

Heppner faces improved Condon

Heppner's boys basketball team will play at home against Condon tomorrow night and against Sherman Saturday.

Both games are preceded by the girls varsity game at 6 p.m.

Condon had not won a game in league play until last weekend when the Blue Devils upset Wahtonka 63-62 then beat Umatilla 84-58. Condon used a half-court trap press effectively in both of those games.

Outstanding players for Condon in the two wins were Ron Wade, who scored 38 points, and Eric Harrison, who scored 28 points. Monty McIntosh had 17 points and 15 rebounds in one of the games.

Sherman, like Condon, does not have that good of a league record but they have been playing well their last few games. The team lost to league-leading Weston-McEwen last week 56-48. Joe McNab is the star of that team

as he scored 24 points in the close loss to the TigerScots. "Condon is coming around," Heppner Coach Dale Holland said. "They are playing much better than at the beginning of the year. And Sherman is a big team with one guy 6-8 and another 6-5."

Jim Parker broke out of his shooting slump last weekend in the 84-31 romp over Umatilla and the 73-56 loss to Wahtonka.

Parker scored 24 points in the win hitting 12-of-15 shots from the field. He shot almost as well in the loss hitting 9-of-15 shots and he made a total of 22 points to go along with his leading 11 rebounds.

Heppner shot 56 percent from the field, 37-of-66, in the win over Umatilla while the visitors made only 14-of-61 for 23 percent.

The game was never close as Heppner raced to a 23-8 first quarter lead and led 40-13 at halftime. The Mustangs led 56-24 at the end of three

quarters and outscored the visitors 28-7 in the final period for the final score.

Dale Holland added 14 points, Dorian Farris 10, Curt Day 10, Larry Palmer 8, Tony Curran 8, Doug Holland 4, Todd Sherer 4 and John Murray 2.

Playing but not scoring were Rick Cole, John Bier and Jim Launer.

Fouls played a big part in the game against Wahtonka as the Eagles made 19-of-31 in the game while Heppner made 6-of-11 free throws.

"They have improved since the first time we played them but I did not think we played that poorly," Coach Holland said. "In fact, I thought we played well. The officiating was called a lot closer down there and we got into foul trouble because of that."

Dale Holland fouled out of the game at the beginning of the fourth quarter and Bier fouled out in the middle of the last period.

"Doug Holland was sick

with the flu so he did not make the trip and that hurt us," Coach Holland said.

Wahtonka made 7-of-10 free throws in the fourth period to break open a close game. Heppner went to the foul line only once in the last quarter and three times in the entire second half.

Heppner made more turnovers, 19 to 12, and was called for more fouls, 24 compared to 13.

The Eagles shot 56 percent from the field and the Mustangs 45 percent.

Heppner led at the end of the first quarter 17-16 but trailed at halftime 36-30. Both teams scored 18 points in the third quarter to make the score 54-48 but the Eagles outscored Heppner 19-8 in the final stanza.

Bier scored 14 points before fouling out. Cole had 4, Launer 4, Day 6, Dale Holland 4 and Sherer 2. Playing but not scoring were Palmer, Farris, Curran and Murray.



Heppner sophomore Mary Kincaid drives down the sidelines.

Ione tromps Umapine but edged by unbeaten Dufur

Poor free throw shooting led to Ione's downfall as Dufur beat the Cardinals 51-47 last Saturday.

Ione used an explosive running game to beat Umapine the night before 62-42.

The Cards made only 9-of-21 foul shots against unbeaten Dufur.

The game was close throughout with Ione leading at the end of one quarter 16-14 but trailing at halftime 29-27. The game was tied at the end of three quarters 39-39.

Ione had more rebounds, 30-28, and fewer turnovers, 17 to 24.

Gregg Rietmann led the rebounding with eight and Mark Patton also had eight. Robin LaRue had seven.

Dennis Stefani led the scoring with 21 points making 9-of-17 shots. Robin LaRue made 7-of-17 shots and had a total of 15 points. Rietmann had 5 points, Patton 5 and Jim McCabe 1. Playing but not scoring were Shawn LaRue, Treve Peterson and Glen Krebs.

Ione is now 4-2 going into this weekend's game against Cascade Locks, who is 0-6 in league play. The Cards beat

the Cascade Locks team earlier in the season and will play the team at home Saturday night at 8.

"Cascade Locks is small and they play a slow down game so they do not score a lot but they play good defense," Ione Coach Del LaRue said. "They are not that bad but they just don't have any high scorers."

