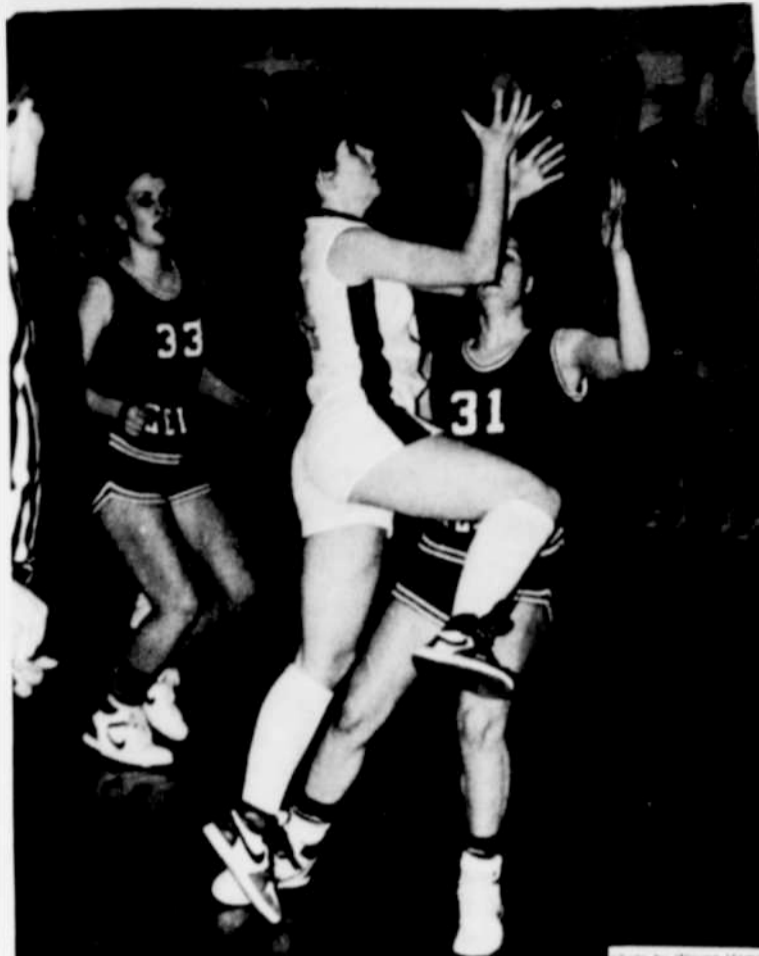


Cardinals gain district berth



Candi Rudisill keeps ball away from Grizzlies

The lone Cardinals won a hard played game over the Helix Grizzlies, for a berth in District 3 B girls basketball tournament. The first quarter belonged to the Cardinals as they raced out to a 17 to 6 lead. Fast break baskets by Cardinals was reason for 53% shooting in this quarter.

The second quarter was just the opposite. Helix out-scored lone by a margin of 18 to 6 in the second quarter. The big turn around brought the half time score to 24 to 23, in favor of Helix.

The second half turned into a very tight game all the way. Helix increased their lead by two points at the end of the third quarter. The Cardinals picked up the pace on offense and

out-scored Helix by a margin of 15 to 10 in the final quarter. The big basket came with six seconds left in the game, score tied at 48 apiece. Patty McElligott sank a 15 foot set shot to put the Cardinals ahead for good.

Although this was a good team effort by the Cardinals, the three seniors playing in their last home game in a Cardinal uniform, had an outstanding game. Deena Hams had 18 points and 17 rebounds. Candi Rudisill had 14 points and 5 assists. Patty McElligott had 6 points, but made the most important basket of her life to put the Cardinals ahead when it counted.

Stats: 17 4 12 15 30

Mustangs gallop away from Redsides 87-73

By Ashley Conklin
In spite of the new environment, Heppner's boys basketball team have seemed right at home last Friday night on their way to an 87-73 Columbia Basin Conference victory over the Wasco County Redsides.

With starting center Trent Harrison still out with an injury, the Mustangs went with a smaller starting line-up that put Wayne Wilgers inside and forced Dick Devin to move to the center position.

