



Scott Daniels searches for an open Pirate cutting underneath the basket.

Riverside to state after beating Rockets

Led by District 7A Basketball Tournament most valuable player Lerry Wilson, the Riverside High School Pirates beat Weston McEwen 41-31 and Pilot Rock 52-44 last week to take the district crown.

Not only was Wilson, a junior, named the tourney MVP but he also was named to the Columbia Basin Conference all-star first team. Teammate Steve Daulton was named to the second all-

league team and Sam Griffin, Scott Daniels and Stacy Coleman were honorable mention selections as all five Riverside starters were honored.

Jim Parker was Heppner's only player honored as he was named to the second all-league team.

Riverside will now participate in the state A tournament in Pendleton. The team's first game will be next Wednesday, March 12, at 3 p.m. against a team that is yet to be decided.

Riverside was awesome in its wins last week.

Wilson dominated the first half of the game against the Rockets as he scored 11 points.

Pilot Rock had its only lead of the game 4-2 then Wilson hit a bucket inside and then made another bucket and hit a free throw for a three-point play to put Riverside in the lead to stay at 7-4. The outside shooting of Jim Post kept the Rockets close at 9-8 at the end of the first quarter.

Riverside ran off 10 straight points to open the second period and take a 19-8 lead. Wilson made four points, Joe Daltoso came off the bench to score a bucket and Scott Daniels connected for four points in the spurt. Pilot Rock's first score that period came with 4:08 remaining.

Riverside kept a three to 10-point lead throughout the rest of the game.

Steve Daulton hit two buckets and Sam Griffin scored with a full-court assist pass from Daniels as Riverside led 34-25. Pilot Rock closed the gap but a technical foul on Pilot Rock's complaining captain Wienke and the following free throw by Daniels kept Riverside ahead 37-31. A shot by Daniels at the buzzer ending the third quarter kept the Pirates in front 39-34.

A three point play by Griffin opening the fourth period game gave Riverside a commanding lead at 42-34.

Post took control for the Rockets in the final quarter as he scored two buckets to make it 42-38 but Lerry Wilson ignited the Pirate fans with a beautiful move underneath the basket making an underhand shot with the left hand to make it 44-38.

Post then hit another bucket to make it 44-40 but by this time in the game Pilot Rock was forced to foul and Riverside connected on 8-of-12 free throws in the remaining four minutes to take the game 52-44.

Post ended the game with 18

points to lead the Rockets.

Wilson had 17, Griffin 11, Daniels 9, Daulton 6, Daltoso 5, Stacy Coleman 2 and Gary Gordanear scored 2.

In the game with Weston-McEwen, Coleman led Riverside with 14 points in the defensive 41-31 game. Wilson scored 8, Daulton 9, Daniels 6, and Griffin 4. Wilson added 10 rebounds.

Kent Kilby led the Tiger-Scotts with 9 points.

Riverside led 14-6 at the end of the first quarter and 22-14 at halftime. Weston-McEwen cut the lead to 30-26 at the end of three periods but the Pirates' outscored the Tiger-Scotts in the final quarter 11-5.

Riverside made seven turnovers while Weston-McEwen committed 17.

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and Arlington had the last chance to win the game but the hook shot was long. Gregg Rietmann grabbed the rebound and he was fouled and made the free throws to make the final score 51-48.

Rietmann led Ione with 16 points, Robin LaRue had 15, Patton 8, Stefani 6, Shawn LaRue 4, and Treve Peterson 2.

SPORTS

Lankford loses first game while Britt wins first

Roger Britt's team won its first game of the season and Jim Lankford's team lost its first game of the year in Heppner City Basketball League play Sunday.

Britt beat Les Schwab 42-29 for its first win. Britt beat the same team earlier in the year but was forced to forfeit the win because of illegal action. The balanced Britt scoring was led by Morris with 10 points. Kevin Rountree scored 10 for the losers.

