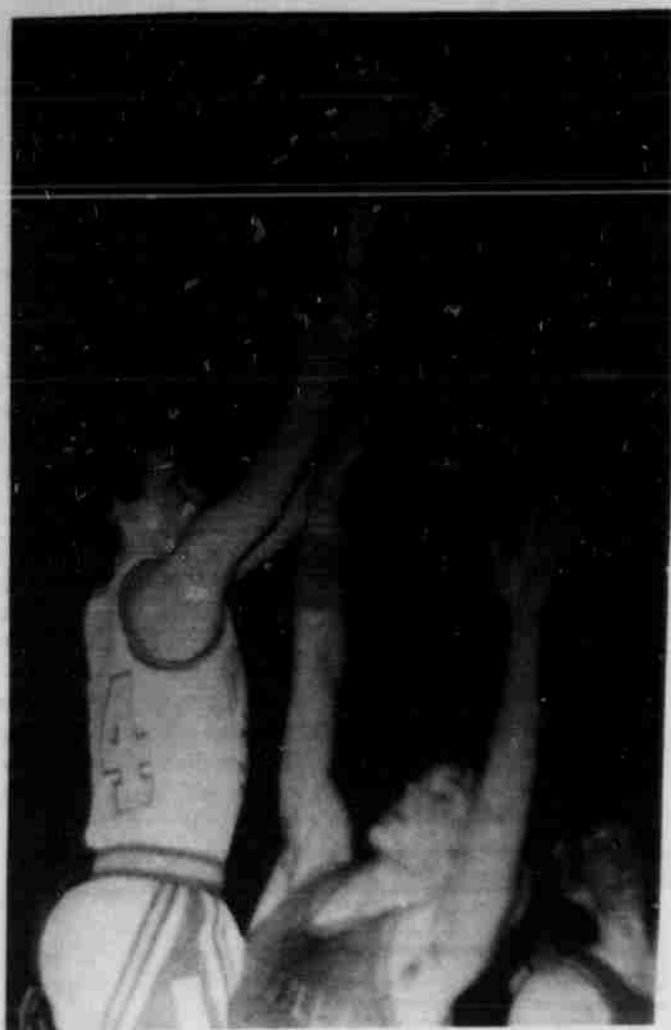


Heppner defeats Umatilla in 71-54 romp



Rod Cole shoots over Umatilla player. photo by Jon Mitchell

By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs came out of the locker room Saturday night pumped up and ready to play. After going 0-3 in league action they took their frustrations out on the Umatilla Vikings in a 71-54 romp in an important game for Heppner.

"Nothing I did got them ready. They were just ready to play both nights, we were more disciplined than Umatilla was," said Heppner Coach Brent Eggers.

Heppners however, still remains last in league play. Umatilla dropped to 1-2. After averaging only 42 points in their league games, the Mustangs managed 20 first quarter points against Umatilla and never looked back. John Martin led Heppner with 27 points, his career high, and grabbed 11 rebounds. The Mustangs came out loose and aggressive and never slacked off until they had a comfortable half-time lead, 38-28.

"We just try and take one game at a time," said Eggers on his team's chances of making district.

Heppner never let off in the third period, although Umatilla tied the Mustangs in the

period John Martin out-scored the whole Umatilla team 15-14 and began the celebration with Heppner's first league victory.

"It was great," said HHS player Mark Way. "We've been waiting for this all year."

Heppner plays Stanfield Saturday night, Jan. 21 at home at 8 p.m. Coach Eggers calls Stanfield one of the tougher teams in the C.B.C. this year.

Greg Orr had another good game, contributing 12 points, 10 rebounds and assists. Rob Salamanca led Umatilla with 14 points.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	T
Heppner	20	18	14	19	71
Umatilla	13	15	14	15	57

Heppner (71): Orr 6 0-0 12, Thompson 1 2-4 4, Way 4 0-1 8, Martin 11 5-6 27, Cole 7 0-0 14, Hammon 2 2-2 6. Totals 31 9-13 71.

Umatilla (54): Vandever 4 4-12 12, Salamanca 7 0-0 14, Burt 2 1-3 5, Kurtz 1 0-0 2, Lindley 1 0-0 2, Kurtz 4 1-4 9, John 2 8-11 2. Totals 21 14-22 54.

Fouled out: none
Total fouls: Heppner 18, Umatilla 18.
JV Score: Umatilla 67, Heppner 61.

Mustangs extended losing streak, with 44-54 loss to Rockets

By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs extended their losing streak to four games and three losses in a row in league play with a 44-54 defeat at the hands of the Pilot Rock Rockets last Friday night.

"If we would have shot free throws better we would have won," said Coach Brent Eggers on his team's loss.

Indeed they would have. Pilot Rock was 18 for 24 from the line, while Heppner just managed to connect on eight of 20 attempts. However, Heppner was not out of it by any means in the first quarter. It took four minutes before any team scored in the quarter and when the buzzer rang the score was 6-4 at the end of one. Heppner's worst quarter was the second. "Our defense broke down in the second quarter, and our free throws hurt us," said Eggers.

