Cardinals lose in first tourney game

Photo by Wayne Hams

Deena Hams shoots over Dufur defender

Ione played a good first half of basketball and were only behind the Dufur Rangers by two points at the half.

The second half started with Dufur exploding on an 11-2 scoring run. The Cardinals applied some defensive pressure in the last four minutes of the third quarter and were still down by only seven at the end of the third. The fourth quarter was a repeat of the third quarter.

The Cardinals had an edge in the rebounds and had two more field goals than the Rangers. The real difference in the game was at the foul line, where the Cardinals were 1 of 6 and the Rangers were 17 of 25.

This was the last game for the three seniors from Ione. Deena Hams finished the game with 18 points, 14 rebounds, and 2 assists. Candi Rudisill had 10 points, 2 rebounds, 4 assists and 3 steals. Patty McElligott didn't score but collected 6 rebounds and handed out 4 assists. Freshman Jo Cupps contributed 9 points and 10 rebounds.

Patty and Candi made the Big Sky Conference Honorable Mention Team. Deena was noted to the Big Sky Conference 1st team along with Sharp & Bittinger of Arlington and Ohide and Thompson of Culver.

The Cardinals finish the season with a fine 15-5 record.

Statistics

	1	2	3	4	T
Ione	6	13	10	10	39
Dufur	9	12	15	15	51

Hams 9, 0-0, 18; C. Rudisill 5, 0-0, 10; Davison 0, 0-2, 0; Wagenblast 1, 0-2, 2; McElligott, Cupps 4, 1-2, 9; Papenwarz, A. Rudisill, Total 19, 1-6, 39.

Fillies give encore performance

Missy Eubanks dribbles away from Viking defenders

By Ashley Conklin

In the final game of the season last Thursday night, Missy Eubanks and Heppner's girls basketball team gave an encore performance as they closed out the season with a 75-66 victory over the Umatilla Vikings.

The Fillies finished the season with a 6-6 Columbia Basin Conference record and an overall mark of 11-7 but failed to make the district tournament for the first time in the four years that Mike Royer has coached the girls program at Heppner.

Eubanks, a senior that has captivated basketball fans in the CBC and around the state throughout her career, left with 31 points, 17 rebounds, and 10 steals in the final game of her career to record her fifth "triple double" of the season.

But this win was not just a Eubanks show as sophomore Tami Lindsay and senior Cindy Stroeber each tallied career-highs of 14 points apiece. Stroeber also finished the game with nine rebounds and three steals and Lindsay pulled down eight more boards. Senior Tina Davidson also finished her career in fine fashion.

Davidson, who led the league in assists in just her first year as a starter, dealt out seven assists.

"It was probably our best offensive game of the year," Royer said. "It was the last game our seniors will play together and they responded."

The 75 points scored by the Fillies was the most points a girls team of Royer's has scored since he's been at Heppner but the game was far from easy for the Fillies.

The Vikings led 32-31 at Intermission and increased their lead to 55-50 entering the fourth period.

But Heppner outscored Umatilla 25-12 in the game's final eight minutes as Eubanks and Stroeber each netted 10 points in the final period.

A pair of sophomores, Anji Jorstad and Penny Conforth paced Umatilla.

Jorstand and Conforth, two of the league's best young players, scored 21 and 18 points respectively as Conforth added 12 steals. Another sophomore, Kyla Langley, scored nine points and point the Vikings as a force to be reckoned with in the CBC next season.

With Eubanks popping in 11 first quarter points, the Fillies took a 15-12 lead as Jorstad pumped in 6 points of her own.

Free throw shooting, a downfall of the Vikings throughout the contest, plagued them early on.

Umatilla made only 2 of 8 first quarter foul shots and were 12 of 23 in the first half before finishing at 17 of 33 for 52 percent.

On the other hand, Royer was pleased by his team's 68 percent clip (17-25) at the line.

"We shot the ball really well at the free throw line," he said.

Conforth, the leader of the Viking full-court press, got steal after steal in the second frame as Umatilla took a 20-16 advantage in the frame and turned that into a 32-31 lead at the break.

Conforth and Jorstad continued to open things up for Umatilla during the third quarter.

Conforth scored 10 points in the quarter while Jorstad worked under the basket for 6 more points.

But Heppner would not be denied and trailed 55-50 entering the fourth period thanks to the inside work of Eubanks and Lindsay.

