

# Team effort carries Fillies to 54-47 win over Rockets

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's girls basketball team used a total team effort last Friday night to register a 54-47 win over the Pilot Rock Rockets. Entering the game the Rockets were the seventh-ranked team in the Class "A" ranks.

Missy Eubanks led the way with 23 points, a career-high 23 rebounds, 11 steals, and 4 assists but the Fillies got big contributions from the rest of the starting line-up and the bench.

Cindy Stroeber had a career-high 10 points and added 6 rebounds; Tina Davidson tossed in eight points and dished out 8 assists; Theresa Lindsay collected 7 points and 6 rebounds; Sandi Turner collared 5 rebounds; and Tami Lindsay came off the bench for 14 rebounds in her best league game to date.

"Those are the kind of contributions we need," Heppner coach Mike Royer said. "Cindy and Tina shot well, Tami played aggressively, and Theresa Lindsay had a good game. That's the kind of scoring we need if we're going to be a district tournament team."

The Fillies busted out of the gates

to take a 14-11 first period lead behind four points apiece from Davidson and Stroeber.

The two teams turned up the defensive pressure in the second quarter as Heppner led 22-18 at intermission.

The Rockets stayed in the contest by hitting 7 of 10 free throws in the second quarter while the Fillies were once again bit by the turnover bug.

Heppner committed 16 turnovers in the first half and 28 for the game. Eubanks, who had been held to only 5 points in the first and second periods, scored 18 points in the second half to go along with 16 second half rebounds as the Fillies controlled the final two quarters.

Eubanks and Theresa Lindsay combined for 10 third period points inside as Heppner increased its lead to 38-31. Karen Doherty kept Pilot Rock within striking distance with five points of her own.

The Rockets managed to tie the Fillies with 16 points in the fourth quarter but Heppner had the game in hand, winning 54-47.

Eubanks had 12 points in the quarter, including sinking 4 of 5 free

throws while Doherty scored 8 for the Rockets in the quarter, making 6 of 8 free throws.

Doherty led Pilot Rock with 17 points as she was 11 of 13 at the charity stripe. Robin Baldwin tacked on 10 more points.

The Rockets were a torrid 25 of 38 for 66 percent at the free throw line compared to 6 of 14 for 43 percent for the Fillies. However the difference in the game was from the field.

Heppner netted 24 of 54 field goals for 44 percent as Pilot Rock connected on only 11 shots.

HEPPNER		PILOT ROCK	
FG	FT	FG	FT
14	24	11	14
37%	44%	26%	50%

Pilot Rock: Wallace 8, 7, 4, 4; McKeone 2, 3, 7; Doherty 5, 11, 11, 17; Newton 1, 2, 2, 4; Baldwin 5, 4, 10; Walsh 8, 2, 2, 2; Friedman 2, 8, 8, 8; Totals 11, 20, 38, 47.

HEPPNER		PILOT ROCK	
FG	FT	FG	FT
21	27	11	14
42%	50%	26%	50%

Pilot Rock: Wallace 8, 7, 4, 4; McKeone 2, 3, 7; Doherty 5, 11, 11, 17; Newton 1, 2, 2, 4; Baldwin 5, 4, 10; Walsh 8, 2, 2, 2; Friedman 2, 8, 8, 8; Totals 11, 20, 38, 47.

# Strong individuals add to Mustang win over Pilot Rock

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's boys basketball team got several strong individual performances en route to a 71-60 road win over the Pilot Rock Rockets last Friday night in Columbia Basin Conference action.

The Mustangs two leading scorers, Bryan Padberg and Wayne Wilgers, had career-highs of 26 and 24 points respectively to lead Heppner to the road win. Wilgers also snagged nine rebounds and Padberg, at only 5' 8", cleared seven more.

Duane Ball added seven points and a season-high eight assists; Dick Devin accumulated five rebounds and five steals; and Russell Britt and Gene Garrett played well from the Mustang Bench.

"Any time you get a win on the road it's a big win," Heppner coach Mike Royer said.

