

Heppner boys, lone girls win tourney championships

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The Heppner boys and the lone girls claimed championships in the Morrow County Basketball Tournament held last weekend, December 6 and 7 in Lone. In the boys' final, Heppner ran away from Lone, 65-48 while the lone lady Cards handled Riverside, 50-38.

On Friday, Heppner easily defeated Canyonville Bible Academy 72-52 in opening round play. In the other boys' game, lone downed Riverside, 64-61, when David Wagenblast bombed in a three pointer with one second on the clock. The Cards held a tenacious lead for most of the game and opened a 10 point lead with just over three minutes to play. The Pirates rallied to tie the game with about 10 seconds to go before Wagenblast saved the day. Riverside's Marc Andreason was the games high scorer with 22 point. Four Cardinals were in double figures led by Mike Garrett and Gabe Garcia with 16 points apiece. Ryan Halvorsen had 11 and Aaron Heideman added 10. Lone shot 50 percent from the floor, making 24 of 48, and 60 percent form the line, making 12 of 20. Riverside hit 28 of 54 for 52 percent from the floor. The Pirates struggled at the line where they hit just four of 10 with 40 percent.

In girls' play, Riverside downed Heppner, 57 to 44, to advance to the finals while lone easily dispatched North Clackamas Christian 62-25. Kari Morgan led the Cards with 18 points.

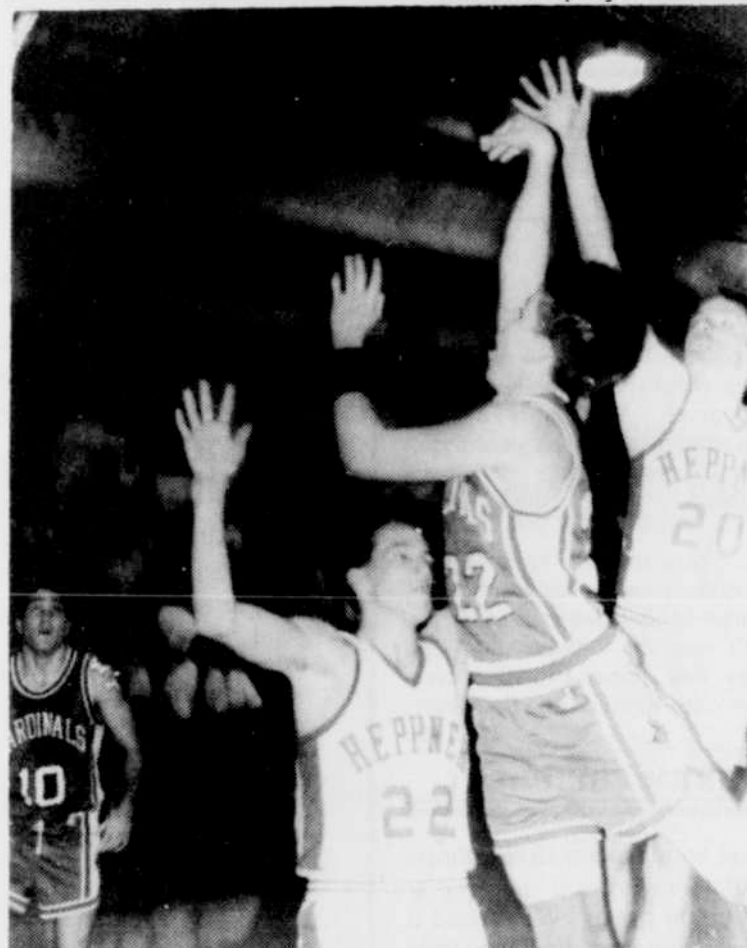
On Saturday, the boy's championship looked like it might be close in the first quarter. Heppner took advantage of some early Cardinal foul trouble to crank the defensive pressure and take control of the game. The Cards never regained their composure as the Mustangs rolled to a 65-48 victory. Heppner's Rick Koffler led all scorers with 23 points. Deacon Heideman, returning from an ankle injury, led the Cardinal scorers with 12 points, followed by Gabe Garcia with 11. Mike Garrett had 14 rebounds for lone but they were beaten on the boards by the Mustangs, 39-44. The Cardinals shooting percentage plummeted to 25 percent

