

Fillies head for district

The Fillies tuned up for today's (Thursday) district tournament showdown by walking over two conference opponents in impressive fashion last weekend—first, swamping Oregon Trail 57-12 and then closing their regular season schedule by running past Riverside 59-17.

Heppner will take on Wasco County in the first round of the district tournament scheduled for Thursday at 3 p.m. in the Pendleton Armory.

Hosting Oregon Trail Friday, the Fillies held the Blazers to only two points in each of the first two periods while totaling 28 points themselves. Not until the fourth quarter did Oregon Trail reach double figures and by that time the Fillies had already crossed the half century mark.

Shelley Thompson came through with her biggest scoring output of the year, totaling 14 points to lead all scorers. Jackie Mollahan added 12 points, Julie Grieb had 10 and Maureen Healy recorded eight points and 13 rebounds.

Heppner picked up 28 steals in the game while turning the ballover 22 times.

In their regular season finale, the Fillies had only seven healthy players but still managed to get their run and gun offense in high gear for a 59-17 rout of the Pirates.

Heppner tossed up 79 shots in the game, hitting 21 for a 27

per cent clip. From the free throw line, the Fillies converted 13 of 28 shots for 46 per cent.

Maureen Healy led the Fillies in both scoring and rebounding as she racked up 17 points and 15 boards. Jackie Mollahan added 13 points and Shelley Thompson turned in her second straight game in double figures with 12. Janice Healy pulled down 11 boards and Julie Grieb added seven to help the Fillies take a 48 to 19

rebounding advantage.

The Fillies closed their regular campaign with a 13-7 overall mark and 9-3 record in league play. Only one of Heppner's seven losses came by more than five points.

Entering the district tournament, the Fillies are still not at full strength, with Jana Steagall out of the lineup with a foot injury and Wendy Myers listed as a doubtful starter due to an ankle sprain. Jackie Mollahan will be play-

ing on a sprained ankle suffered in the win over Riverside and Cindy Kerr is gradually working back into the lineup after sitting out several weeks with a foot injury.

With an average victory margin of 33 points in their last four games, Filly coach Sherri Brock said she thinks her team has built up necessary confidence and should be ready for a good showing in the tournament.



Tourney bound

front row (l to r) Geri Grieb, Wendy Myers, Janice Healy, Maureen Healy, Jackie Mollahan. Back row (l to r) Coach Sherri Brock, Lori Rhea, Shelley Thompson, Diane Holland, Cindy Kerr and Julie Grieb.

Rockets top Ponies in overtime 47-42

It took an overtime period to do it, but Pilot Rock set back Heppner Jr. High's 8th grade Pony boys 47-42 Thursday at Pilot Rock. It was the second loss of the year for the Ponies, with both defeats coming at the hand of the Rockets.

Heppner got off to a slow start and had to battle back from an eight-point deficit at

the half. The Ponies were still down by seven after three periods but they outscored the Rockets 16-9 in the final frame to send the game into overtime.

Three Ponies hit double figures in the game with Doug Holland leading the way with 14 points. Both Dorian Forrar and Rick Klaus canned 10,

Robert Bier added six and Don Lott contributed a pair. As a team, Heppner put in three more field goals than the Rockets, hitting 19 of 44 shots for 43 per cent.

The Ponies converted five of nine free throws for 53 per cent but the Rockets took advantage of 22 trips to the line and picked up 15 points.

Pony girls ease by Pilot Rock 33-30

Holding off a late-game Pilot Rock rally, despite having two starters leave the game on fouls, Heppner Jr. High's 8th grade Pony girls pulled out a 33-30 win over the Rockets Thursday on the road.

The win, which coach Teresa Deford called the team's best effort of the year, made up for a season opening 44-12

loss to Pilot Rock.

Sherri McMinn paved the way to the win with 13 points and Darcy Holloman added 10. The Rockets were led by Rocky Lambert and Rosilyn Reeser, both with nine.

