Fillies quick start leads to win over Vikings

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's varsity girls basketball team jumped out to a quick start over the Umatilla Vikings last Saturday night and then controlled the second half to move to 2-1 in Columbia Basin Conference action with a 47-44 win. Heppner is now 7-2 on the season.

The Fillies led 8-0 and 12-2 in the first period before Umatilla came back to make a game of it the rest of the way. Heppner also had to survive foul problems in the first half to stay in the game.

Heppner did jump out to a quick lead. Before the Vikings came roaring back. The Vikings benefited from being in the bonus at the 1:41 mark of the first period as Heppner starters Cindy Stroeber and Sandi Turner picked up three fouls in the first half as did reserve Tami Lindsay. Lindsay ant Turner eventually fouled out in the second half.

The Fillies led 16-13 after one period of play but Umatilla took the second quarter 14-8 to lead 27-24 at intermission.

Umatilla was sparked by the inside play of Anji Jorstad who had 11 points in the first period and 15 for the first half. Missy Eubanks kept Heppner close with eight points in the first half.

Eubanks went to work in the third frame for the Fillies, scoring nine points as Heppner went back on top 39-36.

The game was nip-and-tuck the rest of the way but the Vikings could do no better than match Heppner's eight points in the fourth period as Heppner won 47-44.

The Fillies, who committed 27 fouls in the contest, were aided by the fact that Umatilla was a miserable 2 of 12 from the free throw line in the period and only 12 of 35 for the game, a woeful 34 percent.

Jorstad led the Vikings with 20 points but had only 5 in the second half and shot only 4 of 14 from the free throw line.

Meanwhile, Heppner had one of its best shooting games from the line, sinking 7 of 12 shots for 58 percent. From the field the Fillies were 20 of 48 for 42 percent.

Eubanks again topped the Filly scoring column with 23 points and added 15 rebounds, 7 steals and 4 assists.

Turner added five rebounds for Heppner while Tina Davidson handed out five assists and had three steals as Libby Britt, who came off the Filly bench, added three steals as well. Jennifer Currin and Nance Wright also played well off the Heppner bench.

This weekend the Fillies will face the Pilot Rock Rockets and Stanfield Tigers on the road as those two teams are currently in first place of the Eastern Division of the CBC while Heppner is all alone in third place.

The Rockets are the state's sixth-ranked team and feature a strong front line in 5'9" seniors Robin Baldwin and Karen Doherty. Doherty was a first team all-league all-star last year but injured an ankle in a loss to Weston-McEwen this past weekend and is questionable for Friday's game.

On Saturday the Fillies will be trying to avenge a 62-40 loss they suffered to the Tigers (the state's third-ranked team) two weeks ago and will have to stop 6' 0" senior Heather Hummell inside and junior Lindy Porfily outside.

Action is slated to begin at approximately 6:30 on Friday and at approximately 4:30 on Saturday.

STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Heppner	16	8	15	8	47
Umatilla	13	14	9	8	44

Heppner	FG	FT	TP	F	R	A	ST	TO
Eubanks	[illegible]	[illegible]	23	[illegible]	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stroeber	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Davidson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Turner	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thera Lindsay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tami Lindsay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wright	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Currin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nash	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Britt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rathbun	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
TOTALS	20-48	7-12	47	27	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Umatilla - Langley [illegible]; Sehman [illegible]; Chavez [illegible]; Conforth [illegible]; Savage [illegible]; Ferro [illegible]; Jorstad [illegible]; Kraus. Totals [illegible].

Fouled out - Tami Lindsay, Turner. Total fouls - Heppner 27, Umatilla 13.

Fillies bow to Stanfield, 62-40

By Ashley Conklin

The Stanfield Tigers served notice last Saturday night to the Heppner girls basketball team as to just how good they can be with a very convincing 62-40 victory.

The Tigers came into the game with a 1-0 Columbia Basin Conference and an overall record of 8-0 as the eighth-ranked team in the state and dominated from start to finish over the Fillies who are now 1-1 and 6-2 respectively.

Particularly effective was the Tiger defense who shut down Heppner's Missy Eubanks who scored only 9 points after scoring 45 the night before. The Tigers mixed up defenses in order to control Eubanks and the Fillies.

Stanfield's press forced the Fillies into 35 turnovers and held Heppner to shoot only 25 percent from the field by sinking only 15 of 61 shots.

The Tigers mixed their press with the inside game of 6' 0" center Heather Hummell in the early going to lead 12-6 after the first period. Hummell scored eight points in the period.

Stanfield opened things up in the second quarter to jump all over Heppner and increase its lead to 39-18 at halftime thanks to a 27-12 advantage in the quarter. LeLanda Pope and Hummell tossed in eight and seven points respectively in the quarter for the Tigers.

The Fillies managed to outscore Stanfield 10-8 in the third frame but it was the Tigers who carried a 47-28 lead into the fourth period.

In the fourth period Stanfield cruised home to a 62-40 win.