Lindsay converted several offensive rebounds into buckets to score nine of her points in the quarter and Eubanks added eight more points.

The Filly defense tightened up in the fourth period though and turned Eubanks loose.

Eubanks had 10 points in the period and then Stroeber also got into the act with 10 of her own. But it was the Heppner defense that was the difference.

While the Fillies were running for 25 points in the period their defense allowed them to by limiting the Vikings only 12 points to win 75-67.

While Heppner again had its problems hanging onto the ball (they committed 36 turnovers), the Fillies were able to pick up 18 steals and also had 15 assists.

Heppner shot 48 percent from the floor, 29-60, with Eubanks and Lindsay leading the way.

Eubanks made 14 of 20 field goals on the night and Lindsay was 4 of 7. Lindsay also made six of her seven free throw attempts.

Theresa Lindsay, also playing her final game in a Filly uniform, had five rebounds and four points.

On the season, Eubanks led the team in scoring (22.8 points per game); rebounding (15.4 per game); and steals (7.7 per game).

Tami Lindsay was the team's second leading rebounder (at 8.3 per game) and Stroeber second in scoring (5.5 points per contest). Davidson led the team in assists at 5.4 per outing and also scored over 5 points a game.

The Fillies will lose four starters from this year's team (Davidson, Eubanks, Theresa Lindsay, and Stroeber) but will have sophomore starter Sandi Turner and Tami Lindsay back next year as well as some other good young talent.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	T
Heppner	15	16	19	25	75
Umatilla	12	20	23	12	67

	FG	FT	TP	R	A	ST	TO
Heppner							
Eubanks	14-20	3-6	31	17	2	10	9
Stroeber	6-16	2-2	14	9	1	3	3
Davidson	1-2	2-4	4	4	7	2	11
Turner	0-3	0-1	0	7	0	0	3
Theresa Lindsay	2-3	0-0	4	5	1	0	0
Tami Lindsay	4-7	6-7	14	8	0	1	4
Wright	2-2	2-3	6	1	1	0	0
Currin	0-1	2-2	2	0	2	1	4
Nash	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Rathbun	0-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	1
TOTALS	29-60	17-25	75	54	15	18	36

Umatilla Sehman 0, 2-2, 2; Ferrer 3, 0-0, 6; Canfield 8, 2-3, 18; Chavez 5, 1-3, 7; Kruse 1, 2-5, 4; Langley 2, 5-9, 9; Jorstad 8, 5-11, 21. Totals 25, 17-33, 67.

Fouled out-None. Total fouls-Heppner 24, Umatilla 19.

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JV's beat Vikings 53-48

By Ashley Conklin

Holding off the Umatilla Vikings down the stretch last Thursday afternoon, Heppner's junior varsity boys basketball team closed out its season with a 53-48 victory over the Vikings. The Mustangs finished their season at 4-9.

With the score tied at 42-42 in the fourth period, Heppner ran off a string of eight straight points to go on top 50-42 to put the game in the bag.

Jason Dougherty hit two baskets and Barney Lindsay and Dan Struthers added key free throws to propel the Mustangs to the win.

Dougherty played his best game of the season with a team-high 15 points and also grabbed 9 rebounds to pace the winners.

Lindsay added 7 points and 7 rebounds as Derek Hoeft also had a good game under the boards as he had 11 caroms and also dealt out 3 assists. Russell Britt, who played in only two quarters, added nine points. Mike Mahoney netted six, and Jeff Devin had five more points.

The inside play of Mike Nelson and Tim Patterson paced the Vikings.

Nelson scored a game-high 20 points while Patterson chalked up 16 more as Umatilla lost the game at the free throw line.

Each club made 18 field goals and attempted 31 free throws. However Heppner sank 17 shots and Umatilla made only 12.

With Britt scoring nine points in the first half, the Mustangs led 12-10 after the first quarter and 25-22 at intermission.

Nelson did his best to keep the Vikings in the game in the opening two quarters as he tallied eight points in the first quarter and six more in the second period.

Nelson cooled down in the third quarter but the Vikings started to heat up as they outscored Heppner 11-6 to take a 33-31 lead into the fourth period.

Dougherty scored nine of his points in the fourth period to help lead the Mustangs to the win.

