

Mustangs struggle against Sherman

Sherman County jumped on the struggling Mustangs early, and never let up, coasting to a 63-48 win over Heppner at home Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Mustangs could only manage six points in the first quarter, and didn't really start hitting until the fourth quarter when they poured in 19.

With a hard working full-court press that produced several turnovers, and a fast break that popped in some points, the Mustangs held their own in the second half, but couldn't overcome the big 20 point halftime lead of the Huskies. At one point Heppner pulled to within 11 of the big Sherman team.

The Mustangs held their own on the boards against the taller players, pulling down 23 boards to Sherman's 25.

Sophomore guard Justin Mat-

teson turned in a good performance, knocking down 12 points to lead the Mustangs. Bob Townsend led all scorers with 35 points on the night.

Others to score for Heppner were: Brent Wright, Trent Hughes and Eric Schonbachler with eight apiece, Chris Sykes, five, Chris Dickenson four, Dan Burnside two, and Ben Ewing, one.

Heppner 6 10 13 19 48
Sherman County 15 21 11 16 63
Heppner: Matteson 5 2-4 12, Ewing 0 1-2 1, Schonbachler 3 2-2 8, Hughes 2 4-7 8, D. Burnside 1 0-0 2, Dickenson 2 0-0 4, Wright 3 2-2 8, Sykes 2 1-2 5, E. Burnside, Hisler, Tucker. Totals 18 12-18 48.

Sherman County: Williams 1 0-0 2, Timblin 0 2-2 2, Anderson 5 5-7 15, Beers 2 1-2 5, Townsend 13 3-5 35, Tindall 2 0-2 4, Corey, Jesse, Anderson, Fuller, O'Connor, McArthur. Totals 21 11-18 63.

Three point goals Townsend 6. Fouled out none. Total fouls Sherman County 17 Heppner 19. Technical fouls none.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Justin Matteson blocks shot

McCrae center has open gym

McCrae Activity Center, on the Blue Mountain Community College main campus, offers open gym evenings on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday is scheduled for those who wish to play basketball, while Thursday is reserved for anyone interested in playing volleyball.

Cards beat Honkers in slow paced game

By Tonya Heideman

The lady Cardinals faced off with the lady Honkers from Arlington on Saturday, Jan. 28, and came away with a 53-32 victory. It was a slow paced game in comparison to the previous night. "We were tired and just couldn't seem to get anything going in the first

half," said coach Dana Heideman.

At half time the Cardinals held a slim 21 to 19 advantage, but they came out of the locker room ready to pick up the pace and coast to a 53-32 victory.

The Cardinals shot 44 percent from the floor and 62 percent from the charity stripe. Anne Dombrowski and Melissa

McElligott both lead the team with 19 points each. Mary Jane McCarty contributed eight and Becky Wagenblast had seven. McCarty and Kim Bedortha had four assists apiece.

Ione: McCarty 4 0-0 8, Wagenblast 3 0-0 7, McElligott 6 7-11 19, Dombrowski 9 1-2 19.

Arlington: Chamberlain 7 6-7 20, Walborn 2 3-5 7, Jiries 2 0-4 5.

Mustangs lose to Wahtonka 56-35

Trent Hughes led all scorers with a game-high 18 points, but it wasn't enough, as the Heppner Mustangs lost to the Wahtonka Eagles 56-35 at Wahtonka Friday night, Jan. 27.

The Mustangs dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Eagles, 22-32, but shot a dismal 23 percent from the floor.

The game was still in reach for the Mustangs until the fourth quarter when Wahtonka went on a 19 point run and put the game out of reach for the struggling Mustangs.

The score was 27-18 at the half, and then 37-25 at the end of the third, before the Eagles opened up and sealed their win.

Others scoring for the Mustangs were: Brent Wright eight points, Chris Sykes and Chris Dickenson, four each, and Justin Matteson one.

Heppner 8 10 7 10 35
Wahtonka 14 13 10 19 56
Heppner: Matteson 0 0-1 1, Hughes 7 1-2 18, Dickenson 1 1-4 4, Wright 3 2-4 8, Sykes 2 0-0 4, Schonbachler, Tucker, Hisler, D. Burnside, E. Burnside. Totals 13 6-12 35.

Wahtonka: Morris 3 2-3 8, Schneidt 2 0-1 4, Harman 2 5-8 9, Ice 2 0-0 4, Foster 8 0-2 17, Stockett 6 2-2 14, Evans. Totals 23 9-16 56.

Three point goals: Hughes 3, Fowler. Fouled out Wright. Total fouls Heppner 20 Wahtonka 10. Technical fouls none.

