

Mustangs defeat TigerScots 60-47

The Mustangs were out to get revenge. Saturday, Feb. 26, for a disappointing loss to the TigerScots in last year's District championship game. But the game started as anything but revenge.

The TigerScots came out blazing and the Mustangs were a little flat. Weston-McEwen was on fire for the first four minutes of the first quarter. Two baskets by 6'7" sophomore Bill Albert and three point bombs by Louie Quaempts and Curt Sloan staked Weston-McEwen to a 19-5 lead and the Mustangs were left stunned.

Coach Lee Padberg changed defenses, something the Mustangs would do several times during the game, and pressed the TigerScots. Suddenly the momentum changed. The Mustangs got back into the game and trailed only 27-24 at the halftime break.

The second half was all Mustangs. Heppner had several six and eight point runs and coach Dwayne Dunlap had used all his timeouts early in the fourth quarter.

Rick Koffler, the most valuable player of the district tournament, led the Mustangs with 21 points on 7-14 from the field and 4-6 from the charity stripe. Koffler also added six rebounds. Seniors Joe Healy and Sam Sumner dominated inside and outside.

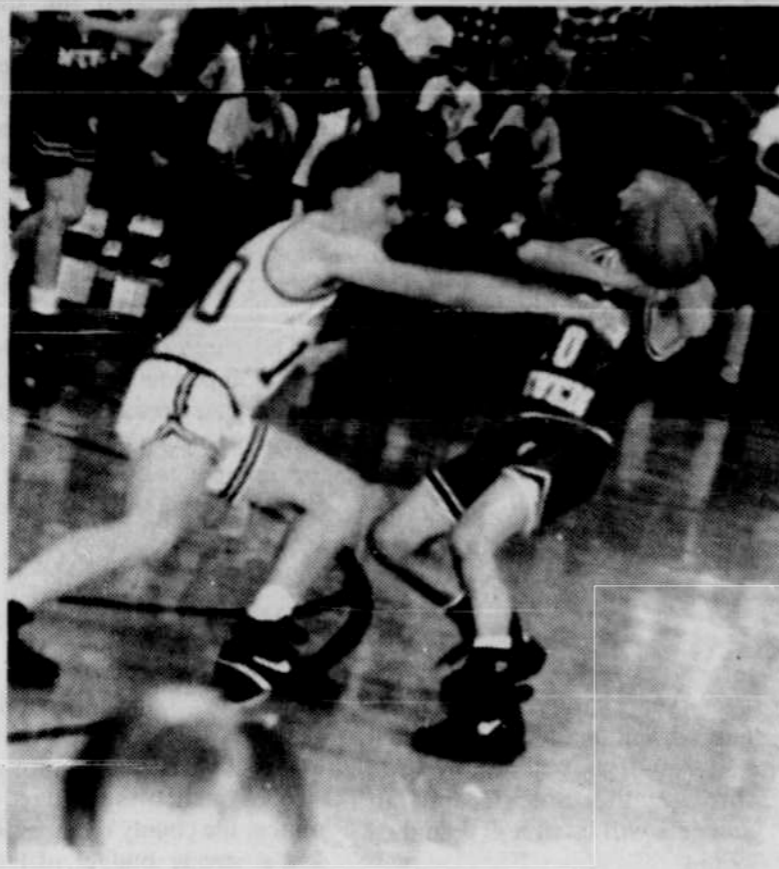


Photo by Joyce Hughes
Rick Koffler knocks ball from TigerScots' hand

Healy hit several 15 foot jumpers and took the ball to the hole and drew several fouls. He finished with 14 points. Sumner was a perfect 6-6 from the field and owned the backboards with eight rebounds. He also added four steals.

The silent hero of the game

might have been point guard Trent Hughes. He faced Curt Sloan defensively and held him to only seven points. Hughes played 31 minutes and set up the offense and added eight assists. Len Brittner had nine points and six assists on the evening.

The TigerScots were led by Louie Quaempts with 10 points.

Fillies, Mustangs dominate CBC All-Stars



Photos by Joyce Hughes
CBC all-star selection back l-r Joe Healy, Len Brittner, Rick Koffler and Sam Sumner, with the rest of the Mustang team

The Heppner Mustangs and Fillies dominated the Columbia Basin Conference all-star selections announced Saturday night, Feb. 26 at the District 7 basketball games.

Seniors Rick Koffler and Len Brittner were first team selections while senior Sam Sumner was a second team selection and senior Joe Healy was named to the honorable mention selection.

The Fillies placed two players on the first team, junior Kelsie Evans and senior Holly Eckman. Jenny Krein, a junior, was named to the honorable mention selection.

Following is a complete list of all-stars:

Boys First team: Koffler and Brittner; juniors Bob Townsend, Sherman and Shawn Tracy, Umatilla and senior Eric Hawker, Stanfield.

Second team: Sam Sumner, juniors Byron Ellis, Pilot Rock and Curt Sloan and Aaron Verkist both W-M and sophomore Mark Newman, Stanfield.

Honorable mention: Joe Healy, sophomore Casey Perkins, Pilot Rock and seniors Russell Proctor, Umatilla and Osbaldo Qisneros, Wahtonka.