Against Umapine, Robin LaRue scored 15 points and Patton 12 to lead Ione to the 22 point win.

Ione led 12-6 at the end of the first quarter and scored 23 points in the second quarter to take a commanding 35-16 lead at halftime. Umapine outscored the home team in the third quarter 19-17 but the game was out of reach.

The Cardinals were dominating on the boards as they outrebounded Umapine 61 to 31. Patton had 12, and Shawn LaRue and Rietmann had nine each.

Ione's leading scorer on the season, Stefani, made only 4-of-15 shots from the field and scored 8 points. Les Thompson also scored 8 as did Shawn LaRue. Peterson scored 6, McCabe 4, Rietmann 2 and Ralph Morter 1.

Junior Ken Stookey leads JV stats

The Heppner JV team is 6-2 this season and a look at the statistics so far show why the team is doing so well.

As a team, Heppner has shot .456 from the field while opponents have made .289. The team has outrebounded its opponents 263 to 158. The team averages 55.5 points a game and opponents 36.6.

A Mustang weakness seems to be at the foul line as the team has made only .479 while opponents are at .522. Heppner has fewer turnovers, 162 to 183.

Junior Ken Stookey leads the team in almost every offensive category. He averages 14.1 points per game, has a field goal shooting percentage of .522, has a free throw shooting percentage of .739, has 71 rebounds, 15 steals and has 109 points in Coach Brent Eggers rating system of overall play. The next four high point men on the team in the rating system are rated in the 20s.

Greg Sweeney is second on the team in scoring with an 8.5 average. Brett Sherer and Don Lott both have 6.3 averages. Robert Bier 5.6, Brian Thompson 4.8, Kelly Crewse 3.6, Earl Hammond 2.9, Joe Mollahan 1.7, Joe Struthers 0.6, and Harry Groshens 0.0.

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Bier is also second in rebounding with 34 and Hammond and Sweeney have 32 each.

Lott leads the team in assists with 15. There is second in steals with 12 and Sweeney third with 10. Sere leads the team in turnovers with 28, Lott has 24, Sweeney and Stookey 21 and Hammond 17.

The next games for the JV team will be Monday when Riverside comes to town at 7:30 p.m. Heppner has another home game at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday against Condon. Riverside has a rematch against the Heppner JV Feb. 9 when the Mustangs travel to Boardman for a game at noon.

Fillies league record 5-1 after win

The Heppner Fillies girls basketball team is 5-1 in league play after a 45-33 win over Umatilla last Friday and a 36-33 win over Wahtonka Saturday.

Alice Abrams scored 11 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead the team in the three-point win over the Eagles. Mary Kincaid scored 7, Lynn Dee Devin 6, Sandra Ward 6, Geri Grieb 3 and Deann Conner 3. Ward also had eight rebounds. Playing but not scoring were Margaret Kincaid, Kellie Hammond, Lottie Laughlin and Nancy Miller.

Heppner led 11-6 at the end of the first quarter but let the Eagles tie it at halftime 19-19. The Fillies pulled in front by two points at the end of three

quarters 29-17 and held on for the three-point victory.

The Fillies outrebounded Wahtonka 42 to 30.

Heppner played outstanding defense for three quarters against Umatilla as the team held the visitors to 13 points before giving up 20 in the last period.

The Fillies led 9-2 at the end of one and 22-11 at the half. Heppner outscored the visitors 12-2 in the third quarter to pull ahead 34-13 before Umatilla made its comeback.

Kincaid led the scoring with 18 points and Grieb added 9. Devin scored 8, Margaret Kincaid 4, Hammond 2, Ward 2 and Shelley Mann 2. Playing for the Fillies but not scoring were Abrams, Miller, Laughlin, Conner and Cindy Bowman.

City basketball league's only two unbeaten tangle this Sunday

The only two unbeaten teams left in the Heppner City Basketball League will square off this Sunday in the 5 p.m. game.

Laverne Van Marter will play Jim Lankford's team. Both teams are 6-0.

In last week's play, Van Marter beat Don Barber's team 65-43. VanMarter scored 19, Dirk Dunlop 12 and Mark Huddleston 13. Mike Rowell led the losing team with 12 points, Dave Eckman scored 11 and Coiner 10.

Lankford beat Roger Britt's team 69-25. Lankford and Dave McLachlen scored 19 points each with Dave Allstott scoring 16. Jay Coil led the losers with 10.

