

## Mustangs lose to Dufur 60-57

By Jeremy Maddern

The Mustangs continued their basketball season with a 60-57 loss to the Dufur Rangers on Friday, Dec. 18 on the Mustangs' home court. The Mustangs were coming off a loss to the Riverside Pirates from the previous Tuesday night and were looking to even their record 2-2. Both teams started the basketball season late with their success in football. The Rangers showed no signs of it, as they jumped all over the Mustangs, with the help of five three-point shots from Spencer Browning. Dufur took an eight point lead at the end of the first quarter 19-11.

The Mustangs up tempo offense allowed them to catch up with the Rangers and eventually take a 36-30 lead into the second half. However Heppner went down hill from there. They missed easy shots and the Rangers took advantage of this capturing a two point lead going into the fourth and final quarter.

The Mustangs were their own worst enemy in the final quarter as they shot a horrible 1-13 from the charity stripe. The Rangers kept pace with the Mustangs the entire fourth quarter to take home a 60-57 win. The Rangers were led by Jason Alexander who finished with 17 points. Browning also had 16 followed by Brandon Jones with 14.

Rick Koffler paced the Mustangs with 17 and Trent Hughes added 12. The Mustangs were outscored by 14 points from the line which led to the Rangers win. The Mustangs played Prairie City Tuesday night in a non-league game.

### Telecomm. link planned

The Port of Morrow has approved an easement for PTI Communications which will bring fibre optic telecommunications and data transfer capabilities to the industries in the Boardman Industrial Park and the city of Boardman.

The project will link PTI's Boardman telephone customers with U.S. West with the latest in telecommunications technology, according to Gary Friberg, division engineer for PTI. "This project will provide an adequate data link well into the future."

Scheduled for construction in 1993, the new fibre optic cable will connect with U.S. West at the intersection of Hwy. 730 and Paterson Ferry road about eight miles east of Boardman. The project is expected to cost \$350-400,000.

### Alumni volleyball tourney Jan. 2

The Heppner Volleyball alumni tournament will be held on Saturday, Jan. 2, in conjunction with the basketball tournament. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m.

Women will be divided into five or six teams. Players will be mixed and will not necessarily play with those in their graduating classes. Games will be on a 30-minute clock.

Anyone wishing to play is welcome. Contact Susie Hisler, 676-5878, or Geri Grieb, 989-8585 as soon as possible since teams are being formed now.

The Heppner High senior class will operate the concession stand.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner's Leonard Brittrner goes up for shot against Dufur

## Lady Cards place third at Pilot Rock

By Anne Morter

The Ione Lady Cardinals finished third in last weekend's Rocket Invitational at Pilot Rock, losing to Enterprise on Friday night, Dec. 18 and downing Pilot Rock on Saturday, Dec. 19.

The young Cards finish the pre-season with a 3-3 record, and all but one game against 2A schools.

The game on Friday night against Enterprise was squeaky tight for most of the game. The Cards led 22-20 at the half and had a 28-25 lead at the end of three. But the Savages connected on 12 free throws in the fourth at about the same time the Lady Cards were running out of steam. Enterprise outscored Ione, 20-9 in the final period to record the 45-37 win.

Melissa McElligott was the team's high scorer with 14 points. April Taylor, who struggled with her perimeter shooting for most of the game, added 11.

The Lady Cards had the edge on the boards, 41-36, led by Jamie Lovett with nine, Crystal Minster with eight and McElligott with seven. Minster also had six steals and Taylor had three assists for the game.

"They buried us at the free throw line," commented coach Dana Heideman. "We were 0-8 and they were 18-31. It's hard to win a game when someone shoots 31 free throws and you shoot eight," he added.

"We were frostbitten from the ride over there, we just never

warmed up. Our intensity level wasn't there," noted Heideman.

On Saturday, it was another close one for the Lady Cards, closer than it should have been due to icy shooting from the floor and the line. The Cards held a one-point advantage at halftime, 21-20. With slightly improved shooting in the second half, they were able to inch ahead for the 42-35 victory.

Jamie Lovett hit 16 points to be the game's high scorer. April Taylor added 10. The rebounds were virtually even, 35-34, with Lovett leading the way for the Cards with 10. Melissa McElligott chalked up five assists and Kim Bedortha had three steals to lead those departments.

Ione shot 15 of 51 from the field for 29 percent but Pilot Rock was worse, making just 14 of 55 for 25 percent. The Cards' performance at the line was the difference between a win and a blowout. They shot nine of 25 for just 36 percent. The Rockets made 11 of 23 for 48 percent.

"The kids worked hard for the win," said Heideman. He noted that they struggled defensively because they were playing without Crystal Minster, who was involved in an automobile accident.

Heideman felt good about his team's efforts in the pre-season. "It was a tough schedule. We came out pretty well. The kids learned a lot and that should help us in league play."

### Topic club has meeting

Ione Topic Club members met at the home of Birdine Tullis on Dec. 16 for their annual Christmas salad luncheon and gift exchange. Katherine Lindstrom acted as co-hostess.

Special guests included Edith Mathews and Alice Harper. New members Lea Mathieu and Alice Harper were welcomed to the group. Katherine gave some Christmas readings for the program.

## Fillies beat Pioneers up record 4-0

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Fillies continued their winning ways by increasing their record to 4-0 with a 55-35 victory over the Mac-Hi Pioneers last Saturday, Dec. 19. The Fillies offense started fast as they outscored the Pioneers 18-7 in the first quarter. The Fillies rebound-

ed well which led to their fast start. They held the Pioneers to just one shot as they were getting three of their own each time down the court. The Pioneers began to claw their way back into the game in the second quarter as they outscored the Fillies 13-7 for a 25-20 lead going into the half. The Fillies dominated in the third quarter as they increased their lead to 12 going into the fourth quarter.

Heppner kept building their

lead with awesome defense and an unforgiving offense as they cruised to a 55-35 win. The Fillies dominated the boards led by Holly Eckman and Jenny Krein who each had nine, followed by three other Fillies with seven. Kelsie Evans led the Fillies with 15 points and Eckman added 11. The Pioneers were led by Leigh Wishard, Jill Bishop and Joy Thomas who each had 10. The Fillies played Prairie City Tuesday night in a non-league game.

## Cards take third in Rocket tournament

By Anne Morter

The Ione Cardinals lost their first game and won their second to finish third in the Rocket Invitational in Pilot Rock last weekend.

On Friday evening, Dec. 18, the Enterprise Savages, the 2A second ranked team, took it to the Cardinals early on. Enterprise led 23-13 at the end of the first quarter and 41-22 at the half.

The Cards started connecting on their shots halfway through the third quarter but the Savages had the game out of reach by that time. The final score was 83-64.

Jim Logan was the Cardinals' high scorer with 16 points, followed by Aaron Heideman with 12. Rob Brown of Enterprise was the game's high scorer with 26 points.

The Cardinals clashed with Joseph on Saturday afternoon for third place, and it looked like it would be close in the first quarter as Joseph led, 14-13.

The second quarter was all Ione, as the Cards ran off 23 points to their opponents' four. The third quarter was much the same story, with the Cardinals racking up a 20-6 scoring advantage. They then coasted home for a 68-52 win.

Three Cardinals scored in double figures. Aaron Heideman paced the team with 15 followed by Ryan Halvorsen with 11 and Jared Ashbeck with 10.

The Cardinals finished the pre-season with a 3-3 record.

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