

Fillies clinch district playoff berth

By Jill Conklin
The Heppner Fillies used a total team effort to defeat the Stanfield Tigers in CBC action 44-26 on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Both teams started out slow but Heppner scored nine points to Stanfield's four in the first quarter. A full court press kept the Tiger offense in check while the Fillies took advantage of Stanfield's aggressiveness which sent Heppner players to the foul line 5 times.

In the second quarter Heppner's defense did an excellent job only allowing one field goal and one free-throw. The Fillies never got their offense going and scored only nine points during the period, but it was enough to lead 18-7 at the half.

A 15 point third quarter and a

pressure defense helped the Fillies gain a 19 point advantage. Even scoring from several players keyed a rally that earned the Fillies a 33-14 lead.

Stanfield outscored Heppner by one point in the final period which narrowed the margin of victory to 18 points, 44-26.

Tami Lindsay paced Heppner with 10 points. Sandi Turner and Jill Conklin chipped in 9 and 7 points respectively. Point guard Kim Stookey dished out 4 assists to aid the cause. Stephanie Zabransky of Stanfield took game high honors with 14 points.

With the win, Heppner upped their conference record to 10-0 and clinched a district tournament berth.

The Fillies' over-all record now stands at 11-3.

This weekend is very important for Heppner as they play second place Weston-McEwen at home on Friday and a tough Wasco County team in Moro on Saturday.

Statistics

Heppner	9	9	15	11	44
Stanfield	4	3	7	12	26

Heppner (44) Stookey 1 3-4 5; Conklin 3 1-4 7; Lindsay 5 0-0 10; Bailey 1 0-0 2; Wright 1 1-2 3; Turner 2 5-6 9; J. Currin 2 2-4 6; Britt 0 2-4 2; Brisbois; Brownfield; A. Currin; Greenup.

Stanfield (26) Chavez 1 1-4 3; Whelan 1 0-1 2; Marcus 0 1-2 1; Cooper 0 2-2 2; Svetlich 1 0-1 2; Zabransky 5 4-4 14; Holcomb; Griffin; Davis; S. Holcomb; Hummel 1 0-0 2.

Fouled out-None. Total Fouls-Heppner 13, Stanfield 18. Technical Fouls-Holcomb, number not entered in scorebook.

Mustangs cage Tigers

By Scott Johnston
Behind Randy Hanson's game-high 23 points and 12 rebounds, the Mustangs defeated the host Stanfield Tigers for the fourth time this season Saturday night.

A funny thing happened on the way to the game, as Hanson missed the team bus. Lucky for the Mustangs, he arrived in time for the game and saved the Mustang's hide.

Seven Mustangs scored in the first quarter as Heppner outscored the Tigers by three points leading 16-13.

Three 3-point field goals by Russell Britt in the second quarter led the Mustangs as they took a slim 37-33 lead into the locker room.

Heppner increased its lead by eight in the third quarter, led by Hanson's nine points in the period.

After the third quarter it looked as if Heppner would blow the game open, but it was not to be, and the Tigers came fighting back. Heppner and Stanfield both took turns at scor-

ing spurts but in the end the Mustangs were able to hang on even though they were outscored 18-14 in the final stanza. Bryan Padberg led the fourth quarter with nine points.

Tim Hays contributed 12 rebounds and Britt handed out 10 assists for the Mustangs.

Next up for the Mustangs will be the visiting Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots, Friday, before making the long trip to Maupin to play the Wasco County Redside on Saturday. This will be a very important weekend for the Mustangs in determining play-off position.

Statistics

Heppner	16	21	18	14	69
Stanfield	13	20	10	18	61

Heppner (69) Padberg 4 2-3 10; Britt 5 4-6 17; Dick Devin 4 5-9 13; Mitchell 0 1-4 1; Hays 1 0-1 2; Lindsay 1 1-2 3; Hanson 11 1-2 23; Martin. Totals 26 14-27 69.

Stanfield (61) Bailey 3 5-6 11; Winborne 2 0-0 4; Ferguson 2 0-0 4; Cooper 9 3-4 21; Rico 2 2-2 6; Baker 3 2-5 8; Ama 0 1-2 1; Gordon 2 2-5 6. Totals 23 15-24 61.

