

Mustangs survive Huskies' scare

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Mustangs survived a scare from lowly Sherman Union as they barely pulled out a 48-46 win last Saturday, Feb. 13 in Heppner. The Huskies had a moral victory over the powerful Mustangs.

The Huskies stayed within reaching distance from the lead after the first quarter of play was over. Heppner had a four point lead and looked as they were going to run away with the game after a big second quarter. The Mustangs enjoyed an 11 point lead heading into the half.

The Sherman Union Huskies scrapped back into the game as they actually outscored the CBC leaders 12-10 to keep themselves within distance of the lead, only trailing by nine at the end of the third quarter.

The Mustangs seemed to fall apart as they saw a more motivated Huskie team battle back behind three three-pointers late within the fourth quarter. The Mustangs were not about to let the lead get away as they held on for the win.

Rick Koffler paced the Mustangs with 15 points followed by Len Brittner who had 12.

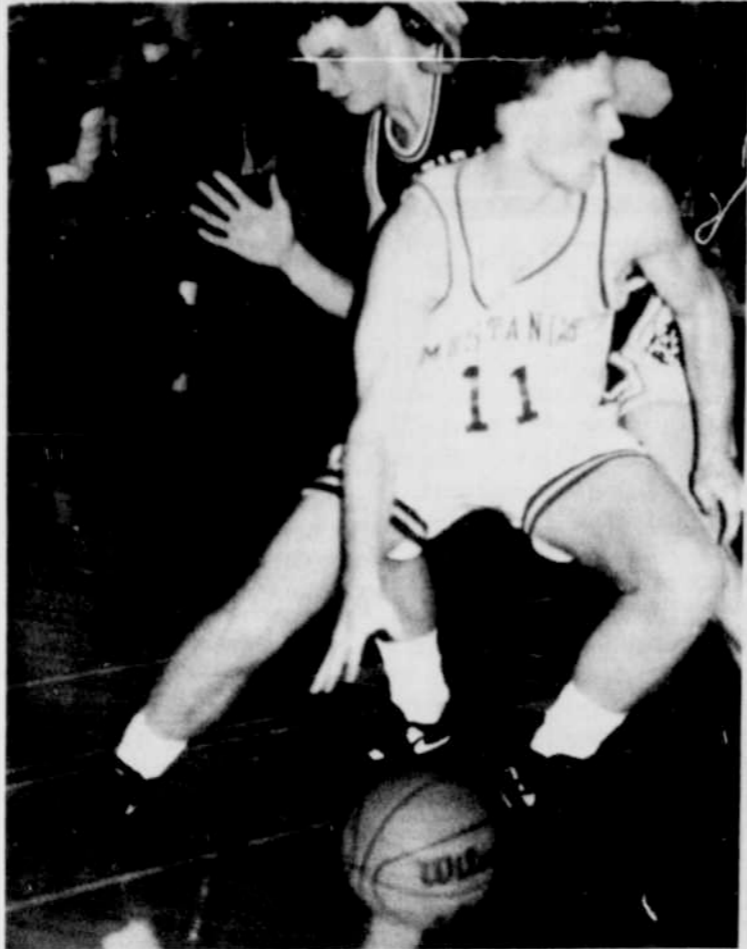


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Rick Koffler drives against Husky defenders

Jason Beers led the Huskie team with 10 points. The Mustangs are still setting the pace in the CBC with a 10-0 record in league play and a 13-3 overall record. The

Mustangs play host to Umatilla on Thursday, Feb. 18 and travel to Weston-McEwen on Friday to take on the TigerScots in the final game of the regular season.

Huskies blemish Fillies' record

By Jeremy Maddern

The Heppner Fillies are now in a tie for second place in the Columbia Basin Conference league standing with a 44-41 loss to the Sherman Union Huskies last Saturday, Feb. 13 on the Fillies' home court. The Huskies are the only team that has blemished the Fillies' record with two losses.

Heppner and Sherman battled back and fourth throughout the whole game. It was neck and neck as defense played an important role and it showed as both teams were knotted up at eight points each after a quarter of play.

