Fillies shoot down Huskies 52-46

Missy Eubanks wrestles for the ball with Sherman players. Photo by Joyce Hughes

Following a state championship last season and a third place at state two years ago, many people believed that this year would be a rebuilding year for Heppner Filly basketball coach Mike Royer because four of last year's five starters graduated.

However at Heppner, the Fillies don't rebuild, they reload, and evidence of that has come in a 5-1 pre-season record, including a 52-46 victory over the Sherman County Huskies last Saturday night, a team that has been one of the state's dominant teams in the 1980's.

Missy Eubanks again led the way with 16 points, 9 rebounds, 5 assists, and 8 steals.

However it was the rest of the starting line-up, Tina Davidson, Theresa Lindsay, Cindy Stroeber, and Sandy Turner, and the play of Tami Lindsay and Nance Wright off the bench, that helped key the victory.

Davidson tallied six points, five assists, and six steals; Theresa Lindsay accumulated six points and six rebounds; Stroeber collected six points and four rebounds; Turner had seven points and nine rebounds; and off the bench Lindsay added 4 points, 10 rebounds, and 3 blocked shots; while Wright came up with the best game of her short varsity career, scoring six points and grabbing five rebounds.

The Fillies though had to survive 41 turnovers and 47 percent foul shooting, making 8 of 17, to post the victory in the win column.

What Heppner did do though was comeback from an 11-7 first period deficit to run away with a 28-19 advantage at intermission following a 21-8 margin in the second quarter. The Fillies then coasted to the win by holding on in the second half behind 10 points from Eubanks.

The Huskies also had their problems in the contest, making 12 of 23 free throws, for 52 percent and committing 16 fouls.

Lea Bothwell led the Huskies with 13 points while Jill Brown also was in double figures with 10 points, but Sherman County was never really in the game after its disastrous second quarter.

Heppner, with pre-season wins over Columbia Basin Conference foes Riverside and Sherman County now, plus two victories over Class "B" powerhouse Dayville, will open its league season this weekend and will find out how good they are Saturday.

First though, the Fillies must contend with Riverside, whom they meet Friday in Heppner at 6 p.m.

The Pirates finished second in the state volleyball tournament this fall and advanced to the state basketball tournament last year.

Riverside will present a stiff challenge to the Fillies with 5' 10" junior Lisa Mark and junior playmaking guards Bonnie Guthrie and Laura Erickson.

On Saturday Heppner will host the Stanfield Tigers at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The Tigers, the favorites by most coaches to win the Eastern Division of the CBC, are led by 6' 0" senior Heather Hummell and junior Lindy Porfily, last season's CBC scoring champ. The Tigers demolished Riverside 54-26 last Tuesday night.

Heppner will counter with Eubanks, who has averaged 22.3 points, 12 rebounds, 7.3 steals, and 3.3 assists in the pre-season. Tami Lindsay, who is second on the team in both scoring and rebounding at 6.3 and 11.0 respectively, will help lead the Fillies inside.

STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Sherman County	11	8	10	17	46
Heppner	7	21	8	16	52

Sherman Co. - Conner 2,4-9,8; Liz Bothwell 2,0-1,4; P. Brown 0,1-3,1; Conlee, J. Brown 4,2-2,10; Burnet 3,0-0,6; Lea Bothwell 4,5-8,13; Rolfe, Adams 2,0-0,4; Reed, Miller, Sailer. totals 17,12-23,46.

Heppner	FG	FT	TP	F	R	A	ST	TO	BS
Eubanks	8-16	0-1	16	4	9	5	8	10	1
Stroeber	2-8	2-4	6	3	4	2	0	2	0
Davidson	3-11	0-2	6	3	6	5	6	12	0
Turner	2-9	3-4	7	2	9	0	1	3	1
There. Lindsay	3-5	0-0	6	5	6	4	1	5	1
Tami Lindsay	2-6	0-2	4	4	10	2	0	6	3
Wright	2-3	2-2	6	1	5	0	0	2	0
Conklin	0-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
Currin	0-3	1-2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	22-62	8-17	52	20	46	14	16	41	6

Fouled out - Conner, Liz Bothwell. Total fouls - Sherman Co. 18, Heppner 20.

FANCY THAT!

So spake the Father Our Country: One of George Washington's more memorable sayings at Valley Forge was this notable quote: "If you can't send men, send tobacco."

Cardinal girls defeat Spray

For the first basketball game of the New Year and their last non-league contest, the girl Cardinals traveled to Spray on January 2. The Spray girls were out to avenge an earlier loss to the Cardinals. They played a very aggressive defense the entire game. The Cardinals countered with their own strong defense.

