

# Fillies take 7<sup>th</sup> league win



Andrea Ball takes shot against Tigers

(photo by Tom Rahl)

By DANAREID  
The Heppner Fillies hosted the Stanfield Tigers Saturday, Feb. 1 to take their seventh league win of the season.  
The Fillies put the pressure on in the first quarter, starting with a full court press.  
Heppners defense manipulated the Tigers as the Fillies were able to put in several lay-ins that added up for quick points.  
At half time, Heppner took a threatening 13 point lead.  
The Fillies fought their way to one of their best games of the season, according to Coach Mike Royer.  
"I thought it was one of our better all-around games of the season,"

said Royer. "We shot the ball well, controlled the boards, and played tough defense."  
The Fillies continued with their full-court press throughout most of the game and pushed the ball up court on offense.  
Heppner forced Stanfield to keep the ball outside of the key which meant that Heather Hummell only scored three points.  
For Heppner, Lana Reid was top scorer with 24 points while Missy Eubanks added 17 points.  
Reid and Eubanks also hit the boards for Heppner with 11 and 10 respectively.  
Missy Turner handed out 5 assists and grabbed 7 steals while Dana

Reid and Eubanks each had 4 assists.  
Coach Royer commended Andrea Ball for coming off the bench and playing well both Friday and Saturday.  
The Fillies travel to Wasco County Friday, Feb. 7 to face the Redsides for the first time this season.  
On Saturday, Feb. 8, Heppner will host the Western division leaders, the Sherman County Huskies.  
Both games will begin at 6:00 p.m.  
Heppner - Turner 3.0-1.4; Eubanks 6.1-3.17; L. Reid 10.4-5.24; D. Reid 3.1-2.7; Conner 2.0-1.4; Lindsay 5.3-3.2; Davidson 1.0-1.2; Ball 2.1-2.3; Strober. Total 29.7-17.47.

	1	2	3	4	F
Heppner	17	19	14	15	47
Stanfield	10	12	10	4	36

# JV Fillies trample Vikings

By DANA REID  
After a big win against the Umatilla Vikings, the JV Fillies hold a disappointing 3-9 record.  
For an inexperienced team, the record isn't that important, it's what you learn that makes for the future stars.  
The young Fillies have proved themselves so far this season; Friday's game against Umatilla is a prime example.  
The game was played at Umatilla and Heppner hustled their way to a big 45-33 defeat.  
The score at the end of the first quarter was no threat to either team, but by intermission the Fillies pulled away leaving the Vikings with an eight point lead.  
The Fillies hustled their way as they played the best game of the season, according to coach Les Payne.  
"We played under control for the most part," said coach Payne. "We were aggressive but not overly aggressive."  
Heppner was not only playing aggressive ball, but they also shot

well.  
Nance Wright led the way for the Fillies, scoring 17 points, while Tami Lindsay and Sandi Turner put in 10 and 8 points respectively.  
Heppner has had a tough time with Spray, Pilot Rock and Stanfield this year.  
"We were too timid," commented coach Payne. "We were not under control and shot poorly."  
Nance Wright leads in the score boards for the Fillies averaging 5-8 points a game. Wright's career high is 17 points which was against the Umatilla Vikings.  
Running a close second is varsity floater Sandi Turner averaging 4.9 points per game; and Tami Lindsay also averaging 4.9 points per game.  
Points are definitely not everything involved in basketball. Defense, rebounding, assists, steals and just all-out hustle are great factors which come from all members of the JV Fillies team.  
"As a team they've shown a great deal of improvement over the past several weeks," said coach Payne. "The key has been to play under control and be patient. When that

has happened we've played well."  
Payne has named Nance Wright as the toughest competitor so far this season.  
"At this point Nance Wright is probably playing the best for us," Payne stated. "She is aggressive and is shooting the ball well."  
Others making significant and consistent contributions are Sandi Turner, Tami Lindsay, Cathy Martin and Jill Conklin.  
The Fillies team as a whole is playing very well. The greatest asset is "hustle and playing hard by all team members," said Payne.  
"Everyone is giving 100 percent when they're on the court," concluded Payne.  
The JV Fillies don't play again until Friday, Feb. 14. This is Heppners last home game of the season. The competitors will be the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots. It will be the first time the two teams face each other this season.  
On Saturday Feb. 15 the Fillies hit the road to play the Wahtonka Eagles. Both games begin at 3 p.m.

