

Cards take Dufur in hard-fought win

By Anne Morter

On Saturday, Jan. 9, the Cards hosted Dufur, the number one ranked team in the first two Class 1A polls, and came away with a big, big 62-54 win. The Rangers jumped out to a 9-0 lead before the Cardinals answered the wake-up call with a 10 point run of their own. From there it was a two or three point see-saw battle until the end when the Cards pulled ahead for good.

Aaron Heideman led the Cardinals in scoring with 16 points. Tony Bjerke added 11. Heideman had another super night on the boards, pulling down 20 rebounds, 13 of them offensive. Deacon Heideman added 12 and Ryan Halvorsen had 10 as the Cards once again dominated the boards 61-43. "They are doing a great job on the boards," commented LaRue. He also noted that the team had more than half of their rebounds (31) on the offensive end of the court, something that is not often seen.

David Wagenblast led the team with eight assists and four steals and Deacon Heideman had four blocked shots.

The Cards shot 25 of 62 from the floor for 40 percent. They continued to struggle at the line where they shot 10 of 21 for 48 percent. Dufur had a tough time



Ione's Deacon Heideman (30) goes up for layin with their shooting, making just 20 of 73 from the floor for 27 percent. "I'd like to think it was because of our defensive pressure," commented coach Del LaRue. At the line they hit 11 of 17 for 65 percent. "It was a big win," said LaRue. "It was nice to have it this early in the season, everyone worked hard for it," he added.

Lady Cardinals beat Dufur, 47-17

By Anne Morter

On Saturday, Jan. 9, the Lady Cardinals were expecting a tougher match than they got when Dufur came to town. To the credit of the Cards' defense, the Rangers made just 17 points in the game and shot an anemic 16 percent from the floor. "They shot well in warm-ups," said coach Dana Heideman, but he noted that their offense basically fell apart under the pressure of his team's half-court kamikaze defense. The final score was 47-17.

Melissa McElligott again led all scorers with 16 points, followed by April Taylor and Jamie Lovett with nine each. The Cards held a substantial rebounding advantage, 37-21. Tanja Anderson led the way with eight while Lovett and Crystal Minster each added seven. Minster had six assists and four steals to lead the team. Lovett also had four steals.

The Lady Cards shot 18 of 46 for 39 percent from the field and nine of 21 for 43 percent from the line. Dufur made just six field goals out of 36 attempts for 16 percent but they were five of six from the line for 83 percent.

"It was good experience," said Heideman. "In the second half,



Lady Cardinal drives on Dufur more competition," he added. This weekend the Cards host Arlington on Friday and travel to Condon on Saturday.

