

Fillies open tournament with big win

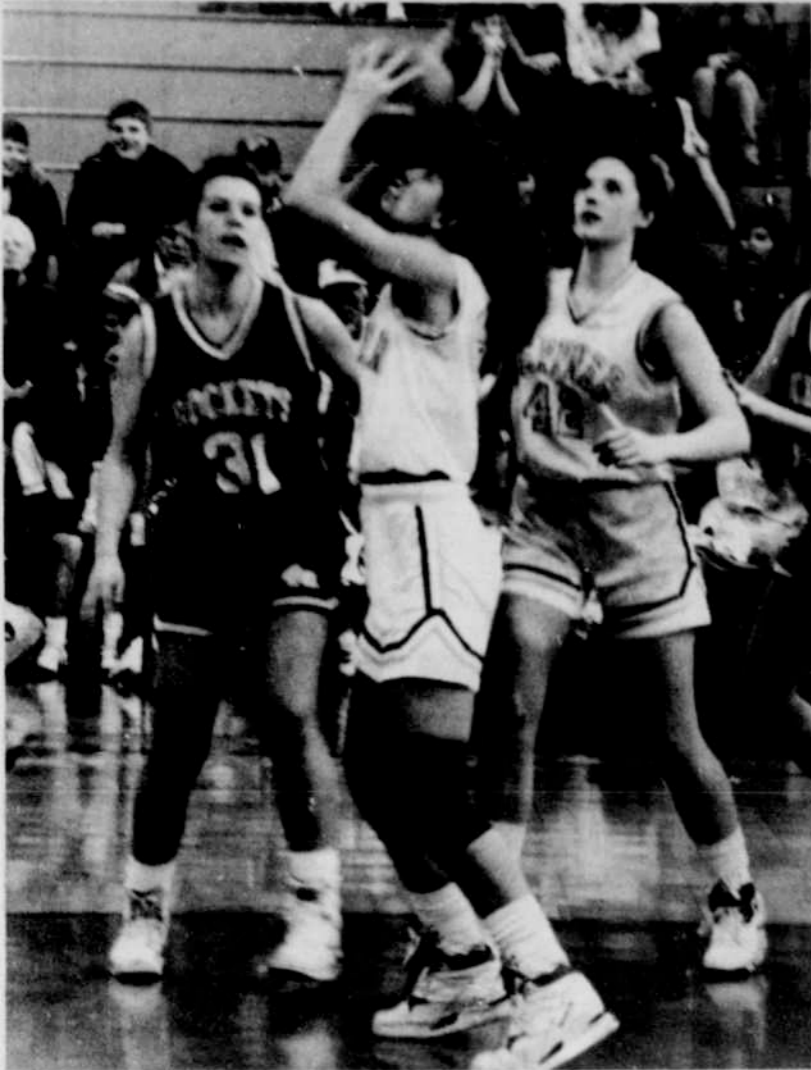


Photo by Joyce Hughes
Chrissy Schultz shoots for two for the Fillies while Ruth Norton watches

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Fillies opened up the 7-2A District tournament with a big 47-27 win over the Pilot Rock Rockets last Friday, Feb. 27 in Pendleton.

With the win the Fillies advanced to the championship game and assured a spot in the upcoming regional tournament held this weekend March 6 and 7 in

Pendleton.

The Fillies defense was truly awesome in the opening period of play as they jumped out to an early 12-4 lead heading into the second quarter of play. The Fillies started to slump a bit in the second quarter as the Rockets pulled within six points at the half.

The Fillies opened up the third quarter with a 12-2 run to put the Rockets away. Sparked by the play of Jodi Johnston who had two three-pointers, the Fillies' starters earned a rest in the fourth period as head coach Mark Dowdy brought out his reserves. The Fillies cruised to a 20-point win.

Holly Eckman led the Fillies with 14 and Heather Eckman added 13. The Fillies' defense was unbelievable as they had 18 steals and held the Rockets to 29 percent field goal percentage in the game. The win pitted the Fillies against the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots in the championship game.

Fillies play well but come up short for league championship title

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Fillies played inspired basketball against the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots in the 7-2A championship game Saturday but came up short, 39-46. The loss put the Fillies going into regional tournament play as the number two seed.

