

### Christmas Eve church schedules

Christmas services at All Saints: December 24 Christmas Eve 11 p.m. Christmas Celebration. No services Christmas Day.  
Christmas Eve Service-Candlelighting and Communion in a Carol Setting, 10:30 p.m.-Ione United Church of Christ. We welcome you all.

## Stanfield tops Heppner 68-66 for trophy

By Jason Dougherty

The Stanfield Tigers nipped the Heppner Mustangs 68-66 in the championship game of the Stanfield Basketball Classic Saturday, December 12.

An 8 foot turn around bumper by Stanfield's 6'6" Tony Brown with three seconds to go in the game, pro-

ved to be the difference as the two teams battled head to head for four quarters in what was a run-and-gun affair.

"We had trouble stopping their inside game. Brown and MacPherson both played well for them," said Heppner coach Mike Royer.

The taller Stanfield players controlled the boards for the majority of the game, scoring a number of points on offensive rebounds.

Junior forward Dick Devin, scored 23 points (12 in the third quarter) to lead the Mustangs. Bryan Padberg tossed in 19 and Russell Britt scored 12 points. Padberg also led the Mustangs in rebounding with 11. Mark Fishburn pulled down 8 boards.

"I felt both teams played very well considering it's this early in the season. We had our chance late in the game but just didn't get the bounce. We're looking forward to playing then again in January," concluded Royer.

This gave the Mustangs the second place trophy for the tournament.

## Fillies lose to Mac-Hi

By Jason Dougherty

The Heppner Fillies came up a basket short to be defeated by Mac-Hi last Tuesday, December 15.

The Fillies began the game with a great first quarter, dominating both scoring and rebounding, ending it with a score of 20-6, but by the end of the half the Fillies scoring slipped a little and the half-time score was 29-20 Heppner.

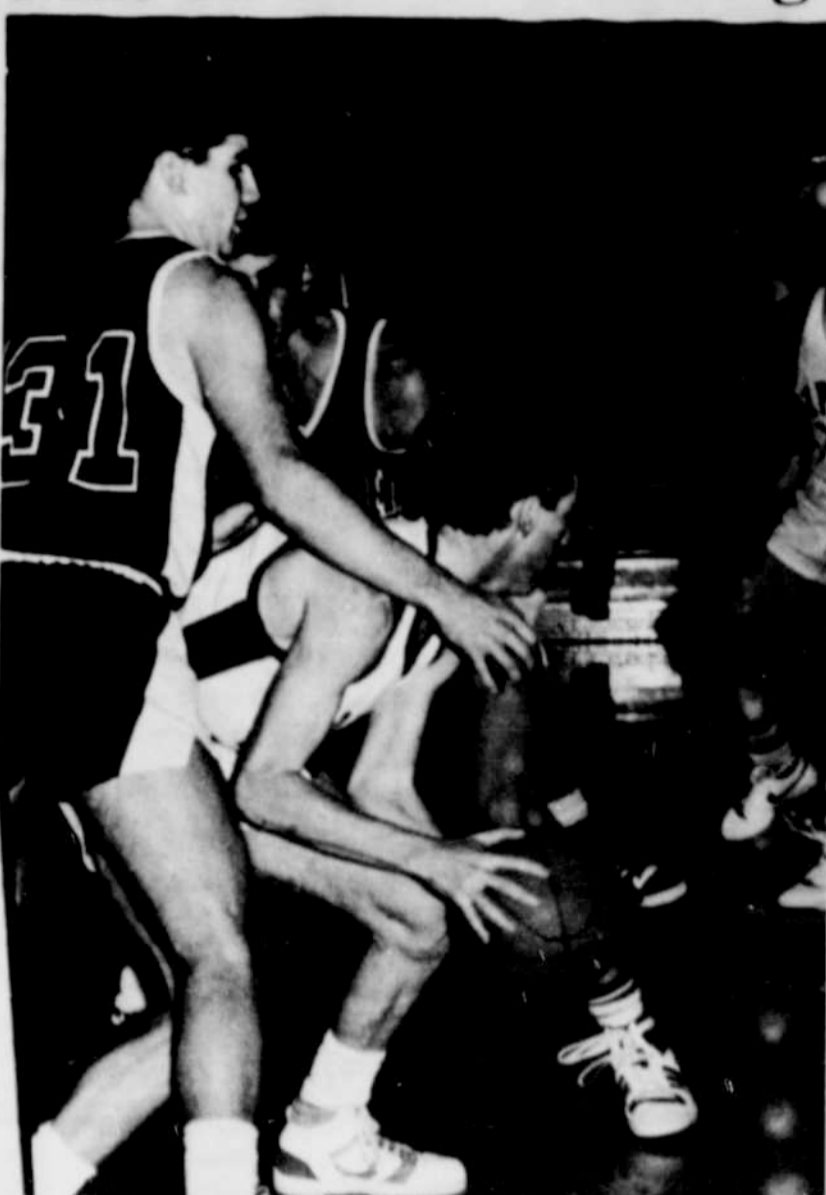
The Fillies went into the third quarter trying to pick up their shooting percentage, but only enough to hold off the Pioneers by 5 points, to end the third quarter at 36-31.

In the final quarter the Fillies missed a few key shots, letting the Pioneers bring the score to a balance. Two of the Pioneer girls sank two out-side shots and a free-throw to bring the score to 44-41. In the last seconds Nance Wright was fouled and put on the line for two free throws, she made her first one but missed her second attempt when Sandi Turner was fouled on the rebound.

Turner went to the line with one second left, but failed to make either of the buckets and with the short time remaining nothing could be done for the Fillies to tie it up, leaving the game at 44-42, Mac-Hi.

Sandi Turner led the Fillies with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

## Mac-Hi downs Mustangs



Bryan Padberg goes in for a shot

Photo by Joyce Hughes

By Jason Dougherty

The Mustangs were defeated by the Mac-Hi Pioneers last Friday night December 18.

The Mustangs came out trying to stop the Pioneer inside game, but in doing this only left Mac-Hi's hot outside shooter Rob Albee open. Albee had 21 points for the game. The first quarter ended 25-19 with Mac-Hi leading.

The Mustangs went through the second quarter unable to break a lead as they ended with the half 43-31 in

favor of Mac-Hi.

The second half still went Mac-Hi's way. Everything seemed to fall in place for the Pioneers, especially their shots as they went on to defeat the Mustangs 83-69, despite the last 3-point shots made by Heppner's Padberg and Britt to bring the Mustangs within 6 points with two minutes left but the Pioneers still pulled away at the end.

Bryan Padberg had an outstanding game as he led the Mustangs with 32 points, 11 rebounds, 7 assists and 4 steals. Dick Devin added 20 points and Russell Britt chipped in 4.



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