

Mustangs are 4-2 in league play with Wahtonka win



Doug Devin dribbles the ball through an opening for the Mustangs in Saturday's game against the Wahtonka Eagles.

By Scott Johnston
The Mustangs got back on the winning track Saturday, January 21, as Heppner shot down the visiting Wahtonka Eagles.
The Eagles stayed with the Mustangs as they only trailed by two at the end of the first quarter 16-14. Bryan Padberg scored eight points in the period to lead Heppner.
The Mustangs blew open the close game in the second period outscoring Wahtonka 28-12. Heppner used a balanced scoring attack as six Mustangs scored and Heppner used a 44-26 lead into halftime.
Heppner's defense in the third quarter totally dominated the Eagles as they only allowed Wahtonka two points. The Mustangs led increased to 33.
Heppner cruised through the fourth quarter for its fourth league win.
Padberg once again led the Mustangs to victory scoring a game high 20 points. Randy Hanson and Slater Mitchell each pulled down

eight rebounds while Russell Britt dished out six assists. Doug Devin led the Mustangs in steals with five.
Coach Royer thought the Mustangs defense was the key saying "I felt our defense was the difference. We were putting good pressure on the ball and they were having trouble getting the ball inside."
The Mustangs 4-2 in CBC play have a big job ahead of them as they host Pilot Rock Friday. Heppner beat the Rockets earlier this season by three points. On Saturday Heppner will travel to Umatilla to battle the Vikings for the first time this year.
Heppner 16 28 17 15 76
Wahtonka 14 12 2 9 37
Heppner (76): Padberg 9 0-0 20; Krein 12-3-4; Connor; Britt 6 1-2 15; Doug Devin 13-5-5; Lindsay; Martin 1 0-0 2; Dick Devin 7 0-0 14; Mitchell 0 2-2 2; Hays 0 3-4 3; Hanson 5 1-3 11. Totals 30 12-22 76.
Wahtonka (37): McCall 1 0-0 2; Franklin 1 0-0 2; Eaton 1 5-9 7; Christensen 0 1-3 1; McAllister 2 2-2 6; Doug Doak 3 1-2 7; Dave Doak 4 2-2 10; Fendelander 1 0-1 2. Totals 13 11-20 37.
3 point goals, Heppner Padberg (2) Britt (2).

HHS J.V.'s beaten by Wahtonka

By Scott Johnston
The J.V. Mustangs tried to bounce back after its Friday loss to Weston-McEwen but were unable to as the visiting Wahtonka Eagles beat Heppner 50-45.
Heppner, in a low scoring first period, only scored nine points but were still leading at the end of the period by three.
In the second quarter, as in the Weston-McEwen game, the Mustangs faltered, getting outscored by 14 and trailing at the half 26-15.
Coming out of the intermission the J.V. Mustangs were unable to generate much offense and trailed by 14 going into the final period.
Sparked by Larry Cecil's three 3-pointers the Mustangs mounted a last minute comeback but fell short losing by five.
Brandon Pedro led the Mustangs in scoring as he scored 14 points.

Kevin Bond and Eric Connor each had six rebounds for Heppner while Bobby Krein, in action for the J.V.'s for the first time this season, dished out five assists.
The J.V. Mustangs on a three game losing streak, will try to get back to their winning ways Friday, January 27, as they host Pilot Rock. The Mustangs beat the Rockets earlier this season 67-56. On Saturday Heppner will travel to Umatilla to face the Vikings for the first time this season.
Coach Dowdy wasn't entirely upset with the loss as he did see some bright spots. "I thought the kids showed a lot of character coming back in the fourth quarter Saturday. It was too bad we couldn't come out with the W," stated Dowdy.
Heppner J.V. 9 6 7 23 45
Wahtonka J.V. 6 20 10 14 50
Heppner J.V.s (45): Connor 3 0-1 6; Krein 2 1-3 6; Cecil 4 0-2 11; B. Pedro 6 2-4 14; Bond 2 0-0 4; Johnston 1 1-2 3; Maben 0 1-4 1; Burt; Wallace; Sharp; Hays; Wilson; Munkers. Totals 18 5-16 45.
Wahtonka J.V.s (50): Ryan 1 2-3 4; Britt 2 1-2 5; Schacher 1 0-4 2; Eaton 5 5-8 15; Christensen 2 6-8 10; Kinsler 0 3-5 3; Fendelander 4 3-6 11; Franklin; Jones. Totals 15 20-35 50.
3 point goals Heppner Krein (1) Cecil (3).

