

Mustang varsity plays Umatilla after losing two

The Heppner Mustang boys varsity basketball team lost two games last weekend and will try to get back on the winning track when they entertain Umatilla tomorrow night and play at Wahtonka Saturday.

Umatilla is 0-3 this year and lost to Stanfield last weekend 71-64.

Heppner beat the Wahtonka Eagles earlier this season but Coach Dale Holland of Heppner said, "They are playing much better now."

Wahtonka is 2-0 in league play and in second place behind Riverside in the West Division of the Columbia Basin League.

After 10 games, the Mustangs are 5-5. Jim Parker leads the team in scoring with a 13.9 average and Curt Day is second in scoring at an 8.5 clip. Dale Holland averages 7.5, Doug Holland 6.7 and John Bier 5.4. Dale Holland leads the rebounders with 91 with Parker grabbing 69 and Day 67.

In last week's game, Bier broke out of his scoring slump and scored 8 in the 47-42 loss to Pilot Rock and 10 in the 56-43 loss to Weston-McEwen.

"Bier had a good weekend both offensively and defensively in the two games," Coach Holland said.

Against Weston-McEwen, Heppner trailed 14-12 at the end of the first quarter but ran into trouble in the second period as they only scored four points to trail at halftime 28-16.

"We just did not generate enough offense," Holland said. "We just could not hit the bucket."

The TigerScots outscored the visitors 23-17 in the third period to put the game out of

reach and Heppner scored more in the fourth period 10-9.

Heppner outrebounded the taller home team 36-29 with Dale Holland getting 11, Bier 9 and Day 8. Weston-McEwen shot 46 percent from the field, 26-of-56, while the Mustangs made only 15-of-48. Heppner made 13-of-20 from the free throw line while their opponents made 4-of-7.

Along with Bier's 10 points, Heppner's scoring had Parker with 12, Dale Holland with 10, Day with 9 and Doug Holland with 2 points.

Heppner made only 11-of-38 from the field while Pilot Rock made 16-of-44 in the loss to the Rockets. The visitors also outrebounded Heppner 34-27.

The Mustangs started off slowly as they trailed at the end of the first quarter 14-8. Doug Holland kept Heppner in the game with two 20-foot bombs and he scored on a fastbreak with an assist from Parker.

The Rockets led 20-12 in the second quarter but with some 4-for-4 free throw shooting and Parker canning a 20-foot shot for his first two points of the

game just before the halftime buzzer. Heppner pulled within four at 24-20.

Pilot Rock scored three baskets to open the second half to lead 30-20 when Dorian Forrar came off the bench to spark Heppner.

The sophomore played aggressively at the offensive end of the court as he made 6-of-9 foul shots at the end of the third and the beginning of the fourth quarters. He cut the lead to 32-31 with one of his free throws at the start of the last quarter but that was as close as Heppner could come. The Mustangs had trouble with the Rocket press in the last quarter as Pilot Rock opened its lead to nine points at 44-35.

Heppner fought back but a two shot flagrant foul, technical foul on Dale Holland, the player, put Pilot Rock ahead with a minute left in the game 46-38.

Doug Holland led the team in scoring with 12 points, Bier had 8, Forrar and Parker 6, Day 5, Dale Holland 3 and Tony Currin scored 2.

Heppner made 20-of-28 foul shots while Pilot Rock made 15-of-20.

Cardinal girls team loses to Echo, Arlington

The Ione Cardinals girls basketball team lost to Echo 39-11 and Arlington 47-17 in last weekend's action.

Echo led 11-3 at the end of the first quarter and 21-3 at halftime. The visitors led 28-9 at the end of three quarters.

Martha McElligott scored 4 points, Michelle LaRue 3, Lisa Meyers 2 and Tammy Holtz scored 2.

"Holtz got in early foul trouble and she sat out half the game," Coach Martha Doherty said. "She was our only height against three big girls on Echo's team. We played good 'D' against their height. There was no way we could stop Echo's inside game."

Ione pressured Arlington into committing 36 turnovers but they could not convert the errors into points as they lost 47-17.

Lack of height again proved to be a disadvantage for Ione as Teresa and Debbie Bailey scored 16 and 14 points for Arlington. Both those girls are 6-foot-1.

LaRue scored 6 to lead the scoring with Holtz adding 5, McElligott 4, and Diann Morter scored 2.

JV team edges Rockets

The Heppner boys JV team beat Pilot Rock 30-29 but lost to Weston-McEwen 53-38 last weekend.

