

Mustangs trounce Stanfield Tigers Heppner Frosh lone JV girls lose one more game in final seconds stand at 8-4

By Bob Krein
On Saturday, January 3, the Mustangs faced the struggling Stanfield Tigers. The Mustangs wasted little time and raced out to a 22 to five lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Mustangs then took a convincing 30-point lead into the locker room at halftime. The Mustangs then coasted to a 42 point win, 82 to 38. The Mustangs were lead by Russell Britt with 22 points, four assists, and seven steals. Slater Mitchell had 10 points and 13 rebounds. Doug Devin and Casey Pedro chipped in 12 points apiece and Bob Krein added nine points and five steals for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs are now eight and two in CBC play. The Mustangs will face the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots at Athena this Friday, Feb. 9.

Statistics

Heppner	22	23	19	18	82
Stanfield	5	10	10	13	38

Heppner (82) C. Pedro 5 0-0 12; Pettyjohn 0 0-2 0; R. Britt 8 3-4 22; Krein 3 3-5 9; J. Britt 1 3-6 5; Osmun 2 0-1 4; B. Pedro 3 0-2 6; Mitchell 4 2-2 10; Connor 1 0-0 2; Rathbun; Devin 4 4-6 12. Totals 31 15-28 82.

Stanfield (38) Bailey 1 0-1 2; Portfly 0 0-3 3; Moore 0 0-2 0; Himmerich 1 0-1 2; Ama 7 1-3 15; Crafton 2 0-3 4; Pollick 3 1-5 8; Collinsworth 4 0-0 8; Gabriel; Virgil; Swanson; Butcher. Totals 18 2-18 38.

3-point goals-C. Pedro 2, R. Britt 3. Total fouls-Stanfield 24, Heppner 22.



Casey Pedro brings ball up court during Stanfield game.

Heppner Men's bowling tournament underway

The Heppner Bowling Association men's annual tournament is being held at the Heppner Bowl the first two weekends of February. Tournament results will be announced later.

Competition involves singles, doubles, team and all events. Bowlers are competing on the basis of established handicaps.

To help support the tournament and defray tournament expenses, the Portland Trailblazers basketball team has donated a pair of tickets for

the March 3 home game against the Seattle Supersonics. These are being raffled by the Bowling Association and are available for \$1 a ticket at Jordan Elevator, Del's Market and Heppner Bowl. Blazer halftime show director Scott Zachry made arrangements for the donated tickets.

Bowling Association President Dave Zachry reports the tournament is going well and he invites the general public to drop by the bowling alley and watch the action.

7th grade Ponies end season undefeated

By April Rollis

On Thursday, Feb. 1, the Heppner Junior High Ponies played their last basketball game of the season against the Umatilla Viking girls. This game proved to be no match for Heppner girls as they walked all over their opponent with a score of Heppner, 22, Umatilla 2, for Heppners 10th straight win.

The 8th grade girls also defeated the Umatilla girls with a score of Umatilla 6 and Heppner 29.

On January 27 Heppner girls played the Pilot Rock Rockets in Heppner. The 7th grade girls won with a score of Heppner 30, Pilot Rock 9. The 8th grade girls of Heppner won their game also, with a score of 21 to 8.

On January 25, the Heppner girls met their match against the Stanfield

Cubs. The 7th grade girls took the game with a final score of Heppner 39, Stanfield 22. The 8th grade girls won their game with Heppner scoring 41 to Stanfield's 38.

Cutsforth appointed Wheeler Co. DA

Governor Neil Goldschmidt announced Feb. 1 that he is appointing Thomas W. Cutsforth as the new district attorney for Wheeler County. He replaces Charles Belknap, who resigned.

Cutsforth, 35, of La Grande is currently deputy district attorney in Union County, a position he has held since 1988. An eleven-year United States Navy veteran, Cutsforth served from 1983-85 as a lieutenant commander with the Navy in Panama; from 1980-83 as a lieutenant at the Fleet Intelligence Center Europe and Atlantic in Norfolk, Virginia; and from 1977-80 as an ensign lieutenant with the Commander Light Attack Squadron at the U.S. Navy Naval Air Station in Lemoore, California.

Donations asked

The Heppner St. Patrick's Day celebration is fast approaching and the committee will gladly accept donations from the community to help with the cost of putting on the annual event.

Anyone who would like to donate to the St. Patrick's celebration may contact George Koffler at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

The St. Patrick's celebration will be held on March 16, 17 and 18 this year.

A planning meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Extension office. Any interested persons are welcome. For more information call 676-5306.

By Pete Pearson

The Heppner freshmen team moved its record to 8-4 when they won one and lost one last week. The young Mustangs started off the week in a close one, losing 52-50 to Condon's JV team last Tuesday night.

Condon came out of the starting blocks fast, taking a 17-7 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Blue Devils still had a 10-point lead at halftime, but the Mustangs had shown improvement in the second quarter. By the end of the third quarter Condon had widened its lead to 13.

In the fourth quarter Heppner came roaring back to score 24 points, but the Mustangs lost the game at the line where they made only five freethrows out of 17. Shawn Greenfield led all scorers with 19 points. Pete Pearson led Heppner scoring with 14 points including four three-pointers. Shane Munkers had 13 points.