The Fillies looked intent on winning as they rode the hot shooting of Jodi Johnston in the second quarter as she scored eight of her 15 points taking the girls into the locker room with a 23-19 lead.

The Fillies, in the third quarter, found themselves in trouble as they couldn't stop the scoring of Thia Sanderson. Sanderson had all of the nine points scored for the Huskies. The Fillies still lead by two points heading into the fourth quarter. The lead was not safe though, as the Huskies caught up with the Fillies early in the fourth quarter. It was a battle for both teams. The Fillies got into foul trouble and Sherman hit the free throws when they counted. Heppner on the other hand missed important free throws and lost the game 44-41.

Jodi Johnston led the Fillies with 18 points and Thia Sanderson led all scorers with 26 points. Combined with their loss and a Stanfield upset over the TigerScots, the Fillies are in a tie for second place with an 8-2 record in league play and 14-2 overall. The Fillies play host to the Umatilla Vikings on Thursday, Feb. 18 and travel to Athena Friday, Feb. 19 to take on the TigerScots. This will end the regular season play.

Wranglers meeting

The Wranglers Riding Club will hold a full membership meeting Wednesday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m. at Kate's Pizza.

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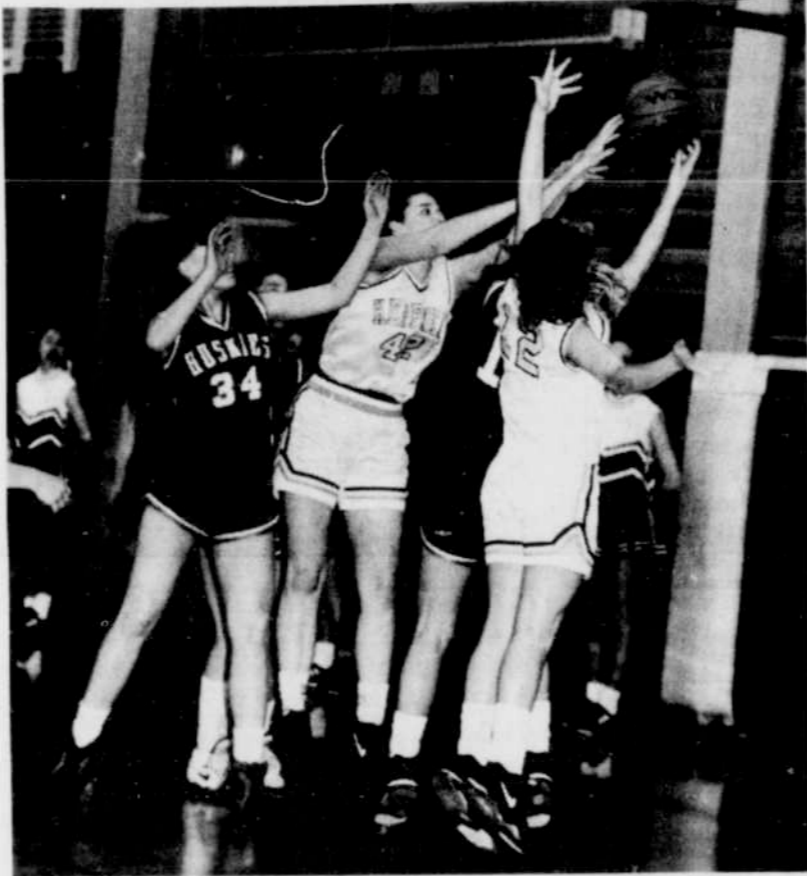


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Ruth Norton (42) and Jenny Krein (12) go for rebound

Cardinals sizzle, defeat Cascade Locks

By Anne Morter

On Saturday, Feb. 13 the Lady Cards reeled off nine points in the first 32 seconds of the game and put Cascade Locks on notice that they were in for a long night. The Cards won 69-32.

