

## Mustangs run past Bobcats twice



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Bobby Krein brings ball up court against Union.

The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity team pushed their season record to 3-1 with two wins over the Union Bobcats in a home and home series Friday and Saturday night.

The Union Bobcats of the Wapiti league traveled to Heppner Friday night, December 7 and were blown out by the Mustangs 70 to 40.

The Mustangs led 15-10 at the first quarter break and 33-22 at the half. Heppner was able to put up 49 shots in the first half but only connected on nine of them for 18 percent from the field.

The third quarter the Mustangs stepped up the defensive intensity and went on a 13-4 run to end the third quarter and led 56-32 going into the final period.

They continued to cruise against and uninspired performance by the Bobcats and won the ballgame, 70-40.

The entire roster saw lots of action and 12 of the 13 players scored. Rick Osmin and Brandon Pedro led a balanced scoring attack with 12 and 11 points respectively.

Jason Britt had nine boards to lead Heppner and Bob Krein had five steals.

Chris Colwell, a 6'4" senior led the Bobcats with 10 points.

The Mustangs improved their shooting in the second half, canning 14 of 46 shots for 30 percent. The 95 attempts is just shy of a team goal 100 shots that the Mustangs up-tempo offensive is aiming toward, according to coach Lee Padberg.

**Heppner** 15 18 23 14 70  
**Union** 10 12 10 8 40

Heppner: Currin 2 1-2 5; Pettyjohn 2 0-1 2; Maben 3 0-2 6; Krein 3 8; Britt 2 2-6 7; Osmin 4 1-2 12; Pedro 3 5-7 11; Johnston 0 2-3 2; Graybeel 2 4; Rathbun 1 1-4 3; Devin 2 4-8 9; Bond 0 1-4 1; Koffler, Union: Colwell 4 2-9 10; Moffitt 1 1-2 3; Tattersall 1 2-2 4; Taylor 2 5-8 9; Fisher 1 2; Carman 1 3; Baxter 1 0-1 2; McCrae 1 3; George 1 2; Miller 0 1-2 1; Wilde 1-3 1; Kellerman 0 0-1 0.

Grabeel 3 1-2 7; Rathbun; Devin 4 3-6 11; Bond 0 1-6 1; Koffler 7 2-2 19.  
Union: Carman 3 7; Fisher 3 2-2 9; Kellerman; McCrae 0 1-2 1; Miller 1 3; Tyler 4 2-4 11; Baxter; Wilde; Moffitt 1 0-1 2; Colwell 3 0-2 6; Tattersall 7 3-5 17.  
Three point goals: Heppner-Krein, Osmin 2, Koffler 3. Union-Carman, Miller, Tyler.  
Team fouls Heppner 19 Union 22.

## Filly JV's play tough defense and dominate boards

By Lisa Willman

The Heppner JV Fillies took off with an early lead scoring six points in the first few minutes of the first quarter against Condon recently.

They played man to man and defensively were tough only allowing Condon to score two points. The Fillies also dominated the boards on rebounds but just couldn't make their shots count ending the first quarter leading six points to Condon's two.

The second quarter went by quickly with Heppner running their fast break and still playing great defense to end the first half with the scoreboard reading Heppner 13, Condon seven.

The start of the second half became a see saw battle in that first Heppner would have the ball, but then a steal or turnover would occur and Condon would get the ball with neither team scoring. Finally Heppner pulled their offense together a little bit better to outscore Condon by a 16 point margin to win the game 31-15.

Jodi Johnston led the Fillies with 10 points, three offensive rebounds and six steals. Donita Sharp had six defensive rebounds and seven steals while Sara Greenup added four steals.

"Defensively we are looking great," said coach Lana Orr. "We held Condon to a real low score. However, we really need to continue working on our offense and learn to make our shots count."

## Fillies win one, lose one

By Lisa Willman

On December 7, the Heppner Fillies played the Union Bobcats and won 48-34 in front of a home crowd.

The first half was a closely matched game. Even though the Fillies took the lead and never let the Bobcats outscore them, Union did manage to come within two points at the end of the first quarter. At the halftime Heppner had a five-point lead with the scoreboard reading 21-16.

The third quarter was the Fillies' best of the whole game as they scored 15 points to Unions eight. In the fourth quarter Union fought back to catch up but just couldn't do it and lost to the Fillies by 14 points. Nikki Brisbois was high scorer for the Fillies with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Teammate Amy Greenup made 12 points and had eight rebounds.

The following day Heppner traveled to Union to play again. This time Union wanted revenge and got it, beating the Fillies by 13 points.

Heppner dominated the floor in the first quarter, outscoring Union by seven points. In the second quarter the tables turned and Union managed to make a few more points than the Fillies. They were behind by one basket at the half.

Going into the third quarter the score was Fillies 24, Union 22. Each team, however, managed to score 11 points to bring the score to 35-33 in favor of the Fillies. Then it happened. Heppner got into foul trouble, losing Brisbois, Brownfield, Norton and Holly Eckman. Union took full advantage of the situation and began to score baskets left and right and won the game 55 to 42.

Heather Eckman, for the first time this season was high scorer with eight points. Brisbois and Norton each tossed in seven while Holly Eckman dominated the boards pulling down 11 rebounds.

The Fillies next game will be Friday, Dec. 14 against Mac-Hi in Milton-Freewater. Heppner lost to them by nine points in the last matchup.

