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Fillies take regional, move on to state



Accompanied by chants of "We're Number One," and "On to State," Heppner High School's girls team captured its first-ever regional basketball championship Friday night in LaGrande, with a 47-42 victory over Imbler High School.

The Fillies, led by the hot shooting of Jodi Padberg, jumped out to a big early lead over Imbler's Panthers then survived a furious second-half rush to claim the regional title and a spot in this week's State Tournament in Pendleton.

Cold Imbler shooting, and what Heppner coach Mike Royer called probably our best half of the season," staked the Fillies to a lead of as much as 16 points, midway through the second quarter. Imbler shaved the lead to ten at halftime, but the Fillies pushed it out to fifteen again in the third quarter. A late Imbler rush left the score at 37-30, Heppner, at the end of the third period.

seemed to tire noticeably in the final period, but Royer cited the fact that his players reacted well to the pressure in the closing minutes. The

Fillies regained their composure in the last 1:30, despite the loss of point guard Stephani Payne, who fouled Penny Connor's basket in the out. final minute made the score 47-42, and gave Heppner the breathing room it needed to ice the victory. Heppner, 16-3, will now play Amity, runner-up from Region A, which earned its spot in the State Tourney with a win over favored Neah-Ka-Nie, 41-38, on Saturday night in Newberg Amity is located twenty

miles northwest of Salem. Also on Saturday, Imbler grabbed photo by Clark Wallis

38-37 in the regionals. They bounced back with the win over Neah-Ka-Nie. however, to earn their second trip to the State tourney in four seasons.

In Amity, Heppner will face a team that has a rare distinction they're smaller than the Fillies. Coach Lynn Freshour describes his team as "small, but well-balanced. We like to run and fast break." The fifth-year head coach cited the fact that any of his starters has potential to score in double figures as the key to his team's success.

Royer, Heppner's second-year coach, feels that rebounding will play a key role against Amity. They're very aggressive on the offensive boards - we'll need to keep off there." Royer also describ ed Amity as a "very smart team that doesn't make many turnovers. Royer doesn't feel that there are any heavy favorites to win the State Title. "I think we have a good chance," said Royer, "as good as anybody Heppner's first-round game will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, at the Pendleton Armory. (see related story for schedule)

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By DANA REID

The Heppner Fillies upset the Imbler Panthers 47-42 as the Fillies take a spot in the State Tournament this week. Heppner and Imbler played the second girls game of the Regional Tournament Friday, March 1 in LaGrande

The Fillies, once again were up against another tall team. Starting for the Panthers was Teressa McDonald 5'6", Dara Doles 5'10", Penny Jacoby 5'812", Mary Royes 5'812 and Michelle Kilgore 5'6. The Fillies were taking their quickness and speed against the Panthers heighth starting Stephani Payne and Dana Reid at guards, Lana Reid and Jodi Padberg at forwards and Penny Conner at center.

The tip was controlled by the Panthers as the Fillies started in a zone defense. Imbler tried to work the ball inside for a shot but it was no good as the Imbler Panthers knocked the ball out-of-bounds. The Fillies worked the ball around as a three point play was made and Heppner had the first score on the board. The Fillies also started out in a full

court press on defense. Heppner took control of the game as they ended the first quarter 10 points ahead 15-5. The Fillies were playing tough defense, keeping the Panthers out of the key. Heppner continued tough defense in the second quarter. The Fillies ran a fast break from the start of the game as they had several layins. Heppner held the point lead as the second quarter ended.

Jodi Padberg scored 15 of the Fillies 23 points at the end of the first alf. "We had a 10-point lead but we

knew the game wasn't over yet. said coach Royer after the first half. "I'm just glad we kept the pace up as long as we did and kept the pressure on defensively." To start the third quarter Heppner grabbed the tip and headed down court. The Fillies went all the way to score the first two points of the second half. Another basket scored by Heppner gave them a game-high spread of 17 points, 35-18

Halfway through the third quart-er, the Fillies fell apart as the Panthers came back, bringing Heppner's lead only to three points. At this point Royer commented, "I was a little concerned but I was confident that we could do the job defensively and we did " Something in Heppner snapped as they got back in the game and played tough defense. The third quarter ended with the Fillies at a seven-point lead.

