

Mustangs come alive in last half to crush Eagles 54-49

By Ashely Conklin
For the second game in a row, the Heppner Mustangs came alive in the second half to win an important Columbia Basin Conference game. This time Heppner defeated the Wahtonka Eagles 54-49 on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Wayne Wilgers carried the load offensively for Heppner in the first quarter putting in 10 points.

The Mustangs started to fall apart midway through the second period. After leading 20-18, Wahtonka went on a 13-4 tear to lead 33-22 at half-time. The Eagles had led by 13, when Stan Getz scored with 38 seconds left in the half.

had 14 rebounds for the Mustangs (10 in the last half) nailed two free throws 33 seconds later to give Heppner the lead for good at 48-46. Bryan Padberg hit one of two foul shots and Todd Lindsay added a lay-in and two free throws pushing the Mustangs on to a 54-49 win.

Padberg hit 5 of 9 charity tosses in the final period and Heppner held Wahtonka to only five field goals in the second half.

Wilgers, who was the league's

third leading scorer averaging 17 points a game, wound up with 22. Lindsay was fourth among the league's scoring leaders and scored 16 points.

Randy Seibel was the league's leading scorer before Friday's game against Stanfield and had 14 for the Eagles. However, he had just two points in the second half.

The Mustangs out rebounded Wahtonka 37-34 and have not been out rebounded in conference play all

season. Tony Clement grabbed 9 boards to go along with Kenison's 14. Point guard Duane Ball, who has led the league in assists all season had a ho-hum seven assists.

"Our defense was 100 percent better in the second half," replied Eggers. "We screamed off on the boards in the second half. We really had to work to get back in the game. It was just a great comeback."

The Mustangs continue to lead the CBC Eastern Division race with a 7-3 league record and an overall record of 10-7. Umatilla and Stanfield are close to the Mustangs' hooves, but Heppner has given Stanfield two of its five losses and have clinched a district tournament berth.

To clinch the Eastern Division

Heppner must have a combination of three. Two wins by the Mustangs and a loss by Umatilla; one Heppner win and two Umatilla losses; or three Umatilla losses will win the crown for the Mustangs. Umatilla will have a hectic schedule, playing five games in eight days before the district tournament.

Heppner will meet the Weston-

McEwen Tiger-Scots twice this weekend. On Friday 21 Heppner will travel to Athena. On Saturday, Feb. 22 Heppner will host the Tiger-Scots in the Mustangs final regular season game. Both games will begin at 7:30 p.m.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	F
Heppner	14	8	15	17	54
Wahtonka	12	21	9	7	49

Wahtonka - McCall 4.0-1.8; Getz 1.1-2.3; Ferguson, McConnell 4.1-1.9; Seibel 4.6-6.14; Shannon, Schacher 3.1-1.7; Maine, Marsh, Byers 1.0-0.2; Keinler 2.2-2.6; Cutler 0.0-2.0. Totals 19.11-15.49.

Fouled out - Cutler, Clement. Total fouls - Heppner 15, Wahtonka 19. Technical fouls - Heppner coach Eggers, McConnell.

Cards fall in 'rough game'



photo by Wayne Hanks

By Eric Pointer

In a rough game with 29 personal fouls, and a minor skirmish between two opposing fans, the Echo Cougars managed to carve out a 67-45 victory over the lone Cardinals. Normally, there is no love lost between Echo and lone players, but members of both teams were surprised when a fan from lone rushed across the court in the third quarter demanding the game be stopped because of how rough it was, then proceeded to

tangle with an Echo fan. When action resumed, Echo had already achieved a lead which the Cardinals were unable to surmount. Echo went on to win 67-45. For the Cardinals, the loss was their 18th overall and their 9th in the Big Sky.

Ken Snider led Cardinal scorers, while Boomer Lyons took game high honors for Echo with 20 points. Tim Beeson pulled down 5 rebounds and Snider added 4 assists to pace lone.

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	1	2	3	4	F
lone	5	12	13	15	45
Echo	15	13	18	21	67

lone - Taylor 1.0-0.2; Pointer 1.1-2.3; Rea 1.1-2.3; Snider 6.6-9.18; Ball 3.3-5.9; Anderson 1.0-0.2; Doherty 1.0-0.2; Beeson 1.0-1.2; Padberg 2.0-0.4; Morter 0.0-1.2. Totals 17-53, 11-20, 45.

