

Mustangs lose early lead for 62-55 defeat

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's boys basketball team was red-hot in the first half of its game with the Sherman County Huskies last Saturday night but the Huskies extinguished the Mustang flame in the second half as Heppner concluded its pre-season with a 62-55 loss and a 3-4 record.

For the game the Mustangs shot a season-high 52 percent from the floor, making 22 of 42 attempts but were a sizzling 11 of 19 in the first half for 58 percent.

Heppner led 32-30 at intermission behind 15 points from Wayne Wilgers who was 5 of 6 from the field and 5 of 6 from the line.

However the Mustangs were outscored 32-23 in the second half as Wilgers had only two more points as Heppner went 11 of 23 from the field for only 48 percent.

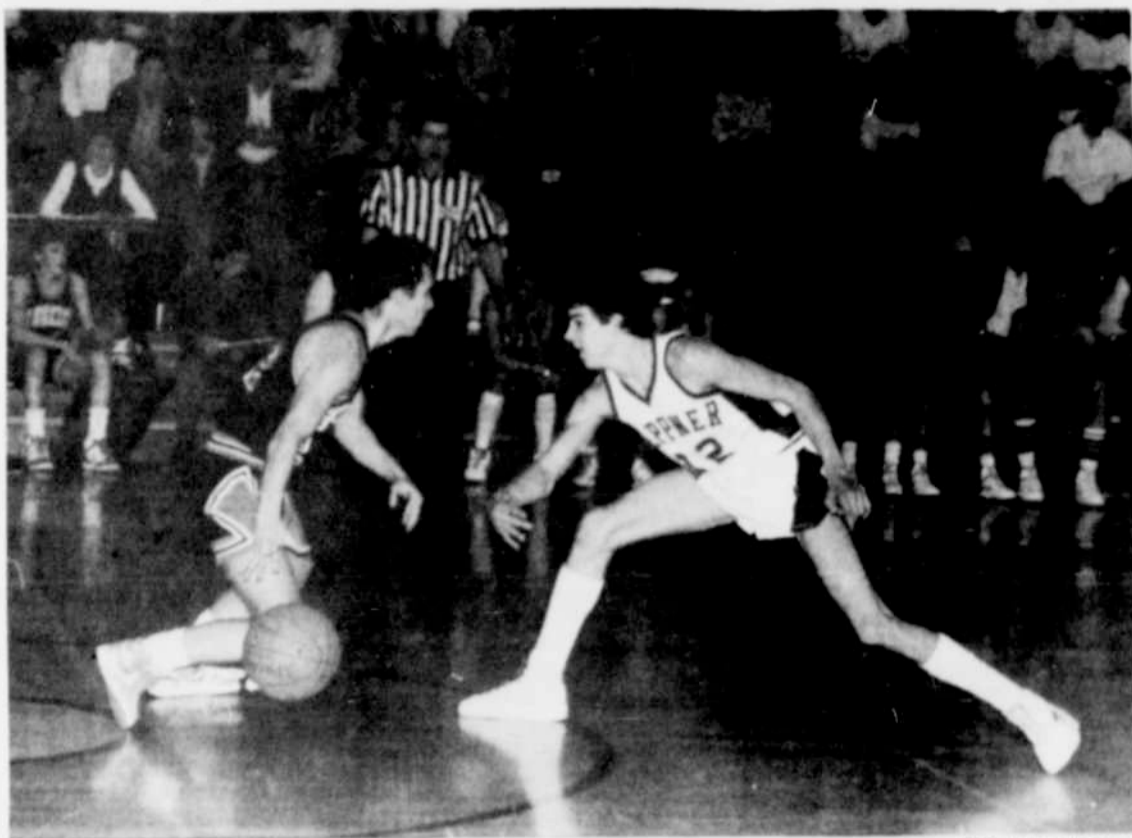
The two teams traded baskets in the first period as both teams settled for a 15-15 tie as Wilgers had seven points for the Mustangs.

Wilgers and Heppner continued dead-eye marksmanship in the second quarter to take a 32-30 halftime lead. Wilgers scored seven in the quarter and his two free throws with one second left gave the Mustangs the lead after they had trailed 26-20 at one point.

In the third frame it was Sherman County's turn to shoot lights out as the quick guard tandem of Gary Eaton and Tracy Fields shot the Huskies within 42-41 entering the final period.

Wilgers had two points in the period and was shutout the remainder of the game to finish with 17 points as sophomores Dick Devin and Bryan Padberg kept Heppner in the game.

With 4:34 to go, Sherman County's talented 6' 3" center Bill Martin fouled out after scoring 15 points as the game was nip-and-tuck. However it was the Huskies that rose up to the challenge, outscoring the



Duane Ball looks for the steal against the Huskies.

Mustangs 21-13 and taking the game 62-55.