3-point goals, Britt (3).

Mustangs take hold of Umatilla

By Scott Johnston
The Mustangs continued their cycle of losing on Friday and winning on Saturday as they beat the Umatilla Vikings January 28, 87-76.

The Mustangs came out hot as Dick Devin scored 10 of the Mustangs' 24 first quarter points but the Vikings stayed close, scoring 20 points of their own.

Both Heppner and Umatilla scored 23 points in the second quarter to end the very high scoring first half with the Mustangs leading by four points.

Bryan Padberg led the Mustangs scoring attack in the quarter with eight points.

Heppner cooled off in the third period scoring 14 while the Vikings scored 16 to cut the Mustang lead to just two points going into the final period.

Heppner, who shot 33 free throws on the night, shot 23 in the final period connecting on 18. The Mustangs who shot a dismal 46% the night before against Pilot Rock came back and shot an impressive 71% as the Mustangs closed the door on the Mustangs winning 87-76.

Russell Britt scored 25 points and had eight assists while Padberg scored 23 to lead the Mustangs. Slater Mitchell pulled down 11 rebounds for Heppner.

Revenge will be on the minds of Heppner Mustangs this Friday as they host the Riverside Pirates. The Pirates upset the Mustangs the last time the two Morrow County teams played Friday, January 13, 81-56. The Mustangs have not won a Friday night game since.

Heppner will then travel to Stanfield, to play the Tigers for the fourth time this season. The Mustangs have won all three previous meetings.

Statistics

Heppner	24	23	14	26	87
Umatilla	20	23	16	17	76

Heppner (87) Padberg 6 10-11 23; Britt 7 10-15 25; Martin; Doug Devin; Dick Devin 8 0-1 16; Mitchell 5 1-2 13; Hays 1 2-2 4; Lindsay 1 0-0 2; Hanson 1 2-2 4. Totals 25 25-33 87.

Umatilla (76) Green 3 0-0 6; Smith 1 0-0 3; Pursifull 2 4-5 8; Adams 11 6-9 28; Tarter 1 8-8 10; Nelson 7 4-6 18; Iveson 1 1-1 3; Bowman; Turner. Totals 26 22-28 76.

3 pt goals Heppner-Padberg 1, Britt 1, Mitchell 2, Umatilla-Smith 1.

Mustangs avenge earlier loss to Pirates

By Scott Johnston
The Heppner Mustangs were looking for a little revenge over Riverside Friday, Feb. 3 and got it in a big way as they stampeded over the visiting Pirates 97-71.

Riverside beat the Mustangs earlier this season, 81-52 but Heppner, behind Bryan Padberg's 38 points, was determined not to let that happen again.

The Mustang defense shut down the Pirates in the first quarter as Riverside only scored 10 points. Meanwhile Heppner's offense was in high-gear and they scored 23.

Heppner continued its dominance in the second quarter scoring 27 points of which 14 came from Padberg. Once again the Pirates couldn't generate much offense and found themselves trailing 50-25 at the half.

Riverside rallied in the third quarter and cut the Mustang lead to 16 points but came no closer at Heppner started to pull away again. The Mustangs took a 69-50 lead going into the final period.

Dick Devin scored eight of his 20 points in the fourth period and the Mustangs outscored Riverside 28-21 and got the victory 97-71.

Padberg, in addition to his 38 points, got 10 rebounds and eight assists. Tim Hays also pulled down 10 rebounds while Russell Britt had 12 assists to lead the victorious Mustangs.

The Heppner victory, one in which every Mustang scored, kept them within one game of CBC leader Pilot Rock.

Statistics

Heppner	23	27	19	28	97
Riverside	10	15	25	21	71

Heppner (97) Padberg 13 8-11 38; Krein 1 0-0 2; Britt 3 0-2 7; Doug Devin 0 6-8 6; Martin 2 1-2 5; Connor 1 0-1 2; Dick Devin 10 0-0 20; Mitchell 3 2-3 8; Hays 1 1-2 3; Lindsay 1 0-0 2; Hanson 2 0-2 4.

