

Mustangs gain 2nd league win



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By TRAVIS HYATT

The Heppner Mustangs won their second league game in impressive fashion last Tuesday night, defeating the Sherman County Huskies 57-49. Although the Huskies have only won one game this year, they were determined to win their first league victory, and jumped out to a 13-9 lead in the first quarter.

The Mustangs looked better in the second quarter, as they started to get the ball inside and were drawing the fouls but were unable to put the Huskies away and led by two at the half.

"I thought our intensity was good. We kept the pressure on. There was one stretch where they could post up Coles but we corrected that," said

Mustang Coach Brent Eggers. "The Mustangs started slowly in the third quarter to pull the game away, led by Todd Lindsay's seven points. Heppner was 37-31 after the third quarter.

Heppner shot 14 free throws in the fourth quarter and scored 20 points to close out the game at eight.

"It was the smartest we played offensively. We penetrated extremely well and as a result went to the line a lot," said Eggers.

The game was won at the foul line as Sherman hit one of three from the line and Heppner hit on 23 of 41 from the charity stripe. Sherman hit on 53 percent from the field. Heppner was 17 of 40 for 43 percent. The Mustangs controlled the boards grabbing 50

rebounds, led by Keith Kenison with 18.

"The best job we've done on the boards this year, Kenison had a great effort," said Eggers.

Todd Lindsay led the balanced scoring attack for Heppner with 13 points. Wayne Wilgers and Kenison had 12 apiece. Mark Coles led the Huskies with 17.

STATISTIC

Sherman County - Adams 3 0-0 6, Anderson 3 0-0 6, Blaylock 2 0-0 4, Coles 8 1-2 17, Conlee 2 0-1 4, Eaton 2 0-0 4, Fields 3 0-0 6, Pattee 1 0-0 2. Totals: 24 1-3 49

Heppner - Green 2 0-0 4, Wilger 4 4-5 12, Lindsay 3 7-10 13, Currin 2 0-0 4, McConnell 1 2-5 4, Hayes 0 1-2 1, Graves 1 5-10 7, Kenison 4 4-9 12. Totals 17 23-41 57.

HHS Mustangs downed by 7th ranked Tigers

By TRAVIS HYATT

The seventh ranked Stanfield Tigers used some fine shooting last Friday night in downing the Heppner Mustangs 45-37.

The victory raised Stanfields record to 11-1 in league and 18-2 overall. The Mustangs fell to 2-9 in league play.

The game was pretty even in the first quarter; the Mustangs played patiently and were down by three at the end of the quarter.

Stanfield outscored Heppner 17-10 in the second period and had a comfortable 27-17 halftime lead.

"We have a harder time getting the ball inside, because they play better defense than most teams," said Coach Brent Eggers on his team's first-half performance.

Heppner played Stanfield evenly in the third and fourth quarter and managed to come within four points at one time in the final stanza, but couldn't quite take the lead as the Tigers hit four of five free throws to ice the victory.

Stanfield shot a blistering 67 percent from the field while the Mus-

tangs were shooting 35 percent. The Mustangs only managed 18 rebounds, led by Keith Kenison with nine.

Todd Lindsay led Heppner in scoring with 15 points. Steve Currin had 10, and Kenison nine. Jed Hummell led the Tigers with 12.

"I thought we played a very competitive game," said Eggers. "I was pleased we were able to make a comeback against a good team like that."

STATISTICS

Stanfield (45) Wagoner 2 3-4 7, Hummell 5 2-3 12, Marcum 1 2-2 4, Cooper 1 2-3 4, Latham 2 0-0 4, MacPherson 4 0-1 8, Nevil 3 0-0 6. Totals: 18 9-13 45

Heppner (37) Wilgers 1 0-1 2, Lindsay 6 3-3 15, Currin 3 4-7 10, Graves 0 1-2 1, Kenison 4 1-2 9, Totals 14 9-16 37.

Stanfield 10 17 8 10 - 45
Heppner 7 10 8 12 - 37

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Playoff loss sends Cards to coop

By ASHLEY CONKLIN

The lone boys basketball team met the Arlington Honkers on Tuesday, Feb. 12 in a playoff game to determine which team would advance to the district tournament. Arlington prevailed 71 to 58. Lone finished the season 14-5.

Arlington led throughout the opening period and was up 15-10 after one. Kelly Gronquist had five for Arlington. Randy McCabe and Mark Meyers had four for Lone.

The Honkers used their fast break to outscore the Cardinals 20-17 in the second quarter. The Honkers fast break was keyed by many Cardinal turnovers. Gronquist and Rob Kirksey tossed in six points apiece for the Honkers who led 35 to 27 at intermission.

Using a full court press in the third period, Lone grabbed the period 18-13, to pull within 48-45. McCabe put in ten for Lone, while Gronquist put in eight for Arlington.

