

Heppner bombs Rockets 74-56

The Heppner Mustangs were hitting on all cylinders, Friday, Feb. 11, as they ran right past the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets in a 74-56 romp that wasn't close.

Heppner played a sensational first half, taking a 38-19 lead into the locker room. Senior Rick Koffler had a great first half and game, hitting 6-8 from the field, including four three pointers in the half. He finished with 18 points on 7-10 shooting from the field. Senior Len Brittner led the scoring parade with 24 points on 9-14 from the field. As a team, Heppner was 27-57 from the field, an eye popping 47 percent.

The Mustangs forte is quickly becoming an aggressive man-to-man defense. The defense held a Pilot Rock to 33 points through the first three quarters and held their top scorers, Casey Perkins and Byran Ellis, to a combined nine points on the evening.

Koffler led the Mustangs on the boards with nine rebounds and added 10 assists, a season high for him. Sam Sumner had seven boards and Dwayne Dunaway added five.

The victory was the Mustangs' eighth in league play against one loss and hurt the Rockets chances of finishing fourth place in the CBC and qualifying for post season play.



Leonard Brittner and Chris Dickenson (30) play defense against Pilot Rock.

Mustangs cage Huskies

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Sherman County Saturday, Feb. 12, and brought home a hard fought 49-32 victory.

The Huskies are short on talent but play well as a team and on their home court they are tough to beat. The Mustangs took a 19-13 lead in the first quarter as Heppner got it going on the break and Joe Healy scored several baskets converting on the break.

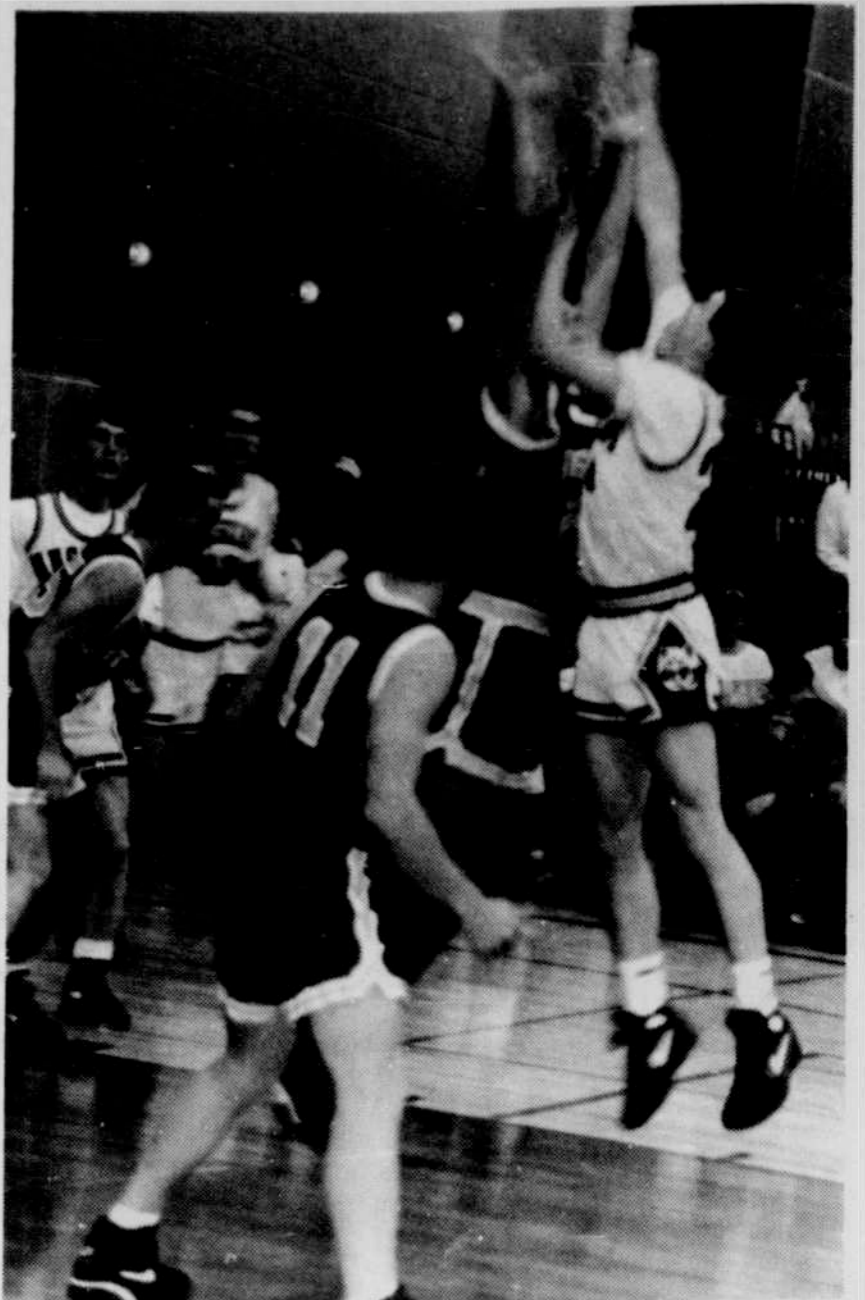
Heppner was lulled to sleep against the Huskies and their 2-3 zone defense. Sherman County crept within three points at the half and were down only 29-27 at the third quarter break.

