

Fillies gallop to 56-36 win

By DANA REID

The Heppner Fillies varsity basketball team went up against the Pilot Rock Rockets Friday Jan. 11 here at Heppner.

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

The Rockets received the tip to start the game. Heppner hustled back to play good defense and hold the Rockets from scoring. The Fillies had the first two points on the score board. They were really hustling and playing very well. Heppner played excellent defense and kept the Rockets from getting the ball inside the key. Heppner started the game using a full court press which frustrated Pilot Rock a bit. At the end of the first quarter Heppner had held the Rockets down to only scoring one point as they had 18.

The Rockets received the tip to start the second quarter. Heppner didn't play as well in the second quarter and the Rockets had it easier to get the ball inside the key and score. The Fillies continued to score in the second quarter as they did in the first but they also let Pilot Rock score. By the end of the second quarter the score was Heppner 30 and Pilot Rock 19.

The Rockets received the tip off once again to start the third quarter. Pilot Rock fought hard through out the third and fourth quarter but Heppner kept their lead. The Fillies were rebounding very well, as they kept the Rockets off the boards. The Heppner Fillies continued playing well as they went on to win the game. The final score was 56-36.

Stephani Payne led the Fillies with 16 points, 3 assists and four steals. Jodi Padberg added 12 points and seven rebounds while Lana Reid grabbed down six rebounds.

"We had a great first quarter but relaxed a little in the second and let them back into the game," said filly coach Michael Royer, "the last three quarters they played us tough. We controlled the boards and shut down their inside game for the most part."

Statistics

Missy Turner 1, 1-6, 3; Ellen Arbogast 0, 2-2, 2; Andrea Ball 1, 0-1,



Heppner's Stephanie Payne (42) shoots layup while Jodi Padberg looks on.

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2; Missy Eubanks 2, 3-6, 7; Lana Reid 3, 0-1, 6; Jodi Padberg 3, 6-7, 12; Stephani Payne 6, 4-4, 16; Penny Connor 1, 0-0, 2; Dana Reid 1, 4-6, 6. Totals 18, 29-33, 56. Totals Pilot Rock: 14, 8-18, 36.

Mustangs shot down by Pilot Rock Rockets

By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs faced the Pilot Rock Rockets last Friday night and, unable to stop the hot shooting Rockets, dropped their third league game in a row losing 67-46.

Pilot Rock came out ready in the first quarter and shot well enough to post a 14-6 lead after one quarter.

But the Mustangs came out strong in the second stanza and scored 16 points in the quarter. Unfortunately the Rockets scored 18 points of their own and took a 10 point lead as they went into the locker room.

Pilot Rock, the leading scoring team in the league got the ball inside to their big men Bob Sewell and John Elferina who combined for 10 points in the third quarter and lead 46-30.

The Mustangs attempted a comeback in the fourth period scoring 16 points but the Rockets scored 21 points themselves led by Ken Kiehl with eight, who closed out the period with 14 points of his own.

Pilot Rock shot a blistering 67 percent from the floor on a 30-47 night.

"Our defense was poor, and they hit some good shots too," said Heppner coach Brent Eggers, "I don't think we did well on any category, they got the ball inside as much as they wanted. They have really improved as a team."

Heppner didn't shoot too bad themselves connecting on 22 of 42 shots for 53 percent. Sewell and Kaehl had 16 and 14 points respectively for Pilot Rock. Heppner was led by Todd Lindsay with 10 points. Ron Doherty dished out seven assists in the losing effort.

Pilot Rock: Walker 2, 2-2, 6; Kaehl 7, 0-0, 14; Partney 4, 1-3, 9; Post 3, 2-2, 8; Sutherland 1, 0-0, 2; Stanton 2, 0-0, 4; Sewell 7, 2-3, 16; Elferina 4, 0-0, 8.

Totals: 30, 7-10, 67.
Heppner: Doherty 1, 1-2, 3; Green 1, 0-0, 2; Hyatt 1, 0-0, 2; Wilgers 2, 0-0, 4; Lindsay 3, 0-0, 10; Curring 4, 1-2, 9; Storm 1, 0-0, 2; Linamen 2, 0-2, 4; Graves 4, 0-1, 8; Kenison 1, 0-0, 2; Hayes, McConnell.

Totals: 22, 2-7, 46.



Dave Green looks for opening against Rocket defense. No. 30 is Jim McConnell.

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JV Fillies suffer 26-33 loss

By DANA REID

The Heppner junior varsity girls basketball team traveled to Umatilla Saturday Jan. 12 to play the Umatilla Vikings.

Starting for the Fillies were guards Tina Davidson and Kim George, forwards Cindy Stroeber and Theresa Lindsay, and center Tarena Nash.

Umatilla received the tip to start the game. They took the ball down court and the Fillies good defense forced the Vikings to turn the ball over. Heppner scored the first two points of the ball game. Umatilla started in a press but the Fillies

handled it well. At the end of the first quarter the score was tied up at 6-6.

