

# Fillies fall behind 51-49 Ankle injury adds to Mustang problems



Missy Eubanks reaches for ball.

By Ashley Conklin

Heppner's varsity girls basketball team fought its way back from a dismal first period last Friday night but it wasn't enough as the Pilot Rock Rockets defeated the Fillies 51-49.

Heppner fell behind 17-9 after the first period and then got back into the contest as Missy Eubanks scored all of her game-high 26 points in the last three quarters.

The Fillies came within 26-25 at the halftime break and led 41-40 entering the fourth period.

The Rockets though controlled the fourth period 11-8 and won the game.

The game was tied at 49-49 when Pilot Rock scored to break the tie.

Heppner had several chances to tie in the latter stages of the game but were unable to score.

The Rockets tried to run the clock out at the end of the game but turn-

ed the ball over with four seconds remaining.

The Fillies had a chance to tie at the end but fell short.

Heppner was hampered with 20 turnovers in the game and it was turnovers on Pilot Rock's full-court press that allowed the Rockets a 17-9 first quarter lead.

Robin Baldwin, who led the Rockets with 14 points, tossed in 7 in the quarter.

Cindy Stroeber, who added 9 points to Eubanks' 26, scored 7 points in the first quarter to keep the Fillies close but Stroeber had 3 fouls in the quarter and 4 in the first half.

Pilot Rock continued to dominate in the early stages of the second period and led 24-14 at the 3:10 juncture.

But Eubanks scored off of steals and drove for length-of-the-court lay-ins and put offensive rebounds back in to lead Heppner on a 12-2 run to pull the Fillies within 26-25 at intermission.

Eubanks pumped in 12 points in the second period and also had 4 steals in the period and 5 rebounds in the first half. Eubanks would finish the game with 10 rebounds and 7 steals.

Eubanks had the hot hand in the third frame as well, firing in 5 of 7 field goals for 10 points, to put Heppner on top by a slim 41-40 margin.

The Fillies were 7 of 12 from the floor during the third frame but only 3 of 10 in the fourth quarter and finished at 36 percent for the game on 20 of 55 shooting.

Heppner though was held at bay in the dramatic fourth quarter as the Rockets pulled out the win.

Tami Lindsay and Stroeber added 10 and 6 rebounds respectively for the Fillies and Theresa Lindsay handed out 4 assists. Tina Davidson also had four steals.

Jill Tresham worked inside for 13 more points to help Baldwin lead Pilot Rock.

By Ashley Conklin

Free throw shooting and rebounds are a necessity to winning at any basketball level and without the two, Heppner's boys basketball team dropped a heartbreaking 74-72 Columbia Basin Conference Eastern Division contest to the Pilot Rock Rockets last Friday night.

The two teams had entered the game tied for first place in the Eastern Division of the CBC but when Eric Miller's 20-footer from the top of the key found nothing but net with three seconds to play, the Rockets escaped with the win.

Starting Mustang center Trent Harrison went down with an ankle injury only three seconds into the game. Loss of the center contributed to Heppner's troubles on the boards.

Harrison's injury was diagnosed as torn ligaments in his left ankle and Harrison will be lost for the season. Without him, Heppner had only 23 rebounds.

Another key factor was foul shooting and Pilot Rock lived at the line, making 24 of 32 attempts for 75 percent compared to 8 of 16 shooting and 50 percent for the Mustangs.

Jamie McCall, who was the game's leading scorer with 21 points, led the Rockets barrage at the stripe by hitting 9 of 12 free opportunities.

Mark Adair had 12 more points for the Rockets, as did Jim Shipp, Miller chalked up 11 points including hitting 7 of 10 free throws, and Rick Rasmussen tossed in 10 more.

Dick Devin and Wayne Wilgers led the Mustangs with 15 points apiece. Gene Garrett and Bryan Padberg gunned in 14 more each, and Duane Ball ripped the nets for 13 more points.

Pilot Rock jumped out to a 16-14 lead after the first quarter. Rasmussen led the Rockets with seven points in the quarter and hit a shot at the horn to give the Rockets



Duane Ball shoots for two.

in the fourth period behind the hot hand of Dick Devin.

Devin scored 11 of his 15 points in the period and Padberg and Wilgers added 6 more points each.

Pilot Rock shrugged off its cold free throw shooting from the third quarter to sink 9 of 10 in the fourth period.

McCall scored eight points and Adair six in the fourth period for the Rockets.

Heppner cameback to lead 70-69 late in the game when Mustangs coach Mike Royer was whistled for a technical foul when he left his seat on the bench.

Miller hit one of two free throws and McCall hit a field goal to tie the game 72-72.

Wilgers was fouled with 1:21 left and sank both free throws to tie the game 72-72.

The Rockets spread the court and called timeout with 17 seconds to play to set up the final shot.

Heppner, which shot 50 percent from the floor in the second half, finished the game at 45 percent making 32 of 71 attempts.

Padberg, along with his 14 points, had 8 assists and 6 steals.

Player	PG	FT	P	R	A	ST	TO
Wilgers	4-14	3-4	15	8	3	1	2
Harrison	8-8	0-0	8	8	8	1	1
Padberg	7-12	0-0	14	1	8	8	1
Ball	8-13	3-3	13	1	8	8	2
Devin	7-18	1-3	18	4	1	4	1
Shipp	8-1	0-1	8	2	1	8	1
Garrett	7-11	0-0	14	2	8	2	2
Miller	8-1	0-1	8	2	1	8	1
Adair	6-12	1-2	6	8	8	1	1
Team	52-71	8-24	72	23	18	38	14

Pilot Rock Shooting: Devin 8, 2-2; Miller 8, 0-1; Adair 8, 3-3; Shipp 8, 3-3; Garrett 7, 0-0; Ball 8, 3-3; Totals 28, 24-51, 74.

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Player	P	A	R	ST	TO
Heppner	14	17	14	17	12
Pilot Rock	14	18	17	21	14

the lead.

In the second period Pilot Rock hit 10 of 11 foul attempts and increased its lead to 36-31 at the break.

McCall tallied nine points in the period and sank five of five free throws while Wilgers kept Heppner within striking distance by scoring six points.

The Rockets stayed in control of the game in the third frame and in spite of making only three of nine free throws, led 53-45 after three quarters.

The Mustangs came roaring back



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