The Imbler Panthers scored and pulled within three points, 41-38, with only five minutes to play. Both teams were really hustling as the game was coming to an end. Heppner scored a free-throw to take a 5-point lead. Imbler scored once more to put it back to only two. It was back down to Heppners end another bucket, and the last of the game as the final score was 47-42. The Heppner Fillies were on to State

Two key players for the Fillies fouled out in the fourth quarter, Lana Reid and Stephani Payne, but Heppner stayed in the game and went for the win.

Jodi Padberg's 14 points in the second half gave her a total of 29 points leading the Fillies. "The first

quarter and a half was some of the best basketball we've played all season. I think we ran out of gas a little in the fourth quarter, but we hung on. It was a great win, commented coach Royer.

A big crowd turned out to root the Fillies on. There were doubters in the crowd, but not amongst the Heppner fans. They had different thoughts as they showed their confidence that the Fillies could take another win.

The win over the Panthers meant the Fillies season was not over yet as they would continue to the State Tournament this week for their final week of basketball this year.

The loss for Imbler did not put them out, however, as they went on to play Pine Eagle (the winner of the Pine Eagle-Umatilla game) Saturday, March 2. Imbler came out on top of that one as they put Pine Eagle out and proceeded to advance to the State Tournament.

The Heppner Fillies will play Amity, Thursday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m. The game will be played, once again, at the Pendleton Armory With a win, the Fillies will then play Friday night at 7 p.m. for the semi-finals against the winner of the Regis-Lost River game, played Thursday at 7 p.m. With a win at this game the Fillies

will be qualified for the Championship game played Saturday at 7 p.m. If something happens and the Fillies lose their first game against Amity they will go to the losers bracket and play the loser of the Regis-Lost River game working towards the consolation game.



The entire fourth quarter was intensely played before the huge crowd in the steamy Eastern Oregon State College fieldhouse. Heppner the second spot from the Eastern Regional, knocking off defending state champion Pine Eagle.

state champion Pine Eagle. Amity comes into the State tournament as champions of the West Valley League, having posted a 19-4 season mark and a perfect 14-0 record in league play. Amity won its district championship with a win over Nestucca, then lost to Corbett

Wed 1:30pm winner of (D) loser of (D) YONCALLA

Heppner will be making its firstever appearance in the girls State Tournament in Pendleton, this week. The last time Heppner sent a boys basketball team was 1972. There was an impressive turnout by local fans in LaGrande on Friday "The were definitely noticable" - to quote a photographer. Fans are urged to make the trip to Pendleton for the tourney. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for students, available at the door. The games are played at

the Armory in Pendleton, adjacent to the Round-Up Grounds. There is a pep rally tentatively scheduled for Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the High School gym. The public is invited to attend

Below is a listing of possible starting times for HHS games and a complete tournament bracket. HEPPNER plays THURSDAY at

1:30 p.m. If HHS wins Thursday, they play

FRIDAY at 7 p.m.

If HHS loses Thursday, they play FRIDAY at 9 a.m.

If HHS wins Thursday and wins Friday, they play SATURDAY at 7 p.m.

If HHS wins Thursday and loses Friday, they play SATURDAY at 1:30 p.m.

If HHS loses Thursday and wins Friday, they play SATURDAY at 9

If HHS loses Thursday and loses Friday, they do not play Saturday

Morrow Co. Landfill closure considered by Heppner Council

The Morrow County landfill is scheduled to close down the latter part of this year, possibly in August or September, leaving the area without a garbage dump, and Monday night the Heppner city council discussed the closure, and what could be done about it.

The city is not in favor of the dump closing, however, the county presently operates the dump, and has not budgeted any funds in 1985-86 for finding or operating a new one. A ten-year lease on the dump runs out in September and apparently the

owner of the land has not signed a new leaser.

At a meeting of the Morrow County Solid Waste commission Feb. 28, options were presented by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) expressing what could be done if the dump closes.

