

Mustangs bite Sherman Huskies 55-38

The Heppner Mustangs cruised to their fifth-straight league win of the season Saturday, Jan. 22 as they dominated the visiting Sherman County Huskies 55-38.

The final score wasn't an indication of the ease with which the Mustangs overpowered the Huskies. The Huskies looked good on paper, starting a 6'7" center and a 6'5" forward, but they forgot to bring their guards.

Heppner used a suffocating man-to-man defense in the first half and a stingy zone defense in the second half to completely subdue the Huskies. Rick Koffler and Leonard Brittner tied for game scoring honors, each hitting for 13 points. Big Bob Townsend, a 6'5" scorer for the Huskies led all scorers with 19 points, half of Sherman County's total.

The Mustangs methodically rip-

ped apart the Huskies 1-3-1 zone defense with good skip passing and great feeds to open Mustangs.

Austin Coiner and Joe Healy led the Mustangs with six rebounds each and Koffler had six assists for Heppner.

The win for the Mustangs 5-0, 10-3, kept them in first place in the CBC. Heppner has a light schedule this week as they have a bye on Friday night and host the Wahtonka Eagles Saturday, Jan. 29.

The CBC schedule has several quirks in it this year. The Mustangs play Wahtonka twice before they play Weston-McEwen once. They play Weston-McEwen twice in a short period of time and played the Umatilla Vikings at the first of the season and the last of the season.



Chris Dickenson (30) plays tough defense against Sherman Husky

Mustangs struggle to beat Pilot Rock

Fillies beat Pilot Rock



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Jodi Johnston (24), Kelsie Evans (10) and Holli Eckman (30), play tough defense.

The Heppner Fillies had to come from behind Friday night, Jan. 21 at Pilot Rock to keep their first place spot in CBC action. The Fillies beat the Rockets 55-37.

The Rockets were ahead at the half 27-23, but the Fillies came

out of the locker room playing tough zone defense and outscored Pilot Rock 11-2 and 20-6 in the third and fourth quarters to take the win. Kelsie Evans, a junior guard, led all scorers with 25 points. Holly Eckman contributed 15 for the Fillies.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner's Sam Sumner, Chris Dickenson and Trent Hughes play tough defense

Fillies stay in 1st place tie after Husky victory



Photo by Joyce Hughes

The Fillies remained tied for first in the CBC league beating the Sherman County Huskies 59-39 Saturday night, Jan. 22 in Heppner. The Fillies are tied with Weston-McEwen for first place. Heppner outscored the Huskies

in three quarters and were led by Kelsie Evans with 22 and Holly Eckman with 17. Tiah Sanderson contributed 12 points for the Huskies.

The Junior Varsity team lost to Sherman in a close game, 40-41.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner's Rick Koffler goes for the layin

In sports there's a phrase called winning ugly, and that's just what the Heppner Mustangs did Friday night, Jan. 21 at Pilot Rock, struggling to beat the Rockets 51-41.

After leading by 10 points at the half, the Mustangs found themselves locked in a tight game against the stubborn Rockets midway through the fourth quarter, leading 34-31. Junior guard Trent Hughes provided the impetus for Heppner to spring past Pilot Rock. Hughes hit two big treys from the top of the circle, giving the Mustangs a 40-31 lead that they never lost. He also hit three free throws down the stretch to seal the victory. Heppner was a mediocre 14-29 from the charity stripe for the game.

High scorers for Heppner were seniors Rick Koffler with 11 points and three three-pointers

and Joe Healy with 10 points and four rebounds. Healy also did a solid job on the Rockets' high scoring Byran Ellis, who topped all scorers with 16 points.

Austin Coiner, who seems to turn in a steady performance every time out, led the Mustangs at the backboard with eight rebounds.

Although the Mustangs suffered through 34 percent shooting, going 16-47 from the field, they played great defense, holding the Rockets to a season low 41 points.

Good teams win even when they don't have great performances and the Mustangs (4-0, 9-3) won their fourth league game against no losses. They also took control of first place in the CBC as the Stanfield Tigers upset the Weston-McEwen TigerScots at Athena Friday night.

Cardinals survive Wheeler Falcons

By Anne Morter

Saturday, Jan. 22, the Ione Cardinals found themselves a bit tired from the night before when they took the court against Wheeler and beat the Falcons 66-55.

