



Jana Steagall goes up for two points, beating out Riverside defenders. Coach Sheri Brock's Fillies are 9-0 for the season.

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Fillies' hot streak expands with Stanfield, RHS wins

The Heppner Fillies continued to ride a season-long winning streak over the weekend, trampling Stanfield 53-17 and Riverside 58-10.

The weekend wins made the Heppner girls 2-0 in league play and 9-0 for the season. As the scores indicate, the Fillies controlled both games from opening whistle to closing buzzer.

Geri Grieb and Maureen Healy tied for high-scorer honors in the Stanfield contest, with 13 points each. Healy was also the game's

leading rebounder, with nine, followed by Alice Abrams with six.

The Fillies connected on 22 of 55 field goal attempts, while Stanfield got off only 25 shots, sinking five.

Saturday's game against Riverside was an even more decisive victory for the Fillies. The Heppner girls' defensive effort was overwhelming, with the Fillies making a whopping 52 steals and allowing Riverside only one field goal during the course of the game.

Heppner sank 26 of 67 field

goal attempts, with two Fillies, Geri Grieb and Maureen Healy, scoring in double figures. Grieb sank 12 points, Healy was good for ten, and Jackie Mollahan, Jana Steagall and Mary Kincaid each scored eight.

The Fillies brought down 26 rebounds, with Wendy Meyers and Alice Abrams credited with seven apiece.

The Fillies face the defending champion Pilot Rock team at Pilot Rock on Friday, then play Weston-McEwen in a home game on Saturday.

Mustangs nip Stanfield, Riverside

2-0 in league play

The Heppner Mustangs entered regular league play on the right note this past weekend, beating Stanfield 60-53 on Friday and winning a neck-and-neck thriller against Riverside of Boardman on Saturday.

Heppner controlled the game against Stanfield from start to finish, with Dennis Peck scoring nearly half of the Mustangs' points. Peck was credited with 28 points, sinking 14 field goals in 19 attempts for a red-hot 73 per cent success rate.

Mike Stookey and Dale Holland each brought down seven rebounds, and Howard Huddleston gathered in six.

The Mustangs did not have one of their better shooting nights against Stanfield, sinking only 37 per cent of their field goal attempts. From the bonus line, Heppner maintained a 47 per cent success rate.

Huddleston was the only other Mustang to tally double figures, with 10 points to his credit. Stookey was good for seven, Holland scored six, Jim Parker had three and Curtis Day and John Bier each had two.

Monte Ellis of Stanfield scored 28 points in the contest.

Saturday's showdown with Riverside provided fans with more excitement, as the two Morrow County teams staged a nip-and-tuck battle that was not resolved until the final seconds of the game.

The Mustangs played better team ball than the Pirates, with the Heppner defensive effort shining particularly bright.

"We played a lot of helping-type defense," commented Coach Tom Day. "Riverside started out really hot, but then our defense put on the pressure and forced them to take shots that they wouldn't ordinarily take."

The shooting game for the two teams couldn't have been more evenly matched. Both teams sank 23 field goals, taking the identical number of attempts to maintain 35 per cent success rates.

Penalties, as it turned out, made the winning difference for Heppner. The Mustangs were charged with 14 fouls to 23 for Riverside. Heppner converted two out of three trips to the bonus line into points.

More than half of the Pirates' fouls were made during the final quarter, giving the Mustangs 16 free

throws in the final stanza, compared with seven for Riverside.

The Pirates held a 33-32 lead at halftime, trailed by four at the end of the third quarter, and came back to lead 56-55 with just over two minutes showing on the clock in the final frame.

But the last-minute Pirate effort failed to rattle the Mustangs, who refused to make mistakes and continued to control the ball, managing to draw Riverside fouls in the process.

Peck was once more the game's top scorer, with 24 points. Stookey scored 17, followed by Marlin with nine; Jim Parker and Lionel Wood, each with six; and Dale Holland with four.

Holland was the game's top rebounder with 12, followed by Stookey with 11 and Marlin with six.

Sam Griffith led the scoring for Riverside, tallying 18 points, followed by Luke Maynard with 15.

The wins made Heppner 2-0 in league play. But the Mustangs have their work cut out for them this weekend, when they face the defending CBC champion Pilot Rock team on Friday, then host Weston-McEwen on Saturday. Weston-McEwen lost by only

one point to the Rockets last weekend.

Heppner Stanfield 17 32 53 60
7 25 33 53

Heppner Riverside 17 32 46 66
16 33 42 60



Bryan Marlin goes up for two of nine points he scored during Saturday's home game against Riverside. The nip and tuck showdown between the two Morrow County teams was not decided until the closing seconds, making the icy trip to the high school gym well worth the hassle for area basketball fans.

Elks free-throw contest open for county youths 8-13

Jerry Anderson, exalted ruler of Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358, has appointed Jim Swanson of Ione chairman of the annual Elks National "Hoop Shoot" free throw basketball contest.

Swanson said there will be competition for both boys and girls in three age divisions: 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13. The winning boy and girl in each division will vie with other winners in a district contest, to be held in Hermiston Junior High on Jan. 27. Following the district contest, winners move on to state competition, then regionals.

Winners of the regional eliminations will compete for the national championship, to be held in Kansas City, Mo. National winners will have their names enshrined in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. "Hoop Shoot" free throw competition for Heppner and Ione will be held starting at 9 a.m. on Jan. 20 at the two high

school gyms. The local contests are expected to last until noon.

Entry forms and contest

rules are now available at the Heppner Elks Lodge, or from Jim Swanson in Ione or Dale Holland in Heppner.

Snowmobile club slates Sunday for playday

The Four Corners Snowmobile Club will hold a playday Sunday, Jan. 14, at South Jones Prairie, starting at noon.

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