The Mustangs grabbed a 15-12 first period lead behind 11 points from Wilgers. Jamie McCall worked his way inside for six points as he kept the Rockets close.

Heppner, with the aid of its full-court press, went on an 11-4 tear at the beginning of the second quarter to post a 26-16 advantage.

However Pilot Rock came back with its own 14-6 run to come within 32-30 at the half.

Ball and Padberg combined for 11 points in the quarter for Heppner. Four Rockets answered with four

points apiece in the quarter.

The Mustangs stumbled in the third frame as McCall and Pilot Rock dominated the backboards to grab the lead. However the guard play of Padberg and Britt, who came off the Heppner bench, sparked the Mustangs back into a 48-43 lead. Padberg had seven points and Britt pumped in four more on layins coming off of Heppner steals. "Russell gave us a real spark," Royer said.

But the Rockets came back to tie the game at 56-56 early in the fourth period.

Padberg though, who tossed in 11 points in the period, hit a basket with 1:04 to play to give the Mustangs a 64-58 lead.

With 20 seconds to go Padberg hit a lay-in and added a free throw after a technical foul on Rick Rasmussen.

On the inbound play, in which Heppner got the ball back after the technical, Padberg was fouled and hit two more foul shots with 19 seconds to play, sealing Pilot Rock's fate.

Wilgers added 10 more fourth period points including hitting 6 of 8 free throws.

For the game the Mustangs sank 25 of 35 free throws for 71 percent to 12-21 and 57 percent for the Rockets.

Wilgers led Heppner with 10 free throws in 13 attempts; Padberg was 8 of 9; and Ball 5 of 5 from the

charity stripe.

The Mustangs struggled from the field, hitting only 36 percent of their attempts, making 23 of 64 shots.

Padberg though made 9 of 15 floor tries and was 7 of 8 in the second half.

"Bryan shot really well," Royer said.

McCall paced Pilot Rock with 19 points and was followed by Rasmussen with 13 points and Eric Miller had 10.

HEPPNER		PILOT ROCK	
FG	FT	FG	FT
25	35	12	21
71%	57%	26%	50%

Pilot Rock: McCall 19, 13, 13, 13; Rasmussen 13, 13, 13, 13; Miller 10, 10, 10, 10; Totals 23, 64, 35, 64.

# JV fall to Tigers 45-41

By Ashley Conklin

It went down to the wire last Saturday afternoon, but Heppner's junior varsity boys basketball team fell 45-41 to the Stanfield Tigers. The Mustangs fell to 1-6 on the season.

Russell Britt kept the Mustangs in the game with 17 points but it wasn't enough as Shane Grabeel and Neil Cooper scored 15 and 13 points respectively to lead the Tigers.

The two teams traded baskets in the opening quarter for an 8-8 tie but Stanfield took the second period 15-12 to squeak out to a 23-20 intermission margin.

Britt had the hot hand during the third frame as he scored nine points as Heppner crept back to within 33-31. Grabeel tallied seven points for the Tigers in the frame.

Stanfield was then able to hold on down the stretch to post a 45-41 decision.

The Mustangs grabbed 38 rebounds and were led on the boards by Derek Hoeft who claimed 7. Craig Angell, Barney Lindsay, and Will Martin all snagged five more rebounds each.

Heppner will host Wahtonka on Friday at approximately 4:45 p.m. and then travel to Moro to face Sherman County at approximately 2:45 p.m. on Saturday.

HEPPNER		STANFIELD	
FG	FT	FG	FT
14	19	15	22
35%	47%	38%	55%

Heppner: Strathairn 1, 8, 2; Britt 7, 3, 7; Carver, Devin, Miller 2, 2, 4; Angell 1, 8, 4; Williams 4, 2, 2; Wigger 1, 8, 2; Lindsay 3, 8, 4; Dougherty 1, 2, 4; Hoell 8, 2, 2; Totals 18, 31, 41.

