

Mustangs win consolation at Mac-Hi

By Scott Johnston

The Mustangs rapped up their pre-league season last Friday and Saturday at Mac-Hi's "I'll Be Home for Christmas" tournament. In the first game the Heppner Mustangs lost to Sunnyside, Wash., 75-72, but rebounded to pound the Stanfield Tigers 90-54.

In the first round of the tournament the Mustangs took on the Sunnyside Grizzlies, a class AA Washington team, and fell just short, losing by three points.

Coach Mike Royer thinks that playing good teams like Sunnyside will pay off in the future. "I don't think we will face a team in our league such as Sunnyside," commented Royer.

The Mustangs led by Russell Britt's nine first period points, took a 21-17 lead after the opening period.

Behind excellent 3-point shooting, Sunnyside exploded for 25 second period points to take the lead at the half by four points, 42-38.

Heppner was never able to cut the four point margin even though Dick Devin pumped in 10 points for the Mustangs in the third period. Larry Usher led the Grizzlies with 11 third quarter points.

The Mustangs outscored the Grizzlies in the final period, but fell three points short. Heppner had their chances in the closing minutes but couldn't capitalize.

Dick Devin led the Mustangs with 23 points and seven rebounds. Britt had eight assists for the Mustangs. Ryan Greene led the Grizzlies to victory with 17 points.

Statistics
Heppner (72) B. Padberg 5 6-8 16; Krein; Britt 7 5-9 22; Doug Devin; Martin 3 0-0 6; Connor; Dick Devin 10 2-3 23; Mitchell 0 3-4 3; Hays 0 0-2 0; Lindsay 1 0-2 3; Hanson. Totals 26 17-18 72.

Sunnyside (75) Schutt 5 0-0 12; Palomarez 3 0-0 6; Davila 3 0-0 9; Brown 1 0-2 2; Schrontz 4 1-1 9; Niemeyer; Usher 7 1-3 19; Goodfeller 1 0-0 2; Lancot; Greene 7 3-4 17. Totals 29 5-7 75.

Heppner 21 17 17 17 72
Sunnyside 17 25 17 16 75

In the second game, the Mustangs high powered offense scored 90 points while its defense only allowed Stanfield 54, as the Mustangs beat the Tigers for the second time this season. Heppner scored 21 first quarter points and never looked back.

Bryan Padberg scored 13 first half points as Heppner took a 42-24 lead to the locker room.

The Mustangs continued their

dominance in the second half outscoring Stanfield 48-30. The Mustangs bench had a good fourth quarter showing.

Padberg led the Mustangs in scoring, ending the night with 24 points while Dick Devin pulled down 12 rebounds. Russell Britt dished out seven assists to lead all Mustangs. Steve Baker led the Tigers with nine points.

The Mustangs will take Christmas vacation off before starting their CBC regular season at Pilot Rock, Friday, January 6. Heppner's home opener will be January 7 when the Stanfield Tigers come to town to battle the Mustangs for the third time this season.

Statistics
Heppner (90) Padberg 8 6-7 24; Krein 3 1-3 7; Britt 3 4-7 10; Doug Devin 3 4-6 10; Martin 4 1-4 9; Dick Devin 6 2-4 15; Mitchell 3 0-0 7; Hays 1 0-2 2; Lindsay; Hanson 2 0-1 4; Connor 1 0-2 2. Total 34 18-36 90.

Stanfield (54) Bailey 3 1-4 7; Winborne; Grabee 3 1-1 7; Ferguson 0 0-1 0; Stolz 2 0-0 6; Cooper 3 0-2 6; Rice 3 2-2 8; Gordon 1 4-8 6; Hampton; Alford 1 0-2 2; Baker 2 4-5 9; Collinsworth 1 1-2 3.

3-point goals, Padberg 2, Dick Devin, Mitchell.
Heppner 21 21 19 29 90
Stanfield 12 12 21 9 54

Ione edged out by Stanfield

By Michelle Papineau

Friday, December 16, the Lady Cards traveled to Stanfield to challenge the Tigers to non-league play. Stanfield edged Ione 40-36.

The Cardinals were playing with junior Jo Cupps who just got her cast removed from her left arm.

Ione started out slow but gained momentum as the game time began to tick away. Linda Morter led Ione with nine points with Jo Cupps and Jill Nelson in close with eight points each.

Ione's turnovers were the lowest

the team has had with only 10 team turnovers in the game. This was a beneficial key as Stanfield has 16.

The Lady Cards came close, but not close enough to the win as time was against them.

Statistics
M. Cupps 2 0-0 4; L. Morter 4 0-0 9; Wagenblast 3 0-4 6; J. Cupps 4 0-0 8; Nelson 4 0-0 8; D. Padberg, Morgan.
Rebounds Ione 21 Stanfield 47.
Wagenblast 3; Nelson 2; L. Morter 3; M. Cupps 6; J. Cupps 7.
3-pointers L. Morter, 1.
Fouled out-none. Total fouls, Ione 11 Stanfield 10.
Blocked shots J. Cupps 2.

Cards overpowered by Riverside Pirates

By Michelle Papineau

Tuesday, December 13, the Ione Cardinals hosted the Riverside Pirates in a rescheduled game that had been cancelled because the Morrow County Invitational Tournament had been cancelled due to the football championship. The score was Ione 30, Riverside 63.

Turnovers proved to be costly as the Cardinals lost possession of the ball 32 times during the game.

The Pirates took an early commanding lead that the Cards just

could not overcome. Dustin Padberg led the Cardinals with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Statistics
Padberg 5 1-6 11; Ball 1 0-1 2; Hams 2 1-2 5; Broderick 1 0-1 2; Garrett 3 0-3 6; Anderson 1 0-0 2; Morter 0 1-3 1; Davison 0 1-2 1; Basford, Warren.
Rebounds: Padberg 12, Ball 3, Hams 5, Broderick 5, Garrett 6, Anderson 2, Morter 1, Davison 1.
Blocked shots: Padberg 2, Broderick 1.
Total team fouls, Ione 15 Riverside 21.
Fouled out-none.
Ione 6 10 6 8
Riverside 14 13 18 18



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By Jaci Hughes
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