Britt, who started the season playing both on the freshmen and junior varsity teams before finishing the season on the junior varsity and varsity squads, led the Mustangs in scoring at 13.6 points per JV game.

Lindsay, a sophomore, added 5.6 points per game and was the team's inside threat along with Hoeft, a junior, while sophomore Will Martin also scored 4.3 points per game.

Statistics

	1	2	3	4	T
Umatilla	10	12	11	15	48
Heppner	12	13	6	22	53

Umatilla-Gerrard, Benitez 1, 2-5, 4; Jason Adams; Benbrook 2, 2-2, 6; Thompson; Jared Adams; Patterson 5, 6-11, 16; Tarter 1, 0-7, 2; Mesteth; Nelson 9, 2-6, 20; Holden. Totals 18, 12-31, 48.

Heppner-Struthers 0, 3-6, 3; Britt 4, 1-4, 9; Correa; Devin 1, 3-4, 5; Angell 1, 2-2, 4; Mahoney 2, 2-4, 6; Skaggs 1, 0-0, 2; Lindsay 1, 5-8, 7; Dougherty 7, 1-3, 15; Hoeft 1, 0-0, 2. Totals 18, 17-31, 53.

Fouled out-Benitez, Mahoney. Total fouls-Umatilla 24, Heppner 21.

Bowling

Koffee Kup Keglers

	Won	Lost
The Pyts	24	12
The Outer Drainers	19½	16½
M.C.'s #1	19½	16½
Butcher's	19	17
The Air Pin Wizards	17½	18½
The #1 Bees	17	19
The Hogwhals	15	21
The Dregs	12½	23½

High game: Jan Freeman 197
High series: Billie Doherty 522
High team game: Butcher's Alley Cats 982
High team series: Butcher's Alley Cats 1568
Splits converted: Millie Hanna 7-10.

Sportsmen
February 17

	Won	Lost
Peterson's	24	12
Central Market	23	13
Lois Schwab	19	17
Lee's Processing	18	18
Rod's Pub	14	22
Carlson's	13	23
Black Mt. Electric	13	23

Splits converted: LaRayne Schwarz 3-7-10; Marion Evans 3-7-10; Lucille Mason 5-6; Cheryl Peterson 5-7; Gwen Healy and Vi Wagner 5-10.
Clem Lindquist put together games of 209, 180 and 235 for a 624 series.

Thursday Night Ladies
February 12

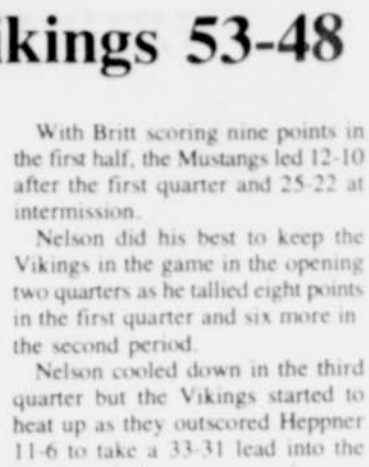
	Won	Lost
Depot Nursery	14	6
Kristin	13	7
Ray Breeze Inc.	10	10
J&J Ceramics	9	11
B&C Repair	9	11
Buck n Chips	9	11
Country Rose	9	11
B.P.O.E.	7	13

Splits converted: Martha Doherty 5-10; Betty McDonald 5-7; Lorene Montgomery 7-9; Melba Quackenbush 7-9-10; Katie McRoberts and Betty Pettyjohn 5-10; Marie Rudisill 3-7-10.
High game Carol Norris 222
High series: Billie Doherty 503

Thursday Night Ladies
February 19

	Won	Lost
Kristin	16	8
Depot Nursery	14	10
Buck n Chips	13	11
J&J Ceramics	13	11
B.P.O.E.	12	12
Ray Breeze Inc.	10	14
B&C Repair	9	15
Country Rose	9	15

Splits converted: Stella Carlon 5-6-10; Eva Griffith and Betty Pettyjohn 5-7; Tana Chavez 5-6; Sandra Hallenbeck, Alyssa Padberg and Stephanie Pettyjohn 5-10; Phyllis Piper 2-4-7-10; Phyllis Cole 2-7; Judy Rickett 2-4-9; LaRayne Bowman 3-6-7-10 and 3-10; and Millie Hanna 3-10 and 4-5.
High game: Billie Doherty 202
High series: Billie Doherty 543



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