## JV Fillies beat Union lose to Ione



Photo by Pam Minster

Stacie O'Brien (34) looks for room around Ione defender

By Lisa Willman

With the memory of the loss to Union so fresh in their minds, the Heppner JV Fillies travelled to Union Saturday, Dec. 8 to beat the Bobcats on their own court 20-18.

The first half was slow shooting, in that the defense was so tight neither team could get many shots off. At halftime the scoreboard read an unbelievable 5-5 tie.

Heppner took off in the third quarter to score 10 points to lead 15-9. In the fourth quarter Union

tried to catch up but couldn't do it, finally losing to the Fillies by two points. Sara Greenup was high scorer for the Fillies with six points. Donita Sharp had seven rebounds and four steals while Toni Cutsforth added her four rebounds and three steals.

"It was a low shooting-type game with a lot of turnovers," stated coach Lana Orr. "I do however commend Jodi Johnston on her aggressive defense. She played very well."

## SEASON'S GREETINGS!

As both holidays fall on Tuesday, Dr. Rolen and Dr. Turnbull will open their Heppner office THURSDAY, DEC. 27th to see patients.

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## St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



By Jane Rawlins

Monday of this week was a buzzing day around this center. Sr. Center Board met at 9:30 and the volunteer office staff at 1:30. Volunteer staff were putting up lights in the front windows and decorating in the dining room. In the evening while Heppner Garden Club was having its Christmas party in the front room, the Willow Creek Country Club was holding its annual meeting in the multipurpose room. Meanwhile some seniors were in the kitchen cooking up the soup, sandwiches and sweet goodies to serve at 6:30 over in the fireman's hall for the good workers on the new holiday street decorations. Everything was completed satisfactorily. A great day.

On December 16 we are offering a holiday food sale in our front room beginning at 1 p.m. Coffee and cookies will also be available for shoppers who want to stop and chat a bit.

A very special Christmas holiday dinner is being planned for December 19 at 11:45. We're inviting everyone interested to come and join us. The suggested donation for all is \$2. Do come and join us for a good time and good food with special trimmings.

The best long-range news around here is that the board is now ready to improve the acoustics and sound system in the dining room. A former home town boy Steve Pettyjohn, who is now an acoustical engineer in a firm, Acoustics and Vibration Group, Inc., in Sacramento, came here, studied the room and gave us a plan for remedying a terrifically inadequate acoustic and sound situation. He donated this to us. Tom Springer of Tom's TV has offered to help us with installation of materials needed and he and board member Bud Batty have been working on experimenting with our old speakers to discover how much ceiling mounting will help. We feel we are on our way to providing a top-notch acoustic and sound condition in that room. Seniors, many of whom wear hearing aids, as well as community groups who use the room, will profit by correction of a flaw we all recognized from the day we moved in. The Bill Collins Memorial fund has been designated for this project and we have discussed, though not finally decided to use the Cycle III money as well, as a way of giving back to our community a much needed asset.

Heppner Garden Club brought several holiday arrangements which we appreciate.

## Extension offers tips on Christmas greenery

Christmas trees and poinsettias are two Christmas plants many people have at this time of year. Proper care can result in these plants lasting longer and increasing enjoyment of the holiday season, according to Fred Lundin, Oregon State University Extension Service agricultural agent.

In choosing a Christmas tree, find the freshest one you can, he says. "A freshly cut tree is safest because it keeps its color longer and is less of a fire hazard in the home."

"One way to assure a fresh tree is to cut your own," said Lundin. "The Forest Service is selling permits for Christmas trees in the Blue Mountains."

If you buy your tree, test for freshness by tapping the trunk on the ground. If a lot of needles fall off, the tree isn't fresh.

Small branches that break easily between your fingers, or needles that do not bend easily, both are indicators the tree is not fresh.

At home, remove at least two inches of trunk to expose fresh tissue that will readily accept water, and use a tree stand that holds water. Fill the water holder daily.

Place the tree away from heat sources, such as wood stoves or heater vents. Don't put the tree near a doorway, because if it catches fire, it could block the exit.

Poinsettias seems to be an essential addition to many people's holiday decorations. When buying them, look for plants with green leaves all the way to the soil. "Plants under stress lose their older leaves first," said Lundin.

Look for flowers on the plant. Plants without flowers are past their prime and will not last as long. The flower is a small, yellow, pea-shaped structure located in the center of the colored leaves. The red, petal-like leaves are not the flowers.

"In our cold weather, it's important to protect the plant on the drive home," said Lundin. "Wrap a little newspaper around the plant, and keep it in the front of the car, but away from the heater vent."

Once home, water the pot thoroughly, and then water only when the surface of the soil gets dry.

The best room temperatures for poinsettias are 65° to 70° by day and 55° to 60° F by night. They need sun, but if the leaves touch the window pane, they will wilt and die.

## Lexington Grange to meet

By Delpha Jones

Lexington Grange will meet for their regular meeting on Monday, December 17. The evening will start at 6 p.m. with the South Morrow County Choir providing the pro-

gram. A potluck supper will follow the program. Foods are to be brought for the Neighborhood Center for the food baskets. A gift exchange of something homemade will be enjoyed.

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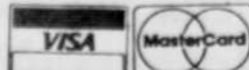
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