

# Mustangs end rocky season with disappointing loss

By GLENN SMITH

Friday, Feb. 18, the Heppner Mustangs ended their rocky season with a disappointing home loss to the Pilot Rock Rockets, 71 - 61.

Head coach Brent Eggers commented, "The game started out all right but their press killed us."

The rockets succeeded in outscoring the Mustangs, 22 - 4, in the second quarter and establishing a 15 point lead by halftime, 35 - 20.

"That was pretty much the game," Eggers stated, "We tried to come back in the second half and succeeded in cutting Pilot Rock's lead to 6 points late in the game, but that was the closest we came."

Eggers believed that the main reason they lost the ball game was that they couldn't overcome the Rockets' press. "They're the first team that's ever done that to us. We just kept throwing it away," said Eggers.

Another key was an old problem that cropped up to plague the cagers on their last game. "We had too many fouls," Eggers said, "They beat our 8 - 4 lead in the first quarter by shooting free throws. After that we seemed to lose our intensity throughout the second quarter but the team regained it in the second half." Eggers also believed that the Mustangs concentration was poor, which can come about in a highly emotional game.

"I was disappointed overall," Eggers went on to say, "As were most of the players."

This game ends the Mustang Basketball season with 5 - 7 in league action and 11 - 9 for the season, tying for third place with Umatilla in our division. Pilot Rock will go on to district with Weston McEwen.

Statistically both Mike Currin (27 points, 17 rebounds) and Jeff Orr (10 points, 10 rebounds) had good games.

Summing up the game, Eggers commented, "Their press and our fouls cost us the game. They shot a lot better than I thought they would and our bench wasn't as magical as it had been in earlier games. We didn't achieve all the goals I had set but we had a lot of good moments to remember. The highlight of the season was giving Weston McEwen one of their two losses. The key thing is that we were competitive. We only got really blown out once and this is an important factor. An important part of next year will be turning earlier losses into wins."

"When teams come to play us," Eggers added, "They knew they were in for a game. Varsity has a lot of pressure and you get more upset when you lose because it means more. Overall, we had fun and it was a good growing experience for everyone. Just wait until next year!" he concluded.

STATISTICS

Player	FG	FT	R	T
Greg Orr	2	3	0	7
Ray Hayes	1	1	0	3
Tom Huston	0	2	2	2
Mark Way	1	1	0	3
Jeff Orr	6	3	10	15
Mike Currin	12	3	17	27
Eric Thompson	0	1	1	1
Larry Britt	0	2	1	2
Bob Cole	0	1	0	1
Heppner	22	17	33	61
Pilot Rock	28	15	0	71

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# Fillies lose last game to Rockets



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Pam Orr (25) goes for bucket in game with Pilot Rock.

By WINDI MITCHELL  
 The Heppner Varsity girls played the Pilot Rock Varsity girls Friday, February 18 at 6 p.m.

In the first quarter, the Rockets slid past the Fillies but the Fillies were trying their best to score more. The score was 9 - 16.

In the second quarter the Rockets were still scoring but the Fillies were right behind with a score of 17 - 27.

In the third quarter the Rockets were still leading

## JV Fillies lose by 5

By WINDI MITCHELL  
 Heppner J.V. girls played the Pilot Rock J.V. girls at Heppner Friday, February 18 at 3 p.m.

In the first quarter, both teams were tied then the Fillies sneaked ahead with a score of 12 - 10.

In the second quarter the scores stayed pretty close together but the Rockets were leading 16 - 17.

In the third quarter the Fillies got back up and were leading again with a score of 28 - 24. In the fourth quarter

### STATISTICS

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Heppner	9	8	8	8	33
Pilot Rock	10	11	13	15	55

Heppner: J. Ward 4, C. Lindsay 1, P. Orr 10, A. Murray 1, J. Padberg 7, S. Clement 6, S. Paine 4.

### STATISTICS

Heppner:	12	4	12	2	30
Pilot Rock:	10	7	7	11	35

Heppner: D. Reid 4, S. Britt 6, M. Turner 4, L. Reid 6, A. Ball 2, P. Connor 6, M. Gates 2.



photo by Jon Mitchell

Mark Way shoots for two against Rockets Friday night.

## Valby to dedicate stained glass windows Feb. 27

This Sunday, Feb. 27, marks the Dedication Service of the seven new stained glass windows at Valby Lutheran Church. The windows were designed and executed for the 96 year old congregation by Greg and Marcia Sweek of Heppner. The congregation commissioned the windows in loving memory of congregational saints who have died, especially in memory of the many loved ones who died in the last 18 months, announced the Rev. John Maas, pastor.

The Service, to be held at 9 a.m., will feature the solo music of Ms. Phila Johnson of Portland, Ms. Johnson, a long-time friend of the congregation, is a professionally trained, classical musician.

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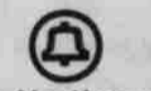
By NEOLA MACKKEY

The Heppner Neighborhood Center is in need of volunteers ages 18 and upward to help with sewing and/or cutting quilt blocks on Tuesdays for the economically disadvantaged. The center also needs lots of material to make the quilts. If you have any material lying around, the center would appreciate all donations.

center from 9 a.m. to 12 noon for Adult and Family Services, food stamps and Aid to Dependent Children on Wednesday, March 2. A social security representative will be at the center Friday, March 11.

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