

JVs pull victory out of fourth period

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's junior varsity boys basketball team held off the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots on Friday, Feb. 21 to pull out a 42-36 victory.

Both teams started slowly in the first quarter as Heppner managed a 6-5 lead. Ashley Conklin and Bryan Padberg each scored six points during the second period as the Mustangs went up 18-14 at halftime.

Weston-McEwen had only three field goals in the first half but stayed in the game by sinking 8 of 14 free throws.

It was the Mustang's turn in the third quarter to earn all of their points from the free throw line. But Heppner was outscored 9-6 in the quarter and held a slim 24-23 lead entering the fourth period.

Heppner pulled the game out in the fourth period by getting key baskets and free throws out of its spread defense. John Shanks kept the Tiger-Scots close with six points. Conklin countered with six of his own, hitting two key free throws with 19 seconds left.

"We played with good intensity, but we fouled too much," said Heppner JV coach Lee Padberg. insert stats here

	1	2	3	4	F
Heppner	4	12	6	18	42
Weston-McEwen	5	9	9	13	34

Heppner - Duncan 8.1-2.1; Padberg 4.2-4.10; J. Devin, Arbogast, D. Devin 2.2-3.4; Martin, Conklin 5.4-7.14; Dougherty 2.0-3.4; Fishburn 2.1-2.3; Hoff, Gray, Wornell. Totals 15, 12-21-42.

Weston-McEwen - Jackson 8.1-2.1; Mallory 6.1-2.1; Bernier, Towns 6.5-11.5; B. Shanks 6.5-7.5; J. Shanks 4.1-2.7; Hansell 3.3-7.9; Cassel 3.0-4.4; Able. Totals 10, 14-21-34.

Fouled out - Gray, Fishburn, Hansell. Total fouls Heppner 24, Weston-McEwen 19.

JVs suffer disappointing loss

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In their final game of the season, Heppner's junior varsity boys basketball team suffered a disappointing 48-46 loss to the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots on Saturday, Feb. 22. Heppner had beaten the same Tiger-Scot team by six the night before. Under first-year coach Lee Padberg the Mustangs finished with a 4-9 record.

For the first time all season the Mustangs were in double digits after one period as they took a 10-4 lead. Like the night before, Weston-McEwen stayed in the game in the first half with free throws. The Tiger-Scots made 7 of the 11 free throws in the second quarter to the Heppner at 17-17 by intermission.

Weston-McEwen went on a 12-3 tear early in the third frame to grab a 29-20 lead. The Mustangs fought back with a 10-3 stretch run of their own thanks to a full-court press to come within 32-30.

Weston-McEwen never trailed in the concluding quarter and profited from 6 of 10 foul shots. Bob Shanks nailed 3 of 4 free throws in the last minute to help the Tiger-Scots to the 48-46 win.

Dick Devin gunned in 13 points for Heppner to lead all scorers. Mark Fishburn and Bryan Padberg added 11 and 8 points respectively for Heppner.

The Mustangs snared 33 rebounds and were led by Ryan Duncan with 7 boards. Fishburn and Terry Gray each brought down 6 rebounds, while Devin added 5. Ty Arbogast handed out four assists and Devin three. Gray came up with four steals, all on the full-court press.

"We fouled too much and didn't screen off on the boards," explained Padberg.

Bryan Padberg, a freshman, led the team in scoring with a 10.8 average. Devin, a freshman as well, put in 7.5 points per game while Fishburn, a sophomore, added 6.3 points per outing.

Fishburn (5.9 boards a game) and Devin (4.1 boards a game) led the team in rebounding. Devin and Padberg also led the team in assists.

Coach Padberg said that there were no real standouts on the team and that no one individual is to blame for the disappointing season. "Every game it was a different kid that played well for us," he said. "I don't blame the kids. It was my first year of coaching and I might not have got the point across. I do hope to be back next season."

	1	2	3	4	F
Weston-McEwen	4	13	15	14	46
Heppner	10	7	13	14	44

Weston-McEwen - Jackson 1.2-2.4; Hansell 3.0-6.18; Bernier 2.2-2.2; Towns 2.3-4.7; B. Shanks 1.5-4.7; J. Shanks 2.3-4.7; Mallory 2.2-7.4; Cassel 2.1-3.5; Able. Totals 15, 18-28-48.

Heppner - Padberg 3.2-2.8; J. Devin, Arbogast, D. Devin 4.1-2.13; Martin, Conklin, Dougherty 2.3-3.4; Fishburn 5.1-1.11; Hoff, Gray 1.0-6.2; Wornell, Duncan 3.0-4.4. Totals 30, 4-9-44.

Fouled out - Fishburn, Gray. Total fouls - Weston-McEwen 14, Heppner 28.

New owner at Chevron



Max English became the new owner of the Chevron station on Main Street in Heppner March 1. He lived in the Heppner area in the early 1960s when his father was a teacher here. Having lived in Hermiston since leaving Heppner, he has been employed in the mobile home business, irrigated farming, cattle and horses, and as a mechanic. He plans to offer basic mechanical services at the station in Heppner.

4-H leaders available for projects

Shall we dance? Two volunteers have consented to serve as 4-H leaders if there is interest in their chosen topic.

Ron Dowse, Heppner, is eager to share his knowledge of square dancing with a group. Joyce Hughes, well-known for her

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