Stanfield: B. Bailey 8, 8, 1; R. Ferguson 8, 1, 1; L. B. Baker 2, 8, 4; Cooper 7, 7, 12; G. Gordon 2, 8, 8; W. Martin 1, 8, 2; Crandall 7, 1, 4; Totals 15, 22, 45.

# Padberg leads Mustangs to 70-59 win over Stanfield

By Ashley Conklin

Basketball fans showed up at Stanfield last Saturday night expecting to see a basketball game but were instead treated to a track meet. Fittingly it was a track star that led the winners.

Sophomore Bryan Padberg, who was a state champion in the 1,500 and 3,000 meter distance races at the Class "A" state track meet last spring led Heppner to a 70-59 Columbia Basin Conference boys basketball win over Stanfield with 21 points, 7 rebounds, 6 assists, and 4 steals.

Coupled with Umattilla's 73-63 loss to Sherman County, the Mustangs, now 3-2 in the CBC and 6-6 overall, moved into first place in the CBC Eastern Division.

The Tigers were forced to play without 6' 6 1/2" junior Tony Brown who is lost for the season due to academic problems.

Without Brown the Tigers tried a fast-paced game in the first half but it backfired as the Mustangs, on the Stanfield court, or track, ran out to a 41-23 lead and never looked back.

The Mustangs raced out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter before Jason Clark brought the Tigers back to a 13-13 tie after one quarter.

The 6' 3" Clark worked inside for six points in the quarter, hoping to pick up the slack left by Brown.

Heppner sprinted to 28 second period points while Stanfield dashed to only 10.

Padberg threw in 12 points in the period. Dusty Grogan had 6 of Stanfield's 10 points in the period.

Despite the big halftime lead, Heppner coach Mike Royer wasn't

worried about a second half letdown by his team. "Their (Stanfield's) only chance to get back in the game was to continue the fast pace," he said.

But the Mustangs again came out of the starting blocks to run their fast break in the third quarter and led by as many 22 points before settling for a 59-39 lead entering the fourth frame.

Duane Ball had six points for Heppner in the third period including a high-flying lay-in of a Dick Devin alley-oop pass that left many fans on their feet.

Grogan gunned in 12 points in the fourth frame against mostly the Mustang bench as the Tigers pulled within 70-59 at the final tape.

Wayne Wilgers added 12 points to the Heppner cause as Ball, Devin, and Trent Harrison scored 8 points apiece and Gene Garrett popped in 7 points off the bench.

Grogan had 24 points to lead all scorers while Brent and Jason Clark scored 11 and 10 points respectively for Stanfield.

The Mustangs, who cleared 44 rebounds were led by Wilgers with 12 boards and Harrison's 8. Devin and Mark Fishburn also had five rebounds apiece.

Wilgers and Devin also had five and four steals respectively and Devin handed out four assists.

Heppner sank 30 of 72 floor attempts for 42 percent and 10 of 17 free throws for 59 percent. The Tigers were a weak 7 of 20 at the line for 35 percent.

The Mustangs will face Wahtonka and Sherman County on Friday and Saturday respectively.

Heppner will host the Eagles at approximately 8 p.m. on Friday and then will face the Huskies at Moro on Saturday with the tip-off slated for approximately 6:15 p.m.

Wahtonka, who has gotten off to a slow start, will be led by Jeff Kienlen outside and Jason McAllister inside.

Against Sherman County the Mustangs will be trying to avenge a 62-55 pre-season loss.

The Huskies will be led by the inside play of 6' 3" junior Bill Martin and the explosive senior guard tandem of Gary Eaton and Tracy Fields.

HEPPNER		STANFIELD	
FG	FT	FG	FT
21	30	10	17
42%	59%	26%	35%

Stanfield: Brent 11, 11, 11, 11; Clark 11, 11, 11, 11; Harrison 8, 8, 8, 8; Devin 8, 8, 8, 8; Fishburn 8, 8, 8, 8; Grogan 12, 12, 12, 12; Totals 59, 72, 20, 39.

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