# JVs claim victory over Rockets

By Ashley Conklin  
On Friday, Jan. 24 Heppner's boys' junior varsity basketball team won its second game against five losses by defeating the Pilot Rock Rockets 52-46.  
Heppner struggled early and Pilot Rock capitalized.  
The Mustangs came back behind the play of Mark Fishburn in the second quarter.  
Heppner scored the first 12 points of the third period and outscored the Rockets 15-2 in the period. Heppner held the advantage after three

periods.  
Pilot Rock took the fourth period 15-12, but Heppner took the game 52-46, thanks to clutch free throw shooting by Bryan Padberg who hit five of six free throws in the fourth period.  
Pilot Rock's fortunes at the line were nearly that of Heppner. Pilot Rock was good on only 44 percent of their attempts, putting in 12 of 25.  
Mustang coach Lee Padberg attributed his team's overall effort and their aggressiveness on the boards as the keys for the win.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	F
Heppner	9	14	15	12	52
Pilot Rock	14	13	21	18	46

Heppner - Duncan 5.4-4.4; Padberg 4.9-12.17; J. Devin, D. Devin 5.0-8.10; Martin 5.0-1.0; Conklin 1.0-3.2; Dougherty 1.2-8.4; Fishburn 7.1-3.15; Hoelt, Wornell. Totals 18.14-33.52.

Pilot Rock - Headely, Adair 3.0-4.4; Sells, Ship 5.0-8.10; B. Miller 1.5-4.7; Harvey, Lankford 2.0-8.4; Griffith 3.0-5.4; Gilliland 1.0-0.2; Schilling, Noel, Burr, E. Miller 2.7-10.11. Totals 17.12-25.44.

Fouled out - B. Miller, Lankford. Total fouls - Heppner 23, Pilot Rock 15.

# Frosh bow to Pirates, 51-41

By Ashley Conklin  
Heppner's freshmen boys basketball team dropped a 51-41 contest to the riverside Pirates on Munday, Jan. 27.  
The Mustangs fared well in each of the first periods.  
Riverside came out strong in the third quarter, outscoring the Mustangs to go on top 40-33.  
Heppner's Dick Devin put in six points in the fourth period, but Heppner lost the quarter and the game. Pirates hit 9 of 12 free throws down the stretch.  
The Mustangs met Riverside on Monday, Feb. 3 and, Feb. 4. However, results were unavailable at

press time. Heppner travels to Pilot Rock on Tuesday, February 11 for their final game of the season.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	F
Riverside	10	11	19	11	51
Heppner	11	17	5	8	41

Riverside - Johnson 2.14-20.30; Dalfoso 4.5-9.13; Carpenter 0.1-2.1; Jeffreys 3.1-4.7; Planagan, Ledbetter, Sturdy 3.4-10.10; Cason, Pettigrew. Totals 13.35-47.51.

Heppner - Devin 3.2-5.12; Mahoney 5.0-1.0; Angell 3.1-4.7; Skaggs 1.0-2.2; Lindsay 4.0-3.9; Corrae 0.1-2.1; Warren 2.0-0.4; Martin 2.1-3.3; Hays 1.0-0.2. Totals 18.5-18.41.

Fouled out - Mahoney. Total fouls - Riverside 18, Heppner 30.

# Frosh lose hard-fought battle

By Ashley Conklin  
Heppner's freshmen boys basketball team suffered a hard-fought 40-39 loss to the Umatilla Vikings on Thursday, Jan. 30.  
Umatilla took an early 7-5 lead after one period of action.  
The Vikings led 40-39 with 16 seconds remaining. The Mustangs had several opportunities to win the game, but misfired on several shots.  
Barney Lindsay sprained an ankle late in the game and will be out for an undetermined amount of time.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	F
Umatilla	7	8	12	13	40
Heppner	5	10	12	12	39

Umatilla - Patterson 6.1-4.13; Stone 4.0-8.8; Nelson 1.0-0.2; Adams 2.0-0.4; Benbrook 2.2-2.4; Holden 3.1-2.7; Surber, Martinez, Gregory. Totals 18.4-8.40.

Heppner - Warren, Martin 5.2-5.20; Mahoney 0.1-5.1; Angell 0.0-1.0; Skaggs 3.2-4.4; Lindsay 4.2-4.10. Totals 16.7-19.39.

Fouled out - Nelson, Stone. Total fouls - Umatilla 18, Heppner 12.

