

Mustangs face league leaders

HHS drops Stanfield

It's do or die for the Mustangs this weekend, when the Heppner hoopsters must beat Pilot Rock and Weston-McEwen—number one and number two in the CBC Eastern Division—in order to keep hopes alive for a divisional title win.

The 4-5 Mustangs kept their district playoff possibilities when they edged Stanfield by four field goals to post a 61-53 win.

Both the Tigers and the Mustangs made 28 trips to the free throw line, and both teams connected on 15 of the bonus shots. "The difference was field goals," said Coach Tom Day. "We had 23 and they had 19."

Although the quarter scores made it appear that Stanfield was out of reach of the lead throughout the game, the Tigers did in fact threaten at several points. In the fourth quarter, they closed to within five points after trailing by as much as 22.

Day praised the efforts of juniors Dale Holland and Curt Day, who tied for the Mus-

tangs' high scoring honors with a dozen points apiece.

Friday's win "was quite a boost, after last weekend," Day noted. As the end of the season draws near, "those losses really come back to haunt you," the coach added.

Other Mustangs putting points on the board during Friday's battle included Jim Parker, 10; Howard Huddleston, nine; Bryan Marlin, eight; Mike Stookey, five; Dennis Peck, four, and Larry Palmer, one.

Peck, the Mustangs' top scorer, strained an ankle early in the game and was sidelined. Holland was Heppner's top rebounder with nine, followed by Stookey with eight and Parker with seven. Lionel Wood was credited with five assists, and Marlin with two.

The game's top scoring honors went to Stanfield's Dwayne Huxoll.

The Mustangs were idle on Saturday.

Heppner	16 35 50 61
Stanfield	9 20 31 53



Breaking loose

Ione's John Lindstrom drives the base line for a two-point layup against Cascade Locks in the Cardinal gym last weekend. Cardinal Mark Patton comes down the key to grab a potential rebound. The Ione cagers split with Cascade Locks, winning at home and losing on the road.

Ione splits with Cascade Locks

By Janet McElligott

Ione beat Cascade Locks Friday 57-39 and Ione beat themselves Saturday night 49-43, in overtime.

"Friday we did what we had to," said Ione Coach Del LaRue, "and Saturday we blew it."

In Ione Friday, spectators saw all but one Ione player score. "We ran our offense and got teamwork from everyone," said the Ione coach.

Scoring for Ione in the victory were Dennis Stefani with 21 followed by Kevin McCabe with 12, Leslie Thompson and John Lindstrom each contributed six while Danny McElligott dumped in three. Gregg Rietmann, Robin LaRue, Shawn LaRue and Glen Krebs were each good for two. Terry Starr rounded out the scoring with one. Phil Whitecotton was the high scorer for the Pirates with 13.

When Ione traveled to Cascade Locks the next night it was a whole new ballgame.

At first it appeared that Ione would have another easy win. They out-scored Cascade Locks by 22 points going into the locker room at halftime. The press the Cards had used on the Pirates seemed unnecessary any longer. Ione had scored 11 fieldgoals by using it. But when Ione came out of the locker room after those two high scoring quarters, they seem to have left something behind.

"We quit running our offense," said Coach LaRue of his startling upset loss to the bottom-rung team. "We took forced shots. We were unbalanced and not shooting the right shots."

"In the third and fourth quarter we ran our offense maybe two or three times," he said. "It's an offense that has to be executed well to work

right and we just weren't doing that."

Ione scored a total of six points the entire second half as compared with Cascade Locks scoring 28 to tie the game at the buzzer, sending the contest into overtime, an overtime that Ione couldn't afford to take.

"We panicked," admitted LaRue. Cascade Locks didn't, and went on to win the game.

Scoring for the Cards in the loss were Dennis Stefani with 15, Danny McElligott, Robin LaRue and John Lindstrom all

helped out with six, while Gregg Rietmann and Shawn LaRue both had two. Again, Phil Whitecotton was high for the Pirates with 14.

