

## Mustangs down league-leading Umatilla Vikings Heppner Fillies come close, but lose to Vikings

The Heppner Mustangs continued their winning ways last week, taking a 65-59 victory from league-leading Umatilla on the Vikings own floor Saturday night.

The Mustangs relied on a tough defense, strong inside play and a good overall scoring effort to come away with the win.

Ben Hubert led the Mustang scoring attack, banging down 16 points, followed closely by point guard Justin Matteson with 15. Chris Sykes chipped in 12, Jim Schlaich 11, Dan Burnside seven, and Adam Doherty and David Michael two each.

As they have the last several games, the Mustangs built a comfortable lead in the first half only to see it chipped away in the second. The Mustangs outscored Umatilla 33-19 in the first half, but the Vikings rang up eight more points than Heppner in the second stanza.

The win upped Heppner's league record to 4 and 3 and dropped Umatilla to 6 and 2. The Mustangs were scheduled to play Sherman County Tuesday night, but the game, which was a weather postponed make-up game, was postponed once again for bad weather at Moro.

The Mustangs' next game will be a home contest this Friday against Weston-McEwen.



Heppner's Ben Hubert goes up for a layin. Photo by Joyce Hughes

The Heppner Fillies played at Umatilla on Saturday, Feb. 3 and came within a couple points of beating the Vikings. The Fillies lost, 43-39.

The Fillies had a very sluggish first half, scoring only 10 points and trailed by 14 at the half. Not having a game for over a week had taken its toll on their aggressive style and timing.

However, the Fillies came alive in the second half and played much better ball. At one point in the fourth quarter, the Fillies lead the Vikings, 38-36. A couple of key turnovers and fouls near the end of the game gave Umatilla the advantage they needed to end up with the win, 43-39.

Annie Hisler and Lori Moeller each made eight points; Tina Kemp and Mindy Binschus had six, Jill Barber added five points and Lexi Matteson and Jossie Evans each had two points. Toni Kemp and Stormy Howard rounded out the scoring with one foul shot each. "We made a great run in the second half to put us in position to win the game," said coach John Boyer. "It was a game of momentum swings and we ended up on the short end."

The Fillies will host the Weston-McEwen TigerScots at home on Friday, Feb. 9.



Heppner players Jill Barber (42) and Mindy Binschus (12) guard Viking ball handler. Photo by Joyce Hughes

## Ione Lady Cardinals beat Condon Blue Devils by four

The Condon school's pep band had the gymnasium rocking and rolling Friday night, Feb. 2, when the Ione Lady Cardinals paid a visit to the Blue Devils' Den. The Cards beat the Blue Devils by four points, 35-31. The outcome of this head-to-head competition determined who would lead the Big Sky East Division standings.

Ione's starter, Laree Anderson, was out with an ankle injury and several others in the lineup were feeling the effects of the cold and flu bug. That caused the pre-game jitters to be a little more intense than normal. However, Ione started the game off quickly with Suzy Heideman stealing the tip from Condon's Margaret Schott. Heideman passed the ball to Melissa McElligott who canned a three-point basket with less than 37 seconds off the clock.

Ione took the lead up to six with McElligott hitting another three-point goal.

Ione got the offensive rebound but turned the ball over. Condon's Kacee Kennedy made a layin and the Devils had their first points of the game. McElligott hit a field goal, then Ione switched their offense and could not put any points on the board. LeAnn Barnett scored two more points for the Devils to bring them within four of the Cardinals. The first half ended with Ione in the lead, 19-11.

Condon started the second half with possession of the ball, but couldn't score. Neither

team put points on the board until Heideman fouled Condon's Schott and sent her to the line. She successfully made both of her free throws and when Ione brought the ball down, they turned it over. It looked as if the game was starting to go in the Blue Devils' favor. Four minutes into the third quarter, the score was Ione, 19, Condon, 14.

Dawn Boor put Ione's only points in the quarter on the board with a 10 foot jump shot. Turnovers by both teams increased with very little scoring made by either side. The third quarter ended with the score,

## Aleida Goodyear studies abroad

Aleida Goodyear of Heppner is spending the spring semester studying in London on the International Studies Program conducted there by Central College (at Pella, Iowa). Good-year is a student at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

Central's program in London is centered in Bloomsbury within walking distance of the University of London, the British Museum and Piccadilly. The program is designed to provide an international experience for students who wish to study abroad without a second language. The college offers a liberal arts curriculum with courses taught by professors from faculties in England and Wales.

Ione, 21, Condon, 17.

Ione's defense was key in the final eight minute quarter of the game. McElligott hit her third three-point goal of the evening but Condon's outside shooters never could connect. Condon was forced to foul and Ione slowed the tempo of the game down until time ran out. The final score was Ione, 35, Condon, 31, and Ione took over first place position.

McElligott was game high scorer with 17 points. Condon got 17 offensive rebounds to Ione's four, but Ione pulled down 20 defensive rebounds to Condon's 12. Kara Miller led the Cardinal effort off the

boards with seven and teammates Jenni Sullivan and Heideman were right behind her with six and five respectively. Miller also led her team in assists with four, followed closely by McElligott, with three.

Stats: Condon (31) 12 6-13 31. Durfey 1 0-0 3, Barnett 1 0-0 2, Selby 1 0-1 2, Kennedy 2 0-2 4, Olsen 0 1-2 1, Osterlund 4 2-4 10, Schott 3 3-4 9, Nicholson.

Ione (35) 14 4-8 35. Boor 1 2-2 4, Haguewood 1 0-0 2, McElligott 6 2-5 17, J. Sullivan 1 0-0 2, Heideman 5 0-0 10, Miller, Odinet.

Three-point goals: Condon-Durfey, Ione-McElligott 3.

Fouls: Condon 12, Ione 13.

## Lady Cards beat Honkers

The Arlington Honkers visited Ione Tuesday, Jan. 30, to make up the games originally scheduled for the previous weekend. Ione came away with a big win, 56-22.

Ione starter Suzy Heideman was out due to illness, so coach Heideman changed the starting lineup. Sophomore reserve Kara Miller replaced the ailing six foot center. Melissa McElligott jumped for the Cardinals and hit the opening tip to Stephanie Haguewood, who passed the ball cross-court to Miller for a layin, and the first two points were on the board. The Cardinals pressure defense kept the Honkers off-balance; that caused several turnovers and kept them from scoring for most of the first quarter.

Arlington's Katie Jiries got a trip to the charity line and scored on a free throw. Two plays later, Jiries got the rebound and scored two more for Arlington to end the first quarter, Ione, 17, Arlington, 3.

The second quarter gave the Cards an opportunity to work on different offenses and defenses and to move people around to different positions. Every member of the team saw playing time, and at halftime the score was Ione, 33, Arlington, 9.

Ione came out the second half and ran the floor very quickly, while increasing the score. Unfortunately, the third quarter was marred by an untimely injury. One of Ione's starting guards, speedster Laree Anderson, went down with an ankle injury while attempting to get a rebound and spent the rest of the game on the sideline. The third quarter score was Ione, 50, Arlington, 15. Ultimately, Ione won the game, 56-22.

Stats: Arlington (22) 7 8-16 22. Ione (56) 25 4-12 56. Ball 1 0-0 2, Boor 2 0-0 4, Childers 1 0-0 2, Anderson 3 0-0 7, Odinet 1 0-0 2, Haguewood 4 0-0 8, Miller 4 2-4 10, McElligott 5 2-4 13, J. Sullivan 4 0-1 8, Holtz, N. Sullivan.

Three-point goals: Ione-Anderson, McElligott.

Fouls: Ione 10, Arlington 11.

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