But the new line-up paid dividends in a big way as Wilgers roamed the inside and shot from outside for 30 points. Devin, and guard Duane Ball each accounted for 16 points.

"I was a little worried about the smaller line-up because of our rebounding and we didn't rebound that well," Heppner coach Mike Royer said. "But it did help our offense, particularly in that we got Gene (Garrett) into the starting line-up."

Garrett, Heppner's "sixth-man" all season, scored eight points in his first starting assignment of the season.

The Mustangs did have their problems on the boards with guards Ball and Bryan Padberg leading the way with eight and seven rebounds respectively.

Besides the new line-up, Heppner also received something that they're unaccustomed to—a big (40-20) halftime lead.

The Redsides, however, put the clamps on Heppner, particularly Padberg and Wilgers early. Wasco County grabbed a 12-8 lead after the first period when Randy Iverson, who had six points in the period, hit a shot at the horn. Aiding the Redside cause was a triangle-and-two defense put on Padberg and Wilgers.

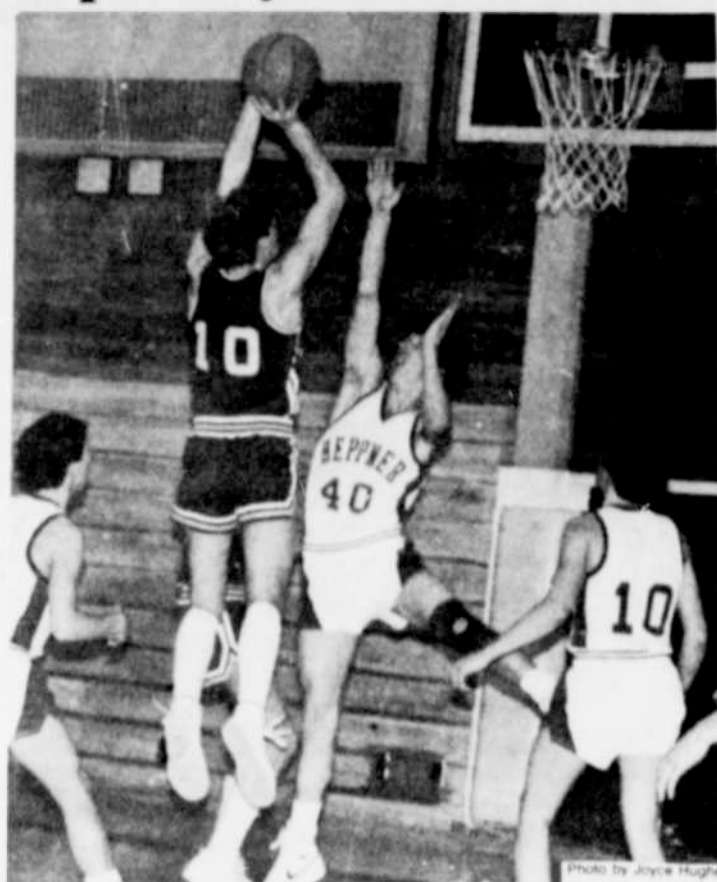
Padberg would wind up the game with only two points before fouling out and Wilgers didn't score in the opening period.

Heppner did get the ball to Wilgers in the second quarter, however, as he hit for 14 points to lead the Mustangs on a run that would net them 32 points in the quarter and the Redsides only eight.

Russell Britt, a freshman, came off the Heppner bench for six points in the quarter and helped lead the Mustangs pressure full-court defense that was responsible for the big halftime lead.

Heppner came out in the third quarter to increase its lead to as much as 27 points before settling for a 65-46 lead at the end of the period.

Wasco County tried to get back into the game by outscoring the Mustangs 26-25 in the quarter on 10 points from Iverson.



Gene Garrett (No. 40) guards Wasco while Bryan Padberg (No. 10) looks on

However Heppner was able to fend off the Redsides on inside moves and outside shooting from

Cards end season with loss

Lone Cardinals lost their final game of the season to the district-bound Echo Cougars 40-62, on the Cougars home floor Saturday night.

Lone's top scorer was Ken Snider with 12 points. Tim Beeson led the Cardinals at the boards with 6 rebounds, followed by Chris Rea with five.

