

Wilgers leads Mustangs to 62-52 win over TigerScots

By Ashley Conklin

The high-flying acrobatics of the Wayne Wilgers show was worth more than the price of admission last Saturday night as Heppner's boys basketball team defeated the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots 62-52 in Columbia Basin Conference action.

Wilgers put on an outstanding basketball display with a career-high 32 points and led the Mustangs with 11 rebounds.

The win put Heppner back into a three-way tie atop the Eastern Division standings of the CBC following Umatilla's 16-point win over Pilot Rock on Saturday.

The Mustangs will face the Wasco County Redsidies at home on Friday night at approximately 7:30 p.m. and then travel to Athena on Saturday for a game starting at approximately 6:15 against the same Tiger Scots.

The Eastern Division title race could very well come down to a Umatilla-Heppner showdown at Heppner on Thursday, Feb. 20.

Pilot Rock must still meet Western Division co-leader Sherman County on the road and Umatilla must face Wahatonga on the road.

Despite the fact that Weston-McEwen has been in the Eastern Division cellar most of the season, the Tiger Scots flirted with the lead in the first period and held a 13-11 advantage early on.

However the Mustangs took a 15-13 lead at the end of the period, capped by a Wilgers slam dunk with 13 seconds to go in the period.

Wilgers tallied 12 points in the first period and added 8 more for Heppner in the second quarter.

The Mustangs continued their hot streak in the second quarter as they increased their advantage to 24-13 and then settled for a 34-23 halftime margin.

Mark Erickson scored all of his team-high 13 points in the first half for Weston-McEwen.

Heppner continued to control the game in the third period and increased its advantage to 54-31 as Wilgers rifled in 12 more points.

John Pike came off the Tiger Scot bench in the fourth frame as Weston-McEwen tried to close the gap against mostly the Mustang bench.

Gene Garrett added eight points for Heppner and Scott Miller did the same for the Tiger Scots in the

David Pedro, starting in place of the injured Trent Harrison, added seven rebounds and Dick Devin and Bryan Padberg clutched six caroms apiece.

Player	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
Wayne Wilgers	32	11	4	2	2
Heppner	15	18	8	11	12
Heppner	20	12	10	8	10
Wilgers	15	11	4	2	2
Padberg	7	11	7	4	4
Ball	19	12	4	7	2
Devine	15	8	4	2	2
Padberg	6	8	2	2	2
Carroll	4	8	2	2	2
Pedro	6	2	1	1	1
Conklin	4	4	2	2	2
Dougherty	1	1	1	1	1
Smith	1	1	1	1	1
Conklin	1	1	1	1	1
Ball	1	1	1	1	1
Devine	1	1	1	1	1
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