Option one was to transfer the site of the landfill out of the county; option two was to have a private garbage service haul the garbage out of the county; and option three was to have no pickup.

Heppner city councilmember Marvin Lane said Monday none of these options are acceptable to the city, and that the city should approach the owner of the landfill about the possibility of the city leasing the site.

Lane pointed out that it would cost between \$20,000 and \$50,000 just to locate a new garbage site acceptable to the DEQ, and that since, according to DEQ, the present dump still has 10 years of use left, the best option is to try and keep the dump located where it is.

Cliff Green, owner of Heppner Garbage Disposal, was at the meeting and pointed out that both the north and south ends of Morrow County need landfills.

He said a private operator cannot possibly afford to own and operate a landfill, and that the city has two options. The city could operate the fill, or a solid waste district should be formed.

"If you lose your landfill the southend will be at the mercy of whoever comes in here (to pick up garbage)," Green said. "If someone from Hermiston comes in here, yes you can set rates (garbage can pickup rates) but if they own the landfill you will have no choice but to accept what they propose.

The county has been paying \$2,900 per year for lease on the landfill, and the council said it would talk to the owner and hold a special council meeting Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the problem.

In other business, the council: appointed Nancy Lankford, Bill Cox, and Mark Tullis to the city planning commission.

- gave its okay to Pacific Northwest Bell to bury a phone line in Heppner. A representative from PNB was on hand to discuss problems the city and the phone company have when cable is buried in the city limits.

gave its okay to the Heppner Lions Club to paint the doors on the city fire hall. The Lions said they would provide the manpower as a community project, if the city would buy the paint.

heard that Columbia Basin Electric had agreed to donate a metal shed and chain link fence for construction of a dog pound in Heppner, and that Umatilla Ready Mix will donate the cement for a foundation. The city discussed building the pound on property near the city sewer plant. The pound would have to have electricity for heat, but construction would be completed by city crews, thereby, with donated materials, saving the city considerable money in construction. The city has received numerous complaints recently about loose dogs.

heard a request from Lopez Paving, asking to buy about 50,000 gallons of water per day from the city starting in April. Lopez wants to tap into the city's mainline at Blake intersection, and use the water during construction of the Willow Creek Road, of which it has the contract. The city will consider the request.

come to the United States from Cr. Curtis Thiessen of Winnepeg. Canada. Canada has accepted a contract

Thiessen was in Heppner in January looking at the facilities and the town., He was referred by the doctor placement firm, Jackson and Cohn, hired earlier by the hospital board.

Although many details, including the location of his future practice are still undecided, Anderson said the board is "really pleased and excited. We are proud to have a doctor

MCSWD report included in this week's G-T

Marcia Anderson, Lisa, and Curtis Thiessen

offered by the Pioneer Memorial

Hospital Board to set up a private

practice in Heppner. Negotiations

are not finished yet said Board

President Marcia Anderson, and it

may be several months before

Thiessen is able to come to Heppner.

one-year residency in emergency

services which will be up in May. He

is also working on getting a visa to

He is currently involved in a

The "1984 Morrow Soil and Water Conservation District Report", an eight page supplement, is included in this week's issue of the Gazette-Times.

Doctor accepts PMH contract

The district's annual meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Lexington Grange Hall. Larry Nunn, water master of the Umatilla River will be featured speaker. Nunn will discuss water related bills now before the Oregon Legislature

The public is invited to attend the meeting, meet the directors and take part in the program.

During the 13th Annual Oregon State University National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Rodeo at Corvallis, Sylvia Marie Ladd of Ione was crowned 1985 O.S.U Queen

ism was chosen on horsemanship. public speaking ability, rodeo knowledge, poise and appearance. She will represent the O.S.U. Rodeo for the ensueing year and will make appearances at rodeos and parades throughout Oregon.

Sylvia was 1984 queen of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court. She is the daughter of Elmer and Lorraine Ladd of Ione and has a brother, Richard, a senior at O.S.U and a sister in California.

Sylvia Ladd



Sylvia, a junior at O.S.U., major ing in Communications and journal-