

Mustangs gunned down by Rockets; break loose for Condon rout, 90-73

Pilot Rock harassed Heppner into a 23 per cent shooting night and handed the Mustangs an 80-49 shellacking Friday on the road but their shooting touch returned the following night as Heppner racked up its highest point total in recent years by stopping Condon 90-73.

Few things went right for the Mustangs against the Rockets and flickering playoff hopes were apparently snuffed for good. Heppner shooters connected on only one of 12 shots in the opening period while the Rockets were reeling off 18 points to take a commanding lead.

The shots weren't dropping with much more frequency for the rest of the game as the Mustangs ended with 16 buckets on 67 attempts.

They didn't fare much better on the boards where Pilot Rock pulled 42 rebounds to Heppner's 34. The Mustangs were whistled for 26 violations with several players getting into foul trouble and three eventually fouling out of the game.

"Bad fouls and sloppy defense really told the story," said Mustang coach Tom Day. "The only bright spot was the shooting from the line."

Although the shots weren't falling from the field, the Mustangs connected on a hot 17 of 19 shots from the line. Still they came up short in that department as Pilot Rock racked up 22 foul shots in 31 attempts.

Leading the Heppner scoring was: Dennis Peck with 13 points, Jim Parker with 11, Howard Huddleston with six and Ken Grieb with five.

Peck also led the team in rebounding, collecting seven boards. Parker and Dale Holland added six, Huddleston had five and Mark Huddleston pulled four.

For Pilot Rock, Jim Post topped the scoring with 19. Sam Myers and Holland held Rocket star and CBC scoring leader Jeff Lavender to 16 points in the game, nine below his season average.

Returning to their home-court Saturday against the Blue Devils, Heppner turned loose its offensive attack and rolled to their highest point total in at least the last five years.

"I figured a change was due," said Heppner coach Tom Day of the wide open offense. "We got down the floor quickly and threw up a lot of shots."

Eighty-six shots to be exact, and Heppner connected on 32 of them for a 37 per cent clip. The Mustangs also turned in another good game at the line, hitting 26 of 36 free throw attempts.

Four players hit double figures for Heppner, led by Dennis Peck who hit nine of 18 shots for a total of 21 points. Jim Parker scored 17 while

both Dale Holland and Mark Huddleston put in 14. Howard Huddleston contributed eight points and Jerry Cutsforth

nailed seven. Heppner pulled 58 rebounds to Condon's total of 31 with Parker's 13 and Cutsforth's

nine leading the way. Holland and Mark Huddleston both grabbed eight boards in the game.



Dennis Peck takes off for two of his 21 points in the Mustangs 90-73 win over Condon Friday. Heppner picked up another win Tuesday, turning back Umatilla 72-69.

JV Cards climb above .500 by taking Helix and Arlington

A no contest 51-15 win over Helix Friday and a strong 52-39 victory over Arlington Saturday pushed the lone jr. varsity Cardinals over the .500 mark for the season with a 6-5 record.

Friday against Helix the game was never close as all the Card players got on the scoreboard. Ralph Morter led the attack with 12 points while Greg Reitmann scored 10. Mark Patton pulled a dozen rebounds and Morter added nine for the Cards who

dominated the game in every department.

The following night, lone traveled to Arlington to take on a Honker team which already this season had turned back the Cards on their own homecourt. This time the result was different with lone taking a three point lead after the first quarter and stretching it to seven at the half.

"The first time we played them they got us down in the first half and we just couldn't turn the corner," said Card

coach Gordon Meyers. "This time we led all the way and used a tough man-to-man defense to shut them down."

The defense turned up 17 steals in the game—Les Thompson coming up with six and Shawn LaRue swiping the ball four times.

Offensively, Ralph Morter again led with 15 points, Mark Patton scored 12 to go along with a game high 11 rebounds and Greg Reitmann added eight.

Mustang JVs close year with Condon win, 58-26

Saving the best for last, Heppner's junior varsity Mustangs nailed 52 per cent of their shots and came up with their best defense all year in stopping Condon 58-26 to close the year. The win brought the JV Mustangs final season mark to 7-8 after they had earlier in the week dropped a 68-45 decision to Pilot Rock and fell short against Weston-McEwen 61-50.

Starting the week at Pilot Rock, Heppner got off to a slow first quarter and found themselves down by 16. The gap was too much to overcome as the Mustangs were on target with only 27 per cent of their shots from the floor and turned the ball over 23 times.

Lionel Wood was the leading Mustang scorer with 11 points and both Scott Sherer and

Todd Sherer added eight.

Hosting Weston-McEwen Friday, Heppner was plagued by defensive lapses in the second half and were outscored by the Tiger-Scots 34 to 26 after intermission.

Darrel Bigelow led the Mustangs with 11 points and both Todd Sherer and Larry Palmer hit double figures with 10. For the first time all season, Heppner reached the break even point at the free throw line, hitting eight of 16 attempts for an even 50 per cent.

