

Fillies demolish Vikings in last home game

By Jill Conklin
Six Heppner seniors played very well in their final home appearance against the Umatilla Vikings. The Fillies demolished the visiting Vikings 54-23, February 14.

16 points while only giving up two. Sandi Turner and Tami Lindsay combined for 12 points. The Fillies intense defense completely shut down Umatilla limiting them to one field goal in the entire period. Heppner lost their shooting touch

but still held a 15 point lead at halftime, 22-7. The Fillies stopped Umatilla star Anji Jorstad.

Jorstad had three points in the first half and no field goals.

Behind Lindsay's eight third period points the Fillies swept through the quarter and led by 14. The Vikings finally got their offense going and scored 14 points, but it wasn't enough to daunt Heppner.

A 19 point final quarter sealed the win for Heppner. Lindsay scored seven points and Jennifer Currin had six for the Fillies. Once again Heppner's defense dominated the period only giving up two more points, to propel them to a 54-23 win.

Lindsay led all scorers with 19 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Currin and Turner chipped in 13 and 12 points respectively. The Vikings were led by Jorstad with nine.

The Fillies extended their winning streak to 13 games and now stand at 13-0 in league play and 14-3 overall.

Heppner (54) Briscois 1 0-2; Conklin 1 0-0 2; Lindsay 9 3-3 21; Wright 1 0-0 2; Turner 6 0-0 12; J. Currin 6 1-2 13; Stookey; Brownfield; Bailey; A. Currin; Britt 1 0-2 2; Greenup.
Umatilla (23) Hawes 1 1-2 3; Moore 1 0-0 2; Jorstad 1 7-16 9; Adams 2 1-3 5; Fenley 1 0-0 2; Wetterlin 0 0-1 0; Tracy 1 0-0 2; Hoch 0 0-1 0; Thomas; Tarter; Coffey. Fouled out-Jorstad. Total Fouls Heppner 15, Umatilla 13.

Fillies conclude regular season play

By Jill Conklin
The Heppner Fillies concluded regular season play with a 44-38 win over the Wahtonka Eagles, February 17.

Heppner jumped out to an early lead behind six first period points from Sandi Turner. After holding Wahtonka to six points the Fillies led 12-6 after one quarter.

Heppner got into foul trouble during the second quarter which led to easy points for the Eagles. Wahtonka connected on five of eight free shots. However, the Fillies were able to overcome the disadvantage at the charity stripe, and scored 11 points to take a commanding 23-13 lead at intermission.

Tami Lindsay came alive to score six points in the third period to help Heppner to their largest lead, 15 points. Although a box and one defense slowed Turner during the quarter it couldn't slow the rest of the Fillies. With only one quarter left it appeared that Heppner had stolen another win.

Wahtonka seemed to solve Heppner's press, which had forced them to numerous turnovers in the third period, and mounted a comeback. Seven out of ten shooting from the free throw line aided the Eagles considerably in their rally. Fortunately, for Heppner, the comeback was cut short and the game ended before the Eagles could completely catch up. Wahtonka scored 17 points in the final period to cut the margin to just

six points, 44-38.
Jennifer Currin had 12 points to lead the Fillies. Lindsay and Turner each had 10 points, but also played well defensively, combining for 10 steals. Wahtonka's Julie Roderick scored 16 points to take game high honors.

Heppner ended the regular season with a perfect 14-0 mark in league play. They will now face the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots for the District Championship on February

24 at the Pendleton Armory at 7 p.m. Wahtonka improved their record to 6-7 and will also play in the district tournament in a loser out game against Wasco County.

Heppner (44) Briscois 2 2-2 4; Lindsay 5 0-0 10; Wright 3 0-0 6; Turner 4 2-6 10; J. Currin 3 6-11 12; Britt 1 0-0 2; Stookey; Conklin; Bailey; A. Currin.
Wahtonka (38) Murphey 2 4-7 8; Newcomb 0 2-2 2; Bennett 1 4-6 6; Hudson 1 2-5 4; Roderick 5 6-6 16; Murphey 1 0-1 2; Tucker; Lindsey.
Fouled out-Murphey. Total fouls-Heppner 15, Wahtonka 17.

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Mustangs hang on to defeat Wahtonka

By Scott Johnston
The Mustangs ended their CBC regular season and can now look forward to the playoff after they beat the host Wahtonka Eagles 72-63.

Heppner dominated in the first quarter outscoring the Eagles 27-6. Dick Devin led six Mustangs who scored in the first period as he had eight points.

Wahtonka finally got the ball to go in during the second quarter as the Eagles scored 18 points but were still outscored by the Mustangs by one point. Randy Hanson scored six in the period and Heppner took a sizeable 22 point lead going into halftime.

The Eagles showed they might be down but not out, as they started chipping away at the Mustang lead in the second half. Wahtonka cut the lead to 16 by the end of the third quarter.

Wahtonka continued their comeback in the fourth quarter as they started bombing from 3-point range and connecting on four attempts. With three minutes remaining the Eagles were down by five points, but that was as close as Wahtonka got and the Mustangs held off the Eagles second half charge to get the victory. Bryan Padberg had 11 fourth period points for Heppner. Padberg and Russell Britt shared

high-point honors with 17 apiece while Dick Devin added 13 points.

Britt also dished out nine assists while Tim Hays pulled down six rebounds to lead the Mustangs.

The Mustangs will be making their fourth straight trip to the District 7A Tournament, when they take on the Pilot Rock Rockets for the District Crown, Friday, February 24 at the Pendleton Armory. Game time is at 8:30 p.m. If the Mustangs win the title game they would advance to the regional tournament in La Grande March 3 and 4. Should the Mustangs lose they would play the winner of the Riverside-Wasco Co. game on Saturday February 25 for the second berth in the regional tournament. Friday's game will start at approximately 8:30 p.m. following the girls title game.