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Fillies dominate Wahtonka in final score

By Jill Conklin
The Heppner Fillies continued their winning ways against the Wahtonka Eagles, January 21 at home. After a tough first half and a third period that was played with a larger boys basketball the Fillies triumphed 53-35.
Heppner came out strong in the first quarter outscoring Wahtonka 15-8. Tami Lindsay dominated the period scoring eight points. Heppner's trapping defense seemed to slow the Eagles.
Wahtonka turned the game around in the second quarter. They quickly solved the problem they had with the Fillies' trap and scored easy baskets off of it. At the same time Heppner could not put any points on the score board. The Fillies found themselves in a tight game as they only led by one at the half, 22-21.
Heppner came out in the second half and took control of the game. A full-court press forced Wahtonka to several quick turnovers that the Fillies capitalized on. Kim Stookey had three steals to ignite the Heppner cause.
A 19-point fourth quarter sealed the victory for Heppner. Nance Wright led the Fillies with five points in the period. The Eagles once again had trouble with the full-court pressure and only scored six points. The final score, 53-35, did not reflect what a close game it really was.
Sandi Turner and Lindsay led the Fillies with 15 and 14 points respectively. Wahtonka had three players that scored eight points, but Heppner didn't allow any of the Eagles to score in double figures.
Heppner is now 6-0 in conference play and have an overall record of 7-3. This weekend the Fillies will play the Pilot Rock Rockets at home Friday evening and will play at Umatilla Saturday.
Heppner (53): Brisbois 1 2-5 4; Stookey 1 0-0 2; Conklin 2 0-2 4; Lindsay 7 0-0 14; Wright 2 2-5 6; Turner 6 3-4 15; A. Currin 0 1-2 1; J. Currin 0 3-6 3; Britt 2 0-2 4; Brownfield; Bailey; Greenup.
Wahtonka (35): S. Murphey 2 4-5 8; Newcomb 3 2-2 8; Benetti 4 0-1 8; Hudson 1 0-2 2; Roderick 2 1-5 7; K. Murphey 1 0-1 2; Dodson; McAllister; Benson; Tucker; Cross; Lindsey.
Heppner 15 7 12 19 53
Wahtonka 8 13 8 6 35
Fouled out-Roderick. Total fouls-Heppner 17, Wahtonka 21.



Tami Lindsay (22) attempts to gain control of the ball Saturday against Wahtonka. The win gives the Fillies an undefeated CBC record of 6-0.

Fillies lead CBC with 5-0 record

By Jill Conklin
The Heppner Fillies traveled to Athena last Friday to play the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots for the CBC lead. Heppner was never challenged by the Tiger-Scots and cruised to a 58-44 victory.
The Fillies scored on the opening tip and never looked back. Jennifer Currin and Sandi Turner led the charge in the first period combining for 11 of the Fillies 17 points. Heppner held the potent Tiger-Scots offense to just 10 points.
In the second quarter the Fillies only made two field goals, but they still outscored Weston-McEwen by six points. Currin scored four points to send the Fillies into the locker room with a comfortable 13 point lead, 29-16.
Weston-McEwen found the shooting touch in the third quarter and were almost able to keep pace with the Fillies. Turner and Currin both scored six points to propel Heppner to a 43-28 lead.
Although outscoring the Fillies in the final quarter, Weston-McEwen was not able to make up much ground. The Fillies were generous, though, committing 34 fouls in the game, letting the Tiger-Scots shoot 34 free-throws. Given the opportunity, Weston-McEwen could not take advantage and only scored 10 points from the free throw line. Heppner went on to win 58-44.
"It is good for us to beat a tough

