

# Cards lose chance for play-off action Mustangs stomp Stanfield



Craig Gutierrez (45) looks for handle on ball

photo by Wayne Hams

By CRAIG GUTIERREZ

As the Cardinals took the floor they had District in view and in their hearts but what they didn't know was that the Pirates of Cascade Locks would alter their season long dream and defeat the Cardinals 60 - 52 last Saturday. Although the Cardinals' loss dropped them to second place, they were tied with Echo and behind in Ozzie Points, (Big Sky league tie breaking system) and therefore were denied the chance of district play.

When the tipoff was received, Cascade Locks collected the ball and the lead, which they kept the entire game. In the first quarter, the Pirates out scored the birds of lone 13 - 10 behind Dorris's six

first period points. Tim Patton and Denny Starr collected four apiece for the Cardinals.

The second quarter began and the Pirates jumped out to an 11-point lead, out scoring the birds 21 - 13. Mark Meyers added six points for the Cardinals but the Cardinals couldn't stop the Pirates' outside game of Victor Bilyeaw who racked up 10 of his 18 points in this quarter, none of his shots were closer than 15 feet out.

In the second half, the Cardinals gave it their best and opened with a full court 1-2-1-1 press and came up to within four points before the third quarter ending buzzer rang.

Tim Patton racked up six points in this quarter as lone collected 16 as a team and only allowing nine for their opponent.

In the fourth period, the Cardinals saw their dream of further play ended as the Pirates broke the Cardinal press and upped their lead by four more and their total score to 60. The Cardinals were led by Donnie Taylor, who collected all six of his points in this quarter. Dorris of Cascade Locks collected five and Williams ripped four to aid the Pirates to a victory.

Tim Patton and Donnie

Taylor each grabbed eight boards and Taylor, Gutierrez and Starr all had five assists apiece. The Pirates out rebounded the Cards 37 - 32 and shot 65 percent from the field to lone's 50 percent.

#### STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	T
lone	10	13	16	13	52
C.L.	13	21	9	17	60
lone	24	4	11	52	
C.L.	24	13	20	60	
lone - Taylor 6, Gutierrez 11, Patton 10, Starr 12, Morter 4, Meyers 9.					
C.L. Bennet 16, Bilgeaw 18, Dorris 19, Mohr 2, Williams 6.					

# Mustangs stomp Stanfield

By GLENN SMITH

On Saturday, Feb. 12, the Heppner Mustang basketball team played a triumphant home game and stomped the Stanfield Tigers 74 - 57.

In the beginning things didn't look too good for Heppner as the Tigers roared out, getting an early 8 to 0 lead. This seemed only to spark the Mustang offensive as they rolled back strong to stun Stanfield.

Head Coach Brent Eggers commented on this first quarter stall of the Mustang offense stating "A few of the boys just didn't have their heads in the game."

Putting in Eric Thompson and Mark Way really helped the offensive execution and Heppner out scored the Tigers 22 - 4 after that. "That was pretty much the ballgame," Eggers commented.

Stanfield seemed to be suffering from a recent Mustang illness which was playing out of control. Although Heppner has been doing their fair share of this lately, they controlled their playing when Stanfield didn't.

"We just realized that after six whole games we need that type of concentration. Defen-

sively it was one of our best games, and Offense too, played well," Eggers said.

When asked why the change in performance, Eggers commented "The key word was intensity. We finally went in there (after the first four minutes) and went the whole game with concentration. This element has been lacking in our execution for the last six games."

Coming up, the Mustangs will play Pilot Rock in Heppner Friday night at 7:30 p.m. for their last game of the season. The Rockets succeeded in beating Heppner by 19 points at Pilot Rock earlier in the season but Eggers is hoping that with a home court advantage and if they "play with the same type of intensity, Heppner has a good chance of winning. We lost to Pilot Rock before because of foul trouble (Mike Currin, Jeff Orr and Tom Huston fouled out) but our foul problems are getting better."

In the league, Weston McEwen is now on top with Pilot Rock holding second. Heppner is now 5-6 in the league and 11-8 for the season.

"It should be an exciting game. With our team we have

the ability to win. I would like to see a packed house to help end our season on a good note," Eggers stated.

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Greg Orr	3	3	3	9
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Tom Huston	1	1	2	3
Mark Way	7	1	3	15
Jeff Orr	3	3	4	9
Mike Currin	8	6	11	22
Eric Thompson	0	1	1	1
Marty Britt	2	1	0	5
Rod Cole	2	0	7	4
Coffman	1	0	1	2
Shane Laughlin	0	2	1	2
Heppner	27	20	33	74
Stanfield	23	11	6	57

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## JV Fillies take Stanfield

By WINDI MITCHELL

The Heppner J.V. girls played Stanfield at Heppner on Saturday, Feb. 12. The Fillies won with a score of 35 - 22.

In the first quarter, the game stayed about even with Heppner leading with a score of 7 - 6.

In the second quarter, the Fillies left the Stanfield Tigers in their tracks with a score of 15 - 10.

During the third quarter,

Heppner trampled the Tigers with a score of 22 - 16.

In the fourth quarter, the Tigers were trying to catch up, but the Fillies were keeping their pace with a score of 35 - 22.

J.V. Coach Howe said the game was won and lost on free throw shots because of the 62 fouls.

#### STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	T
Heppner	7	8	7	13	35
Stanfield	6	4	6	6	22

Heppner - D. Reid 6, Britt 4, Turner 4, Stroeber 3, Conner 2, Gates 2, Bergstrom 9, L. Reid 5.

Weston - Eves 3, Linn 2, Earle 2, Smith 6, L. Wagner 4, Lynn Wagner 5.

## JV girls take loss at hands of Weston-McEwen

By WINDI MITCHELL

The Heppner J.V. girls played Weston McEwen Friday, Feb. 11. The Tiger Scotts won 34 - 29.

In the first quarter, the Fillies were leading 10 - 7.

In the second quarter, the Tiger Scotts drove past the Fillies, leading 12 - 15.

In the third quarter, Heppner jumped past the Tiger Scotts 26 - 22.

The Tiger Scotts gained on the Fillies in the fourth quar-

ter and led 34 - 29. Coach Howe said that this was a better game than the first game with Weston McEwen.

#### STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	T
Heppner	10	2	14	3	29
Weston	7	8	7	12	34
Heppner - D. Reid 10, Turner 1, L. Reid 2, Stroeber 2, Conner 8, Gates 4, Bergstrom 2.					
Weston - Hines 4, Tones 3, Weathers 10, Dickerson 2, Christopher 1, Schmidtgal 3, Hahn 9.					

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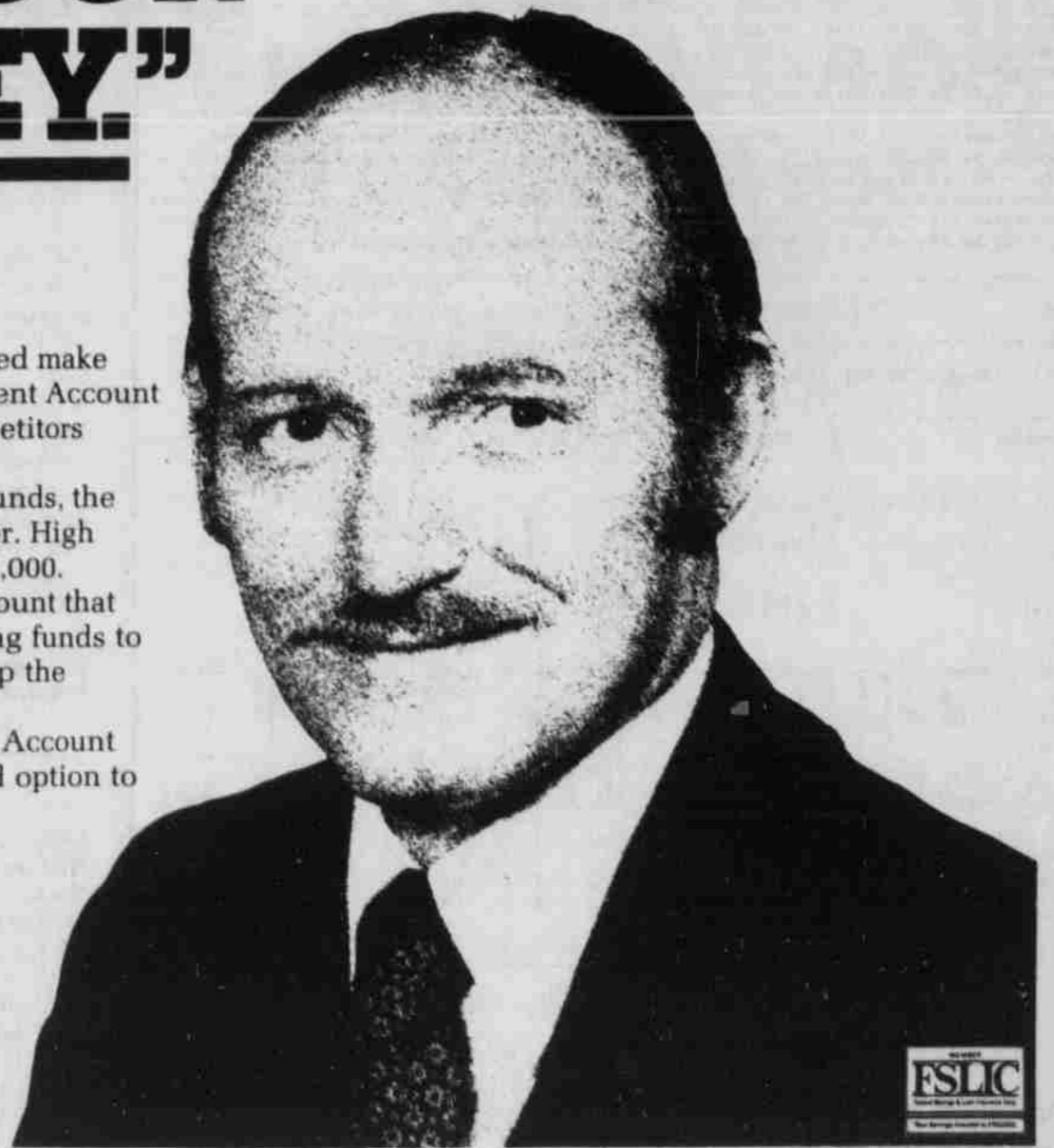
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