The first half ended with Spray ahead 16 to 15. The Cardinals were out rebounded in the first half and were not getting many second shots at the offensive end. They improved on this problem in the second half with only 11 rebounds first half and 28 the second half. This effort was lead by Jo Cupps with a season-high 19 rebounds.

The over all scoring for the Cardinals was very balanced. The rebounding change in the second half, was a large part of the comeback effort that saw the Cardinals outscore Spray by 21 to 14 in the second half.

Ione 36 — Spray 30

C. Rudisill 1, 0-2, 4; McElligott 3, 0-0, 6; Hams 4, 1-6, 9; Wagenblast 2, 0-2, 4; J. Cupps 2, 3-3, 7; A. Rudisill 1, 0-0, 2; Morter 1, 0-1, 2; Davison 1, 0-1, 2.

Ione	7	8	10	11	36
Spray	7	8	2	12	30

Photo by Wayne Hams

Deena Hams and Angie Rudisill (13) go for loose ball against Spray.

JV Mustangs fall to 0-4

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's junior varsity boys basketball team struggled in the second half of its game with the Sherman County Huskies last Saturday night and fell to 0-4 on the season with the 45-42 loss.

The Mustangs led the Huskies 19-16 at halftime but were outscored 20-12 in the third period to lead 36-31 entering the fourth quarter but the Huskies held on for the win.

Both teams struggled in the early going and the opening period ended in a 6-6 tie when Heppner's Russell Britt hit a 35-foot bank shot as the horn sounded at the end of the period.

Jeff Devin came off the Mustang bench in the second quarter to score six points and spark Heppner to the 19-16 first half advantage over the Huskies.

Sherman County came out smoking in the third frame and burned the nets for 20 points from both inside and outside to post a 36-31 lead. Britt did his best to keep the Mustangs in the game by scoring eight points in the frame.

Britt from outside and Derek Hoeft from inside brought Heppner back in the final quarter but the Huskies were able to hold on for a 45-42 victory.

Sherman County shot an even 50 percent from the field for the game by converting 19 of 38 attempts while the Mustangs shot 35 percent on 16 of 46 shots. From the free throw line Heppner had 10 of 17 shots go in for 59 percent as the Huskies were 7-12 for 58 percent.

Britt led the Mustangs with a season-high 16 points while both Devin and Hoeft added six off the bench.

Heppner will host the Stanfield Tigers on Saturday afternoon with the tip off slated for approximately 2:45 p.m.

STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Sherman Co.	6	10	20	9	45
Heppner	6	13	12	11	42

Sherman Co. - Sather 9-13,5-6,23; Brown 7-12,2-2,16; Decker 0-0,0-1,0; Carlock 2-3,0-0,4; Wallace 1-4,0-0,2; Lawrence 0-1,0-0,0; Peck, White, Carlson, Stradley 0-2,0-1,0; Martin 0-1,0-0,0. Totals 19-38,7-12,45.

Heppner - Struthers 1-1,0-0,2; Britt 7-14,2-4,16; Correa 1-4,0-0,2; Devin 2-2,2-2,6; Martin 0-3,2-2,4; Mahoney 1-4,0-0,2; Skaggs 0-4,0-0,0; Hays 1-3,1-1,3; Lindsay 1-6,1-4,3; Hoeft 2-5,2-2,6. Totals 16-46,10-17,42.

Fouled out - Mahoney. Total fouls - Sherman Co. 18, Heppner 16.

Oregon potato production and stocks down

Oregon potato growers harvested an estimated 23.2 million hundredweight (1.16 million tons) of fall potatoes in 1986, 14 percent below last year's production according to the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. A rather significant decline in harvested acres more than offset higher yields in most potato growing areas of the State. Total acres for harvest amounted to 52,000 acres, 9,000 acres less than 1985. Yields averaged 446 cwt. per acre compared with 441 cwt. per acre last year.

Stocks of field-run potatoes held for all purposes in Oregon on December 1, 1986 totaled 17.0 million cwt. (850,000 tons). This is 8% below a year ago amounts to 73% of the State's total production. Potatoes being held for processing account for the largest share of the holdings, nearly two-thirds of the State total, most of it being stored in the Hermiston/Boardman area. Potato stocks in Klamath County as of December 1, 1986 are estimated at 2.7 million cwt. down 16 percent from last year. Klamath stocks have been reduced by above normal storage losses due to water rot and some additional losses are expected to occur. However, overall quality of potatoes remains good.

Estimates on potato stocks on hand includes potatoes stored in Oregon regardless of where they were grown and for all uses and purposes. The estimate also includes potatoes which may be lost to shrink, decay or dumping that may occur after December 1.

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