Riverside (71) Tallman 10 2-4 24; Hill 0



Dick Devin makes lay-ins look easy as he puts one in for the Mustangs in Fridays game against Riverside. The Mustangs broke their Friday night game loss record and beat the Pirates 97-71.

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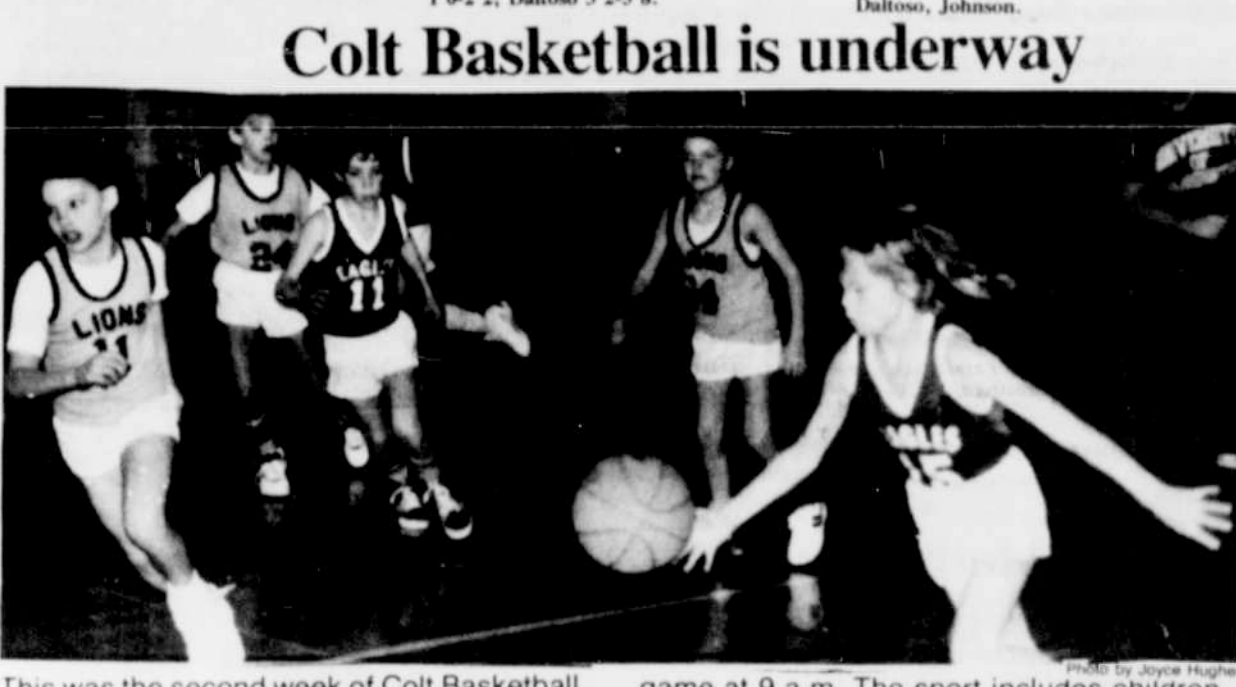
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HHS Frosh squeeze by Ione J.V.'s

The Heppner Frosh put their nine game winning streak on the line when they visited Ione January 31, to take on the Cardinal J.V.'s. Heppner captured a narrow 45-43 win in nearly a repeat of the game played January 9 at Heppner.

Ione jumped to a 13-10 first quarter lead and maintained that margin halfway through the second period. Heppner's Richard Pettyjohn began finding the range to score 10 second quarter points helping Heppner build a 26-17 halftime advantage.

The Cardinals used balanced scoring in the third period to take the lead 36-35 at the quarter's end.

The lead changed hands throughout the fourth quarter with neither team leading by more than a few points. Gabe Garcia hit a 16 foot jumper with 33 seconds remaining which proved to be the winning points.

Ryan Currin went out in the first period with a broken bone in his foot. He will be lost for the remainder of the season.

Jason Britt scored 16 points and Richard Pettyjohn scored 14 to pace the Mustangs.

Britt 16; Pettyjohn 14; Rathbun 5; Garcia 4; Sweeney 4; Currin 2; Wilson; Rollis; McCurry.