

## Ione downs Fillies 29-31



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Brandi Ball (25) guarded by Heppner player

By Lisa Willman

On December 17, the Heppner Fillies hosted Ione at home in a very intense game.

In the first quarter both teams passed the ball around a lot trying to find an open person who could shoot the ball. The Fillies scored the first basket of the game and then pulled ahead 6-4. With two minutes left in the quarter Ione tied the game up at six and it stayed that way until time ran out on the clock.

Ione took an early lead in the second quarter and quickly led 14-8. The Fillies, however, didn't give up. When the half ended the score was Heppner 14, Ione 15.

In the early part of the third quarter the Fillies started playing very aggressively and had some

fouls called against them. Ione took full advantage of this at the foul line and sank eight baskets to lead by nine points. Heppner started playing a full court press to try and create turnovers to catch up with Ione but the quarter ended with the Fillies, 20 and the Cardinals, 27.

In the fourth quarter Heppner tried every possible way to tie the score but just couldn't get the ball to go through the rim. With one minute left the score was 27-29 in favor of Ione when a time out was called. In the next 45 seconds Ione scored two foul shots for a four-point lead. Amy Greenup made a last second shot to bring her team back within two points to lose 29-31. Holly Eckman again led her team as high scorer with eight points. Nikki Brisbois and Amy Greenup each tossed in six.

## Mustangs beat Pioneers in overtime

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Milton-Freewater Friday and came home with a heart-stopping 86-82 overtime victory against the 3A Mac-Hi Pioneers.

Rick Osmin scored nine of the Mustangs' 11 points in overtime, including 7-7 pressure-packed free throws as the Pioneers' student section went wild.

After a run and gun first quarter left the teams tied 19-19, Heppner

took a 48-38 lead at halftime with a 29-point outburst in the second quarter. This was the most points Heppner has scored in a quarter this year. The Mustangs fullcourt press led to 11 steals and numerous turnovers. The Pioneers were rattled and it looked like Heppner could put them away.

The Mustangs held a nine point lead after three quarters and still looked like they could get a blowout going.

The Pioneers, with a veteran lineup, crept back into the ballgame late in the fourth quarter and took their first lead since early in the game with 2:46 remaining. They led 73-70 until Rick Koffler hit a trey, one of four he had in the game, to tie it with 1:05 to go. Tevor Albee, a smooth senior guard for Mac-Hi hit two from the foul line with 57 seconds left and the Pioneers led 75-73.

The Mustangs got the ball down low to senior Doug Devin in the post and he drew the foul with 46 seconds left. Heppner was 25-34 at the charity stripe and Devin swished both of his attempts through to send the game into overtime and set the stage for Osmin's heroics.

Osmin led four Mustangs in double figures with 19 points. Koffler chipped in 17, Brandon Pedro had 13 and Doug Devin added 11. Eight different Mustangs had four rebounds and floor leader Bob Krein had five steals on the press.

Albee led Mac-Hi with a game-high 21 points. Frank Ruiz had 18 in a reserve role, Paul Grove added 13 and Jon Edwards 11 for the Pioneers.

Coach Padberg was impressed with the Mustangs' effort. He told them that, "although you had chances to win it more easily, you never gave up and played hard the entire game."

The win, the first in recent memory against the Pioneers, raised the Mustangs' season record to 4-1. Heppner plays both Ione and Condon of the Big Sky Conference before Christmas break. They start league play January 4 against the Wattonka Eagles.

Heppner 19 29 19 9 11 86  
Mac-Hi 19 19 19 18 7 82

Heppner: Currin 12; Pettyjohn 0 1-2 1; Maben, Krein 1 3-5 5; Britt 3 7; Osmin 5 7-7 19; Pedro 6 1-2 13; Graybeel 0 2-2 2; Rathbun 1 2-4 4; Devin 3 5-6 11; Bond 2 1-3 5; Koffler 5 3-5 17. Totals 27 25-34 86.  
Mac-Hi: Albee 7 6-8 21; Edwards 3 5-11 11; Grove 5 2-3 13; Leveque 2 4; Edwards 2 0-1 4; Doherty, Ruiz 8 1-2 18; West 1 2-3 4; Johnson 3 1-3 7. Totals 31 17-31 82.  
Total fouls Heppner 29 Mac Hi 27.