# Mustangs overpower Tigers



Keith Kenison(34) has shot blocked while (32) Wayne Wilgers looks on

(photo by Tom Rahl)

By Ashley Conklin  
It certainly was an interesting fight.  
In one corner we have the challenger, the Stanfield Tigers, who favor a slow, patient half-court game and rely on 6 ft. 5 in. Tony Brown and guard Howard Wagoner for the offensive punch.  
In the other corner, we have the Heppner Mustangs. The leaders of the Columbia Basin Conference's Eastern Division will run when given the chance and rely on Todd Lindsay and Wayne Wilgers for their offensive artillery.  
The Tigers were able to slow the game down. In the end the Mustangs ran. When the final bell sounded on Saturday, Feb. 1, Heppner had a 36-31 decision and a 5-2 CBC mark and 8-6 one overall.  
Heppner ran in the first frame and was able to squeak out an 11-5 lead.  
Stanfield kept things interesting by using a variety of defenses to control Lindsay and Wilgers.  
The Tigers went to a zone defense, used a man-to-man defense, went to a triangle-and-two on Lindsay and Wilgers, tried a box-and-one on Lindsay, and one on Wilgers.  
Brown went to the bench with his third foul with 50 seconds left in the first frame and Stanfield pulled out all the stops.  
The Tigers went to a delay game in the second period and it worked for awhile as the Mustang lead dwindled to 13-11.  
"It was a good coaching move," said Heppner coach Brent Eggers of Stanfield taskmaster Steve York's decision. "Our backline defense didn't do a good job reacting to the delay game and as a result Stanfield got some easy buckets."  
Heppner appeared to be in trouble when Tony Clement was saddled with his third foul with 5:50 left in the period. However, after Stanfield trailed only 13-11, Heppner scored the final four points of the half to lead 17-11.

Brown returned at the start of the third quarter and Stanfield returned to their normal offense. But the Mustangs remained befuddled.  
Clement drew his fourth foul with 4:01 remaining in the quarter. Heppner's only field goal of the quarter was at the 1:34 mark when point guard Duane Ball drove the lane for a lay-up. Stanfield outscored the Mustangs 10-5 and trailed just 22-21 entering the fourth period.  
Brown hit back to back jumpers at the start of the period, giving the Tigers a 25-22 lead with 5:39 left.  
Lindsay hit a shot with nearly five minutes to go, putting Heppner back on top 26-25.  
Brown canned two free throws with 4:46 to go giving Stanfield a 27-26 advantage.  
With the score the same, Clement came back into the game with the clock showing 4:27.  
Ball nailed a shot and the Mustangs led 28-27. Lindsay got a charging foul from Dusty Grogan. Wagoner committed a turnover, and it was the beginning fo the end for the Tigers.  
The Mustangs went into their own delay game with 2:51 left and milked it by getting key free throws by Lindsay and other key lay-ins. Heppner prevailed 36-31.  
"Stanfield had a good game plan," said Eggers. "There was a lot of pressure and we handled it well, making just nine turnovers," replied Eggers.  
Each squad put in 13 field goals. The difference in the contest came at the foul line. Heppner dropped in 10 of 18 attempts for 56 percent. The Tigers were 5 for 10, an even 50 percent.  
The Mustangs will travel to Maupin on Friday, Feb. 7 for a 7:30 p.m. date against the Wasco County Redsides.  
Two weeks ago, the Redsides were the number-one ranked team in the state, before balling to Riverside 37-34 and then to Wahtonka 63-62 in overtime Saturday.

To defeat the Redsides, Heppner must stop the inside play of 6 ft. 2 in. center Jeff Hull and the outside shooting of Stacey Hammer.  
"From here-on-out every game is important," said Eggers. However, I look to the game against Wasco County as more of a challenge. It was very important that we took three out of four games against Umatilla and Stanfield, since they are our top two challengers in the Eastern Division.  
On Saturday, Feb. 8 Heppner will host the Sherman County Huskies also beginning at 7:30 p.m.  
Earlier this season Sherman County beat Heppner 53-50 after the Mustangs had led 44-37 after three periods.  
"Saturday gives us another shot at beating somebody who beat us earlier this season," added eggers.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	F
Stanfield	5	4	10	10	31
Heppner	11	4	5	14	34

Stanfield - Wagoner 3.2-3.8; Grogan 3.0-2.4; Brown 4.2-2.10; Marcum, Clarke, McPherson 2.1-4.5; Walker 1.0-0.2.

HEPPNER FG FT F R A TO Pts R

Ball	3.7	2.2	2	1	4	2	8	+3
Hays	0.1	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	-2
Harrison	0.0	0.2	1	2	0	1	0	-3
Wilgers	1.8	0.0	2	4	1	1	4	0
Clement	3.7	3.4	4	4	0	2	8	0
Lindsay	3.1	4.1	2	13	2	0	12	+14
Kenison	3.4	0.0	1	3	1	2	4	+8
Totals	13.2	10.1	18	31	8	9	34	+28

Fouled out - none. Total fouls - Stanfield 14, Heppner 12.

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