Pilot Rock sank seven of eight free throws in the second quarter and were up by nine, 25-16, at halftime.

The pace was the same in the second half. Heppner came within six points in the fourth quarter but crucial free throws by Pilot Rock provided the margin. Pilot Rock, 3-0 in the league, was led by Ken Rankin and Jeff Lankford with 12 points apiece.

Greg Orr had more than half of the points for Heppner with 24.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	T
Heppner	4	12	12	16	44
Pilot Rock	6	19	11	18	54

Heppner: (44) Orr 10 4-8 24, Thompson 1 2-5 4, Way 1 0-0 2, Martin 1 1-2 3, Cole 4 0-3 8, Hammon 1 1-2 3. Totals 18 8-10 44.

Pilot Rock: (54) Weinke 2 0-1 4, Lankford 4 4-8 12, Stelk 1 2-2 4, Rankin 5 2-3 12, Headly 0 4-4, Micheal 4 0-0 8, Britt 1 4-4 6, LeClair 1 2-2 4. Totals 18 18-24.

Fouled out: Orr, Way, Weinke.
Technical foul: Heppner bench.

Mustangs handed 41-58 loss from Wheeler Co. Falcons

By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs came out of the locker room as flat as a pancake and finished like they started in a 58-41 defeat at the hands of the Wheeler Falcons last Tuesday night, Jan. 10. The first quarter was by far the worst quarter for the Mustangs. In fact, Wheeler Co. forward Bill MacInnes out-scored the Mustangs 10-8 in the quarter and after one the score was 20-8.

The Mustangs out-scored Wheeler 10-9 in the second quarter as Tom Hammon chipped in with six points and the score on the half was 29-18.

"We really battled back in the second quarter, I didn't think we were out of the game yet," said HHS Coach Brent Eggers.

Wheeler's defense was too much for the Mustangs in the third quarter as Heppner only scored five points and were down by 21 points heading into the fourth.

In the fourth, Heppner was

forced to foul and wound up losing by 17, 58 - 41. The margin of victory was at the free throw line where Heppner was 5-13. Wheeler took 27 shots from the line and made 18.

Led by Jon Hankers, who was 12 for 15 from the line.

"We were forced to foul in the fourth quarter and that provided the margin of victory," said Eggers.

Mark Way and Greg Orr led Heppner with 13 points. Scott Marler, Bill MacInnes and Hankins combined for 45 points for the Falcons.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	T
Heppner	8	10	5	14	37
Wheeler	20	9	15	18	62

Heppner (41): Thompson 0 0-3 0, Way 6 1-2 12, Lucas 2 0-0 4, Kennedy 1 0-1 2, Cole, Orr 5 3-4 13, Kennison 1 0-0 2, Hammon 3 1-3 7. Totals 18 5-13 41.

Wheeler (58): Marler 6 2-2 14, MacInnes 6 1-2 13, Hankins 3 12-15 18, Hubbell 1 2-3 4, Shaffer 1 1-4 9. Totals 20 18-27 58.

pull within 27 to 11 at the end of the game.

Both teams shot poorly from the free throw line. Ione was 1 of 8 for 13 percent. Arlington made one of six for 17 percent.

Ione will travel to Condon on Thursday, Jan. 19, to play the Blue Demons at 1:30 p.m.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	T
Arlington	1	6	27	12	46
Ione	5	1	8	11	25

Arlington: J. Sharp 11, Springer 8, Gronquist 2, Borghese 2, T. Sharp 2, T. Logan 2.

Ione: Wagonblast 4, Papineau 3, Anderson 2, Conklin 2.

Ione Jr. High girls lose to Arlington 11-27

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The Ione Jr. High girl's basketball team fell to 0-3 with a 27 to 11 loss to the Arlington Goslings on Thursday, Jan. 12. Arlington jumped out to a nine to two lead in the first quarter.

The Goslings doubled the Cardinal's point output in the second period to increase their lead to 17-6 at intermission.

In the third stanza Ione was again out-scored. This time it was 10 to two as Ione trailed 8-27.

The Cards shutout the Goslings in the fourth quarter, to

Ione Jr. High boys' team improves record

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The Ione Jr. High boys' basketball team improved their record to 1-2 with a 33-19 victory over the Arlington Goslings on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Ione ran out to a 10 to 4 lead after the first period.

The second stanza ended 3-2 in favor of Arlington, but the Cardinals led 12-7 at halftime.

Arlington again scored three points in a quarter, but Ione put in seven and lead 19 to 10 at the end of the third quarter.

Ione put the game away in the fourth quarter, out-scoring the Goslings 14-9 and winning

Fillies embarrass Rockets

By DANA REID

The Heppner varsity Fillies traveled to Pilot Rock to take a league win over the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday Jan. 13.

The Pilot Rock Rockets had the home court advantage but the Heppner Fillies didn't let that stop them. They started the game off with the first two points.

