

Mustangs trample

Ione and Helix

The Heppner Mustangs out-shot and out-rebounded teams from Ione and Helix last week to capture a pair of lopsided victories.

During a Friday night trip to Ione, nine Mustangs got on the scoreboard, racking up a total of 65 points to the Cardinals' 43.

Dennis Peck picked up 12 points for Heppner, as did Jim Parker. Bryan Marlin also scored in double figures, tallying 10 points. Mike Stookney was good for seven; Todd Sherer and Curtis Day, each six; Larry Palmer, Dale Holland and John Bier, each with four.

The Mustangs more than doubled the rebounding rate of Ione, with Heppner bringing down 52 backboard bouncers. Peck picked up nine of the rebounds—not bad for a guard—before he left the game in the third quarter.

"All in all, we played a good game," commented Heppner Coach Tom Day. "I'm very pleased with the results."

When the Mustangs hosted Helix the following night, the result was not a textbook example of premier high school basketball. But Heppner wound up securely in the

winner's circle, with scoring ending at 73-36 in Heppner's favor.

A dozen Heppner players scored points in the lopsided contest, with Jim Parker leading the pack with 12 points. Stookney and Sherer each tallied ten, followed by John Bier with eight; Lionel Wood, seven; Rick Cole, six; Bryan Marlin, Darrel Bigelow, Dale Holland and Larry Palmer, each with four; Dennis Peck and Curtis Day, each with two.

The Mustangs maintained a shooting average in the vicinity of 42 per cent, and were 65 per cent successful from the free throw line.

Officials kept their whistles warm throughout the game, calling 19 fouls against Helix and 15 against Heppner—11 of them in the first half.

"It was a pretty sloppy game," Coach Day conceded. Parker, Stookney, Day and Wood led the Mustang's rebounding game, with Heppner bringing down 46.

The Mustang boys' varsity will remain idle—except for a few practice sessions—until Jan. 5, when they meet Stanfield.



Going up!

Dale Holland, a 6-2 junior, goes up for two points as the Mustangs rolled to a 65-43 win over the Ione Cardinals Friday. The Fillies dumped the lady Cards 58-10 earlier in the evening.

Weekend nets wins for Heppner Fillies

Fresh from a tournament victory in Condon the previous week, the Heppner Fillies had victory on their minds when they met Ione and Helix during action this weekend.

The Fillies may not be welcome in Ione for a while, after the visiting Heppner girls took the lady Cards for a 58-10 trip to the cleaners on Friday night.

Geri Grieb led the scoring attack for Heppner with 14 points, followed by Mary Kincaid with 13, Wendy Myers with nine and Alice Abrams with six. A total of nine Fillies scored points in the game.

In addition to scoring, the Heppner girls dominated the backboards, picking up 31 rebounds to Ione's 14. Diann Conner, Maureen Healy and Mary Kincaid each were credited with five rebounds.

In Saturday's contest against Helix, Mary Kincaid spearheaded Heppner's scoring drive, sinking 15 points. Maureen Healy was next with seven points, followed by Jana Stegall with five.

Healy also topped the Fillies under-the-backboards game, bringing down seven of the team's 29 rebounds. The Helix girls were credited with 19 rebounds.

The Fillies end their pre-season schedule tonight, in a home game against Hermiston. Jayvee girls' action is set to start at 6 p.m., with the varsity tip-off slated for 7:30 p.m.

League play begins Jan. 5 against Stanfield, starting at 6 p.m. at Stanfield.

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Stanfield

Donny Taylor and Craig Gutierrez scored in high double figures to spark Ione Junior High's "A" basketball team to a 47-34 win over Stanfield in hoop action last week.

After trailing in the first quarter, the Ione eighth graders exploded for 23 points in the second quarter, controlling the game from halftime on.

Ignoring a height advantage by Stanfield's six-foot-three center, Tim Patton brought down 18 rebounds for the junior Cardinals during an excellent performance under the boards.

Gutierrez scored 19 points for Ione, followed by D. Taylor with 17.

In "B" team action, Ione's seventh graders lost to Stanfield by a 23-19 margin.

Ione trailed Stanfield for nearly the entire length of the contest, with Randy Robb scoring the most points for the fledgling Redbirds with eight. Jeff Key was credited with three points, with Darrin Padberg, Steve Millman, Craig Hams and Larry Sullivan each tallying two points.

Ione junior high net action will continue on Jan. 4 against Riverside, following a break for Christmas activities.

Cardinals beat Condon; lose to HHS Mustangs

The tables seem to have turned for the Cards. Tuesday night the Redbirds outshot, outscored, outrebounded and simply outplayed the bigger Class A, previously undefeated Condon Bluedevils (who have downed Heppner, Arlington and other promising teams).

After their two defeats suffered over the weekend, the Cards seemed red-hot and ready for the 66-59 win over Condon.

"The thing that won the game for us was simply good man-to-man defense," said Ione Coach Del LaRue. "We'd been playing zone before and we just really put the pressure on them tonight," he said.

The Cards outscored the Bluedevils in all but the last quarter, where Condon outscored the Cards 22-14.

"They came back good," said the coach. "They had me a little worried," he admitted.

Kevin McCabe scored 20 points, Dennis Stefani 14, Robin LaRue 12, Danny McElligott 7 and Gregg Rietmann 8, in a game in which LaRue said his team had "a good balance in scoring."

"We had good assists," bragged Coach LaRue. "14" he said, pointing to his sheet. "an that really helps."

The Cards really put it together for the game. They were 70 per cent from the free-throw line, a percentage the coach thinks essential for a win.

The Cards also showed a good board balance with Rietmann and McCabe both grabbing 8 caroms.

Friday night and Saturday night were not nearly as successful for the Redbirds.

Although the Cards dropped both of their games the game play improved drastically from Friday to Saturday, according to Coach LaRue. That improvement must have carried over to the Tuesday night win also.

"We relaxed a lot between the two games," said the Coach, "and played the game just that much better. Friday night (the game was won by the Heppner Mustangs.) we weren't relaxing at all."

Robin LaRue lead the Cards with 10 points, followed by Kevin McCabe with 8. Both Dennis Stefani and Gregg

Rietmann contributed 6, Danny McElligott added 7, John Lindstrom 4 and Mark Patton swished the hoop once for 2.

McCabe out-rebounded all the players hauling in 11 off the boards, followed by Gregg Rietmann with 8.

Even though the Cards were defeated against Condon on Saturday, Coach LaRue seemed to be more satisfied with the way his team had played for him.

"We were playing more like we know how," he said.

Dropping the game by the narrow margin of five baskets much better than the 65-42 loss of the night before. Dennis Stefani led all scorers with 20 points. He was pursued by Robin LaRue with 14 and Kevin McCabe with nine.

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