from the floor (17-68) while Heppner made 37 percent (23-62). Lone hit 10 of 19 from the line for 53 percent and Heppner was 15 of 27 for 56 percent. Lone and Riverside were tied at the end of the first quarter in the girls' championship, 9-9, but the tide turned for the Lady Cards in the second quarter, where they outscored the Pirates, 21-10, to hold a 31-20 halftime edge. By executing their offense and capitalizing on their opponent's turnovers, they were able to stretch that lead to 21 points in the third quarter before coasting home to the win, 50-38. Kari Morgan led the Cards with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Lone was 20 of 54 from the floor for 37 percent and nine of 16 from the free throw line for 56 percent. Riverside managed just 25 percent from the floor, making 15 of 59, and hit 7 of 22 from the free throw line for 32 percent.

In the third place games, the Riverside boys overwhelmed Canyonville Bible Academy, 107-40, and Heppner trounced the North Clackamas Christian girls, 52-12.



lone's Brandi Ball (24) and Nancy Morter block out Clackamas Christian player



Heppner's Jason Britt (22) and Leonard Brittner (20) try to guard lone Cardinal David Wagenblast (22).



Kari Morgan (40) works on position against Pirate rebounder.

Gilliam farmer conservation winner

Earl Hardie of Gilliam County has been named Conservation Farmer of the Year by the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Hardie was chosen by a selection team made up of last year's winners and led by 1990 Conservation Farmer of the Year, Keith Langley of Malheur County. The team, on a six day tour, traveled 1,800 miles and visited the farm of every county winner.

Hardie's farm is located in Lost Valley between Gilliam and Wheeler counties in the foothills of the Blue Mountains.

Hardie has spent 20 years concentrating on conservation practices to hold the soil, conserve water, and improve the farm. The practices he has used include conservation tillage, contour farming, diversion ditches, pipelines, graded terraces, and appropriate cropping sequences. Several fields have been taken out of long time wheat production and converted to grass.

The OWGL has honored a conservation farmer every year since 1947.

County winners this year included: Morrow County, Doug and Carley Drake; South Valley, Leonard and Jim Peters, Monmouth; Sherman County, Paul and Carol Sather, Kent; and Umatilla County, John and Rick Etter, Pilot Rock; Union County, Jim and Craig Scott, La Grande; Baker County, John and Dorothy Randall, Richland; Malheur County, Ken, Jean, Rod, Patti, Larry, and Kathy Price, Adrian.

Search and rescue looks for new members

The Morrow County Search and Rescue organization will hold an informative meeting December 17, 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's office in the basement of the courthouse in Heppner. They are currently looking for more members and encourage anyone interested to attend. Following the meeting qualified people may submit an application for membership.

The Morrow County Search and Rescue organization, sponsored by the Morrow County Sheriff's office is a group of citizens currently comprised of 15 members. Some have been with the organization for about 10 years.

Members have spent hundreds of hours in training and have participated in a number of searches for lost and missing persons. Most recently, the Morrow County S.A.R. group conducted a search in the mountains south of Heppner for a lost 15 year old hunter, and Wasco County requested assistance for "man trackers" to assist in the search in that county for a lost 17 year old hunter. December 8, the S.A.R. group held a practice "tracking" session in the mountains south of Heppner, to hone up on basic tracking skills.

The Search and Rescue organization also participates in other civic activities. They are

currently involved with a 4-H outdoor club, teaching basic survival skills, and other outdoor related activities. They also provide Hunter Safety instructors and hold classes before hunting season.

The group is a non-profit organization and funds are raised through donations from organizations, individuals and fund raisers. For more information contact the Morrow County Sheriff's office.

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