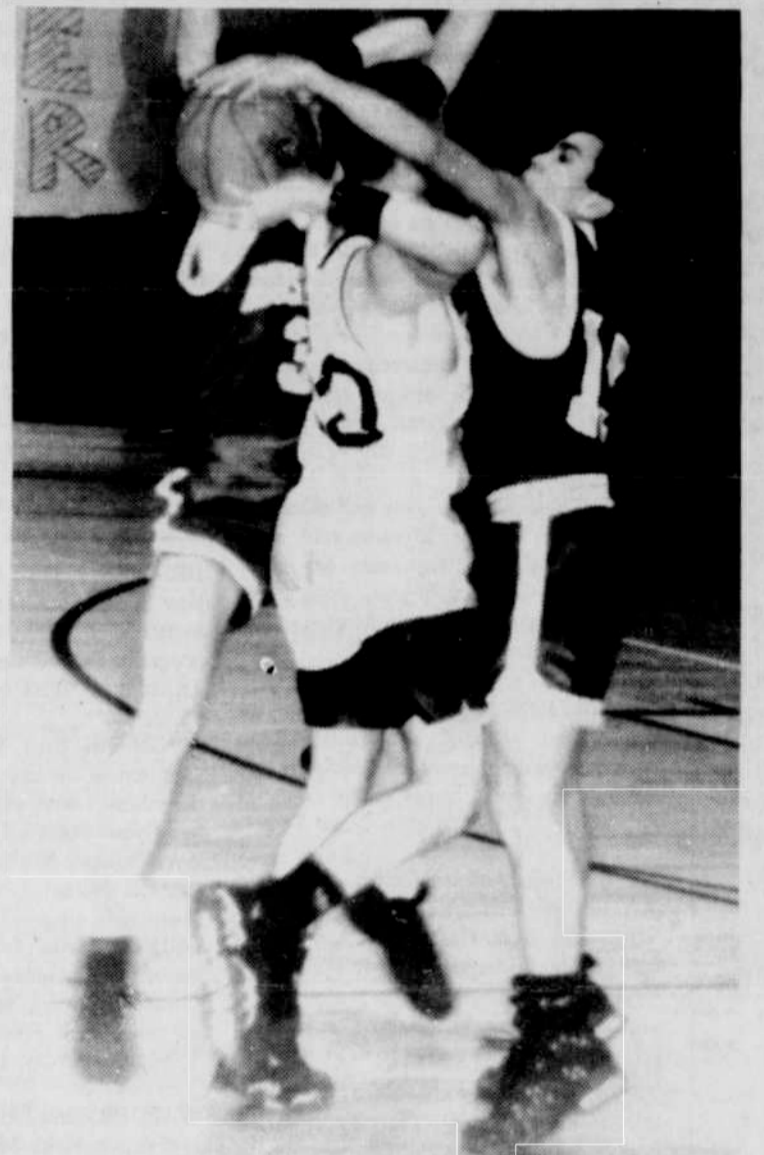


Photo by Joyce Hughes

Trent Hughes checks an Eagle player. Justin Matteson (3) helps.

Cards have tough battle with Cougars



Photo by Wayne Hams

Ione's Steve Allen puts up shot against Echo.

By Tonya Heideman

The Ione-Echo game Friday, Jan. 27, was a big game for the Ione boys, as they took a hard-fought win over the Cougars, 93-86. The Cards started the game literally in the red as Thierry Delbart was given a technical for grabbing the rim during the pre-game warm up. The Echo Cougars took the court with a commanding drive

for victory, but the Cardinals kept their composure every quarter stayed within one point until the fourth. Spectators watched the last two minutes of the fourth quarter on their feet.

Luke Swanson had 28 points to lead the Cardinals. Jared Ashbeck scored 24 and Steve Allen, Delbart, and Jumpin' Joe Bacon contributed 10 points each. Allen and Ashbeck had 13 assists each while Ashbeck also stole the ball five times and grabbed 13 rebounds. Nathan Heideman had 11 boards and Delbart nabbed eight. The final score was 93-86.

Ione: Allen 5 0-2 10, Swanson 11 0-0 28, Orem 0 4-6 4, Bacon 4 2-4 10, Heideman 2 0-1 4, Delbart 5 0-0 10, Morgan 1 1-1 3, Ashbeck 9 6-10 24. Total 37 13-24 93.

Echo: Brown 13 5-5 32, Erck 11 1-7 29, Hart 5 0-1 10, Newman 1 0-0 2, Campbell 3 0-0 9, Reynolds 0 1-4 1, Lopez 1 1-3 3. Total 34 14-24 86.