The Lady Cards took the opening tip in for a lay-in and then April Taylor stole the ball and nailed a three-pointer, all in the first eight seconds of the game. Ione used a sticky press to keep the Pirates from bringing the ball down the court, and on their end, passed the ball well and shot a sizzling 55 percent from the field.

Four Lady Cardinals scored in double figures, led by Jamie Lovett with 18. Kim Bedortha came off the bench to score a

season-best 14 points, and Melissa McElligott and April Taylor each had 11. Lovett and Bedortha each had six rebounds as the Cards grabbed 30 boards to the Pirates' 24. Taylor had four steals and McElligott dished out five assists.

Both teams shot 55 times from the field, but Ione hit 30 of theirs while Cascade Locks connected on just 11. At the line, the Lady Cards had one of their better nights, making eight of 13 for 62 percent. The Pirates hit 10 of 15 for 75 percent.

"It was one of our best shooting nights of the year," said coach Dana Heideman. "We are starting to come together as a team real well," he added.

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Cardinals lose to Condon but stay No. 1

By Anne Morter

Six seniors, Justin Miller, David Wagenblast, Deacon Heideman, Ryan Halvorsen, Mac Lovett and Tony Bjerke, played their last home game to a packed house on Friday, Feb. 12 but the end result wasn't quite what they had in mind. The Cardinals took a disappointing loss to the Blue Devils 52-47. Condon seemed intent on not letting the Cards get away from them by slowing the pace of the game a bit and turning on the defensive pressure.

The Cards led 14-13 at the end of one but trailed 23-29 at the half. In the third quarter, they held Condon to just one field goal and pulled back to a 35-33 lead. But in the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils canned nine of their 13 free throw attempts as the Cardinals continued to have trouble getting their shots to fall, and Condon came away with the 52-47 win.

Tony Bjerke was the only Card in double figures with 10 points. The Cards were hurt on the boards, where Condon out-rebounded them 35-31. Aaron Heideman paced the Cardinals with 10, followed by Deacon Heideman with six. Deacon Heideman also had four blocked shots and Jason Halvorsen added three. David Wagenblast handed out six assists and Jim Logan grabbed five steals in the game.

The Cardinals actually made four more field goals than Con-



Aaron Heideman (34) goes up for shot. No. 30 is Deacon Heideman

don, but the Blue Devils nailed five from three-point range, and hit eight more free throws to cinch the win. Ione shot 22 of 66 for 33 percent from the field and three of eight for 38 percent from the line. The Blue Devils shot 18

of 45 for 40 percent from the floor and 11 of 19 for 58 percent from the line.

"The free throw line and three pointers really hurt us," said coach Del LaRue. "We got the shots we wanted but just didn't get them to drop," he added.

Cards run off with 95-54 victory

By Anne Morter

Cascade Locks drew the lone Cardinals into their style of game for the first half of the game on Saturday, Feb. 13 and kept the game close for the first half. In the second half though, the Cardinals settled down and got back into their own game and ran off with the 95-54 victory.

Deacon Heideman was the game's high scorer with 16 points. He also had 10 rebounds and three blocked shots. Justin Miller hit three treys and ended the game with 15 points, and Ryan Halvorsen chipped in with 14.

The Cards dominated the boards 68-25, led by Jared Ashbeck with 11 and Heideman and Tony Bjerke with 10 each. There were plenty of assists to go around with David Wagenblast and Ashbeck each tallying four and Jim Logan, Jake Bacon and Ryan Halvorsen each contributing three.

The Cards improved their shooting, making 38 of 85 for 45 percent from the floor and 14 of 22 for 64 percent from the line. Cascade Locks shot just 19 of 68 for 28 percent from the field and 13 of 25 for 52 percent from the

line. "Once we got going we were OK," said coach Del LaRue. He noted that his bench really cranked things up in the fourth quarter where Justin Miller had 10 points, Jason Proudfoot had seven

and Bacon had five. "They really lit it up in the fourth quarter," he said.

Coach Del LaRue hit a landmark in his career recently marking his 350th win in the game against Culver on February 6.

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