Stats: 4 12 15 9 40
14 24 20 4 42
Rea 2, 1-1, 5-8; Ball 1, 1-2, 3; Padberg 1, 0-0; Snider 4, 0-2, 12, 8; Ball 2, 1-2, 5; Martin 1, 0-0, 2; Iverson 1, 3-5, 8; Bradford 1, 0-0, 2; Beeson.

Wilgers, drives to the basket by Ball, and the overall hustle of Devin.

Wilgers tallied 10 points in the quarter, Ball 8, and Devin 6 more. The Mustangs were outscored in the fourth frame, 27-22, but were able to clear their bench midway through the frame as both Britt and Wilgers scored six points for Heppner.

Iverson helped pull the Redsides within 87-73 at the end of the con-

test with 12 points in the final frame and wound up with 32 for the game. Britt, who played an outstanding game for Heppner, wound up with career-highs in points (12), rebounds (5), and assists (4).

"We played a good game offensively and did a good job getting the ball inside to Wayne," Royer said. "We also shot the ball really well." Helping feed Wilgers and the rest of the Mustangs were Ball, Devin, and Padberg who each had four assists.

Player	Pts	Reb	Ass	Stl	Blk
Heppner	87	32	22	87	
Wasco County	73	36	27	73	
Heppner	30	12	7	8	10
Wilgers	12	18	6	7	3
Padberg	14	8	2	4	4
Ball	16	2	16	8	4
Devin	6	17	16	4	2
Finlayson	0	8	8	3	0
Garrett	2	4	8	2	2
Padberg	8	12	1	2	8
Conklin	0	8	0	1	2
Beeson	6	6	2	8	1
Snider	12	8	2	8	1
Linaker	0	8	0	7	8
Rea	5	8	12	1	4
Totals	87	32	22	18	28

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Mustang fresh end season

By Ashley Conklin
Heppner's freshmen boys basketball team concluded its season last Tuesday night by falling behind the Condon junior varsity by 21 points at intermission before rallying to lose 60-47. The Mustangs finished their season with a 7-5 record.

The Blue Devils used a potent fast break in the first half to lead 38-17 at intermission before holding on for the win.

Mark and Mike Winslow fueled the fast break in the first half with 13 and 6 points respectively in the half and finished the game with 13 and 8 points respectively. Troy Laney also tallied 11 points for Condon.

Eric Connor led Heppner with 14 points and 9 rebounds as Ryan Miller popped in 10 points and also grabbed 9 rebounds.

With Mark Winslow scoring 11 points in the first quarter, mostly on long passes on the break by brother Mike, Condon raced out to a 22-5 lead after the first quarter.

Laney sank five of six free throws in the second period as the Blue Devils continued their torrid pace to increase their lead to 38-17 at the break.

The Mustangs started a rally in the third frame but it was quickly extinguished by Condon as the Blue

Devils led 52-32 after three periods.

Heppner held the Blue Devils scoreless for just over half of the final quarter and came within nine points on one occasion.

However Condon was able to hold on and win the game by a 60-47 margin.

As was the case throughout the game from the field, the Blue Devils were red-hot from the charity stripe hitting on 71 percent of their shots (10-14). Meanwhile the Mustangs were 13 of 27 for only 48 percent.

Russell Britt led Heppner in scoring on the season as he had a 24 point per game average through seven games before being called up to the junior varsity and varsity squads.

Connor and Miller were the team's inside threats and scored 9.6 and 8.3 points per game respectively during the season as well as leading the team in rebounding.

Slater Mitchell and Brian Siminow were also key performers for the Mustangs this season.

Player	Pts	Reb	Ass	Stl	Blk
Condon	22	16	14	9	60
Heppner	5	12	15	15	47
Condon	11	2	13	13	11
Winslow	13	1	7	13	6
Connor	14	9	14	14	9.6
Miller	8	3	10	10	8.3
Britt	24	1	3	25	10.14
Heppner	2	3	7	7	2.5
Miller	4	2	10	10	2
Connor	5	4	14	14	14
Munkley	1	0	2	2	2
Angell	1	0	2	2	2
Kenny	1	1	2	2	2
Totals	17	13	27	47	

Founded and Mitchell. Total Goals Condon 22, Heppner 15.

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