Trailing by 12 at halftime, Steve Powell's team made a

comeback that fell one point short with a missed shot at the buzzer as Mike Smith won 52-51. Mickey Sharp led the winners with 18, Ron Green made 11 points and Mike Smith 10. Powell led his team with 20 points, Brent Eggers scored 12 and Dana Heideman 1.

Rick Johnston's team won in double overtime over Les Schwab 59-57. Gary Watkins led the winners with 31 points, Tom Pointer and Kevin Rountree scored 18 each for the losers and Steve Rhea and Mark Cutsforth scored 10 apiece.

In next week's games, Barber (2-4) plays against Schwab (1-5) at 6 p.m., Powell (3-3) plays Johnston (2-4) at 7 p.m. and Smith (4-2) plays Britt (0-6) in the 8 p.m. game.

Coho salmon lost because of icy weather

The storm which locked the Columbia River gorge in an icy grip recently also caused the loss of most of the coho salmon production at the Fish and Wildlife Department's Cascade hatchery near Cascade Locks.

The loss of nearly 1.8 million coho fingerlings represents almost 85 percent of the total production at Cascade Hatchery and nearly one-fourth of the Department's planned 7.5 million Columbia River coho releases in 1980. The fish were in the four to five inch range and were due for release in April.

All of the fish were in 26 of the hatchery's 30 outdoor ponds and only those fish in four ponds nearest the hatchery water intake were spared heavy losses. Eagle Creek serves as the water source for the hatchery and for 30 hours during the storm ran heavy

with slush ice. The flowing slush, combined with heavily falling snow (65 inches in two days) to block pond intakes and fill ponds with ice. The buildup of slush plus the blockage of flow through the ponds killed nearly all the fish in 22 of the hatchery ponds.

Crews pumping out the ponds to remove the dead fish have found very few that survived. Live fish were being salvaged and the dead ones, amounting to as much as 30 tons, have been hauled to rendering plants. Although it is difficult to place a value on the loss, Fish Culture Director Ernest Jeffries says from \$175,000 to \$200,000 rearing costs had already gone into their production.

Other concerns at Cascade Hatchery during the heavy snow buildup were the potential loss of 6.2 million coho eggs in hatchery facilities, and caving in of buildings from the accumulated snow. Fortunately the eggs were saved although standby procedures were ready in case the water supply to the indoor hatchery troughs was cut off. Although similar weather conditions occurred nearby at Bonneville and Oxbow hatcheries, losses at those facilities were minimal. Underground wells supply much of the hatchery water at Bonneville and the warmer water is largely credited with preventing a similar ice buildup there. At Oxbow Hatchery no fish were being kept in the outside

ponds because of low water supply, and at nearby Herman Creek ponds, operated as part of the Oxbow Hatchery, warmer spring water again prevented buildup of ice.

The fact that losses were not much more severe both at Cascade hatchery and other gorge facilities, says Jeffries, is due mainly to heroic around-the-clock efforts on the part of hatchery crews. The storm effectively isolated the hatcheries from outside help and so crews had to do the best

Fish and Wildlife sets opening dates for hunting

The Fish and Wildlife Commission has established opening dates for major hunting seasons in 1980. As usual, the opening dates were set early in the year for the benefit of those who must establish vacation schedules.

All staff recommendations were approved, and they generally correspond with 1979 opening dates. The only major change is a two weeks later opening for the general bowhunting season. All seasons open on a Saturday.

The general buck deer season will open statewide Oct. 4. The split elk season initiated last year will be continued on both sides of the Cascades with Rocky Mountain elk opening dates of Nov. 1 for the first period and Nov. 8 for the second season. Roosevelt elk season opening dates will be Nov. 8 and Nov. 15.

The rifle antelope season will open August 16 and the

they could with the equipment available to them.

At Cascade hatchery, for instance, the road to the main water intake on Eagle Creek was soon so deep in snow that it could not be kept cleared with existing equipment. Hatcherymen made the trip on snowshoes in efforts to keep the intake clear of ice. They worked in frigid, icy water around the clock attempting to keep ponds clear and water circulating until it was physically no longer possible to do so.

general bowhunting season August 23.

Blue and ruffed grouse seasons will open August 30 as will the season for mountain quail in western Oregon. On October 18, seasons will open for cock pheasant and valley quail statewide, for chukar partridge in western Oregon and for mountain quail in eastern Oregon.