Saturday, in the season finale, the Mustangs turned their three point halftime lead into a rout as they outscored the Blue Devils 39 to 10 in the second half.

Heppner's 52 per cent per-

formance from the floor included many inside shots against the outmanned Condon which managed only 13 rebounds to 47 for the Mustangs.

Mike Stookey led the way with 14 points and 15 boards, Darrel Bigelow had 11 and Richard Schmidt totaled 10 points and eight boards.

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Fillies continue tourney bid

Heppner's Fillies stayed in the running for a district tournament berth by splitting two weekend conference games—losing to Pilot Rock 31-23 before coming back to down Condon 50-27.

Twenty-nine turnovers and a 22 per cent shooting average from the field kept Heppner out of the win column for the second time this season against the Rockets, who had earlier beaten the Fillies by four points.

Maureen Healy came up

with team high figures in both scoring and rebounding as she hit seven points and pulled down 11 boards.

Lori Rhea and Diane Holland both added six points to Heppner's total while Geri Grieb scored four points and gathered six rebounds.

"We played a good defensive game," said Filly coach Sherri Brock. "But we just threw the ball away too much."

Pilot Rock also had trouble holding on to the ball as

Heppner came up with 34 steals in the game, 13 by Healy.

Against Condon, the Fillies upped their league record to 6-3 and their overall mark to 10-7 with a convincing start to finish win.

Heppner led by seven points after the opening quarter and then held the BlueDevils to two points in the second period while scoring 18 points themselves. The Fillies improved their shooting from the floor over the previous night by

canning 33 per cent of their shots. They didn't find much help at the line though, missing on their only two free throw attempts while Condon picked up seven points on 17 attempts.

Maureen Healy again paced the Fillies with 14 points, 13 rebounds and three assists. Shelley Thompson hit double figures with 10 points, Lori Rhea added eight and Diane Holland hit six to go along with seven boards.

Lady Cardinals rule Big Sky loop, boost league record to 3-0

The lady Cards notched two more Big Sky Conference wins over the weekend, getting

their offense in gear for a 42-38 win over Helix Friday and turning the tables the next

night with a tight defensive effort to stop Arlington 27-18.

The taller Helix team was able to control the game under the boards, especially at the defensive end, as they outrebounded the Cards 51-35. But lone matched Helix basket for basket and the game was tied going into the final minute and a half of play.

From there, Grace McElligott handled the rest of the scoring as she hit a jumper and a lay-up to provide the four point margin. McElligott finished the game with a team high 13 points while Janet McElligott totaled six points and nine boards. Darcy Rea and Susan Thompson both added six points and Martha McElligott and Carol McElligott scored two.

Card Coach Martha Doherty pointed to the 36 turnovers committed by the Grizzlies as an important factor in the game. The Cards only turned the ball over 12 times in picking up the win.

Saturday, the lady Cards traveled to Arlington and although they may have left their offense at home, their defense was more than enough as Arlington was kept off the scoreboard in the first half. Lone built up a 12 point margin by intermission and coasted to the win. This time it was lone controlling the boards, pulling 59 rebounds to 38 for the Honkers.

Lone shot only 18 per cent from the floor in the game but still topped Arlington's 16 per cent output. Darcy Rea hit double figures with 12 points, Susan Thompson added seven and Janet McElligott had six.

Lone now sports a 3-0 league mark and has a firm hold on the conference lead behind Arlington at 1-2 and Helix at 0-2.



Grace McElligott provided the winning buckets in lone's 42-38 victory over Helix Friday. The Card senior had 13 points in the game.

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7th grade Pony boys post win

Heppner Jr. High's 7th grade Pony boys came out in the second half to break open a 14-14 tie and cruise to a 44-29 win over Condon Thursday.

Mike Currin hit double figures for the Ponies with 10 points, Greg Connor nailed eight and both Matt Barnes and Billy Smith hit six.

The win raised the Ponies record to 5-3 on the year.

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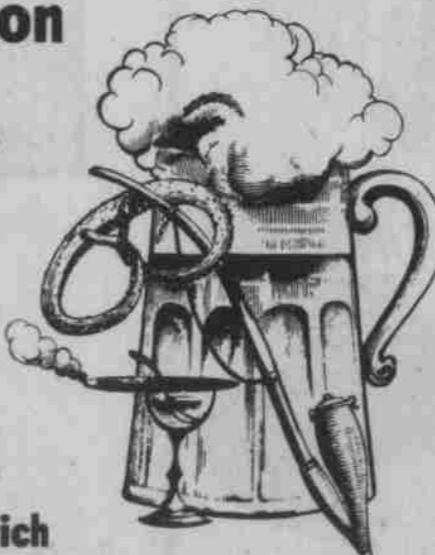
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