Dana Heidamann scored 16 points, Bill Meyers 12 and Steve Powell 10 leading Powell's team to a 45-44 win over Jim Lankford's squad. Lankford only had four players show up for the game. Dave McLachlan scored 23 and Dave Allstott 12 for the losing team.

Don Barber's team beat Rick Johnston's squad 48-44. John McCabe scored 14 points and Dave Eckman 10 for the winners and Bruce Young

scored 15 and Tim Adams tallied 14 for the losing team. Laverne Van Marter scored 27 points to lead his team to a 69-62 win over Mike Smith's team. Mark Huddleston added 20 and Mike Stookey 15 for the winning team. Don Papineau scored 14, Mickey Sharp 12, Mike Smith 12 and Ron Green 11 in the losing effort.

This Sunday Powell (7-4) plays at 5 against Barber (6-5), Smith (5-6) plays against Johnston (4-7) at 5 p.m. Van Marter (9-2) tangles with Britt (1-10) at 7 and Schwab (2-9) plays in the final game at 8 against Lankford (10-1).

JV stats show promising future for Heppner Mustangs

Junior Ken Stookey led the Heppner High School basketball team in the final statistics despite being out of the last four games because of a broken hand.

In nine games, he made 52-of-108 attempts from the field for a .481 shooting percentage and 22-of-28 from the free throw line for a .786 percent. He had 82 rebounds and 126 total points for an average of 14 a game.

Don Lott shot .483 from the field making 29-of-60. He made the most points on the team from the foul line canning 36-of-52 for .692. He also led the team in assists with 36 and was one of the leaders in turnovers with 38 and steals with 17. H scored 94 total points for a 7.2 average.

Sophomore Robert Bier was the leading field goal percentage shooter on the squad making 42-of-81 for .518. He was successful on 20-of-31 free throws for .645 percent. His 63 rebounds placed him second on the team and he committed only 14 turnovers, the lowest of any regular player. Bier scored 104 points in 13 games for an average of 8 per contest.

Brian Thompson made 29-of-51 shots from the field but 9-of-9 from the foul line for 58 total points and an average of 4.5 points a game. He was one of the leaders in steals with 20.

Greg Sweeney averaged 8.8 points a game, second on the team, scoring 115 points. He shot better from the field, .469 making 53-of-113, than he did from the foul line, .273 making 9-of-33. He was second on the team in assists with 22 and was high in steals with 19 and high in turnovers with 37.

Earl Hammond was second on the team in rebounding with 52 despite playing in only 11 games. He scored 41 points for a 3.7 average.

Brett Sherer made 44-of-99 shots for a .444 percentage and had 16 assists. He led the team in turnovers with 44 and steals with 23. He scored 94 points for an average of 7.2.

The rest of the team had Kelly Crewse scoring 33 points for an average of 2.8, Joe Mollahan with 23 points for a 2.1 average, Cliff Dougherty with 15 points for a 3.8 average, Joe Struthers with 15 points for a 1.5 a game and Harry Groshens with 5 points for a 1.3 per game scoring average.

Heppner was 8-5 this season beating Condon twice, 79-37 and 75-36; Ione twice, 74-37 and 77-27; Wabtonka 49-39; Pilot Rock 30-29; Hermiston 56-38; and Riverside in overtime 56-53. The losses were to Hermiston in overtime, 43-41; Weston-McEwen, 53-39; Riverside, 70-54; Pilot Rock, 64-55 and Weston-McEwen, 44-39.

As a team, the JV made 302-of-672 shots for a .449 while the 13 opponents made 205-of-616 for .333. Heppner was outshot at the free throw line as the team made 119-of-225 for .528 while opponents shot .565 making 157-of-278. Heppner had more rebounds, 424 to 296, and fewer turnovers, 284 to 259. Heppner scored 623 points in the season averaging 47.9 a game while the opponents scored 560 for 43.1 a game.

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