Heppner was really playing good defense with a lot of hustle. The first quarter was an important one for the Fillies and with their good defensive rebounds and tough defense Heppner held the Rockets down to only 3 points in the first quarter while Heppner had 14.

The Rockets recieved the tipoff to start the second quarter but the Fillies didn't let that discourage them. They were down on defense, keeping the Rockets from scoring. Heppner started to get into a little foul trouble which gave Pilot Rock a chance for a few free points. The game was still close at the end of the second quarter but Heppner came out on top, 20-13.

The Fillies came out on the court to start the second half fired up and ready to win. The tipoff went to the Fillies but they just didn't quite have a hand on it and it was turned

over to the Rockets. The Fillies were playing great offense. They were running through their plays and being patient until they had an open shot for two. Heppner continued to play great basketball and was still in the lead at the end of the third quarter with a score of 33-23.

As the Fillies went out to play the final quarter of the game, they knew all they had to do was play tough defense and get those rebounds, and that's exactly what Heppner did. On offense the Fillies were really playing great team ball and as for defense, Heppner kept the Rockets from scoring. A great, well deserved win went to the Heppner Fillies. The final score was Heppner 48, Pilot Rock 30.

Pam Orr led the Fillies with 14 points, followed by Jodi Padberg with 13. Orr and Padberg both had eight rebounds. Stephi Payne had six assists and Padberg had seven steals.

"It was a very big win for us. We played with a lot of intensity. We did a super job on the boards and defensively we shot down their inside game almost completely.

"Offensively we could have played better but we did do the things that we had to do to win," said Coach Mike Royer.

Ione JV boys defeated 36-34 by Echo

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The Ione boys' JV basketball team is now 5-5 after a 36-34 loss to the Echo Cougars on Saturday, Jan. 14.

The opening period was very low scoring as Echo took a six to four lead.

Ione got four of their five second stanza points from Chris Rea but Jim Ramos had six of the Cougar's eight points as the Cards trailed 14 to 9 at halftime.

Eric Pointer and Steve Millman tossed in four apiece in the third stanza as Ione pulled within four at 24-20.

The Cardinals out scored Echo 14 - 12 in the fourth quarter, but the Cougars held on to win 36-34.

Ione lost the game at the free throw line as the Cards

made only 6 of 24 for 25 percent while Echo was 10 for 18, 55 percent.

Brian Douglas led the Cards in scoring with 10 points, followed by Rea with eight.

Ramos led the Cougars with 13 points, followed by Devin Correa with 10.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	T
Echo	6	8	10	12	36
Ione	4	5	11	14	34

Echo: J. Ramos 13, Correa 10, P. Ramos 5, Nordquist 4, Lyons 2, Miltenberger 2.

Ione: Douglas 10, Rea 8, Millman 5, Pointer 4, Rietmann 4, Taylor 3.

Veterinarian to address Livestock Growers

The Morrow County Livestock Growers will meet Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the 4-H annex in Heppner. Purpose of the meeting will

be to hear guest speaker Dr. Bill Jepsen of Hermiston speak on herd health and selenium research.

JV Fillies take 45-35 win over Umatilla

By DANA REID

The Heppner junior varsity Fillies competed against the Umatilla Vikings for a league win. The teams played Saturday, Jan. 14, at Heppner.

Heppner went out a little slow to start the game but as the game went on the Fillies played better. Heppner was playing good team ball, passing the ball around looking for an open shot. The Fillies were really hustling on defense and getting a lot of defensive rebounds. The Vikings were ahead at the end of the first quarter but the Fillies didn't let that discourage them. They were back in for the second quarter ready to play. The rebounds weren't coming quite as easy but the Fillies really worked for them. By the end of the second quarter Umatilla was still ahead but Heppner's good defense held the Viking's to only five points in the second quarter. Heppner scored nine, making the score 13-15.

The third quarter started as Umatilla received the tipoff. Heppner was playing super defense and their fast breaks were even better. As soon as the Fillies got the ball they pushed it up court quick, to drive in for another two points. Umatilla was also playing good defense, trying

to keep the Fillies from scoring, but Heppner did get inside to put the ball up. By the end of the third quarter it was a close score and Umatilla was in the lead 21-23.

Heppner was back out on the court for the fourth quarter fired up and ready to win. The Fillies started with a lot of hustle and determination. They were playing good offense and defense. Heppner was really hustling on defense and had a lot of steals which allowed for a lay-in and two points.

Foul trouble for the Fillies gave the Vikings a chance to get back in the game, but Heppner came back strong again to keep their lead over the Vikings. The Fillies won the game 45 - 35.

"Our offense was weak during the first quarter, but steadily got better as the game progressed. We played strong defense and kept them from scoring. During the fourth quarter we broke the game open, by using a full-court press. We stole the ball and rushed down for lay-ins to score an all time scoring total of 24 points for one quarter. We also broke our free throw percent record by sinking 65 percent of our shots from the line. This was the best game of the season so far. We're looking forward to even better games in the future," said Coach Karen Howe.

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