

First ever for Heppner team

# Fillies bring home championship crown

## Fillies take championship in close game vs Corbett



Fillies celebrate state championship

The championship game was a rematch of last year's third place game, which the Fillies won 62-45. But this one was no walk in the park for Heppner.

Corbett opened the game with a tight man-to-man defense with their fine point guard, Lucia Brandon on Heppner's Lana Reid and Tricia Becker on Missy Eubanks.

The teams traded baskets in the first period but Heppner sneaked to a 12-11 lead.

The Fillies opened things up in the second quarter. After Charice Kelly hit one of two free throws to bring the Cardinals to 18-14, Missy Eubanks hit a free throw, Missy Turner scored four points and Lana Reid scored off an offensive rebound with 2:32 left in the first half to push the Filly lead to 25-14. Kelly and Chris Bond, who had 10 first half points trimmed the halftime deficit to 27-20.

Bond, on a pass from Brandon, lane with 4:52 to go in the third period and Corbett trailed by only 29-28.

But back came Heppner behind the Armory crowd. Eubanks scored off a Dana Reid pass, Lana Reid scored from Eubanks, and then Lana Reid added a three-point play at the 2:49 mark to push the lead to 36-28.

Becker, who had just one point in the first half due to the presence of Connor and Eubanks scored a three-point play, added two more, and Kelly scored two also to pull the Cardinals within 38-35.

Heppner used a ball control offense and Connor scored with three seconds left to put Heppner ahead 40-35 entering the fourth quarter.

Becker and Bond went inside but Dana Reid and Turner hit shots from the perimeter to make the score 44-41.

Becker went inside to test Connor again but the 5'11" center held her ground, checking Becker twice at the 5:17 point and again with 3:44 to play.

In between Turner scored four points as Heppner led 48-42.

After Lana Reid scored with 2:30 remaining the Fillies had a 50-44 advantage.

But Becker, Brandon, and Kelly brought Corbett back. Bond fouled Becker inside who was fouled with 57 seconds left. Becker sank both free throws to tie the score at 50-50.

Turner drove the lane and was fouled by Kelly. Turner missed the front end of the bonus attempt with 14 seconds to go, but the bonus attempt with 14 seconds to go, but Eubanks grabbed the rebounds and was fouled a second later. Eubanks made both free throws, but the second one was whistled away due to a lane violation by Dana Reid.

"You can't fault Dana," said Heppner coach Mike Royer. "She was just trying to get position. You can never blame one mistake, because one mistake will never cost you the game."

"I knew we had to play good defense," added Eubanks.

Corbett came down and Brandon fired a jumper from about 15 feet on the right wing that hit only iron. Eubanks got the rebound and was fouled with 0:03 left.

Eubanks missed on the bonus attempt but Corbett's shot from three-quarters court was far short and the Armory broke into bedlam.

Turner, who played the game of her life, tied a career-high with 16 points, handed out 5 assists, and who was the smallest starter on the floor at 5'4", came away with 6 rebounds.

"Missy (Turner) was the difference in the game," lauded Royer. "She deserves a lot of the credit."

Becker grabbed 10 rebounds, but didn't dominate the backboards like she usually does due to the efforts of Eubanks with her 17 rebounds and Connor, who had seven blocked shots.

"We just blocked her (Becker) off the boards," said Eubanks. Added Connor, "We just kept the pressure on all the time."

The Cardinals are known for their packed in zone defense, but played man-to-man the entire game, which surprised Royer. "We were surprised to see a man-to-man defense," said the relieved coach afterwards. "The girls are hard to slow down, but they didn't force things and that was the key for us in the State Tournament."

Heppner made 23 of 55 field goals for 42 percent, its best clip in the tournament.

"Early on we rushed our shots, but settled down in the second half in the last two games," said Lana Reid, still stunned after the game.

"The feeling hasn't sunk in yet," smiled Royer. "The two best teams were in the championship game. It's unfortunate Corbett had to lose, but I'm glad we won."

Turner scored 31 points, grabbed 13 rebounds, and had 9 assists in the final two games and was named to the all-tournament first team. "Missy (Turner) deserved her selection on the first team," said Royer.

"She rose to the occasion at the district tournament and did the same thing at state."

Lana Reid, a first team selection a year ago, came through with 43 points and 22 rebounds and was again selected to the first team.

Eubanks added 39 points and 42 rebounds to make the second team. Eubanks also led the tournament in rebounds.

"After all we've been through we deserve to be the state champs."

said sixth-man Andrea Ball, who came through with clutch performances throughout the tournament.

	1	2	3	4	F
Corbett	11	9	15	15	50
Heppner	12	15	13	11	51

	FG	FT	F	Reb	A	BS	TO	TP
Corbett	5-14	1-2	2	9	0	3	11	
Brandon	3-7	1-4	2	3	1	4	7	
Kelly	9-15	4-7	1	10	1	0	3	22
Bond	3-9	3-4	4	10	3	1	1	9
Becker	0-1	1-2	2	0	0	1	1	1
Blank	20-44	10-12	27	14	2	14	50	

	FG	FT	F	Reb	A	BS	TO	TP
M. Turner	7-13	2-4	4	4	5	0	4	16
Ball	2-3	0-0	0	1	0	1	4	
Eubanks	5-9	2-3	2	17	3	0	4	12
L. Reid	4-21	1-1	2	7	4	0	5	13
Lindsay	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D. Reid	2-4	0-0	4	2	0	2	0	4
Connor	1-2	0-0	1	0	0	7	0	2
Totals	23-55	12-14	25	15	7	18	51	

Fouled out - None. Total fouls - Corbett 12, Heppner 14. Team rebounds - Corbett 5, Heppner 5.