The first quarter ended deadlocked at nine apiece before the ponies broke loose to take an 11-point margin at

halftime. Pilot Rock closed the gap slightly in the third period and came on strong in the final quarter to come within three.

"The win was an all out team effort," Coach Deford said. "The girls really wanted to win this one and they came through."

City League Results

VanMarter finally broke into the win column with a 56-44 win over Summers in the first game of city league basketball action Sunday. Daryle Spivey paced the winners with 16 points, LaVerne VanMarter added 14 and Frank Pearson had 11. Tom Day led the losers with 15 and Marvin Lane nailed seven.

Twenty-two points from Jim Lankford and four points from Dave McLaughlin, Dave Eckman and Ken Eckman pushed Eckman past Greenup 42-33 in the second game. Clint Barber hit 14 and Don Barber, Mike Smith and Dana Heidemman each had four for the losers.

In the final game, Chuck Ernst poured in 32 points, Lee Padberg hit 11 and Art Galbraith added 10 to lead Galbraith past Watkins 62-40. John McCabe and Duane Neiffer both had eight and Gary Watkins and Karmon Bjella hit six for Watkins.

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

G T SPORTS

Cards blast Umapine 70-56; fall to Honkers again 74-41

Behind Dennis Stefani's 26 points, Ione blew past Umapine 70-56 Friday, but the following night the Cards fell victim to Arlington 74-41 to put the pressure on for a stretch run at a district tourney berth.

Friday at Umapine the Cards used a 26 point second period scoring burst to overcome a five point deficit and take control of the game. Ione stretched its nine point halftime lead to 14 after three periods and from there, coasted to the win.

Putting down 31 of their 76 shots for 41 per cent, Ione out shot the hosts who connected on 26 of 68 for 38 per cent. The Cards also showed an edge at the free throw line, hitting eight of 16 compared to 4 of 11 for Umapine.

While picking up his 26 points, Stefani also dished out eight assists to his teammates. Kevin McCabe ended the game with 15 points to go along with a game-high 14 rebounds and Robin LaRue added 14 points and eight boards. McCabe and LaRue led Ione to a 47-37 rebounding advantage in the game.

Dan McElligott turned in a good all around performance with eight points, six steals and five assists while Rick Gilbert, Dennis Thompson and John Lindstrom each scored a pair.

The next night at Arlington, the Cards got left in the starting gate again but this time they couldn't recover as the Honkers blasted them for the third time in three encounters this season.

"We just couldn't get the ball to drop," Card coach Del LaRue said of his team, which hit only 17 of 61 shots for 28 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Honkers were nailing 30 of their 60 shots and outscoring the Cards in every period. Arlington controlled the game under the boards, pulling down 45 rebounds to 24 for Ione. The Cards did hit seven of ten free throws but were still left behind in that department as the Honkers canned 14 of 23. Kevin McCabe paced the Cards with 13 points and also led in rebounding with seven. Robin LaRue hit double fig-

ures with 10 points, Dan McElligott had eight, Terry Starr four and Rick Gilbert, Dennis Thompson and Bruce Millman each had two.

Dennis Stefani started the game but had to leave after five minutes due to illness and his status for the Cards remaining games is question-

able. The Cards now stand at 3-3 in league play with three games remaining—Helix and Umapine at home this weekend and Helix on the road. The cards are faced with a must-win situation in two of the three games if they are to reach the district playoffs.

7-3 record

Ponies finish with win

"It wasn't our best win but at least it was a win," said Heppner Jr. High's 8th grade Pony girls coach Teresa Deford, of her team's 44-32 win over Umatilla Tuesday.

Cindy Gochbauer and Sandra Ward both scored 12 points to lead the Ponies, Darcy

Holloman had seven, Cindi Bergstrom six, Sherri McMinn four, Donna Devin two and Karen Kenny one.

"We weren't playing good defense until the last two quarters but we managed to pull it out," Deford said.

The Ponies closed their season with a 7-3 record.

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