The commission considered only opening dates at its recent meeting. Season lengths, bag limits, antler point rules, open area, road closures, and other season regulations will be set later in the year when the results of biological field surveys are available. Bear hunting regulations will be set Feb. 22; seasons for antelope, cougar and bighorn sheep March 20; deer and elk May 31; and upland birds and waterfowl August 15.

Heppner Fillies second in league in scoring

Columbia Basin Conference Class A statistics were released by the league before last weekend's games and the results show why the Heppner Fillies are off to such a great start in league play.

Of the 10 teams in the conference, Heppner is second in scoring with an average of 49.8 points a game. The team is sixth in defense, averaging 35.8 a game. Wasco County is first in defense giving up 25 points a game and Pilot Rock first in offense with 52.6 a game.

Mary Kincaid is third in assists with an average of three a game and Geri Grieb is fifth with a 2.3 average.

Alice Abrams is second in the league in rebounding with an average of 10.3 per game. Deann Conner averages six a game and is tied for 11th.

Kincaid and Lynn Dee Devin are ranked one and two in the steals category. Kincaid averages 7.5 steals a game and Devin 5.8.

Kincaid is fifth in the league

in scoring with an average of 12 points a game. Devin is seventh with an 11 point average. Abrams and Grieb are tied for 16th with 7.3 averages.

Wasco County has the best record of all the conference teams with a 10-0 mark and the top two scorers in the conference with Karen Kennedy averaging 20 points a game and Sue Waters 17.

Meyers leads Ione juniors

Ione Junior High School basketball players trounced Condon 40-32 last Thursday.

It was a close game, with Mark Meyers, at 15, and Craig Hams, 14, being the high scorers for Ione.

Two weeks ago, Ione lost to Arlington 34-19. Most of the Ione players scored two or three points each.

"They took control of the game early and we never got into it," Ione Coach Bob Deeter said.

Dufur beats Ione JV

Saturday Ione J.V.s met their first league-game defeat against Dufur.

It was a close game all the way, ending with a score of 43 to 40.

Ralph Morter was the leading scorer and rebounder as he made 9 points and grabbed 21 rebounds. Other scorers were Jeff Hams 9, Tim Patton 8, Matt Barnes 6, Craig Gutierrez 4, Denny Starr 2, and Barney Rea 2.

Bowling Sparetimers League

Petersons is on top of the Sparetimers Bowling League with a 10-2 record.

Coast-to-Coast is second at 8-4 and Jerry's Mobil is also 8-4. The Morrow County Grain Growers team is 7-5 and Sears and Gardner's are both 5-7. Bucknum's is 3-9 and Central Market 2-10.

Liz Cowan bowled a 190 for the high game of the week and Fran Crook had the high

Keglers League

The Newcomers and the Three L's are tied for first place in the Koffee Kup Keglers League with 6-2 marks.

One game back are the Weary Wives and the Dregs with 5-3 records. The Three Holers are an even 4-4, the Pytts are 3-5, the Hi Ho's are 2-6 and the Gutter Dusters team is 1-7.

The Newcomers are first in total pins with 3,122 and the Weary Wives and the Three Holers teams are second with

series with 497. Coast-to-Coast had the high team game with 761 and the high team series for the week with 2,154.

Coast-to-Coast is first in total pins with 6,450 followed by Petersons with 6,404 and the M.C.G.G. team with 6,212. Jerry's Mobil is fourth with 5,872 and Central Market fifth with 5,486. Bucknum's is sixth with 5,465. Sears seventh with 5,242 and Gardner's last with 4,734.

3,055. The Three L's team is fourth with 3,054 and the Dregs fifth with 2,991. The Gutter Dusters have 2,970 total pins. The Hi Ho's team has 2,965 and the Pytts are last with 2,903.

Betty Snow had the high game with a 165 and Linda Schultz had the high series with 455. The Hi Ho's team and the Weary Wives tied for the high team game with 536 but the Three Holers had the high team series with 1,569.

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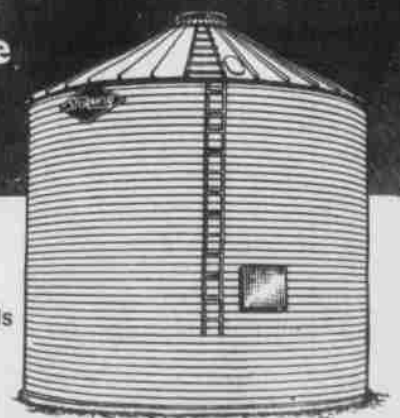
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