"We did not play exceptionally well," said coach Del LaRue. "We didn't really have any legs left from Friday night and we didn't play very smart," he added. At the end of the first quarter, the Cards were up 22-13 and by halftime, held a 38-25 advantage. But turnovers and bad moves started to cost in the second half when the Falcons got to within six points. With just over two minutes in the game, the Cards were up by 17. "All of a sudden we did some dumb things," said LaRue, noting that bad passes and a couple of fouls on three point shots brought the Falcons closer at the end of the game. The final score of 66-55 in favor of the Cardinals brought a sigh of relief from LaRue. "It was nice to get out of there alive," he said.

Jared Ashbeck was the game's high scorer with 22 points. Jason

Halvorsen had 14 and Aaron Heideman added 12. The rebounding was a fairly even battle. For the Cards, Heideman led with 11 and Halvorsen and Jim Logan added 10 each. Logan, for the second night in a row, tallied nine assists while Jason Proudfoot and Heideman each had three steals in the game. Halvorsen had three blocked shots.

The Cards shot much better than their opponents, hitting 30 of 65 for 46 percent from the floor. At the line, they continued to struggle, making just four of 10 for 40 percent. The Falcons shot 20 of 69 for 29 percent from the field. At the line, they hit 12 of 22 for 55 percent

"I feel good about getting through the weekend. It was probably our toughest overall weekend," said LaRue, noting the two tough teams back-to-back.

The Cards travel to Echo on Friday, Jan. 28 for three games starting at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29. Condon comes to town for four games beginning at 1 p.m.

Andersons to celebrate 25th

A 25th anniversary celebration, in honor of Allen and Cheryl Anderson, will be held Sunday, Jan 30, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the

Ione Legion Hall.

Friends are invited to bring their "warmest wishes and funniest memories." The couple requests no gifts.

Christmas poster winners announced

Results of the Christmas poster contest have been announced.

Winners were as follows: first grade, first-Shanna Rietmann and Josh Lankford; second-Jenny Whalen and Blair Keithley; third-Kristina Sweeney and Stephanie Shank.

Second grade: first-Courtney

The Morrow County Tourism Committee, at its meeting in Irrigon last week, voted to contract with the students in the Ione shop entrepreneurial class "We Make Products" to make racks to hold pamphlets dealing with attractions in Morrow County. These racks will be placed in various businesses in the county so that the information would be readily accessible to tourists, hunters and others passing through. There will be informative brochures dealing with such attractions as parks and lakes, the Oregon Trail, the museum, the

Nelson and Matt Young; second-Blake Allstott and Brian Haguewood; third-Danielle Loosley and Ariel Johnson.

Winners of the contest received banana splits from the R & W Drive In. Others received ice cream treats.

courthouse, the Blue Mountain Scenic Byway, attractions in the nine counties of the Eastern Oregon Visitors Association, the Irrigon Fish Hatchery and the Umatilla Wildlife Refuge. This is just one of the many projects that have been completed by the Tourism Committee since its organization in 1986.

Anyone interested in working with this group is invited to contact chairman Don Eppembach, Irrigon. The group meets monthly in different parts of the county. The next meeting will be Feb. 8, at 4 p.m. at RJ's Restaurant in Lexington.

Lutheran churches plan 'Souper Bowl' Sunday

Hope and Valby congregations are gearing up for "Souper Bowl Sunday" on Super Bowl Sunday, January 30. Worshippers are encouraged to bring either \$1 or a can of soup. The proceeds will go to the Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County.

"Souper Bowl Sunday" is the brainchild of Presbyterian Youth Group in Columbia South Carolina. In 1990, the group raised \$5,700 for local charities. In 1993 over 21 different Christian denominations and over 900 churches across the nation raised over \$144,000 for local charity projects like soup kitchens, food pantries, and affiliates with Habitat for Humanity. Over the years the program has grown by word of mouth. Pastor Hoobing shared the program with ministers of South Morrow County Ministerial Association, "because it is a simple way that Christians can show their witness

for the gospel and demonstrate compassion for others," said Hoobing.

Worship service at Valby Lutheran Church, located on the Ione-Gooseberry Road, is at 9 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion and Sunday School at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner are at 11 a.m. Pastor Hoobing will preach on the theme of "Be Silent and Come Out", based on the scripture reading of Mark 1:21-28.

Jim and Cork Norene will be received into membership of the Hope Lutheran Church of Heppner at the worship service.

The annual meeting of Hope Lutheran Church will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday Feb. 6. A service of Holy Communion will be held at 11 a.m. along with Sunday School classes for the youth. Following worship service a potluck will be held in the fellowship hall with the annual business meeting to follow.

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