## JV boys take championship

By Pete Pearson

The Heppner JV boys played against Weston-McEwen in Pilot Rock Monday night in the championship game of the Pilot Rock Tournament. The JVs brought home the championship trophy and Shane Munkers was selected one of five all-stars for the tournament.

The Mustangs won the game 61-57, after being down by 14 late in the third quarter. Heppner rallied and got to within six with four minutes left in the game. Kevin Payne then hit a three pointer, and Scott Coe and T.R. Riehl each made two crucial free throws to put Heppner up by one with just over a minute left in the game.

Weston-McEwen missed their next shot and Coe rebounded and was fouled with 15 seconds left. Coe sank both free throws to put Heppner up by three. Weston-McEwen again missed and Shane Munkers got the rebound and passed it to Payne who was fouled with one second on the clock. Payne made the front end of the one-and-one to put Heppner up by four. Payne missed the second free throw, but it didn't matter. The game was over.

Heppner had been having trouble all year from the free throw line, but when they counted in the fourth quarter Monday night, Heppner was 10 for 12 from the charity stripe.

Scott Coe led all scorers with 17 points. Len Brittrner added 12 for Heppner.

The JVs' next game is Jan 4, in Wattonka at 4:30 p.m.

## Varsity Fillies lose two close ones

By Lisa Willman

On Dec. 14, the Fillies traveled to Milton-Freewater to play Mac-Hi once again.

The first quarter was close with the Fillies behind by only one point. In the second quarter Mac-Hi took off and outscored Heppner to lead at the half 17-27. Heppner tried to catch up in the third quarter but Mac-Hi still managed to out score them

to lead by nine points. Heppner began to battle back in the fourth quarter and tied the game up at 40-40, but a three-point basket by Mac-Hi's Ellen Schubert before the buzzer put Mac-Hi ahead, 40-43.

Holly Eckman threw in 12 points and made eight steals while Nikki Brisbois added 10 points, eight rebounds and seven steals.

## 'Liftathon' to help raise funds for weight training equipment

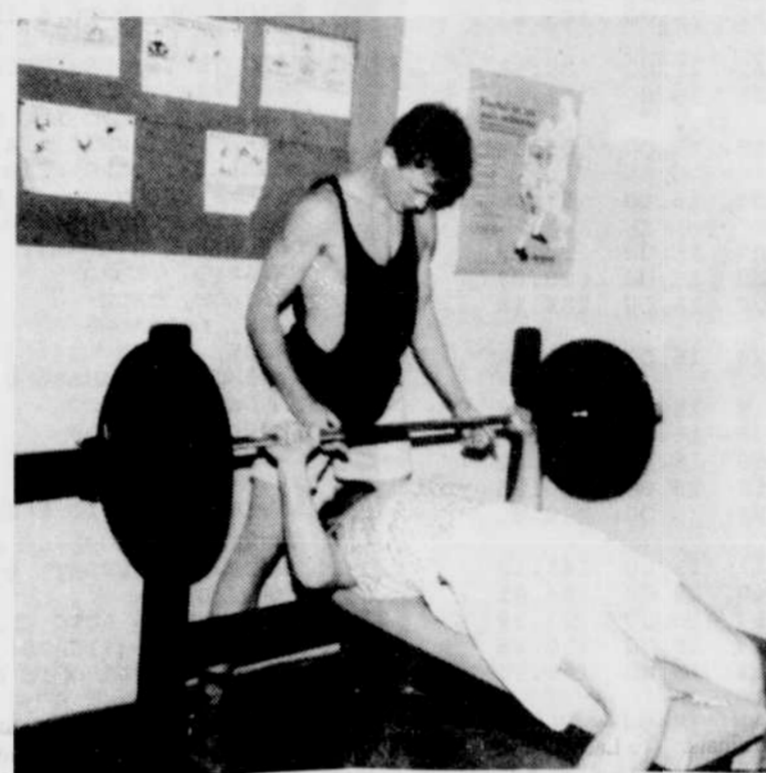


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Cory Grabeel (standing) and Scott Reece try out the bench press.

Heppner High School athletic participants, both male and female, will hold a 'Liftathon' December 28-30 in conjunction with the alumni basketball tournament, according to Greg Grant. Grant is the physical education teacher at Heppner High school and coaches several sports.

