

# Cards squeak past Honkers 63-61 in Big Sky opener

By ASHLEY CONKLIN  
In their opening Big Sky Conference contest, the lone Cardinals withstood a furious fourth quarter rally by the Arlington Honkers to win 63-61 on Friday Jan. 4.

The Honkers took a 14 to 12 lead after one period. Rick Mahler got seven points for the Honkers. Mark Meyers countered with eight of his own for the Cards. Lone had 63. Donnie Doherty and 6'1" Mike Rietmann sit down with the quick fouls. To make matters worse, Arlington had two players standing 6'7".

Behind Randy McCabe's 14 second quarter points, the Cardinals gained a 35-30 lead at halftime.

Lone added 16 points to Arlington's 12 in the third period to go up 51-42. McCabe and Meyers each threw in eight in the quarter. One of the Honkers' 6'7" players, Rob Kirksey, tried to keep Arlington close with six of his own.

Early in the fourth quarter, Meyers missed a free throw, but grabbed the rebound and put it in. With 4:33 left Lone seemed to have the game in hand, leading 53-42; however, the Honkers soon got back into the game. The Cardinals led 62 to 61, when Jeff Ball made one of two free throws to put Lone up by two, with eight seconds left. Arlington had a chance, but Bryan Childers missed an 18-footer. Lone won 63-61.

McCabe led all scorers with a career high 31 points. Meyers had a season high 22, also for Lone. Nathan Bittinger topped Arlington, scoring 14. Mahler added 13.

The Cardinals controlled the boards 36 to 34. McCabe snagged 13 and Ball took seven. Meyers handed out seven assists and Ball gave out four. Meyers and freshman Ken Snider each stole the ball four times. Turnover-wise, Lone committed 26, Arlington 28.

Each team shot well from the field. Lone made 47 percent of theirs, shooting 55 and making 26. Arlington made 22 of 52, at a 48 percent clip. Both teams tossed in 11 foul shots. The Cardinals shot 22 for 50 percent. The Honkers shot 48 percent, attempting 23.

Coming into the game, Arlington was ranked fifth and Lone tenth. On Friday, Jan. 11 Lone hosts sixth-ranked Helix at 7:30 p.m. Lone then travels to Fossil on Saturday, Jan. 12 for a 7:30 p.m. match-up against the Wheeler Co. Falcons.

Statistics

Arlington-Bittinger	5, 4-4, 14;	
Gronquist	4, 0-0, 8; Childers	2, 0-3, 4;
Mahler	1, 5-8, 13; Kirksey	4, 1-3, 9;
Hughes	2, 0-2, 4; Wheelhouse	4, 1-3, 9.
Totals	25, 11-23, 61.	

Lone	FG	FT	TP	PF	RT	TO	R	A
Rietmann	0-1	0-0	0	5	0	3	0	0
Doherty	0-4	0-0	0	5	0	3	1	1
Meyers	8-14	6-8	22	0	5	4	7	7
Ball	1-3	1-5	3	3	4	7	4	7
Pointer	1-2	1-2	3	1	3	2	0	0
Douglas	1-9	0-1	2	4	6	4	1	1
Snider	0-0	2-3	2	1	4	0	2	2
Totals	26-55	11-22	63	22	26	36	16	16

Fouled out-Rietmann, Doherty, Mahler. Total fouls-Arlington 19, lone 22.

	1	2	3	4	F
Arlington	14	16	12	19	61
Lone	12	23	16	12	63



lone player leaps high for shot in game with Honkers

# Heppner takes impressive win

By TRAVIS HYATT  
The Heppner Mustangs won their second game in a row December 21 in a very impressive 50-31 over the Condon Blue Devils. Heppner upped its record to 2-4.

Heppner played well defensively in the first quarter but only scored eight points and led by three after one. Condon never got untracked in the second quarter and managed only 13 points at the half as the

Mustangs led 20-13. Todd Lindsay had eight points. Condon did better in the third quarter and pressed Heppner to a slim lead of two points 26-24 heading into the fourth.

# Girl Cardinals best Eagles 27-21

By ASHLEY CONKLIN  
Lone's girls basketball team won their second game of the season on Friday, Dec. 21 by defeating the Spray Eagles 27 to 21.

The Cardinals shutout the Eagles six to nothing in the first quarter. Deena Hams had five of the Cardinal points.

