

# HHS classes '73-76 win tournament



The winning team '73-76 front l-r: Charlie Sumner 74, Dave McLeod, Kenny Eckman, Jerry Gentry 75, Jim Lankford 76, John Boyer 74. Back John Kilkenny 75, John Myers and Mike Bergstrom 74.

The Heppner High School classes of 1973-76 won the fifth annual alumni tournament held Jan. 1-3 at the Heppner High School gym.

Organizer Stuart Dick said that although weather affected attendance, around 120 men and women played in the three-day

event, which included men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball.

Second place finisher in the men's tournament was the 1990-92 team; third was '76-79 and the consolation prize went to fourth place finisher '81-83, last year's defending champs.

"There were some tremendous

individual performances," commented Dick, who cited John Boyer of the class of '74 for an outstanding game. Boyer scored an impressive 32 points for his team.

Dick said that he felt the best game was between the classes of 1990-92 and '81-83. Two college players opposing each other heightened the excitement he said.

Another highlight of the tournament, said Dick, was the presentation of two special awards in honor of long time supporters of youth athletics, who have passed away. Plaques were presented to the families of Howard and Jo Pettyjohn and Hilda Yocom. "The Alumni Association and Booster Club really cherish the opportunity to show appreciation to the families for their loyal support of athletics," said Dick.

Despite the low turnout because of weather conditions, Dick said that the tournament still made around \$1,500. Proceeds will go to Mike Currin scholarships and to Heppner youth athletics and activities.

Dick credits the alumni association and coaches with success of the event. "People are really committed to do a marvelous job," he added. Coaches were Russell Britt '90-92; Duane Ball '84-89; Doug Holland '81-83; David Allstott '77-80; Kenny Eckman '73-76; Gary Watkins '69-72; Gene Heliker pre '69 (who comes all the way from San Diego and works for the event all year long); Rick Johnston, non-lettering alum and equipment; Susie Hisler, women's volleyball and team T-shirts and Lana Orr and Dana Reid, women's basketball.

Doug Holland was in charge of publicity, Rick and Susan Johnston, programs, and Doug Gunderson, Archie Ball and Ron Bowman, announcing.

Next year's tournament is scheduled for Dec. 31 through Jan. 2.

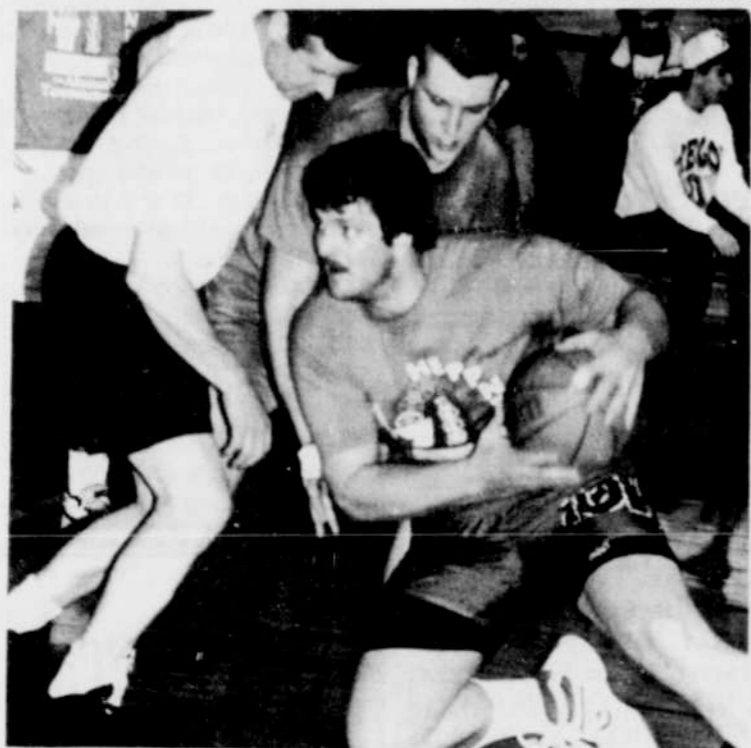
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(above) The Howard and Jo Pettyjohn family and Hilda Yocom family received plaques for the trophy case in memory of. (right) Brandon Pedro jumps over the top for two



(Above) Susie Hisler gets a dig in volleyball. (right) Al Burt tries to keep the ball away from Stuart Dick. (bottom left) Keith Curnutt hangs on to his ball (r) Jim Lankford looks for a pass.



Rick Smith gets the ball from Al Burt. Wayne Evans (white shirt) wants to steal it.



Clockwise-Lee Padberg gets ready to pass; the girls go for a rebound; Heather Eckman dribbles around Mary Knowles; bottom-Eric Thompson and Duane Ball take a time out from refereeing. Lana Orr dribbles down court



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