Last Saturday, the Heppner freshmen traveled to Lone for a game against Lone's JV team. The Mustangs took a 25-15 lead into the locker room. But in the third quarter Lone came out ready to play and the Mustangs didn't, as Lone erased the lead and had as much as a seven point lead late in the game. With just under six minutes to go in the game, Tony Burt went to work, scoring 14 points in the fourth quarter as Heppner held on to win, 54-47. Pete Pearson and Tony Burt led all scorers with 14 points apiece. Travis Greenup led Lone with 12 points.

The freshmen's next game is next Tuesday against Pilot Rock in Pilot Rock at 6 p.m. This will be the last freshman game of the year.

Gillam Bisbee building nominated for historic site

The State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation will hold a meeting Friday, February 16 beginning at 9 a.m. in Hearing Room C of the State Capitol in Salem to consider a nomination of the Gilliam and Bisbee Building in Heppner to the National Register of Historic Places.

Born in Heppner, where he attended high school, Cutsforth received his bachelor of science degree in political science from Oregon State University in 1976 and his Juris Doctor from the University of Oregon Law School in 1988. In 1988 he worked in a student clinic with the Lane County district attorney's office and with the Lane County Legal Aid Services in 1987. Cutsforth is a volunteer with the Eagle Cap Chapter of the Civil Air Patrol and as a pilot with the Tri-County Search and Rescue Team. He also is currently a lieutenant commander with the Intelligence Center Pacific at the Navy and Marine Reserve Center on Swan Island in Portland.

By Anne Morter

In what is becoming a hard habit to break, the Lone JV girls lost another game by one point in the final seconds. The visiting Riverside Pirates took advantage of the Cardinal's foul trouble to roar back in the fourth quarter for the squeaker win, 27-26 in a Jan. 30 game.

The JV girls have had one lopsided loss this season with the rest coming right down to the wire. In their seven close losses, the total point margin has been 12 points. Coach Tom Bedortha says he is getting used to these close contests but would enjoy them much more if his team wasn't coming out on the short end of the stick.

The two teams had a low-scoring first half with Riverside leading 3-2 at the end of the first quarter and the score tied 7-7 at the half. The Lady Cards used a spread offense and a full court press, both keeping the score low. Unfortunately the Cardinals were well on their way to a game total of 43 turnovers and 28 fouls by halftime so they weren't getting the most from their offense or defense.

The third quarter found starters Crystal Minster and Amy Pointer on the bench in foul trouble but the Cards managed to outscore Riverside 10-4 and pull to a 17-11 lead. In the fourth quarter, Pointer and

Minster fouled out, forcing coach Bedortha to take off the full court press, allowing the Pirates to score 16 points to Lone's nine for the final advantage. Lone was ahead by one point with eight seconds to go and Riverside had possession of the ball. With the young Cardinals under instructions not to foul, they watched a Riverside player dribble the entire length of the court, shoot a lay-in and put up two offensive rebounds to finally make the winning basket.

Heidi Nelson led the Cards in scoring with seven points. Kristine Bedortha added four. Lisa Bowling for Riverside led all scorers with 10. The taller Pirates out-rebounded the Cardinals 38-36. Amy Pointer led Lone with nine boards while Kristine Bedortha pulled down five. Quick Crystal Minster nabbed seven steals to lead in that department. The Cardinals managed just a 24 percent shooting average from the floor, making 8-24. They shot 53 percent from the line, going 10-18. Riverside shot a paltry 8-68 from the floor for 12 percent and 11-31 from the free throw line for 35 percent.

Coach Bedortha said that Heidi Nelson had an excellent offensive game and Amy Pointer did a good job under the basket and on the boards for the Cards. Overall, he said the girls put forth a good effort but just gave the ball away too many times on turnovers and fouls.

Ponies win final game against Vikings

By Rick Koffler

The Heppner Ponies played their final game of the year against the Umatilla Vikings. The Ponies won 65-36.

The first quarter was all Heppner with the Ponies leading 19-0. The second quarter was much the same. Umatilla made only two field goals in the first half and Heppner lead at the break, 34-8. The third quarter was a slow one with Heppner scoring only nine points. The score going into the final quarter was 43-20.

The final quarter Heppner outscored Umatilla, 24-16, for a final score of 65-36.

Heppner's team is made up of Steve Wilson, Joseph Healy, Jeff Botefuhr, Jim Tellechea, Andy Ashbeck, Jered Wicklund, Sam Sumner, Austin Coiner, Kevin Payne, Len Brittnier, Dwayne Dunaway and Rick Koffler. Heppner outscored their opponents 455-253, an average of 51-28. The Ponies final record was 8-1. The school's winter sports dessert will be held Thursday, February 8 at the junior high gym at 7 p.m.

Smoke free class of 2000 plants trees

Heppner Elementary School's second grade students the future class of 2000 participate in a project "Smoke-Free Class of 2000."

As a part of the project, the children planted three trees at Heppner High School and pledge to be smoke free-drug free.

The project is sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association and the American Lung Association. Over 82 percent of Oregon's public schools are participating in the project.

"It's important for us to keep our goal for this project in focus. By starting smoking prevention education early and providing it consistently, we can foster a generation of smoke-free kids. By preventing smoking, we are also blocking a gateway to other drug use. We ultimately want to discourage children from even trying cigarettes. It is alarming that 50 percent of fifth graders have already tried smoking. Tobacco companies aggressively market their products to potential smokers, glamorizing the product to appeal to young children," said Brenda Niblock, Oregon Smoke Free Class of 2000 Coalition.

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