We did it!!



Dana Reid (32) and Missy Eubanks go for rebound

## Fillies squeak past Amity in OT



Penny Connor and Andrea Ball look for ball against Amity

Last year the same two teams met in a quarterfinal with Heppner sliding by for a 45-27 win. However, the Warriors had different ideas this time around.

Early in the opening period the score was tied 6-6. But then the Fillies started to do what they like to do best.

Missy Turner came up with several steals and Missy Eubanks and Penny Connor controlled the boards.

Lana Reid put Heppner up 8-6 with 3:30 left in the first period. Eubanks then scored four straight points on offensive rebounds to put Heppner ahead 12-6. At the rest stop the Fillies led 12-8.

In the second quarter it was Amity who controlled the boards and the Fillies who made the turnovers.

After Lana Reid scored following an offensive rebound to put Heppner on top 16-11, the Warriors went on a 10-0 tear to lead 21-16.

Reid scored off a steal at the 1:09 mark, for Heppner's first points in 4:40. But Kiana Thurston hit a jumper at the halftime buzzer as the Amity Lead was 23-18.

After the teams traded hoops to start the third quarter and the Warriors led 28-23; the Fillies went on an 8-2 stretch that gave them a 31-29 lead when Eubanks took a steal and went coast-to-coast at the 1:56 mark.

However Amity put in the next four points to lead 33-31 after three.

Again each squad went back and forth in the fourth period and the Warriors seemed to be in control leading 41-39 and had the ball with over a minute left.

Amity was running time off the clock until Thurston was called for a turnover with 58 seconds to go.

Heppner called time and set up a play. Turner missed a shot, but Eubanks plucked it out of the air for a basket and a foul with 47 seconds to go. Eubanks missed the free throw

and the game remained tied at 41-41.

Julie Goffena missed a free throw for the Warriors, but got her own rebound and dumped in 1 of 2 free throws for a 42-41 lead and 29 seconds to go.

Andrea Ball who replaced Dana Reid who fouled out on Goffena's rebound, drove the baseline and was fouled. With 18 seconds to go, Ball sank 1 of 2 attempts to force the extra session.

In the extra session, Heppner led 43-42 when Eubanks grabbed a board and was fouled with 21 seconds to go. She hit both for a 45-42 lead.

"I was just thinking about the championship game," said Eubanks who added, "I was pretty nervous when I went to the line."

She had another chance to hike the lead 14 seconds later, but missed. Thurston hit a shot at the horn, but the Fillies were in the championship semifinals.

Eubanks and Lana Reid each hit for 17 points, while Thurston countered with 17 of her own.

Eubanks grabbed 14 rebounds, but the Warriors posted a 44-39 advantage on the boards. Missy Gates and Thurston each had eight for Amity. "It took awhile for us to handle

their (Amity's) man-to-man defense," said Heppner coach Mike Royer. "We usually shoot better than that," he said, referring to his team's 34 percent clip from the field. "We just kept shooting and finally got into the swing of things."

"We switched from our 1-3-1 zone defense to a man-to-man defense when Amity started to run time off the clock," added Royer. "The girls just kept fighting. It was just a good tough game. It's too bad Amity had to lose."

	1	2	3	4	OT	F
Heppner	12	4	12	11	3	45
Amity	8	15	10	9	2	44

	FG	FT	F	Reb	BS	TO	TP
M. Turner	3-9	0-1	2	0	0	6	4
Ball	1-2	1-1	1	0	0	3	
Eubanks	4-14	5-9	2	14	0	4	17
L. Reid	4-19	1-2	3	8	0	2	17
Lindsay	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
D. Reid	1-8	0-0	1	0	1	2	
Connor	0-2	0-0	3	5	4	0	
Totals	19-54	7-14	14	31	5	19	45

	FG	FT	F	Reb	TO	TP
Gates	1-7	3-4	5	8	8	5
Kelivheusa	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Goffena	3-5	1-3	4	7	4	7
Hansen	3-4	3-5	3	5	4	9
Thurston	7-19	3-5	1	8	9	17
Taylor	3-4	0-0	4	1	4	
Borkey	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	0
Totals	17-41	10-17	34	28	44	

Fouled out - D. Reid, Gates. Total fouls - Heppner 14, Amity 17. Team Rebounds Heppner 4, Amity 5.

## Fillies traveled long road to the top

By Ashley Conklin  
"We Are the Champions" was the song, a trio of Heppner Fillies were the lead singers, and the last few notes were squeaked out just as Heppner's basketball team defeated the Corbett Cardinals 51-50 to capture its first-ever state championship in any sport on Saturday, March 15. The Fillies ended their season with a 24-1 record.

Missy Eubanks, Lana Reid and Missy Turner were the trio that carried the Fillies in the tournament which ran from Wednesday, March 12 to Saturday, March 15.

The Fillies, the second-ranked team in the state going into the tournament, just barely got by the Amity Warriors in overtime on Thursday afternoon in a quarterfinal game 45-44.

On Friday night the Fillies were pitted against the Crow Cougars, the state's top-ranked team in a championship semifinal game with Heppner winning.

Amity bounced back from its loss to Heppner to capture the consolation championship and fourth place by beating the North Douglas Warriors 58-51. Crow meanwhile came back to top the Gervais Ladycats 48-47 for third place.

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