Cards fly past Cougars

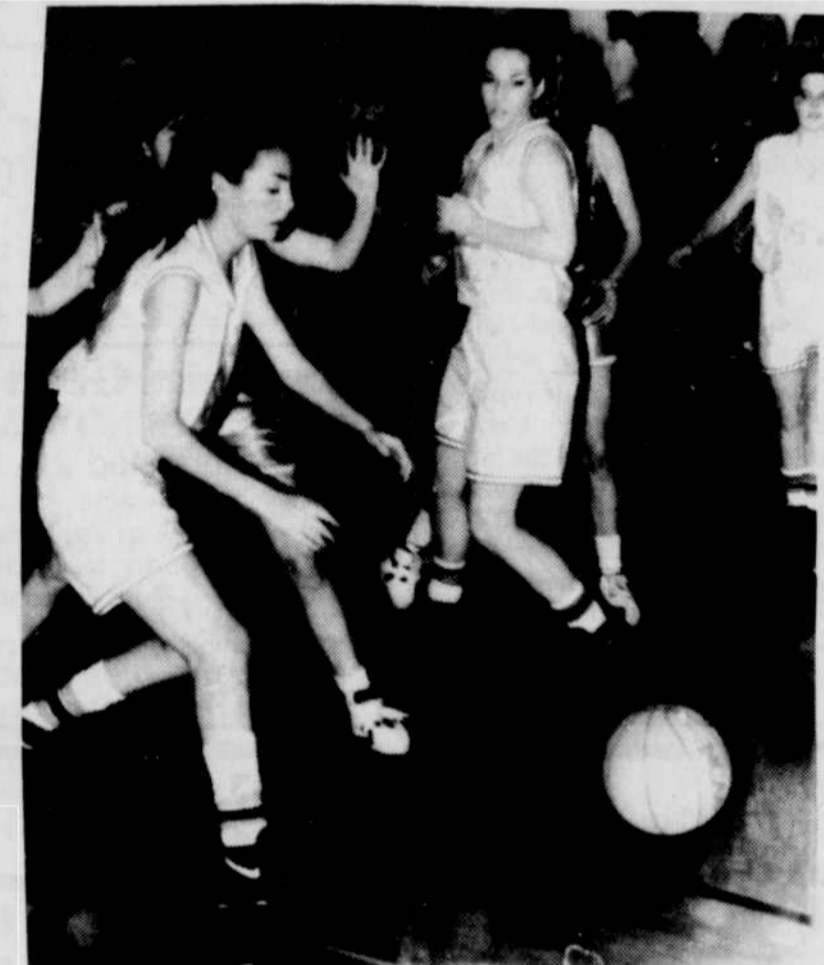


Photo by Wayne Hams

Lady Cards go after loose ball

By Tonya Heideman

It was a high flying game for the lady Cards as they spread their wings and flew past the Echo Cougars on Friday night, Jan. 27, 68-40.

"This was one of our best efforts of the season on defense," said coach Dana Heideman. The lady Cardinals held the Cougars to just 10 points in the first half.

There was no shortage of intensity during the second half as the Cardinals continued to pass and execute well offensively. The Cougars couldn't match the fast pace set by the Cards and fell to a final score of Ione 68, Echo 40.

"I'm very pleased with the

Honkers no match

By Tonya Heideman

The young Arlington Honkers played well, but were no match as the Cardinal boys continued on their red roll to the hoop Saturday, Jan. 28. The Cards won, 71-54. Coach Del LaRue sent his bench in to pick up the slack as he gave the starting five a breather. The whole team played and everyone contributed to the win. Coach LaRue was pleased to say, "This game is our season low for turnovers."

Joe Bacon and Jared Ashbeck each had 16 points. Ashbeck, Steve Allen and Kelly Morgan contributed with four assists

apiece and Bacon had three. Mark Orem had 12 rebounds and exchange student Thierry Delbart pulled down 11. Bacon and Ashbeck grabbed eight boards each. The Cardinals improve to 5-1 in league play.

On Friday, Feb. 3 the Ione Cardinals will host the Condon Blue Devils and take on the Helix Griswold Grizzlies Saturday, Feb. 4.

Ione: McElligott 3 0-0 7, Allen 3 0-4 6, Swanson, Orem 4 0-3 8, Bacon 7 2-4 16, Heideman 2 0-0 4, Delbart 3 2-2 8, Morgan 2 0-0 4, Ashbeck 7 2-3 16, Taylor 1 0-0 2. Total 33 6-12 71.

Arlington: Escobedo 1 5-9 7, Jenkin 1 0-0 3, Steward 9 9-12 27, B. Bolz 3 0-1 8, Wilkins 0 0-2 0, P. Bolz 2 0-0 6. Total 16 14-24 54.

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