By halftime Lone had increased their margin to 12-2 by outscoring Spray six to two in the second period.

Statistics

Lone	FG	FT	TP	PF	RT	ST	TO
Hams	7-16	4-6	18	2	9	3	5
Wright	2-7	0-1	4	5	8	1	7
McElligott	1-5	1-3	3	4	4	4	5
McCabe	1-4	0-0	2	1	2	1	6
Beeson	0-2	0-0	0	1	1	1	5
Davison	0-0	0-1	0	3	2	1	3
Totals	11-34	5-11	27	19	27	11	32

At the end of three quarters, the Eagles pulled within 18-10. Dawn Rardin and Shelley Shreves each netted four points in the quarter for the Eagles.

Spray-Rardin 1, 7-11, 9; Parkhurst 0, 0-0, 0; Britt 0, 2-5, 2; Shreves 3, 3-4, 9; Keeling 0, 0-1, 0; Bowler 0, 1-2, 1. Totals 4, 13-23, 21.

A late rally by Spray came up short in the fourth period as lone won 27-21.

Fouled out-Wright, Rardin, Shreves. Total Fouls-Lone 19, Spray 15.

Lone	1	2	3	4	F
Spray	0	2	8	11	21

Hams led all scorers with 18 points. Rardin and Shreves each tossed in nine points for the Eagles. From the field the Cards made 11 of 34 shots for 32 percent, whereas Spray made only four field goals. At the foul line, Lone was five of 11 for 45 percent, compared to Spray's 13 of 23, 57 percent.

The Cardinals grabbed 27 rebounds. Hams and Sandi Wright

# Fillies tromp Pirates 56-29

By DANAREID  
The Heppner Varsity Fillies took on the Riverside Pirates Friday, Jan. 4 here at Heppner.

The starters were guards Stephani Payne and Missy Turner, forwards Lana Reid and Jodi Padberg, and center Penny Connor.

The ball was tossed up to start the game. The Fillies grabbed the ball and took it down court. Heppner set it up to run through their offense. Riverside was playing tough defense but the Fillies were patient and managed to work it inside for two points. Heppner started the game with a full court press and super defense. The Pirates became frustrated and turned the ball over many times. At the end of the first quarter the score was tied up at 8-8.

The second quarter began as the Fillies received the tip off once again. They took control of the game and went at a fast pace running fast breaks and going all the way in for two points. Heppner was doing very well rebounding and were able to get two and sometimes three shots each time down the court, if needed. The Fillies continued to play full court and the Pirates did also. Heppner managed to break Riverside's press pretty easily. By the end of the second quarter Heppner had pulled ahead by nine points leaving the game at 24-15.

Heppner came back out after half time ready to finish the game. The tip once again went to the fillies. Through the third quarter the score difference became greater as they finished with a score of 40-20.

In the fourth quarter Heppner continued playing very well. They were hustling and showing deter-

mination. The Fillies stopped with their full court press but the Pirates held it on. As the quarter went along the Fillies pulled further and further ahead, until finally winning the game 56-29.

The Heppner Fillies played a super game with all nine team members contributing in their first league game of the season.

Jodi Padberg led the Fillies with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Stephani Payne added another 12 points and six assists for the Heppner Fillies.

# Lone girls bombed by Honkers in league opener



photo by Wayne Hams

By ASHLEY CONKLIN  
Lone's girls basketball dropped their opening Big Sky Conference game to the Arlington Honkers 63 to 28 on Friday, Jan. 4.

Wright seven. Hams also made five steals. Lone had the fewest turnovers they've had all season with 22.

Arlington ran all over Lone in the first quarter taking an 18 to two lead. The Cardinals managed to pull within 26-15 by the break, by taking the second period 13-8. Deena Hams chipped in seven for the Cardinals.

The Cardinals will host the Helix Grizzlies on Friday, Jan. 11 beginning at 6 p.m. They then travel to Fossil on Saturday, Jan. 12 to play the Wheeler Co. Falcons at 6 p.m.

By the end of three periods Arlington was ahead 34-17. Arlington owned the third period eight to two. The Honkers bombed the Cards in the fourth quarter with 29 points to win 63-28. Becky Burdick and Cara Bittinger each scored 10 for Arlington in the period.