team like Weston-McEwen on the road, if we continue to play this well we could go a long way this year," stated Heppner coach Lee Padberg. Padberg was pleased with the play of everyone and praised the Fillies' excellent defense.
Turner and Currin shared game high honors with 16 points each. Mary Bjorkland pumped in 15 for the Tiger-Scots. Tami Lindsay and Turner controlled the boards, both getting 14 rebounds.
The win extended Heppner's winning streak to five games, and also gave them the CBC lead with a 5-0 record.
Heppner 17 12 14 15 58
Weston-McEwen 10 6 12 16 44
Fouled out-Shepard. Total fouls Heppner 34 Weston-McEwen 19.
Heppner (58): Brisbois 0 0-2 0; Conklin 0 1-2 1; Lindsay 4 1-3 9; Wright 2 4-6 8; Turner 4 8-10 16; J. Currin 6 4-4 16; A. Currin 0 1-2 1; Britt 2 3-4 7; Stookey 0 0-1 0; Brownfield, Bailey, Greenup.
Weston-McEwen (44) Juan 1 1-4 3; Albert 0 1-2 1; Cogswell 0 2-5 2; Kirk 1 1-2 2; Carter 2 0-2 4; Dowd 1 1-2 3; Bjorkland 5 5-12 15; Glidewell 4 0-2 8; Shepard 2 0-3 4; Lienallen 1 0-1 2; Ryan 0 0-1 0; Jaggars.

Pettyjohn leads Frosh to victory with 30 points

On January 17, the Heppner Frosh ended their third consecutive road game with a 64-47 win against the Condon J.V.s.
Both teams started slowly with Heppner clinging to a 12-9 lead after one quarter.
The Frosh got rolling in the second period outscoring the Blue Devils 24-9 taking a commanding 36-20 lead at the half. Rick Pettyjohn scored half the Mustangs second quarter points.
Heppner maintained their margin in the third quarter to lead 51-36 at the period's end.
The fourth quarter belonged to Heppner as they built a 23 point advantage and coasted to win their seventh game.
Heppner's Richard Pettyjohn nailed five three-pointers to capture the game scoring honors with 30 points. Pettyjohn is averaging 21 points per contest for the season. Jason Britt chipped in 12 points, six rebounds, and six steals while Ryan Currin added 11 points and nine boards. Gabe Garcia lead the team in rebounds with 16 and assists with nine.
Heppner's Charlie Rathbun, the team's leading rebounder and second leading scorer sat out the contest with a sprained ankle.
"I'm very pleased with the way we're playing right now," said Heppner's coach John Boyer. "They're really fun to watch when we play up to our potential."
Pettyjohn 30; Britt 12; Currin 11; Garcia 9; McCurry 2; Sweeney; Wilson; Rollis; Phillips.

Mustangs lose in final seconds

By Scott Johnston
The Mustangs traveled to Athena January 20, looking for a victory but were instead upset by the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots. Weston-McEwen's Doug Byerley shot a 3-pointer with two seconds left to set off a jubilant Tiger-Scot celebration and send the Mustangs and their fans home in shock.
The Mustangs started off well as they spurted out to a 13-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.
The Tiger-Scots closed the gap by outscoring the Mustangs 17-14 but still trailed at the half, 27-24. Dick Devin sparked the Mustang attack in the first half, scoring 12 points.
The third quarter saw Weston-McEwen go inside to Chris Smith who scored eight of his team high 19 points, to lead the Tiger-Scots. Meanwhile, Heppner cooled off from the field but hit seven of 10 freethrows to end the quarter with the score tied at 43.
The Mustangs jumped on Weston-McEwen early in the fourth period but the home-town Tiger-Scots would not fold. Weston-McEwen fought back and tied the game at 55. Heppner went ahead by two with nine seconds left. After a Weston-McEwen time-out the Tiger-Scots set up their last second desperation shot that surprisingly beat the Mustangs. The final score was 58-57.
Dick Devin led the Mustangs in a losing effort scoring 24 points. Slater Mitchell yanked down eight rebounds for Heppner while Bryan Padberg had 11 steals.

Heppner	13	14	16	14	57
Weston-McEwen	7	17	19	15	58

Heppner (57): Padberg 7 0-0 15; Krein; Britt 2 3-4 7; Doug Devin; Martin 1 3-5 5; Dick Devin 9 6-8 24; Mitchell 0 1-2 1; Hays 2 1-1 5; Lindsay; Hanson 0 0-2 0. Totals 21 14-22 57.
Weston-McEwen (58): Byerly 3 0-1 7; Zerba; Butler 5 0-0 10; Bjorkland; Hearn; Betts 1 0-0 2; Remington; Cassel 2 1-2 5; Nash 5 1-6 15; Smith 9 1-4 19; Weathers. Total 23 6-13 58.
3 point goals, Heppner Padberg (1), Weston McEwen Byerly (1) Nash (1).

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