Statistics
Heppner 27 19 11 15 72
Wahtonka 6 18 17 22 63
Heppner (72) Padberg 6 4-7 17; Krein; Britt 6 4-4 17; Doug Devin 0 0-1 0; Martin 1 2-2 4; Dick Devin 6 1-2 13; Mitchell 1 0-0 2; Hays 4 0-6 8; Lindsay 0 1-2 1; Hanson 5 0-0 10. Totals 29 12-24 72.
Wahtonka (63) McCall 3 2-2 10; Schaefer; Franklin 2 2-2 6; Kirchhofer 6 2-4 16; Eaton 1 2-2 4; McAllister 0 1-2 1; Doug Doak 0 2-2 2; Dave Doak 7 2-3 16; Jones 3 2-2 8. Totals 22 15-19 63.
3-pt goals Heppner-Padberg 1; Britt 1. Wahtonka-McCall 2, Kirchhofer 2.

Mustangs win home finale

By Scott Johnston
The Heppner Mustangs played at home for the last time this season on Tuesday, February 14, and beat the Umatilla Vikings 72-60.

The Vikings stayed right with the Mustangs in the first quarter and only trailed by one point after one quarter of play. Dick Devin scored five points while three other Mustangs scored four points in the quarter.

The Mustangs increased their lead in the second quarter as they outscored Umatilla 18-12. Seven Mustangs scored in the period as Heppner took a 39-32 lead into halftime.

Heppner came out in the third quarter and shut down the Vikings offense as Umatilla only scored five points while the Mustangs, behind Bryan Padberg's seven points in the period, increased their lead to 56-37. The Vikings mounted a comeback

in the fourth quarter but the Mustang lead was too much for Umatilla to overcome and Heppner held on to the victory.

Umatilla's Mike Nelson led all scorers with 26 points. Russell Britt was Heppner's scoring leader with 15 points while Padberg and Will Martin scored 13 apiece. Martin also yanked down eight rebounds and Britt had seven assists.

Heppner 27 18 17 16 72
Umatilla 20 12 5 23 60
Heppner (72) Padberg 5 2-4 13; Krein 0 2-0 2; Britt 5 5-10 15; Doug Devin; Martin 6 1-2 13; Connor 0 2-2 2; Dick Devin 5 1-3 11; Mitchell 1 0-0 3; Lindsay 1 1-3 3; Hanson 4 0-3 8; Hays 2 0-0 4. Totals 29 12-28 72.
Umatilla (60) Green 1 0-0 2; Montez 0 0-2 0; Pursifull 1 1-2 3; Adams 3 2-4 8; Tarter 1 0-0 2; Nelson 12 2-9 26; Iveson 3 1-2 7; Smith 1 0-0 3; Turner 3 1-2 9. Totals 25 7-21 60.
3-pt goals Heppner-Padberg 1; Mitchell 1. Umatilla-Smith 1; Turner 2. Total fouls Heppner 17 Umatilla 21.

It was the week before District and all through the halls, The Mustangs and Fillies dreamt of hoop-balls. The game plans were laid with meticulous care. In hopes of good turn-out and refs that were fair. But back in the locker rooms all filled with steam, Carri was wary and Amy was green. "These jitters are critters that make us up-tight. So how do we beat them?" They asked Nance Wright. "Just talk to the others, I think you will find. There are lots of good ways to take bugs off your mind." Now Tami and Sandi and Jill, it turned out, Crank the music up loud and go rockin' about. And Nikki and Angie and Jennifer sing. And Lib, Kim and Nancy have pizza pie flings. The guys, it was learned, have a whole different style. Tim and Randy play bongos, Doug gets flat wild. Russell and Dick go real fast in their cars. While Bob, Will and Barney consult with the stars. Slater and Eric get down and get bad. "And me," giggled Bryan, "I just kiss my Dad!" So with jitter bugs banished, it's On With The Show. Step out on that ball-court and GO-TEAMS-GO!

Jeff, Vi, Val & Andrea

Fillies 14-0 record takes them to playoffs

By Jill Conklin
The Heppner Fillies ended their regular season last Friday night with an unblemished 14-0 record. They will now face conference rival Weston-McEwen for the District 7-A Championship Friday night at the Pendleton Armory at 7 p.m.

In other action Friday the Wasco County Redsidies will face the Wahtonka Eagles in a loser out game in the afternoon.

If the Fillies (14-0) beat defending champion Weston McEwen (10-3) they will advance to the regional tournament in LaGrande as the number one seed. However, if the Fillies lose, they would play the winner of the Wasco County-Wahtonka game to determine the second place team.

Heppner has already beaten the Tiger Scots twice this season, 58-44 and 51-45, but will face a stiff test at District.

The Fillies must stop Weston McEwen's Mary Bjorkland who is averaging about 15 points in CBC

play. They also have to shut down the inside attack of Dawn Shepard and Joy Glidewell.

Heppner will counter with a strong front line consisting of 6'0" Tami Lindsay, 5'10" Sandi Turner and Jennifer Currin. Turner and Currin are both in the CBC top ten in scoring and steals. Lindsay ranks high among the league's top rebounders. Guards, Kim Stookey, Jill Conklin and Nance Wright shut down Bjorkland in the Fillies last meeting with Weston McEwen and will be relied upon heavily as Heppner will probably play man-to-man defense.

The Tiger Scots will probably try to stop Heppner from going inside to Currin and Lindsay by playing a tight 2-3 zone defense.

The Fillies have to play excellent defense to beat Weston McEwen. "We have to move our feet and hustle on defense. We also need to cut down our fouls if we want to be a good tournament team," stated coach Lee Padberg.

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