Statistics

Arlington-Jones	0, 0-0, 0;
Carroll	0, 0-0, 0;
Deen	0, 0-0, 0;
Burdick	7, 0-1, 14;
Sharp	9, 1-2, 19;
Bittinger	6, 7-8, 19;
Webb	1, 0-1, 2;
Gronquist	3, 0-2, 6;
Springer	0, 0-0, 0;
Irby	0, 3-6, 3.
Totals	26, 11-20, 63.

The Cardinals managed to pull within 26-15 by the break, by taking the second period 13-8. Deena Hams chipped in seven for the Cardinals.

Statistics

Lone	FG	FT	TP	PF	RT	TO
Hams	6-20	5-7	17	8	7	7
Wright	1-4	3-9	5	7	5	5
McElligott	0-3	0-1	0	1	5	1
Rudisill	0-4	0-1	0	2	1	1
McCabe	1-6	2-2	4	4	4	4
Beeson	0-4	0-0	0	1	0	0
Davison	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	1
Totals	9-43	10-20	28	23	22	22

In the game, lone shot only nine of 43 for 21 percent. At the free throw line, lone whot 50 percent on 11 of 20 shooting.

Fouled out Wright. Total fouls-Arlington 19, Lone 20.

Bittinger and Jennifer Sharp were the game's leading scorers with 19 apiece. Bardick had 14 more for Arlington. Lone was led by Hams' 17.

Arlington	1	2	3	4	F
Lone	18	8	8	29	63

# Mustangs snap losing streak

By TRAVIS HYATT  
The Heppner Mustangs snapped their four game losing streak Tuesday, Dec. 18 with a 50-46 victory over the Wheeler County Falcons.

Heppner took a good sized lead in the third quarter, leading by 19 at one point and were safely up by 15 points after three quarters. The Mustangs let down in the fourth quarter and Wheeler outscored Heppner 18-7 to provide the four point margin for Heppner.

Heppner came out strong in the first quarter and seemed to frustrate Wheeler with a packed in zone defense and led 11-4 after one quarter.

"I think it was our worst performance of the year. What should have been a 20 point win ended up a four point win," said Eggers. "The only good ball we played was in the third quarter."

The second quarter saw pretty much of the same things on Heppner's part but the Falcons stayed close and the halftime score was 25-14. But it did look on occasions that the Mustangs were taking Wheeler to lightly.

Heppner was led by Wayne Wilgers with 14 points and Jim Storm had 12 points along with nine rebounds. Keith Kennison had 14 boards for Heppner. Wheeler was led by Jon Hankins with 12.

"I didn't think we were mentally ready to play a tough ball game," said Coach Brent Eggers.

**The Fifth Quarter**  
Sports with Mike Oths

Howdy, and welcome back after the holidays, though the seasons may intrude, the sports events lumber ceaselessly ahead...

I didn't get any response to the "predict the PAC-10 race idea, but it may be a moot point, now. The OSU Beavers were very convincing in their early-season showdown with the Washington Huskies. You heard it here first (November 14) and you'll hear it again: the Huskies don't have what it takes to win the conference.

The "feel sorry for Chicago fans" theme should just about be ready for retirement. For all the pity, they've had: (in the space of the last fifteen months) a division title for the Sox, one for the Cubs, an NFC title berth for the Bears, and the addition of Michael Jordan. Tough life. Imagine yourself living in Cleveland.

The Trailblazers have certainly sit themselves up for the old second-guess with their play over the last month. Although I still belong to the "give 'em time" school of thought, it doesn't look too promising right now.

It's time for another "new beginning" in Corvallis, with the addition of new football coach Dave Kragthorpe. I'll bet Mr. Kragthorpe wishes his new boss (OSU President John Byrne) would tone it down, though. Dr. Byrne has been talking Rose Bowl. Maybe; but don't bet the baby-shoe money.

The final results of the Crystal Ball feature were decided a couple of weeks ago. Our inaugural champion was Brent Eggers, who compiled a season mark of 133-63, for a very respectable percentage of .678. Craig Kitching ended up at 128-68; Dave Sykes and Mike Oths were at 125-71 while Dale Holland came in at 123-73. A pretty competitive group, all things considered.

Not too much more going on in sports. It will be interesting to see how the Super Bowl comes out. The early line should be pretty close to even. Maybe favor the 49'ers by a point or two on home turf advantage. And no, I don't want to bet.

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