The Honkers made 13 of 19 free throws in the fourth quarter to win the quarter 23 to 13 and the game 17 to 58.

McCabe and Meyers popped in 19 and 18 respectively for the Cards. Mike Rietmann added 10 more.

Gronquist led all scorers, gunning in 25. Kirksey chipped in 15, Rick Mahler pumped in 12, and Nathan Bittinger added 10 more for Arlington.

Each team made 26 field goals. Lone shot 44 percent on 59 attempts. The Honkers made 45 percent, attempting 58 shots. Arlington won the contest at the foul line. Arlington made 19 of 32 shots, a 59 percent clip. The Cardinals were only six of 13 for 46 percent.

The Honkers owned a 36 to 35 advantage on the boards. For Lone, Rietmann grabbed 12, McCabe collected 10, and Donnie Doherty gained six. Meyers passed off for nine of lone's 19 assists. Jeff Ball handed out four and Ken Snider gave out

three more. Bryan Childers dished out eight of Arlington's 17 assists. Meyers also had five steals.

STATISTICS

lone	FG	FT	TP	TO	R	A	S
McCabe	8-14	3-5	19	6	10	1	2
Rietmann	5-15	0-1	10	1	12	1	1
Doherty	1-5	2-2	4	3	6	0	0
Meyers	9-17	0-1	18	9	4	9	5
Ball	0-3	0-2	0	3	0	4	0
Douglas	1-1	0-0	2	1	2	1	0
Snider	2-4	1-2	5	2	1	3	1
Totals	26-59	6-13	59	25	0	19	9

Arlington - Bittinger 4-8, 2-4, 10; Gronquist 10-20, 5-9, 25; Kirksey 6-15, 3-5, 15; Mahler 3-10, 2-4, 12; Hughes 1-1, 3-3, 5; Childers 0-4, 4-7, 4. Totals 26-58, 19-32, 71.

lone 1 2 3 4 F
10 17 18 13 58
Arlington 15 20 13 23 71
Fouled Out - Bittinger, McCabe.
Total Fouls - lone 22, Arlington 13.

'Poor shooting' blamed for Filly loss



By DANA REID

The Varsity girls basketball team traveled to Sherman County Tuesday, Feb. 12 to go up against the Huskies.

Heppner came out fired up and ready to play. The Huskies received the trip off to start the game. The Huskies also scored the first two points.

Early in the game Heppner got into some foul trouble and Sherman went to the freethrow line many times. The Huskies are a good shot from the line, which hurt the Fillys.

Heppner was having trouble getting the ball through the hoop. They were putting up their "norman" shots, but they just weren't dropping.

The Fillys were blocking out tough and really hitting the boards. Because of Sherman's size rebounding and blocking was essential for the Fillys.

Sherman County ran their offense which led to the ball inside and up for an easy two. The Fillys were playing good defense but they just couldn't stop it.

It was a very fast pace game but because of Heppner's poor shooting percentages (30 percent from the field and 35 percent from the free throw line) the Fillys lost. The final score was 41-47.

Stephani Payne led the Fillys with 9 points, 8 rebounds and 8 assists while Missy Eubanks grabbed down 11 rebounds.

"If we would have shot the ball like we usually do we could have won the game. But Sherman deserves a lot of credit, they're a good team. They played tough defense and they really hurt us inside. I hope we get another shot at them at District," said Fillys Coach Mike Royer.

Heppner: M. Turner 4 0-3 8; E. Arbogast 1 0-0 2; M. Eubanks 4 0-0 8; Lana Reid 2 2-2 6; J. Padberg 3 0-0 6; Steph Payne 3 3-6 9; Dana Reid 1 0-1 2.

Totals: Heppner 18 5-14 41; Sherman 15 16-27 47.

Fillys head to district

By MIKE OTIS

Heppner's girls basketball team wrapped up the Columbia Basin Conference Eastern Division title, last weekend, and will meet No. 1 ranked Sherman County, this Friday in Pendleton in the District Playoffs.

Victories over Stanfield and Weston-McEwen gave the Fillys their second straight CBC East crown. The Mike Royer-coached girls will now try to avenge an earlier 6-point loss to Sherman County in the playoffs, to be held Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Pendleton Armory. A win would boost the Fillys into the Regionals, which will be held at LaGrande next weekend. A loss to Sherman would mean that Heppner would need to beat the winner of Friday's Umatilla-Riverside game. Such a game would be played Saturday night at 7 p.m. also at the Armory.

The Fillys were ranked fifth in the State in the last poll. Sherman County, which has lost only to No. 1-ranked AA Madras, has been top-ranked since Heppner knocked Umatilla from the top spot in January. The Fillys are 14-3 for the season, having lost their opener to Imbler, and then to Umatilla and Sherman, in league play.



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