The second quarter started as the Fillies were having some trouble rebounding the defense boards which gave Umatilla two, and sometimes three shots each time down the court. The Vikings continued using their press throughout the second which hurt the Fillies. By the end of the second quarter Umatilla had pulled ahead 19-8.

Umatilla received the tip to start the second half of the game but Heppner once again scored the first two points. Half way through third

Mustangs still looking for first league victory

By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Umatilla last Saturday night looking for their first league victory against the equally struggling Umatilla Vikings who pulled out the victory 42-35.

The first quarter was evenly played by both teams. Heppner was running a slower tempo game while the Vikings were running up and down the court looking for some fast break baskets and the quarter ended with an 8-8 tie.

The second stanza was even like the first, with neither team able to control the game with their different tempos and the score was tied at 19 apiece at the half.

"I think we did a pretty good job at controlling the tempo. But I think we can have a little bit of shot selection, we still don't know what a good shot is," said Heppner coach Brent Eggers.

The third period was the back-breaker for the Mustangs as the Vikings out scored Heppner 13-6 in

the period. Todd Lindsay had all the points for Heppner in the third. Heppner couldn't manage to take the lead in the final quarter as each team scored 10 points and the seven point Viking advantage in the third quarter proved to be the difference in the game.

"We did have a let down in the third quarter," said Eggers, "They had a seven point edge after three and that turned out to be the difference."

Neither team shot well in the game. Umatilla was 19-66 from the floor for 29 percent. Heppner shot 27 percent connecting on 14 of 32. Wayne Sehan was the leading scorer for the Vikings with 15 points, 12 in the second half. Lindsay led Heppner with 11 points. Keith Kenison pulled down 10 rebounds and Wayne Wilgers had eight points and eight boards for Heppner.

Umatilla: Garcia 2, 0-0, 4; Richards 4, 0-1, 8; Vandever 1, 1-1, 3; Pankey 4, 0-2, 8; Kurtz 0, 2-5, 2; Hoho,

1, 0-2, 2; Sehan 7, 1-2, 15. Totals: 19, 4-13, 42.

Heppner: Doherty 0, 1-2, 1; Wilgers 4, 0-0, 8; Lindsay 4, 3-4, 11; Currin 1, 2-3, 4; McConnell 3, 0-1, 6; Kenison 2, 1-2, 5. Totals: 14, 7-12, 35.

Fillies suffer defeat after hard-fought match with Vikings

By DANA REID

The Heppner varsity girls basketball team traveled to Umatilla Saturday, Jan. 12 to face the Umatilla Vikings.

Starting for the Fillies were guards Stephani Payne and Missy Turner, forwards Lana Reid and Jodi Padberg and center Penny Connor.

Umatilla received the tip to start the game. Heppner hustled back to play tough defense. The Fillies held the Vikings from scoring as the Fillies took the ball back down court. Heppner took some good shots out they just wouldn't drop. Both teams were hitting the boards hard so the

rebounds went to either team. Heppner started in a full court press, really hustling. It was a close quarter but the Umatilla Vikings came out on top 10-6 at the end of the quarter.

The second quarter was played pretty much the same as the first. Heppner did get into a little foul trouble as two players ended the first half with three fouls. By the end of the first half the Fillies were ahead 19-18. With either team able to win the game.

The third quarter started as both teams played tough defense making it hard for the other team to get the ball inside. Heppner continued using their press and Umatilla also started theirs. The third quarter was played the same as the first two and it was still anyone's game. The Fillies were ahead by one point with the score 28-27.

The fourth quarter was started putting a little more pressure on both teams. The lead changed from each team throughout the fourth quarter. With only seconds left in the game Heppner was down by two. The Fillies were forced to foul and Umatilla went to the line. With only one second left Umatilla was at the line and the score was 39-37, the Vikings favor. The Fillies had no chance but the score remained at 39-37 with the Umatilla Vikings taking the game by two points.

Lana Reid led the Fillies with 11 points, 12 rebounds and 6 steals. Dana Reid added eight points and Stephani Payne had five assists.

"It was a close, exciting game but I don't think either team played that well. We looked good at times and came back strong in the fourth quarter, but we were only two for 10 from the line in the second half and its tough to beat a good team when you shoot like that from the line," said Heppner coach Mike Royer.

The Fillies play at Pilot Rock Friday, Jan. 18 and at Stanfield Saturday, Jan. 19. Both games begin at approximately 6 p.m.

Missy Turner 2, 1-3, 5; Missy Eubanks 1, 1-3, 3; Lana Reid 4, 3-8, 11; Jodi Padberg 1, 2-2, 4; Stephani Payne 2, 2-5, 6; Dana Reid 4, 0-0, 8. Totals 14, 9-19, 37.

Totals-Umatilla 16, 7-22, 39.

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