Padberg and Devin also were in double figures with 12 and 11 points respectively, a career-high for Devin.

Wilgers had a season-high five assists.

Fields led three Huskies in double figures with 17 points followed by Martin with 15 and Eaton who popped in 10.

The Mustangs will open league play this weekend by hosting Riverside on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Stanfield on Saturday at approximately 6:15 p.m.

Friday night Heppner will be trying to avenge an earlier 58-55 loss

suffered to the Pirates in the championship game of the Morrow County Invitational Tournament in December.

Last Tuesday night Riverside got a strong game from John Klennert inside to bury Stanfield 64-48 who were without the services of 6' 6 1/2" junior center Tony Brown.

The Mustangs also must stop the guard trio of Mike Ammons, Bingo Ganvoa, and Mike Griffin who are all quick and good outside shooters.

Stanfield will also present a good guard in junior Dusty Grogan who will lead the Tigers along with Brown.

Heppner will be led by Wilgers

who is averaging 19.7 points and 9.6 rebounds a game and Padberg who is scoring 14.4 assists per contest and handing out 4.6 assists a game.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
18	15	11	21	65
15	17	18	13	63

Sherman County: Devin 10, 8, 2, 0; Martin 8, 8, 2, 0; Cannon 2, 0, 0, 0; T. Fields 4, 5, 1, 1; Eaton 5, 0, 1, 0; T. Fields, Robinson 1, 0, 0, 0; Pines 1, 0, 0, 0; M. Martin 0, 0, 0, 0; Pines 1, 0, 0, 0; T. Fields 1, 0, 0, 0.

Player	FG	FT	TR	P	R	A	ST	TO
Wilgers	6-11	5-6	17	3	7	2	2	2
Harmon	1-3	2-2	4	1	0	0	0	0
Padberg	5-9	2-2	12	2	7	0	0	0
Ball	2-3	0-0	4	1	4	2	0	1
Devin	5-10	1-4	11	2	4	1	1	1
Fields	6-6	0-0	6	0	0	1	0	0
Carroll	3-5	0-0	6	3	1	1	1	1
Pines	0-1	1-1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Donaherty	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	22-42	11-18	58	18	27	16	7	16

JV Fillies roll past Huskies

By Ashley Conklin

With a strong inside game led by Jennifer Currin and Libby Britt, and a strong second half, Heppner's junior varsity girls basketball team rang in the New Year with its first win of the season by defeating the Sherman County Huskies 31-24 last Saturday afternoon. With the win, Heppner is now 1-2 on the season.

Currin and Britt, the catalysts of the Fillies inside game, scored 13 and 11 points respectively while Heppner outscored the Huskies 18-13 in the second half.

Fillies opened up a 10-7 lead.

Each team had its problems offensively in the second period, scoring only a combined seven points, as Heppner led 13-11 at the break.

The Fillies maintained their lead during the third quarter by taking the quarter 8-5 and increasing their lead to 21-16.

Heppner, which made 9 of 20 free throws in the game for 45 percent, hit only 4 of 9 free throws in the fourth period but it was enough to come out on top 31-26.

Only two other Fillies broke into the scoring column besides Currin and Britt during the contest while Melinda Miller topped the Huskies with nine points.

Heppner will try and extend its winning streak to two games Saturday afternoon when it hosts the Stanfield Tigers at 1 p.m.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
18	7	4	8	37
10	7	8	10	35

Sherman Co. M. Miller 4, 1, 0, 0; Huskies 1, 1, 1, 1; Fawcett 1, 1, 1, 1; Miller 2, 0, 0, 0; Scolding 1, 0, 0, 0; Swanson 1, 0, 0, 0; Webb 1, 0, 0, 0; Hill 1, 0, 0, 0; Proctor 1, 0, 0, 0; Satter 1, 0, 0, 0; Tuck 1, 0, 0, 0.

Heppner: Currin 13, Britt 11, Miller 9, Cannon 2, 0, 0, 0; Pines 1, 0, 0, 0; T. Fields 1, 0, 0, 0; Pines 1, 0, 0, 0; T. Fields 1, 0, 0, 0.

Ione girls beat Mt. Vernon by 10 points

The Ione girl Cardinals played their last basketball game of 1986 on December 30 at Ione against the Mt. Vernon Bears. These two teams met a year ago in Mt. Vernon, at which time the Cardinals lost by two points.

Playing without the services of their senior point guard Candi Rudisill, the Cardinals started two seniors and three freshmen. The first quarter was a little slow for both teams, with Ione coming out ahead 7-6. Patty McElligott found the range in the second quarter and was a big help in leading the Cardinals to a 22-10 halftime score. The over all team defense was also very good in this quarter.

The Mt. Vernon girls outscored the Cardinals by two points (23-21) in the second half, but the first half lead held up for the Cardinals to record a 43-33 victory. In rebounds and steals, the Cardinals were led by Deena Hams with 13 and 9 respectively.