"Defense carried us to a great win over Pilot Rock," Coach Brent Eggars said. "We got off to a horrible start but the kids hung in there and showed a lot of character and mental toughness. It was probably our top defensive effort of the year."

Pilot Rock led at the end of the first period 10-6 but Heppner held them to two points in the second quarter to make it 14-12 at halftime. The Rockets had the lead at the end of three quarters 21-20.

Brett Sherer connected on a 17-footer in the last minute of the game that ended up to be the winning shot. Ken Stookey led the scoring with 17 points. Robert Bier had seven rebounds, Stookey six and Greg Sweeney six.

Heppner made 12-of-17 from the foul line, its best this season.

Against Weston-McEwen, the Mustangs fell behind 14-6 at the end of one quarter and 30-15 at halftime. The team fought back in the third period as they outscored the home team 17-9 but still trailed 39-32. The team could not continue its comeback as Heppner was outscored 14-6 in the last quarter.

"We were outthrustled and forgot how to screen out on the boards in the first half but we came back and totally outplayed them in the third quarter," Eggars said. "We reviewed an offense at half-time that we had run just once



Lynn Dee Devin (above) of Heppner's Filles tries her hand at defense and then shows determination on offense (below) as she meets head on with a Pilot Rock defender.



Heppner junior varsity upsets Hermiston

The Heppner JV team had its best game of the season, according to Coach Brent Eggars, Monday night as it beat the visiting Hermiston sophomore team 56-38.

When the two teams played last month, Hermiston came out on top winning by two points in overtime.

"We used a full-court press in the first half and led 26-14

and just cruised the rest of the way," Eggars said. "We played super defense and got the fastbreak going for the first time since early in the season."

The balanced scoring was led by Ken Stookey with 11 points, Don Lott with 10, Greg Sweeney with 10, Kelly Crewse with 7 and Robert Bier had 7. Stookey had 10 rebounds, Bier 9 and Earl Hammond 8.

in practice and ran it to perfection in the second half. "Weston-McEwen is a good team. They are undefeated against Class A JV teams and have beaten a couple of Class AA teams but I think we will give them a run for their money at our place. Individually, I thought Brett Sherer and Greg Sweeney played well for us."

Stookey scored 12 points, Sherer 10 and Sweeney 9. Stookey led the rebounding with seven.

Abrams leads Filly win

Alice Abrams scored a season-high 13 points, grabbed 8 rebounds and had five steals to lead the Heppner Filles to a 45-32 win over Weston-McEwen Saturday.

Heppner trailed at the end of the first quarter 12-11 but took the lead at halftime 23-21. The Heppner defense came on strong in the second half holding the home team to just 11 points while scoring 22.

"We played the same 2-1-2 zone defense but we were just more aggressive," Coach Sheri Brock said.

Lynn Dee Devin scored 8 points, Sandra Ward 7, Geri Grieb 6, Deann Conner 6, leading scorer Mary Kincaid was held to 3 points and Kellie Hammon scored 2.

Devin, Grieb and Kincaid all had four steals. Grieb had four assists and Kincaid three.

Heppner lost to Pilot Rock at home 52-43 Friday night.

Heppner fell behind 10-2 at the end of the first quarter as neither team could score for the first four minutes.

The Filles fought back in the second quarter as Mary Kincaid scored 10 points in that quarter and had two assists for fastbreak buckets. Heppner led at halftime 22-19.

The second half was crucial for the Filles as the ome team went five minutes without scoring after Kincaid hit an

outside shot to make it 24-19. The Rockets shot off 10 straight points to lead 29-26 on fastbreak buckets and offensive rebounds and the score stayed close as Pilot Rock led at the end of three quarters 35-32.

Pilot Rock made 9-of-11 free throws in the final period to put the game away.

Mary Kincaid led the scoring with 18 points with Devin and Abrams scoring 8 each. Geri Grieb scored 6, Conner 2 and Ward 2.

Ione boys win two of three

The Ione Cardinal boys basketball team will play at home tomorrow night against Umatilla and then take on one of the league favorites, Dufur, Saturday night in an away game.

Ione won two of three games this past week beating Wheeler Monday 64-51, losing to Arlington Saturday 53-51, and beating Echo Friday 83-61.

Coach Del LaRue said he does not know too much about Umatilla but they have won only one league game, are fairly small and they like to run.