Echo - Correa 3.1-2.7; Lyons 10.0-0.20; P. Ramos 7.1-1.15; J. Ramos 9.0-1.18; Saylor 1.1-2.3; bloom 2.0-0.4. Totals 32-69, 3-6, 67.

One of Eggers' goals for his team at the start of the game was to commit just 12 turnovers. However, the Mustangs had 11 turnovers in the first quarter, 18 in the first half, and 24 for the game.

The Eagles went back on top by 13, 35-22 when Jeff McCall scored only seven seconds into the third quarter. But from there, Heppner went on a tear to come within 42-37 entering the final period.

Two things contributed to the Mustang comeback. Heppner had only 14 rebounds in the first half, but grabbed 13 in the third quarter. Secondly, the Mustangs got the Eagles into foul trouble. The Mustangs started shooting one-on-ones at the 4:27 mark of the third quarter, while having zero fouls themselves. In the process, Heppner fouled out the Eagles' 6 ft. 2 in. center Mike Cutler with 5:03 left in the fourth period. Cutler was in foul difficulty all night and did not score in the game.

The momentum was on Heppner's side and it continued throughout the fourth period. Wilgers hit a shot with 2:34 to go, tying the score at 46-46. The Eagles would never be close the rest of the game. Keith Kenison, who

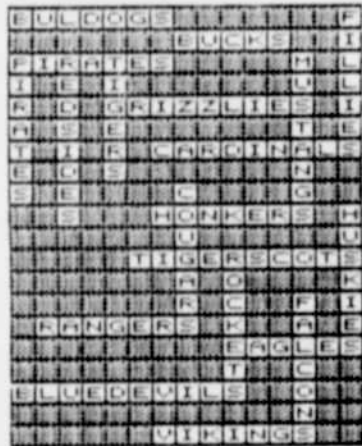
Crossword Puzzle

Miscellaneous Trivia

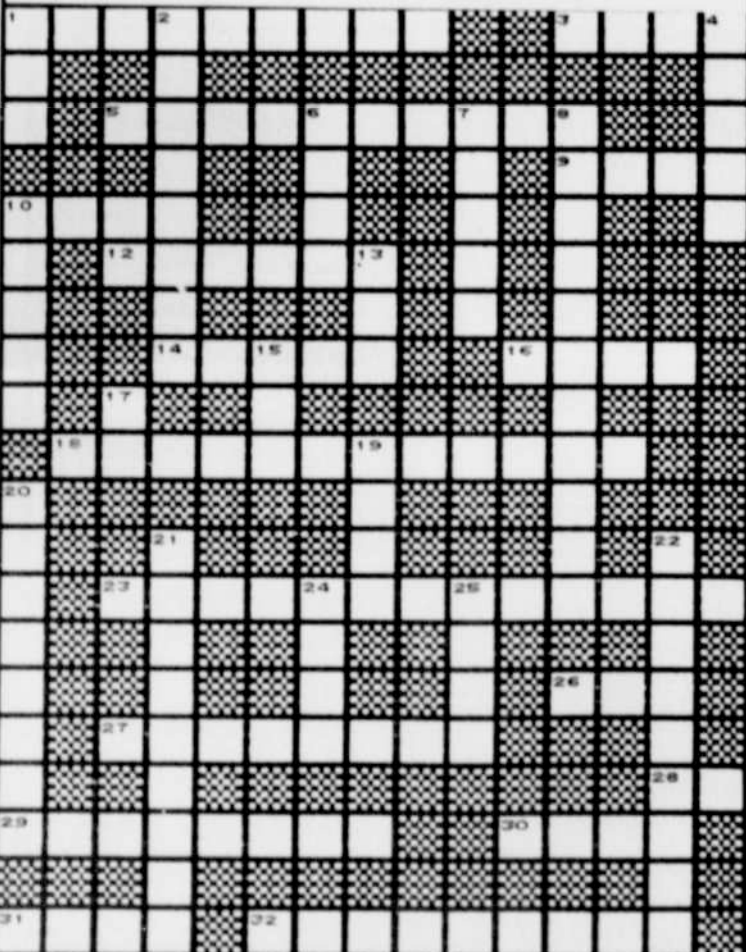
Across Clues

- Black, White and read
- Process of combing wool
- Christmas flower
- To be transported
- Baby cow
- Small grocery store
- Dead language
- Therefore, Latin
- Section of Eastern Oregon
- Sea in the Middle East
- Conjunction
- Conveyance
- Preposition
- Increase, make worse
- Ethereal crown
- _____ and fortune
- Discretion