Patty McElligott prepares to shoot. Photo by Wayne Hams

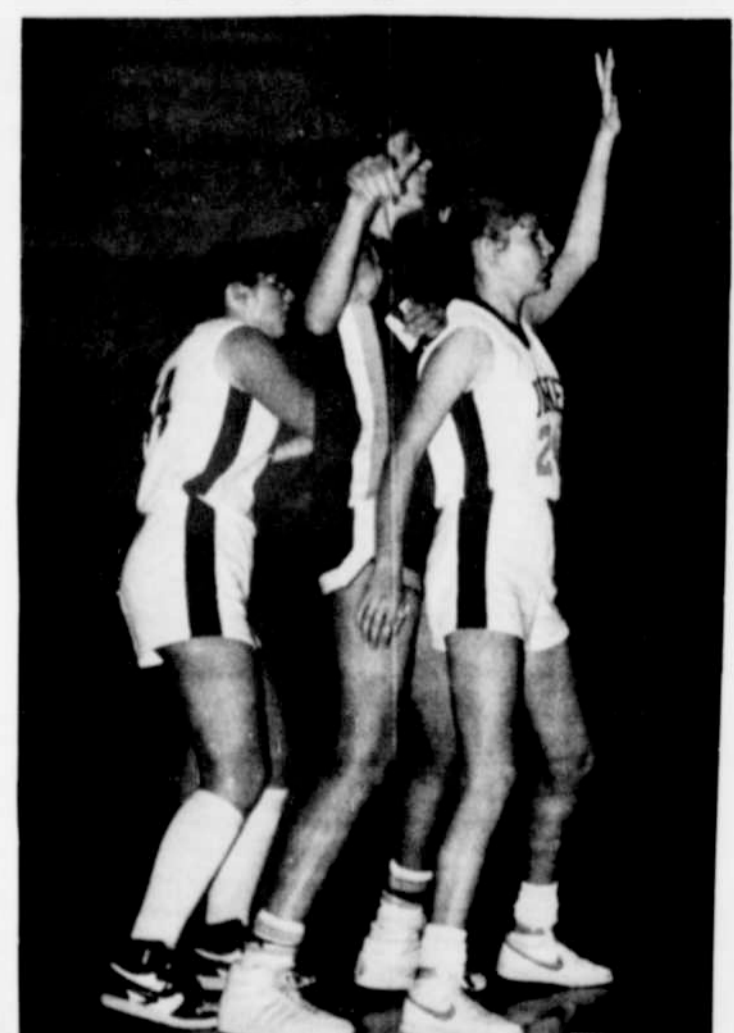
Ione 43
McElligott 4, 4, 12; Hams 7, 11, 23, 25; Cupps 2, 0, 3, 4; Morier 1, 0, 0, 2; Wagenblast, A. Rudisill
Ione 7, 7, 15, 7, 14, 43
Mt. Vernon 6, 4, 12, 11, 35

Cardinals start league play with win

The Cardinal girls started league play with a win. Taking on the Arlington Honkers at home before a capacity crowd, the Cardinals came away with a two point victory.

After the teams played fairly even the first quarter, the Cardinals got loose on a couple of fast breaks to put them up by eight at half time. The third quarter saw a good performance by Arlington's two big players, as Sharp and Bittinger each had four points to bring the Honkers to within two at the end of the third. The fourth quarter was a defensive battle by both teams, as each team could only score four points.

The Cardinals were led in scoring by Patti McElligott and Deena Hams with 11 points each. Deena Hams had nine rebounds and Amy Wagenblast collected seven. As much as anything else, the strong team defense by the Cardinals accounted for the win.



Jo Cupps (44) and Amy Wagenblast use a tight defense against Arlington's center. Photo by Wayne Hams

Ione 39
McElligott 5, 1, 2, 11; Hams 4, 3, 9, 11; C. Rudisill 3, 0, 0, 4; Devron 2, 1, 5, 5; Cupps 1, 0, 1, 2; Wagenblast 0, 4, 4, 0; Morier, Nelson
Ione 12, 9, 12, 4, 39
Arlington 10, 19, 6, 4, 37

Jet propelled squid

Jet travel may not be so modern after all. In fact, Ranger Rick magazine reports that jet propulsion has been used by squid for millions of years. While jet airplanes take air in and blast it out the back, the squid uses water power the same way to make fast getaways.

Swimming Kangaroos

Watch out America's Cup hopefuls—the Australians may have a secret weapon—kangaroos! While kangaroos have long been regarded as "natural athletes" for their leaping and boxing abilities, they are also great swimmers. According to "Ranger Rick" magazine, kangaroos have been spotted swimming across rivers and even in the ocean! A "roo" swims with its head and back above water, pumping its strong hind legs one at a time. So that's what those Aussies have under their yacht this year!

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