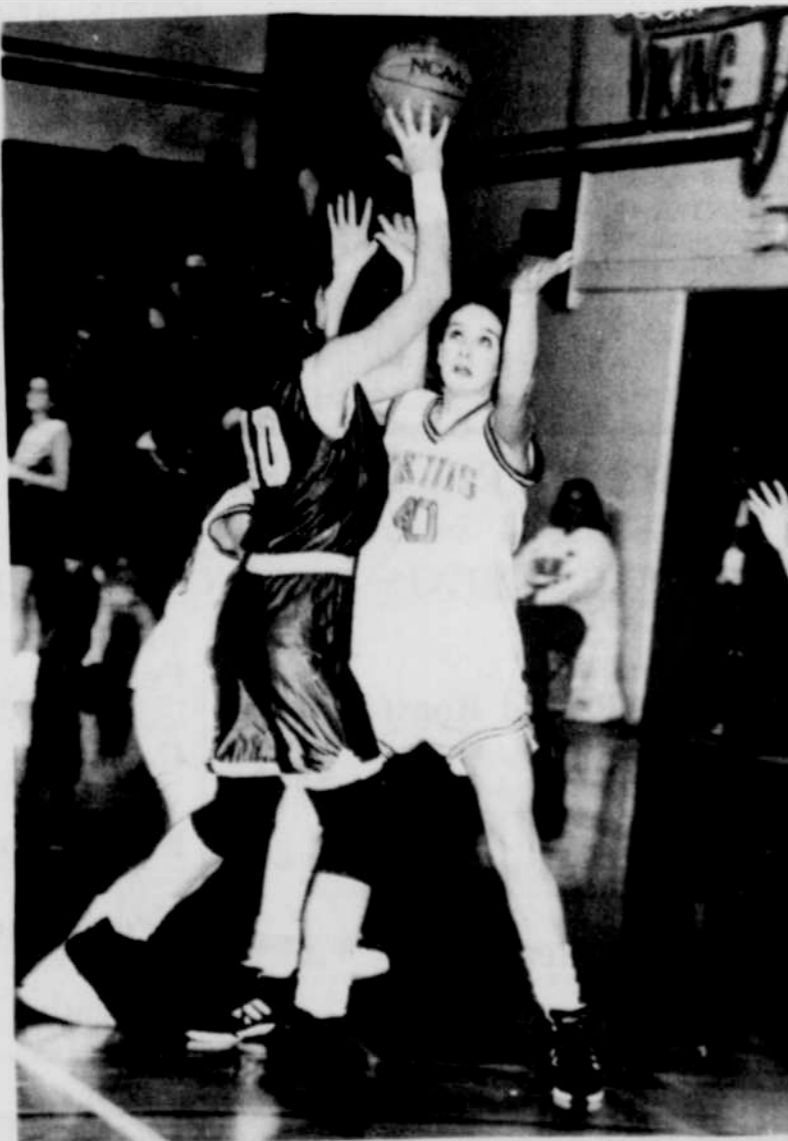
Fillies remain unbeaten

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Fillies kept their five game winning streak alive with a 57-47 league win over the Umatilla Vikings last Saturday, Jan. 9 at Umatilla. The Fillies had a tougher time with the Vikings than they wanted to. It looked like it would be close as the Vikings held the Fillies in check and only trailed by four after the first quarter.

The Fillies were having trouble shutting down Umatilla's top gun Kristin Charlo who finished with 21 points and 20 rebounds. Heppner increased their lead to eight points going into the second half. The Vikings looked like they might be done, but started the second half by keeping pace with the Fillies in the third quarter and trailed by only seven going into the fourth quarter.

The Fillies were too much for the Vikings as they ran away from them as soon as they came within reach of the lead. Heppner, sparked by Holly Eckman, who finished with 16 points, brought home their first league win. Char Coe was a key factor as she came off the bench and provided a lift for the starters contributing 11 points and some solid play. Kelsie Evans also finished with 11 points. The Fillies are 1-0 in league play and 7-0 overall for the season, as they beat the Car-



Chrissy Schultz tries for shot against Vikings. dinals last night, keeping their perfect record. They have home games this weekend against Wahtonka and Stanfield.

Mustangs down Umatilla, 68-47

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Mustangs began their quest of a league championship Saturday Jan. 9 at Umatilla with their first league game against the Umatilla Vikings. The Mustangs were coming off a dismal pre-season going 2-3. Heppner got off to a slow start and saw themselves trailing 13-9 after the first quarter of play had ended. The Vikings managed to keep Heppner's top scorer Rick Koffler, in check as Koffler ended the night with only seven points. The Vikings keyed on Koffler and opened the inside for Tony Burt and Scott Coe who combined for 34 points. The Mustangs shots started to fall in the second quarter as they took a slim two point lead into the half.

Heppner opened the second half with an intimidating press that led to many turnovers for the Vikings. The Mustangs ran away with the game as they outscored the Vikings by 13 in the third quarter. The Mustangs kept focus as they wrapped up their first league win of the season 68-47. The key to the Mustangs victory was their rebounding as they had 15 offensive rebounds that led to easy points. Russel Proctor was



Heppner's Tony Burt tries for steal against Umatilla high point getter for the Vikings with 16. The Mustangs, now 1-0 in league play and 3-3 overall beat

Cardinals win blowout over Helix

By Anne Morter

The Ione Cardinals got their league season off on the right track last weekend, with a blow-out victory over Helix on Friday, Jan. 8 and a hard-fought win over the tough Dufur Rangers. Their season record now stands at 5-3.

The Cardinals shook off the Christmas vacation cobwebs against Helix, but not before falling behind at the end of the first quarter, 15-18. From that point on it was all Ione as the Cards pulled to a 39-22 halftime advantage and rolled on to an easy 85-41 win.

Aaron Heideman took scoring honors with 18 points followed by Jared Ashbeck with 15 and Tony Bjerke with 11. Heideman also

paced an outstanding rebounding effort with 20 boards, 11 on the offensive end of the court. Jason Halvorsen added nine and Bjerke had eight as the Cards racked up 71 rebounds to the Grizzlies' 25. The Cardinals also passed the ball well with David Wagenblast tallying 11 assists and Jim Logan adding five. Deacon Heideman had five blocked shots in the game.

The Cards improved their shooting performance, hitting 37 of 77 for 47 percent from the floor. From the two point range, they shot 52 percent but only 13 percent from the three point range. Helix shot 17 of 60 for 28 percent from the field and only five of 16 from the free throw line

for 31 percent.

"Everyone played well after we got going in the first quarter," said Coach Del LaRue. "They performed well," he added.

Cheerleaders hold taco feed

The Heppner High School basketball cheerleaders will be holding a taco feed Saturday, January 9, during the home basketball game against Stanfield in the home ec room.

For \$3 you get two tacos, hard or soft shell, dessert and a beverage. Tacos will be served beginning at 3 p.m.

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