

Mustang efforts fail to capture win

By Ashley Conklin
The Mac-Hi (Milton-Freewater) boys basketball team used a sizzling performance from the free throw line and a tenacious defense to force many turnovers as they prevailed 84-59 over the Heppner Mustangs on Saturday, Jan. 4. Heppner dropped to 3-4 on the season.
Mac-Hi jumped out to a quick first period lead. However, the Mustangs came back and narrowed the deficit to 14-12 at the end of the period.

Jim Parsons and Chris Cockburn powered the Pioneer's 22 point second quarter to push the Mac-Hi lead to 36-27 at intermission.
The Mustangs got into foul trouble in the third frame as Tony Clement sat down with his fourth foul at the 6:53 mark and Todd Lindsay at the 3:56 mark. However, Mac-Hi's Garrick Carlton went to the bench with his fourth foul with 2:43 remaining in the frame.
The Pioneers jumped all over Heppner in the fourth period, amassing 34 points. Cockburn, Carlton, and Parson led the onslaught that gave the Pioneers an 84-59 victory.
Wayne Wilgers rifled in a career-high 19 points to lead Heppner. Cockburn led a balanced Mac-Hi hitting for 20 points.
"They (Mac-Hi) jumped out to a quick lead and we had to change to a pressure defense which didn't pay off," explained coach Brent Eggers.
"We had too many turnovers and we have to take care of that if we are to win a game."
"Duane Ball had his best game of the year," said Eggers. "He had 11 assists, just three turnovers, and played good defense from his point guard position."
"Wayne Wilgers played a good game offensively and Keith Kenison did a good job on the boards," added Eggers.

The Mustangs open Columbia Basin Conference action against Riverside at Boardman on Friday, Jan. 10 and at Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 11. Both contests will be anything but easy according to Eggers.
"Our first game this season against Riverside (a 58-50 loss) should give us a good frame of mind on what we need to do to win."
In the latest Class "A" state poll the undefeated Pirates ranked sixth. The Pirates are strong inside with the 6'4" Twin Tower combination of Brian Byrd and Brian Sheadel and outside with the shooting of guard Chris Stevens.
The Tigers from Stanfield finished second in the CBC Eastern Division a year ago. This year Stanfield has one of the premier players in the league in 6'5" sophomore Tony Brown.

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HeppnerFG FT F R A TO T
Ball 1-4 2-2 2 2 11 3 4
Funcan 0-0 0-0 1 0 0 3 0
Hayes 2-7 0-2 2 0 6 7 4
Harrison 1-1 1-2 4 0 0 2 3
Thongdy 0-2 4-6 0 0 0 4 4
Wilgers 9-19 1-2 2 2 2 3 19
Clement 5-5 0-1 4 3 1 1 10
Lindsay 3-11 3-3 5 10 1 4 9
Fishburn 0-0 0-0 2 2 0 1 0
Kenison 3-5 0-5 3 14 1 4 6
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- Fouled out - Lindsay, Parson.
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Sports with Mike Oths

Wintertime is an offbeat time to think about baseball, so maybe it's appropriate that Bill Veeck died last week. He'd been making baseball news in unusual ways for the better part of the last half-century.
Veeck was the maverick baseball owner whose personality and flair of the game far outstrip anything that today's "colorful" owners can produce. He is best remembered as the owner who signed the midget-Eddie Gaedel to play for the lackluster St. Louis Browns for one game. He should, of course, also be remembered as the owner who generated intense fan support for baseball wherever he went: to Cleveland in the forties; with the Browns and the White Sox in the fifties; and again with the Sox in the 70's.
So much has been written about Bill Veeck in the last week that it's hard to say anything that doesn't sound trite. The fans loved him for his unorthodoxy, the other owners loathed him for the same reason. Those of us who really love baseball, however, recognized in Veeck a special quality that only exists in a lucky few. Roger Kahn recognizes it in his book, Tommy LaSorda and Pete Rose and Mark Ridrych show it on the field. It's hard to really quantify, but it's just a love for the game of baseball that isn't justifiable for grown men. There's no natural law that permits grown people to associate themselves so exclusively and completely with the game of baseball—but there are a lot of us out here who are glad that they do.
In the modern era of owners grabbing the headlines—George Steinbrenner and Ted Turner come quickly to mind—there is always the comparison to Bill Veeck. And then again there is no comparison. Veeck was an American hero in every sense of the word.


Those of us who have spent the last month boldly predicting a Bears-Raiders Super Bowl just had our lunch handed to us on Sunday. It's hard to believe that the "Pride and Poise" bunch could look so bad in a big game, but they did. It's easy for the fans to blame Marc Wilson (and he didn't play to well) but he can't take all the blame. Special teams play was awful. When the game was on the line the Patriots looked like the veteran team that the Raiders are supposed to be. I surely was looking forward to a bad boy between Chicago and the Raiders, but maybe it's just as well. The last two games were super hype-jobs and ended up as total duds. Maybe a less glamorous matchup will provide the opposite result.
The Beavers have turned their season around in a very short time. No one could have anticipated that OSU would sweep USC and UCLA in Los Angeles. Jose Ortiz has made a big difference, true, but it also looks very much like anybody can handle anybody this year in the Pac-10. For Exhibit "A", check out conference favorite Washington losing to Cal, and then squeaking by Stanford by one point. This could get CRYSTAL BALL.
It's been a couple weeks since the last column, and I'm sure that the G-T's readers have been anxiously awaiting the final results of the CB. No? Well the winners sure have been waiting to see their names in print. Defending champ Brent Eggers made up one game in the last week to pull into a tie with Dale Holland for this year's crown. In the race for third place George Koffler made a major change the last week to move out Mike Oths, David Sykes held up the pack this year, but has vowed to come back strong next year. Our final week guest, Gerald Pierson, posted a mark of 6-8 in his bid for glory. Tanks to all our regulars and guests for a great year. And wait 'til next year.
Standings: Dale 130-66 (9-5), Brent 130-66 (10-4), George 127-69 (12-2), Mike 126-70 (9-5), Dave 120-76 (9-5), and guest (6-8).

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Welcome to the final week of the R&W Drive-in Sports quiz. Trivia master Brent Eggers has dominated the recent weeks quiz, having won the last three quizzes. The last two were correctly naming the team that was stripped of its second place finish in the NCAA basketball tourney because of improprieties by its star player (Villanova, Howard Porter) and the Olympics track star who was a bobsledder for the USA in

the winter Olympics (Willie Davenport). We'd like a big turnout for this week, to beat out Brent. Name the running back who fumbled the ball that Viking defensive end Jim Marshall returned 60 yards for a safety in 1964. Answers should be sent to PO Box 309, Heppner, and must be received by January 17, 1986. Winner receives a gift certificate from the R&W Drive-in.

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