Grant, in his first year at the high school, said that the facilities and equipment at Heppner for weightlifting are inferior to other schools of comparable or smaller size.

With the help of the Booster Club at the high school, four sets of Olympic weights weighing 308 pounds each were purchased. A flat bench, incline bench and combination leg extension and leg curl bench were purchased at a cost of \$2,568. One half of the money was donated and the other half was loaned. The 'Liftathon' is being held to raise money to pay for the new equipment.

Grant said the weight equipment

is vital to all the programs. According to Grant, weight training "increases confidence, aggressiveness and prevents injury. It also improves performance and is helpful in the educational process in physical education."

Donations of metal are also being accepted to build plate holders, a squat rack and bench. Increasing the size of the weight room is also being discussed. At present, a core of 10-15 lifters work out five days a week. Strength increases of 50 to 70 pounds in the bench press are not uncommon.

The weight room will be used for football as well as track and volleyball to improve condition in each sport as well as community use.

Athletes may be contacted to make a pledge for either a per pound amount or a flat rate donation. For more information call Greg Grant at 676-5257 or Heppner High School at 676-9183.

## JV boys off to 3-1 start

By Pete Pearson

The Heppner JV boys are 3-1 after four games this season.

Their first game of the year was at home against the Union JV boys. Union came out of the blocks fast and led by as many as 20 points in the first half.

At half time the young Mustangs spent their break working on playing man to man defense and helping out their teammates underneath Union's big men. The extra work paid off as the Mustangs came back to win the game 54-49, by playing help defense and out-hustling the other team. Len Brittrner led all scorers with 16 points.

The Heppner JV boys' next game was the next night, once again against Union, but this time at Union. The game was close the whole way, but Union came out on top, winning the game 50-45. Shane Munkers led the Mustangs with 11 points.

The boys' next game was at Pilot Rock on Monday, December 10 for the first round of the Pilot Rock JV Tournament. There were four JV boys teams playing in the tournament, Mac-Hi, Pilot Rock, Weston-

McEwen and Heppner. Pilot Rock played Weston-McEwen and Heppner played Mac-Hi.

Heppner again came from behind to win. The Mustangs were down by 14 at one point in the first half. During halftime the boys again had to work hard, but this time it was free throws. The Mustangs were four for 16 in the first half. Munkers again led Heppner scorers with 11 points.

Tuesday night the Mustangs hosted the Stanfield JVs. The Mustangs routed the Tigers 76. T.R. Riehl led Heppner with 16 points, Len Brittrner added 14 and Mark Conklin had 12. Again the Mustangs did not shoot well from the free throw line.

The Mustangs played Monday night in the championship game in Pilot Rock. The Mustangs next game is January 4 in Wattonka at 4:30 p.m. The JV team, coached by Greg Grant, includes junior David McCurry, sophomores Shane Munkers, T.R. Riehl, Mark Con-

klin, Scott Coe, Kevin Kilkenny, Jeremy Maddern, Jeremy Clark, Tony Burt, Pete Pearson and freshmen Len Brittrner, Kevin Payne and Dwayne Dunaway.

### The Adventures of Grazelda & Clem

(After Hours)

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Grazelda chirped, "Gee, Clem, on the way to Miller's Mini Mart & Chevron I really got into the Christmas spirit. I saw decorations on houses, yards and streets, I heard Christmas carolers, and really felt the spirit. And Clem, if you say, 'Bah! Hum-bug!' one more time, I'll knock you out."

Clem grumbled, "Oh, all right. Then how about just BUG!"



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## Alumni volleyball tournament underway Dec. 29

The Heppner Women's Volleyball Alumni tournament being held at the Junior High gym on December 29, will open with the first game at 10:30 a.m. with teams 1988-89 playing 1986-87.

The women have been divided up into four teams with the following years as the nucleus of each team: '79-82, 81-85, 86-87 and 88-89. The remaining 1970s and 1980s teams are included with the main four

teams listed and a roster will be posted in the junior high gym Friday evening, Dec. 28 as the doors will be open at 5 p.m. for a practice session for any volleyball players interested.

T-shirts that have been ordered may also be picked up at that time. Heppner High teacher, Walt Pilgrim and Cindi Doherty along with junior high and high school players will be helping run the day's activities.

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