Eubanks topped the Heppner scoring column with nine points, far below her average of over 25 points per game coming into the contest.

Hummell topped a balanced Tiger scoring attack with 17 points. Pope collected 15 points while Linda Porfily gunned in 14 more.

Photo by Joyce Hughes

Missy Eubanks looks for room against Stanfield defenders

The Fillies pulled down 38 rebounds with 24 coming in the second half.

Eubanks led the way on the boards for Heppner with 14 while Tami Lindsay garnered 8, and Cindy Stroeber had 5.

Eubanks added four assists and three steals while Tina Davidson dished out three assists.

The Fillies will travel to Umatilla on Saturday to meet the Vikings at approximately 4:15 p.m.

The Vikings will be led by senior Shelly Sehman inside and the all-around play of sophomores Anji Jorstad and point guard Penny Conforth, who are two of the best young players in the CBC.

STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Stanfield	12	27	8	15	62
Heppner	6	12	10	12	40

Stanfield - Blais [illegible]; G. Kramer [illegible]; Raines, Bradley [illegible]; Miller [illegible]; Porfily [illegible]; Pope [illegible]; H. Hummell [illegible]; J. Hummell [illegible]. Totals [illegible].

Heppner	FG	FT	TP	F	R	A	ST	TO
Eubanks	[illegible]	[illegible]	9	[illegible]	14	4	3	[illegible]
Stroeber	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Davidson	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	[illegible]	[illegible]
Turner	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Thera Lindsay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tami Lindsay	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wright	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Conklin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Currin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nash	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Britt	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rathbun	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
TOTALS	15-61	[illegible]	40	[illegible]	38	[illegible]	[illegible]	35

Fouled out - none. Total fouls - Stanfield 15, Heppner 23.

JV Fillies squeak past Tigers

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's junior varsity girls basketball team survived a dismal second quarter and then came back in the fourth quarter last Saturday afternoon to win its second straight game with a 32-31 squeaker over the Stanfield Tigers. The Fillies improved to 2-2 with the win.

After leading 13-1 after the first quarter, Heppner was outscored 20-4 in the second period to fall behind 21-17 at halftime before pulling the game out in the fourth quarter.

The Fillies jumped out to a quick 13-1 lead after the first period as the Tigers were 1 of 7 from the free throw line in the period.

However the Tigers, behind the varsity "sixth man" Lelanda Pope dominated the second quarter as Pope scored all of her game-high 15 points in the quarter.

Each team only managed four points in the third quarter but it was enough for Stanfield to still lead 25-21.

Jennifer Currin brought the Fillies right back with 9 of her team-high 14 points in the fourth period. Currin scored five of her points at the free throw line, making 5 of 6 in the period and 6 of 7 in the game to help hold off the Tigers.

Currin led a balanced Heppner attack wtih 14 points while Jill Conklin added six. Besides the 15 scored by Pope, Dani Nevil pumped in 6 more for Stanfield.

The Fillies shot a season-high 67 percent from the foul line, converting 6 of 9 attempts. Stanfield struggled badly at the line, making only 9 of 20 tries for 45 percent.

Heppner will travel to Umatilla on Saturday for a 1 p.m. contest with the Vikings as the Fillies hope to extend their two-game winning streak.

STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Stanfield	1	20	4	6	31
Heppner	13	4	4	11	32

Stanfield - G. Kramer [illegible]; Raines [illegible]; T. Kramer [illegible]; Zabransky [illegible]; Nevil [illegible]; Backus, Walker, George, Bradley; Hummell [illegible]. Totals [illegible].

Heppner - Beck, Pocharsky; Martin [illegible]; Britt [illegible]; Conklin 3, 0-0, 6; A. Currin 2, 0-0, 4; Brownfield 0, 0-2, 0; Wright 2, 0-0, 4; J. Currin 4, 6-7, 14. Totals 13, 6-9, 32.

Fouled out - T. Kramer, Martin. Total fouls - Stanfield 14, Heppner 15.

Mustang frosh lose close one to Condon

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's freshmen boys basketball team fell to 2-2 on the season after a 53-51 loss to the Condon junior varsity last Monday night.

"After we got down we kept coming back but we just fell short," Heppner coach John Boyer said. The two teams traded baskets in the first period and finished in a 14-14 tie. Russell Britt had eight points for the Mustangs in the period. Britt had six more points in the second quarter but the Blue Devils outscored Heppner 15-10 in the quarter to pull in front at halftime by a 29-24 score.

Condon kept up the pressure in the third frame to lead 43-34 going into the final quarter. The Mustangs came back in the final quarter with 17 points, with six from Britt. However Troy Laney added six for the Blue Devils as the Mustangs were unable to foul in the closing seconds. Condon was 0-7 from the free throw line in the quarter.

Britt led all scorers in the contest with 24 points and also grabbed six rebounds. Ryan Miller added eight points for Heppner while Brian Siminoe grabbed six boards.