The Tiger Scots had beaten up on the Fillies twice earlier in the season but got all they could handle. Heppner kept even with the very powerful Tiger Scots in the first quarter and more importantly, gave the young Filly team some confidence. The Fillies held a 22-18 lead with about three minutes left in the second quarter but collapsed under tough Tiger Scot defense. The Fillies got sloppy with their passes which led to three break away lay-ins.

The Tiger Scots jumped to a five-point lead going into the halftime festivities. Heppner

never regrouped and went ice cold in the second half. Fortunately their defense was keeping the Tiger Scots lead at bay and cut it to four before the fourth and final period of play. The Fillies then saw Weston-McEwen build a nine point lead early in the fourth quarter and could not come back. The Fillies lost by a seven point margin.

The Fillies worst enemy was

the rebounding power by Weston McEwen. Weston-McEwen nabbed 43 to Heppner's 18. Another important factor was Heppners' free throw shooting ability. The girls shot a poor 45 percent. Holly Eckman led the Fillies with 14 points.

The Fillies will head to the Regional tournament this Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7 in Pendleton at the Convention Center.

St. Pat's parade to include special kids pets division

Plans are well underway for this year's St. Patrick's Parade. Entries are already coming in and include a number of musical entries according to parade committee members.

Again this year there will be a special division for kids, children 12 and under and their pets. Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded for a number of categories including the best Irish dressed pet, the best mannered pet, the best kid/pet outfit, the pet with the best trick and many others.

Any kids or pets interested in

entering may call Bob Kahl or Cindy McKinney at 676-9113 or stop in at the Van Marter & Kahl Insurance office for more information.

"There is still time to get a parade entry and be part of the annual St. Patrick's parade," said parade chairman Bob Kahl. The parade is scheduled for Saturday afternoon, March 14, right after the bed race. Parade entries will need to start checking in between noon and 12:30. Judging of kids and pets and antique autos will begin at 12:30 p.m. For more parade information, call 676-9113 or evenings 676-5422.

Fillies head to regional tourney

The Heppner Fillies head to the Regional 2A Tournament this Friday and Saturday March 6 and 7 in Pendleton held at the Convention Center as the number two seed.

The Regional Tournament will begin with a 1:30 p.m. game pitting the Fillies (14-8) against Vale

Vikings (20-2) from the Wapiti League. Wasco County Redsides will follow the girls at 3 p.m. Weston-McEwen, (22-0) CBC's league champion will take on the Wapiti League champion (18-4) Imbler Panthers at 7 p.m. Weston-McEwen boys will play at 8:30 p.m.

Mustang season comes to halt lose to Redsides

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Mustangs season came to a screeching halt last Friday night, Feb. 28 at the District Tournament. The Mustangs, in a must-win situation, could not pull it out as they lost to the Wasco County Redsides, 65-58.

The first quarter saw both

teams stumble a bit, but the Red-sides took an early five point lead in to the second quarter. Both teams heated up in the second quarter but Wasco still outscored Heppner 23-22, to take a 33-27 advantage into the second half of

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Photo by Joyce Hughes
Jason Britt looks for a pass for the Mustangs against Wasco

play. The Mustangs could not stop the senior combination of Scott Lacy and Scott Garner who combined for 43 points.

The Mustangs were lagging behind in the third period but thanks to a couple of Richard Pettyjohn treys the Mustangs were within reach of the lead going into the fourth quarter. Heppner fought hard but traded baskets with the Red-sides the whole period and could not overcome the lead. Wasco outscored the Mustangs by two in the last period of play and won 65-58.

Jason Britt lead the Mustangs with 14 and Charlie Rathbun and

Pettyjohn each had 12. The Mustangs ended their season with a 14-7 record.

Gun Club plans trophy shoot

Twenty trapshooters participated in the Morrow County Gun Club shoot held last Sunday, March 1 at the gun club outside Lexington. Bill Williams topped all scorers with a perfect score of 25. Second place was shared by Pat Lovgren, Mike Adams and Sherron Woodside shooting 24 of 25.

Kelwayne Haguewood and Jay Coil split the handicap event shooting 23 out of 25. Second

place went to Jeff Cutsforth and Dick Allen with scores of 22.

The club will open Sunday, March 8, at 10 a.m. to begin the trophy shoot. Each shooter will be classed according to his or her eight-week average in the telephonic shoot. These classes will then compete in two events: the 50 singles and the 50 handicap targets. Trophies will be awarded to the winners in each class.

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