Girls first team: Kelsie Evans and Holly Eckman, juniors Elizabeth Hansell, W-M, and Cheri Rosenberg, Pilot Rock and senior Tiah Sanderson, Sherman.

Second team: all seniors Dawn Evans, Stanfield, Sunny Swanson, Wahtonka, Tammy Pupo, W-M, Amber Dickenson, Umatilla and Shelly Nash, Pilot Rock.

Honorable Mention: Jenny Krein, sophomore Lindsay Tindall, Sherman and juniors Amanda Burnett, Sherman; Lisa Neeley, Pilot Rock, Amber Kinlock, Stanfield and senior Jan Huntsman, W-M.



Fillies all-star team (L-R) Jenny Krein, Holly Eckman and Kelsie Evans



Rick Koffler accepts tournament MVP award from athletic director Dale Conklin

Mustangs beat Huskies, clinch spot

The Mustangs clinched a spot in the Regional Tournament Friday afternoon, Feb. 25, with a 53-36 drubbing of the Huskies. Heppner exploded out of the gate with a potent offense and a stifling defense and galloped to a 27-10 halftime lead.

Austin Coiner did his usual excellent job of defending 6'5" Bob Townsend of Sherman County, the Huskies' only real threat. Townsend ended up with 16 points, but many of those came with the game already decided.

The Mustangs were led by seniors Rick Koffler, Len Brittner and Joe Healy. Koffler had a good all around game with 16 points, seven assists and four steals. Brittner had 11 points and six rebounds and Healy chipped in with nine counters and six rebounds.

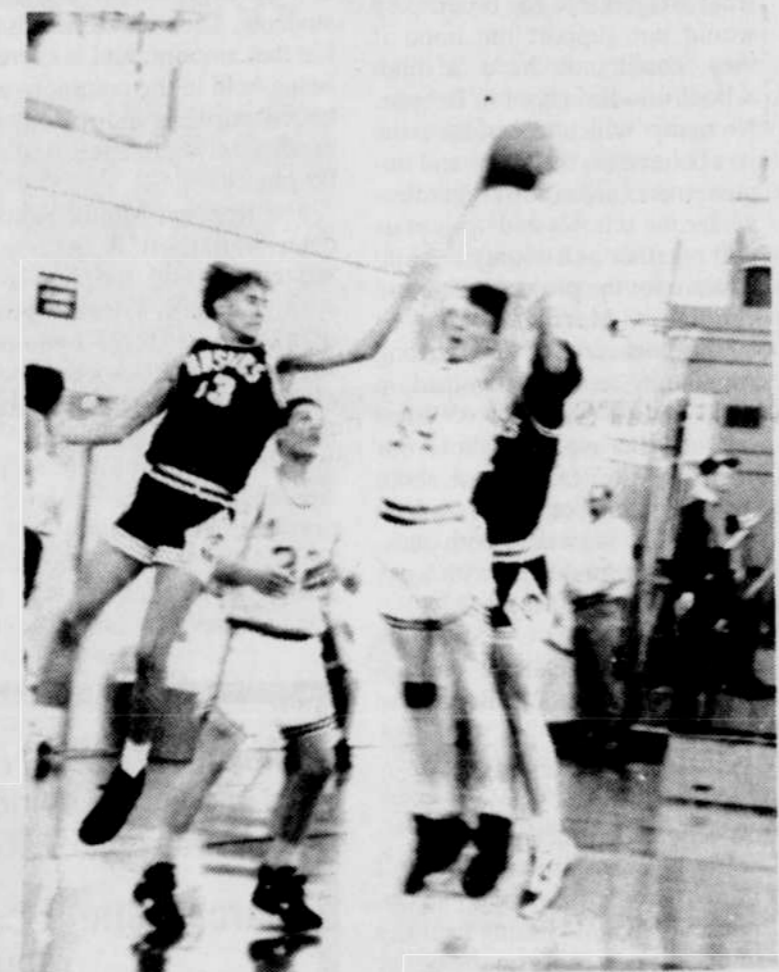


Photo by Joyce Hughes
Sam Sumner pulls down rebound



Tom Bedortha pumps up Heppner crowd

Garden club meets

Heppner Garden Club held their Feb. meeting with an interesting and informative video on Designing the Perennial Flower bed. Hostesses for the evening were Jane Rawlins and Bert Johannes.

Their next meeting will be March 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the senior center. Slides will be shown on "Good Fences Make Good Neighbors".

Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

Artist in residence at Ione school

By Delpha Jones

Carol Neuman from Brownsmead, Oregon is staying at the home of Dot Halvorsen for a couple of weeks, while giving special classes for students in grades K-6 at the Ione school. Neuman is an artist in education on international folk dance and culture. She has been dancing since she was five. She has traveled and studied all over the world and will be showing articles from the various countries where she has been.

Friday, March 11, Neuman will perform traditional and original

folk dances from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. for the parents and community members who wish to attend.

New hours at Social Security office

The Social Security office located on 715 S.E. Court Ave, Pendleton announces their new hours. Effective March 7 the office hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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