

# Mustangs beat Cardinals, 73-61 Early celebration causes Cards to lose

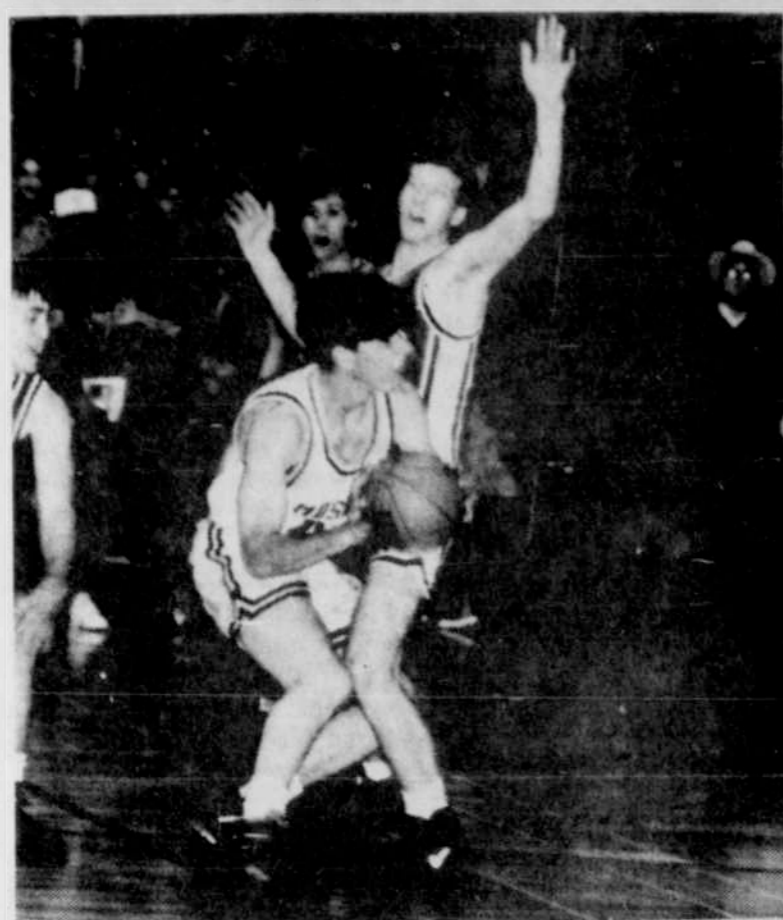


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner's Austin Coiner looks for pass around Cardinal Aaron Heideman (34)

The Mustangs returned home Saturday night, Dec. 4 and hosted the 1A lone Cardinals beating the Cardinals 73-61. The Mustangs

jumped out to a 26-13 first quarter lead showing much improved shooting and ball handling skills.

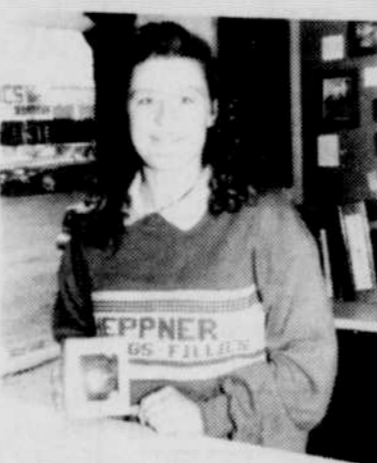
Seniors Len Britner and Dwayne Dunaway led Heppner with nine and six points respectively in the quarter. Britner led Heppner with 19 points and Dunaway added 12 with a soft touch around the basket.

Heppner extended their lead to 44-21 at the half, playing tough man-to-man defense, shutting down the Cardinal attack.

The Mustangs changed to a zone defense in the second half and senior Jimmy Logan caught fire. After being shut out in the first half, Logan scored a game high 23 points with four field goals and five three-point shots from all over the court. Aaron Heideman added 19 points for the Cardinals as they trimmed the final margin to 73-61.

The Mustangs played the weekend without seniors Sam Sumner and Joe Healy. Sumner was out with a back injury and Healy is still slowed with an ankle sprain. Both may get into the action this weekend.

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"The ornaments will not only look good on this year's tree, but will make good stocking stuffers," said a club spokesperson.

By Anne Mörter

The lone Cardinals lost both of their opening games last weekend but showed signs of promise. On Friday night, Dec. 3, the Cards fell to Umatilla in a one point game 65-64 and then lost to Heppner on Saturday.

An early celebration by the Cards cost them the win against Umatilla. The Vikings hit the front end of a one-and-one to take a one point lead with 14 seconds left. The Cards grabbed the rebound and brought the ball down court. With seven seconds left, they lost possession on an out-of-bounds pass. When Umatilla tried to get the ball inbounds, 6'7" Lars Krecthing got a hand on the ball and Jake Bacon sunk a shot with five seconds remaining. "We celebrated too soon," commented coach Del LaRue, noting that the Cards didn't get all of their players to the defensive end of the court and Umatilla capitalized. The Vikings threw a pass the length of the court and they sunk a jump shot at the buzzer to take the game 65-64.

The game had been a close one all the way. The Cards were down 30-37 at the half but smoked in the third quarter, outscoring the Vikings 20-9. "The third quarter was especially good for us," said LaRue. "We executed well and played good defense," he added.

Jason Halvorsen was the Cards' high scorer with 17 points. Jim Logan and Aaron Heideman added 14 each. The Cardinals dominated the boards, 42-29. Heideman led with 14 and Halvorsen 10. Logan paced the team with nine steals and Bacon had five assists.

The Cardinals shot 25 of 57 from the floor for 43 percent. They struggled at the line, making just 11 of 24 for 45 percent.

"We learned a pretty good lesson," said LaRue, predicting that the Cards will save their celebrations until after the buzzer in the future. "But it's a good take-off point for us," he said.



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Aaron Heideman (34) makes layup against Umatilla

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## Riverside downs Heppner



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Ruth Norton looks for handle on the ball

The Riverside girls beat Heppner 57 - 53 in action Friday night at Boardman.

The game was close all the way, but it was the Pirates who came out on top at the final

buzzer. The Pirates only led by one point at the half, and by only two points after three quarters.

Jodi Johnston was high point for the Fillies with 11, and Holly Eckman added 10.



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