenders close in on Martha McElligott as she heads down court. Lady Cards dropped the game 52-32.

IJH girls go 7-0

Ione Junior High's 8th grade girls team upped their season mark to seven wins without a loss by knocking off Oregon Trail for the second time this year 23-15 Thursday at Ione.

Mary Kincaid led the Ione scoring attack with 15 points while both Diane Morter and Michelle LaRue added four. The Cards led from the start, taking a 4-2 lead after the first period, stretching it to 10-4 at the half and leading by 15-8 after three periods.

Other players on the team include: Anita Palmer, Bunny Salchenburg, Margaret Doherty, Sharon Kroll, Ann Murray, Liz McElligott, Corby Sullivan and Tammy Holtz.

8th grade Pony girls top Pirates

After breaking open a close game in the early minutes, Heppner Junior High's 8th grade Pony girls coasted to a 42-20 win over Riverside Thursday at Riverside.

"We thought we had a tough game on our hands when the score was 4-3" said Pony coach Teresa Deford. "But we settled down and started the play after that."

Darcy Holloman, Sandra Ward and Sherri McMinn each scored eight points to lead the Ponies while Karen Kenny and Cindy Bergstrom had six, Donna Devin added four and Cindy Gochnauer netted two points.

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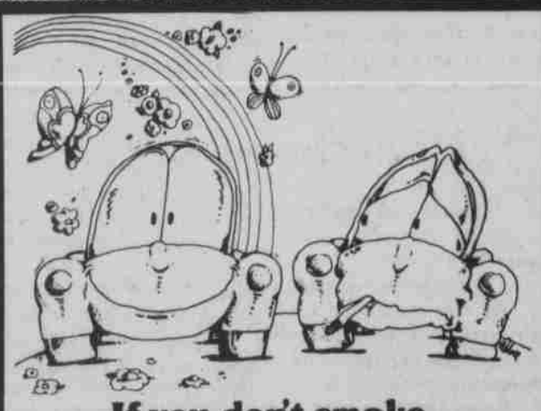
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