Laney led a balanced Blue Devil attack with 15 points while Mark Winslow added 11.

The Mustangs shot a season-high 78 percent from the foul line, converting 7 of 9 attempts. Condon made only 5 of 19 attempts for a miserable 26 percent.

STATISTICS

	1	2	3	4	
Heppner	14	10	10	17	51
Condon	14	15	14	10	53

Heppner - Pedro [illegible]; Britt [illegible],24; Mitchell [illegible]; Kenny [illegible]; Siminoe [illegible]; Miller [illegible],8; Stengall, Connor [illegible]; Munkers [illegible]. Totals 22,7-9,51.

Condon - Mark Winslow [illegible],11; Laney [illegible],15; Snyder [illegible]; Darfey [illegible]; Mike Winslow [illegible]; Dallas, Lane, Smith [illegible]; Hosier, Potter [illegible]; M. Johnson, D. Johnson. Totals [illegible],53.

Fouled out - none. Total fouls - Heppner 18, Condon 11.

JV boys win first game of season

By Ashley Conklin

Holding on down the stretch, Heppner's junior varsity boys basketball team won its first game of the season last Saturday afternoon with a 36-30 decision over the Stanfield Tigers. The Mustangs are now 1-4 on the season.

Russell Britt led Heppner, tying his season-high with 16 points, and hit 3 of 5 free throws in the fourth quarter. Dan Struthers also added two key free throws in the last minute of the game to aid the Mustang cause.

Both teams struggled offensively in the first period as the Tigers jumped out to an early 8-4 lead.

Britt, limited to three quarters of JV action, came off the bench in the second quarter to score 11 points and lead Heppner to a 17-15 intermission advantage.

Each team struggled again in the third frame as each team had six points. The Mustangs took a 23-21 lead into the final period. Heppner made only 5 of 10 free throws in the fourth period but got the key free throws from Britt and Struthers when they needed them to win the first time this season.

The Mustangs and Tigers had their problems all afternoon, particularly from the field where Heppner was 14 of 42 for 33 percent and Stanfield converted 9 of 44 attempts for 21 percent. At the charity stripe the Mustangs hit 8 of 14 shots for 57 percent and the Tigers made 12 of 24 offerings for an even 50 percent.

Britt led all scorers with 16 points while Barney Lindsay worked inside to add 8 points for Heppner. Britt and Lindsay also led the Mustangs with eight rebounds apiece.

Heppner will travel to Umatilla Saturday for a game with the Vikings that will start at approximately 2:45 p.m.

STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Stanfield	8	7	6	9	30
Heppner	4	13	6	13	36

Stanfield - Cooper [illegible]; Ferguson [illegible]; Graham [illegible]; Windborne [illegible]; K. Bailey [illegible]; Rice [illegible]; Gordon [illegible]. Totals 9-44,12-24,30.

Heppner - Struthers [illegible]; Britt [illegible],16; Currin, Devin; Madden [illegible]; Angell [illegible]; Mahoney [illegible]; Skaggs [illegible]; Hays [illegible]; Lindsay [illegible],8; Huff [illegible]. Totals 14-42,8-14,36.

Fouled out - Hayes, Mahoney. Total fouls - Stanfield 17, Heppner 17.

Fillies win third straight victory

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's junior varsity girls basketball team won its third straight game last Saturday afternoon with a 33-24 victory over the Umatilla Vikings. The Fillies are now 3-2 on the season.

The Fillies got another strong game by their inside combination of Libby Britt and Jennifer Currin who scored 12 and 9 points respectively while Jill Conklin added 6.

Heppner grabbed a 12-5 first quarter lead but Lori Coffey and Traci Sunday brought the Vikings back in the second period to lead 19-17 at halftime as Coffey had six points in the period and Sunday added five.

The game remained close throughout the second half as Umatilla carried a 22-21 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Fillies hit a free throw to tie the game at 22-22 in the fourth quarter and the game remained there until Heppner finally broke away to win 33-24.

Coffey had 10 points to top Umatilla which hit 6 of 13 free throws for 46 percent while Heppner was 7 of 15 for 47 percent.

The Fillies will try to extend their winning streak to five games this weekend when they travel to Pilot Rock on Friday and Stanfield on Saturday. Tip off time is 3 p.m. on Friday and 1 p.m. on Saturday.

STATISTICS

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	F
Heppner	12	5	4	12	33
Umatilla	5	14	3	2	24

Heppner - Beck, Pocharsky [illegible]; Martin [illegible]; Britt [illegible],12; Conklin [illegible],6; A. Currin, Brownfield, Wright [illegible]; J. Currin [illegible],9. Totals 13, 7-15, 33.

Umatilla - Sunday [illegible]; Coffey [illegible],10; Tracey, Mueller [illegible]; Robbins [illegible]; Thomas [illegible]; Olsen, Truk [illegible]. Totals 9, 6-13, 24.

Fouled out - None. Total fouls - Heppner 14, Umatilla 18.

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