In its only league win over Cascade Locks last week, Jeff Tuelholke made 11 shots from the field and made 13-of-19 from the foul line for a total of

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Lankford scores 34, Allstott 20 in win

Jim Lankford scored 34 points leading his team to a 79-55 win over the Les Schwab team in Heppner City Basketball League action Sunday.

Dave Allstott added 20 and Dave MacLachlan 13. Tom Pointer led the losing team with 21 points.

Laverne Van Marter scored 22 points to lead his team to a 54-40 win over Roger Britt's team. Frank Pearson scored 12 and Mark Huddleston 10 for the winners. Jay Coil scored 15 and Rusty Britt 10 for the losers.

Ron Green scored 26 points, 20 in the first half, to lead Mike Smith's team to a 61-43 win

over Rick Johnston's squad. John Myers added 19 for the winning team. Gary Watkins scored 21 and Gary VanArsdale 13 for Johnston.

Dana Heideman scored 18 points, Bill Myers 16 and Steve Powell 14 to lead Powell's team to a 56-44 win over Don Barber's team. Mike Rowell scored 12 and Dave Eckman 10 for the losing team.

In this Sunday's games, Barber (2-3) plays Van Marter (5-0) at 5 p.m., Schwab (1-4) plays Johnston (1-4) at 6, Lankford (5-0) plays at 7 against Britt (0-5), and Powell (3-2) plays at 8 against Smith (3-2).

Junior rodeo elects president

The Morrow County Junior Rodeo Association met Jan. 16 and elected Bob Montgomery as its president.

Don Stroeber will be the vice president.

Sherrae Mahoney will remain as secretary-treasurer.

The following directors were also elected at the meeting: Kite Healy, games and track events; Dick Sherer, grounds; Bill Steagall and Bob Mahoney, bucking chutes; Roger Britt and Bob Kindsfather, awards and donations; Bob Steagall and Bob Montgomery, roping chutes and Don Stroeber, dance and concessions.

Morrow County will again have a Western States Junior Rodeo Association approved Rodeo this year and decided on the dates of June 6, 7, 8 to coincide with the Pendleton High School Rodeo.

Bowling Thursday League

Gateway Toyota is on top in the Thursday Night Ladies League, along with Cal's Cafe, as both teams have 6-2 records.

Kinzua Corp. was the winner of the first half of the season with 40 wins and 28 losses and 49,317 total pins.

The Blackhorse Tavern and the Columbia Basin teams are tied for second with 5-3 records.

Ray Boyce Insurance and Krolls' Dept Store have 4-4 records and Heppner Bowl and Kinzua Corp. are 1-7.

In total pins, Kinzua is first, despite its win-loss record.

Keglers League

The Pytts won the first half of the Koffee Kup Keglers League but the Newcomers are on top at the beginning of the second half of the season with a 4-0 record.

The Weary Wives, the Dregs, and the Three L's all are 3-1 and tied for second. The Three Holers, the Hi Hos and the Pytts are 1-3 and the Gutter Dusters are 0-4.

Lucille Massey bowled the high game with a 175 and Iris Campbell had the high series with 470. The Dregs had the high team game with 562 and the Newcomers had the high

series with 1,598. Linda Schultz and Rita Britt made the 3-10 split, Roxie Lovgren made the 5-6-10, Maude Hughes the 5-7 and Betty Aldrich made the 5-7-10 combination.

The Newcomers are first in total pins, the Weary Wives second, with 1,555, and the Dregs third with 1,537. The Three L's team is fourth with 1,505 and the Gutter Dusters fifth with 1,496. The Three Holers' team is sixth with 1,463, and the Hi Ho's seventh with 1,463 and the Pytts last with 1,428.

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Frank Cook bowled the high game of the week with a 177 and had the high individual series with 499.

Coast-to-Coast is first in total pins with 4,296 with Petersons second at 4,272. The M.C.G.G. team is third with 4,115 and Jerry's Mobil fourth with 3,883.

Gardners is fifth with 2,853 and Central Market sixth with 3,636. Bucknums is seventh with 3,633 and Sears last with 3,541.

Sparetimers League

Petersons is atop the Spare-timer's Bowling League with a 7-1 record two weeks into the second half of the season.

Coast-to-Coast and the Morrow County Grain Growers are tied for second with Jerry's Mobil as all three teams are 5-3.

Sears is 4-4, Gardners 3-5, Bucknums 2-6 and Central Market 1-7.

Petersons had the high team game of the week with 754 and the high team series with 2,192.

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