

Fillies advance to finals with TigerScot win



Chrisey Schultz wrestles for the ball

By Jeremy Maddern
The Heppner Fillies advanced to the finals in the District 7-2A Tournament last Friday, Feb. 26 and assured themselves a spot in the Regional Tournament with an impressive win 59-48 win over

the Weston-McEwen TigerScots. The TigerScots and Fillies had rumbled in two league games this season with the Fillies getting the best of them with two victories. The TigerScots were not intimidated as they battled

throughout the first quarter with the Fillies as it was dead even. Heppner got into early foul trouble and head coach Mark Dowdy was forced to sit some of his starters but they still held a one point advantage after a quarter of play, behind the scoring of Kelsie Evans who had eight in the quarter.

The TigerScots seemed to get the momentum to swing their way early in the second quarter as they began to establish an early lead while four of the five starters for the Fillies sat on the bench. The bench kept the Fillies close as Weston-McEwen was unable to get any type of offense going, and they played good defense. The TigerScots built a six point lead heading into the half.

The third quarter saw the Fillies come out hot, hitting all their jump shots and regaining the lead. The TigerScots were now in foul trouble of their own and the Fillies enjoyed a five point lead going into the final quarter of play. Weston-McEwen took the lead back early in the fourth quarter but then saw it evaporate as Kelsie Evans took control of the game. The TigerScots were unable to handle the pressure from the front court as they committed 32 turnovers. The TigerScots never saw the lead again as they began to foul and prayed that the Fillies would miss their free throws. Their prayers were not answered, though as the Fillies headed to victory with a

59-48 win.

Evans led the Fillies with 23 points, seven steals, and five assists. Jenny Krein and Jodi Johnston also played big roles in the victory as they each had 12

points while Krein also had nine rebounds, eight steals and five assists. Holly Eckman had a solid performance with 11 points and nine boards. Elizabeth Hansell led the TigerScots with 11 points.

Lutherans continue Lenten service

The Lenten drama continues this week at the Lutheran churches. This week "Simon Peter" will reveal some of the reasons for his betrayal of the Savior. Mid-week lenten services at Valby begin with a soup supper at 6 p.m. and worship service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3. Services at Hope begin at 6 p.m. with a soup supper and service at 7 p.m. on Thursday March 4. Hope Church Council will meet after the worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at Hope and Valby this Sunday, March 7. Pastor Stan

Hoobing will preach on the scripture reading from St. John 4: 5-39. His message will be entitled "Finding Ourselves and God". Worship services at the Valby Lutheran Church will begin at 9 a.m. An adult Bible class meets before worship service at 8:15 a.m.

Worship service and Sunday school at Hope Lutheran Church begins at 11 a.m.

Visitors and friends of the congregations are welcome to attend the services and enjoy coffee and fellowship time during the coffee hour.

Fillies defeat Sherman

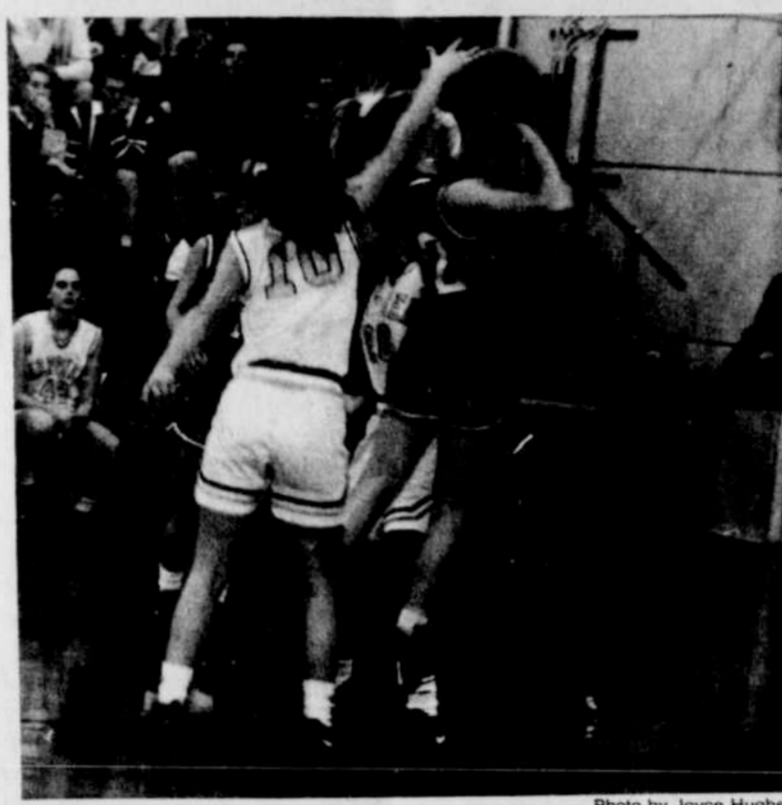


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Kelsie Evans (10) blocks Sherman shot

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It looked as the Fillies would be in a battle once again as the Huskies pulled within one point early in the first quarter during the championship round of the District 7-2A tournament last Saturday, Feb. 27. The Fillies came out on top 54-38, avenging an earlier two game loss to the Sherman Union Huskies.

The Fillies buried the Huskies in the first quarter as they rolled to a 16-5 lead. The Huskies were having troubles offensively shooting the ball, but still managed to play dead even with the Fillies throughout the second quarter, but still trailing by 13 points.

The Fillies were holding the Huskies to just one shot as they dominated them on the boards as the Huskies had only two offensive rebounds the entire game.

The third quarter saw both teams struggle from the field but Holly Eckman began to take the game over as she finished with 16 points while shooting a blistering 57 percent from the field. Sherman began a little comeback to pull within 11 points after three quarters of play. Both teams started to heat up offensively at the beginning of the fourth quarter, but the Huskies were getting the best of the Fillies as they pulled within eight points later in the fourth quarter when Eileen Townsend hit three treys in the game to lead the Huskies with 15 points. It was too late for the

Huskies though, as the Fillies began to stall. Sherman was forced to foul and put the Fillies at the line connecting 14 of 20 from the free throw line as the Fillies rolled to a 54-38 win. Kelsie Evans led all scorers with 17 points but Jenny Krein was the main force with 12 points and nine rebounds.

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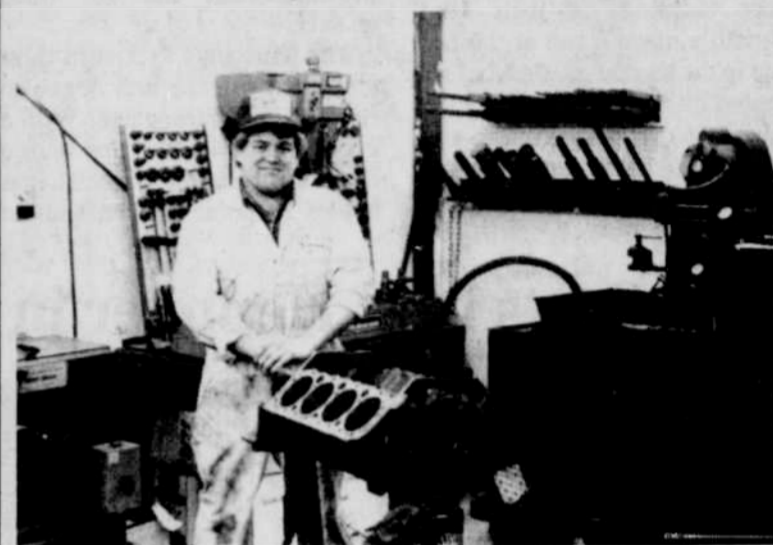
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