Answers to last week's puzzle



- Program to get food to the starving
- Adventure
- End
- Required
- Implement
- Grown in paddys



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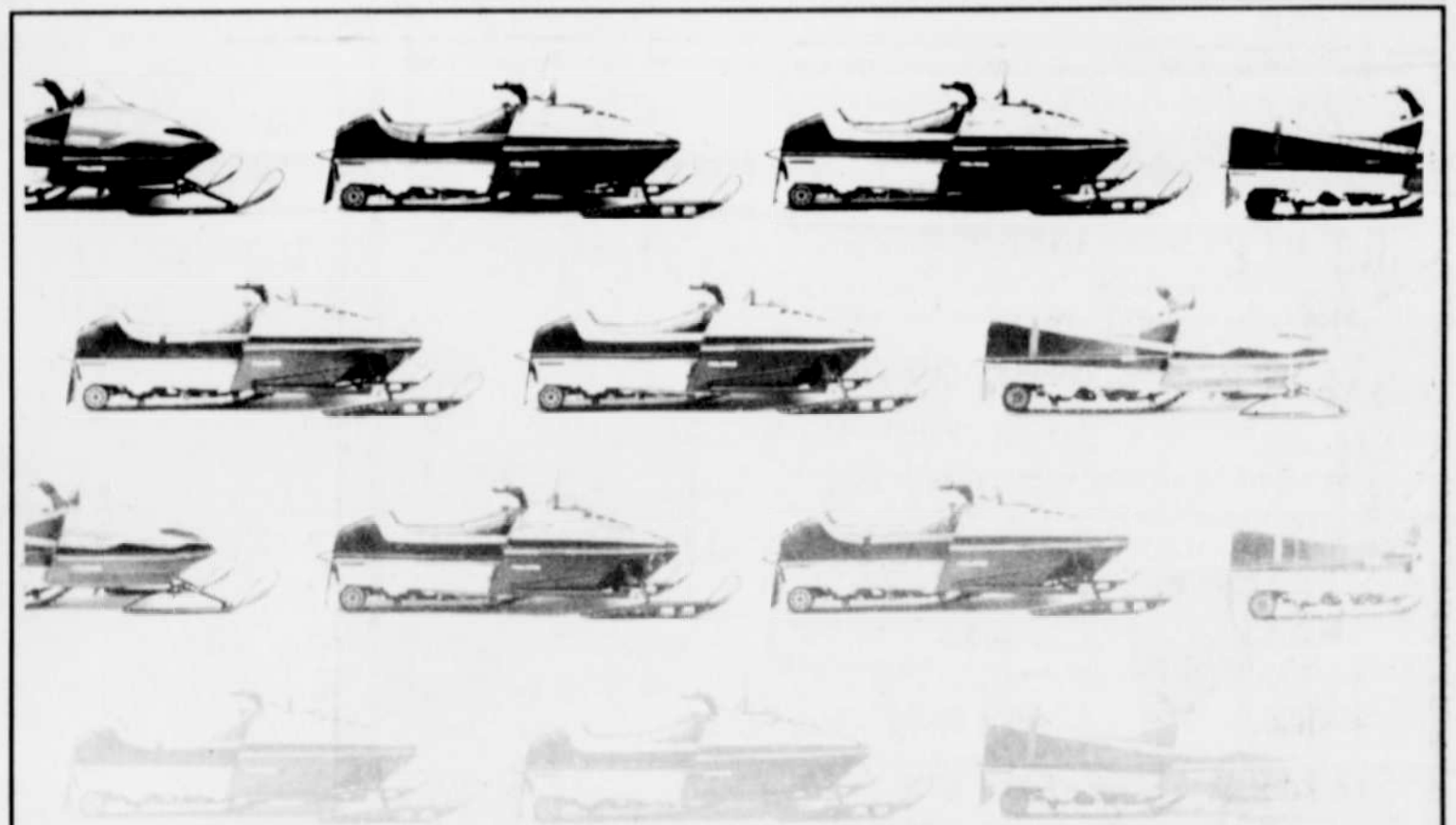
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