The loss puts Ione in fourth place on the district ladder but tough sledding is ahead.

The Cards are matched up with second-place Dufur Saturday, and Umapine Friday.

Saturday the games start at 4 p.m. in Ione. There is only a Varsity game Friday, to be played in Umapine starting at 8 p.m.

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Fillies roll over Stanfield 89-13

Eleven Heppner Fillies scored points—four of them in double figures—to overpower Stanfield by a gaping margin of 89-13 on Friday.

The Heppner girls maintained a red hot 65 per cent shooting average in the first half, cooling only slightly in the second half to post a field goal success rate of just under 50 per cent for the game.

At the top of the scoring stats was Mary Kincaid with 16, followed closely by Lindy Devin with 15, Maureen Healy with 13 and Geri Grieb with 11.

The Fillies dominated in every category during the home-court rout Friday. They out-rebounded the Stanfield girls 46 to 12, and only allowed the visitors to get off 21 shots during the course of the game. Playing a man-to-man offense throughout the game, the Fillies not only contained Stanfield's shooting attack, but forced 26 steals as well.

Other point scorers for the Fillies included Jackie Mollahan and Julie Grieb, each with eight; Jana Steagall, seven; Deann Connor and Wendy

Meyers, four each; Kelly Hammond, two, and Alice Abrams, one.

The win brought the Fillies' season record to 15-1, and their league record to 8-1—a

game and 10 AZZI points behind Pilot Rock.

The Heppner girls will have a chance to wrest the CBC crown from the lady Rockets on Friday, when Pilot Rock

travels to Heppner. Action starts at 6 p.m.

The Fillies will be without starter Jackie Mollahan during the showdown, since she is sidelined with strep throat.

Lankford leads Eckman to remain undefeated

Jim Lankford pumped in 18 points and teammate Dave McLachlan connected for 17 to spark Eckman to a 65-32 rout over Smith in Town Team basketball action Sunday.

Eckman, along with the Van Marter team, remains undefeated, as Town Team action moves into its second month.

Van Marter edged past Watkins 59-49 on Sunday, with Tom Day picking up 15 points and Laverne Van Marter sinking 14 for the winning team. Mark Huddleston was good for 12 points to top scoring for the Watkins team, followed by Karmon Bjella with 11.

Del LaRue was the Lane team's high point man in a 43-30 victory over Greenup. The Greenup team's namesake, Matt Greenup, was the game's top scorer with nine points.

In other Town Team action Sunday, Forest Service squeaked past Johnston 33-30. Leading the scoring for the victors was Mark Cutsforth with nine points. Johnston's Dave Mitchell was the game's high point man, with 11.

Next Sunday, Eckman will meet Watkins, Greenup faces Forest Service, Smith takes on Van Marter and Lane will battle Johnston.

Ione Jr. High action recapped

Ione's eighth grade basketball squad boosted its season record to 5-2, after posting wins over Heppner and Stanfield.

Ione trailed 20-17 at the end of the first half, and remained in a seesawing scoring duel with the Ponies until the final quarter, when the Ionians pulled ahead to make the final score 40-36.

High point man for the junior Cardinals was Denny Starr with 11, followed by Roger Morter with nine, Don Taylor with seven, Craig Gutierrez with six and Tim Patton with five.

In seventh grade action against Heppner, Ione did not fare as well, trailing five to ten points throughout the game until scoring ended at 35-26 in

favor of the Ponies. Top scorers for Ione were Steve Millman with seven points and Howard Leavitt with six.

In action last Thursday against Stanfield, Ione's seventh graders "played their best ball of the year," according to coach Bot Deeter. During that game, the seventh graders handed Stanfield—who had beaten them earlier in the year—a 31-19 loss.

After trailing in the first quarter, the Ionians came back to lead five points at the half. From that point on, the fledgling Cards were clearly in command, holding Stanfield to only two baskets in the final quarter.

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