The Mustangs exploded in the fourth quarter. Rick Koffler ignited the rally with a four-point play, sinking a three pointer and getting fouled in the process. Koffler led the Mustangs with 15 points and six steals on the evening. Heppner outscored Sherman County 20-5 in the last period to win.

Sam Sumner found some open spots in the zone and tallied eight points in the final quarter and snagged seven rebounds. Austin Coiner grabbed a game high 12 rebounds and did a solid job on the Huskies' 6'5" star Bob Townsend, who finished with 20 points on six field goals and 7-10 foul shots.

Heppner (9-1, 14-4), moved one step closer to the league championship with the win. With only two league games remaining, the Mustangs would have to lose both games this weekend to not win their second league title in as many years.

The Mustangs host the Weston-McEwen TigerScots Friday, Feb.



Joe Healy tries to block shot against Sherman County while Rick Koffler (11) looks on.

Lutherans plan Lenten services

"Saying No to Say Yes" is the theme of the sermon to be delivered Sunday, Feb. 20 to the congregations of the Hope-Valby Lutheran Parish. Pastor Hoobing's sermon is based on scripture reading of Mark 1:12-15, the Gospel text for the first Sunday of Lent.

Service of Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at Valby Lutheran Church, located

on the Ione-Gooseberry road outside of Ione. Communion service and Sunday school at Hope Lutheran church in Heppner will begin at 11 a.m. Coffee hour will follow both services.

Mid week Lenten soup suppers and services will be held at Valby on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6 p.m. Service will follow at 7 p.m. Soup supper at Hope will be held on Wednesday beginning

at 6 p.m. with worship to follow at 7 p.m. The theme of this years mid week Lenten services is "Words That Last Forever". The word this week is "Paradise".

Lady Cards beat Echo



Melissa McElligott looks for room between Echo players

By Anne Morter
On Saturday, Feb. 12, the lady Cards looked ready to cruise to an easy win against Echo, but had to fight in the fourth quarter to take the 60-50 victory.

Leading 19-11 at the end of one and 34-22 at the half, the young Cougar team capitalized in the third quarter when the Cardinals faltered, pulling to within two points at the end of three, 39-41. However, the lady Cards turned the tables early in the fourth, taking advantage of several Echo miscues. Within minutes, lone turned a two point lead into a 17 point margin, ending the game with a 60-50 victory.

Melissa McElligott led all scorers with 24 points. Becky

Wagenblast added 11. McElligott also led the team in rebounds and steals with eight and five respectively. April Taylor paced the squad with four assists.

The lady Cards shooting percentages improved as they connected on 24 of 58 for 41 percent from the field. At the line, they made 10 of 16 for 63 percent. Echo made 19 of 51 for 35 percent from the floor and 11 of 18 for 61 percent at the line.

"We played with a lot more intensity," said coach Dana Heideman. He noted that McElligott and Wagenblast had good games while the post players struggled. "It was a good warm up game for district," he said. "We had to play hard to win and that's what we need," he added.

Lexington Grange to meet

The Lexington Grange will hold their regular meeting Monday, Feb. 21 at the Grange Hall on Juniper Canyon Road, outside Lexington.

Gary Neal will be the speaker,

speaking on the long range plan for the Port of Morrow. A potluck dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. with the program following at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the program.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Appreciation Day Saturday

Door Prize Winners

Picture	Dan Calvert
Bar-B-Que	John Kilkenny
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Propane Tool	Bill Galbreath
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Drill	Kathy Rankin
Sprinkler	Jim McElligott
Jacket	Charles Davidson
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Case IH Jacket	Jack Osterlund
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