

## Heppner Fillies hand Cougars first loss, 49-42

by Molly Rhea

On Saturday, December 21, the Heppner Fillies handed the Echo Cougars their first loss of the season, winning 49-42. This improves the Fillies' win-loss record to 7-2.

The teams came out playing fairly evenly, both demonstrating quickness and strong defense. Using a zone defense, the Cougars led 11-12 after one quarter. Though the second quarter was much of the same, the Fillies forced the Cougars to open up their zone after Annie Hisler and Jill Barber each canned a trey. The Fillies trailed 25-29 at the half.

Heppner once again pulled out their intimidating full court press in the third quarter. This pressure defense enabled the Fillies to score 16 points to the Cougar's two. It also landed two Cougars in foul trouble and gained the Fillies a 10-point lead, 41-31 after three full quarters.

The fourth quarter Echo put up a run and, although they were able to outscore the Fillies 11 to eight, the Cougars were unable to overcome the third quarter margin and the Fillies rolled to the victory, 49-42.

The Fillies gained points from eight players and shot 61 percent (11/18) from the charity line. The Cougars received scoring from only four players and the Fillies sent them to the line only eight times where they managed to convert four.

Annie Hisler was the leading scorer for the Fillies with 12 points, including three for four from the freethrow line and a three pointer. Hisler also scrambled for three steals and two assists.

Lori Moeller scored eight points and pulled down ten rebounds. Jill Barber and Jaci Hughes both added seven points, and each also scored a trey. Mindy Binchus, Brooke Boyer and Lexi Matteson scored four apiece and Casey Ingraham added two to round out the Filly scoring.

Echo's Jessi Fisher led all scorers with 13. Kelly Browning had 12, Casey Seeger 11 and Crystal Bevan added six for the Cougars.

The Fillies have a two-week break over Christmas and New Year's then start league play at home, against the always tough Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots on Friday, January 3. Saturday, January 4, the Heppner teams make the long road trip to Moro to take on the Sherman County Huskies.



Lexi Matteson plays defense against Echo Cougar. Casey Ingraham (44) helps out

## Annie Hisler named to All-State



Annie Hisler

Annie Hisler, a junior at Heppner High School and the

starting setter for the Heppner Fillies volleyball team, was recently tapped for Honorable Mention on the Class 2A All-State High School Volleyball Team.

Other CBC athletes achieving this honor include Amber Weatherspoon, a junior at Weston-McEwen, who was listed as second team, and Sherman County senior, Tyan Sanderson, honorable mention.

## Ione JVs hook second victory

By Jeremy Rietmann

The Ione junior varsity boys' basketball team hooked its second victory on Tuesday, Dec. 17, when the Cardinals defeated the Stanfield Tigers, 63-46, in a dominating ball game.

The leading scorer for the Cardinals was junior Nathan Rietmann, with 18 points and

four rebounds. Rietmann also made an outstanding half court shot in the final seconds of the third quarter.

Other top scorers included Patrick Eberhard with 16 and Pete Cantu with eight.

The Cardinals hope to defeat Umatilla in their upcoming game on Friday, Dec. 27, in Umatilla.

## Keelie Keown on George Fox team

Keelie Keown, daughter of Michael and Kari Keown of Heppner, is a member of the George Fox University Lady Bruin Basketball Team.

Keelie, a junior at George Fox, has made four field goals and one three pointer, one offensive rebound, six defensive rebounds and two assists on the season.

The Lady Bruins have

played Asuza Pacific, Southern Claifornia, Condordia and Western Baptist.

Keelie graduated from Oakridge High School. Mike Keown is the assistant superintendent for Morrow County School District and Kari is employed at Murray Drugs.

## Dickenson named to HAAC team

Chris Dickenson of Heppner has been named to the 1996 Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC) All-Conference Football Team honorable mention.

Dickenson, the son of Steve and Kathy Dickenson, a sophomore at Graceland College, which is in the HAAC league, was a free safety on the team.

## Ione Cardinals whip Sherman Huskies, 62-43

The Ione Cardinals traveled to Maupin to play in the Red-side Invitational Tournament on Friday, Dec. 20, and came away with a hard-fought win, 62-43, against the Sherman Huskies, in the second game of the afternoon.

The first quarter was back and forth, with neither team gaining an edge. The score was deadlocked at 13. Second quarter action saw the Cardinals outscore the Huskies by four and leave the floor at the break with a 31-27 lead.

The third quarter was a replay of the first, with the Cardinals lengthening the lead to five by outscoring the Huskies, 10-9.

In the fourth quarter, the Cards found the range from the three-point line and drilled four three-pointers to put the game out of reach for the Huskies. Two three-pointers by Jon Garrett and one each by Luke Swanson and Joe Bacon spelled the difference in the quarter. The Cards also picked up the defensive pressure in the last quarter and held the Huskies to seven points, while scoring 21.

Jacob Taylor proved to be the catalyst as he came off the bench and played well defensively. He pulled down 12 re-



Joe Bacon passes in against Sherman County

bounds to lead the Cards in that department, and scored four points. Ione's leading scorer, Jake McElligott, sprained an ankle in the contest and will miss a game or two.

Steve Allen led in assists with eight, and Bacon, in steals, with four, as the Cardinals were able to capitalize on 18 Sherman turnovers.

The Cards played Wasco

County for the tournament championship on Saturday, Dec. 21.

Box Score: Ione-Allen 2 2-3 7; Swanson 3 2-4 9; McElligott 2 1-2 5; Garrett 3 2-2 10; Bacon 5 0-1 12; Orem 7 1-2 15; Crowell 0 0-0 0; Morgan 0 0-2 0; Taylor 2 0-0 4. Totals 24 8-16 62.

Sherman County: Burnett 6 1-2 14; English 1 0-0 3; Rolfe 1 0-0 2; Gardner 0 0-0 0; Thomas 4 0-0 8; Coe 1 0-0 2; Thomas 0 1-4 1; Macnab 2 0-3 4; Tatum 4 1-6 9. Totals: 19 3-15 43.

## Fillies canter to win over Imbler Panthers

by Molly Rhea

The Heppner Fillies cantered to another win as they bested the Imbler Panthers 53-40, Friday, December 20. The Fillies had three players in double figures with Lori Moeller again leading the pack with 15 points and 10 rebounds, Annie Hisler with 12 and Mindy Binschus with 10 points.

The game started with Imbler controlling the tip and immediately going into a slowed down offense. The Fillies displayed patient defense and after eight minutes the score was 11-12, Imbler up by one.

The second quarter the Fillies picked up the pace, forcing the Panthers into more of a running game. The Fillies gained the advantage and were leading 22-21 as they trotted into the locker room at halftime.

In the third quarter the Fillies came out with a full court press that had the Panthers chasing their own tails. With the strong defensive effort and a solid offense the Fillies outscored Imbler 14-8 to increase the lead to 36-29 going into the final period.

The Fillies kept up the pace and pressure throughout the fourth. Everything seemed to click into place as the girls demonstrated their teamwork, passing off for the best shots and finishing strong, 53-40, over the Panthers.

To round out the Filly scoring, Casey Ingraham contributed eight, Brooke Boyer had four, and Lexi Matteson and Jaci Hughes both added two points. As a team, the Fillies shot 67 percent from the free throw line. Imbler's Missy Deal led

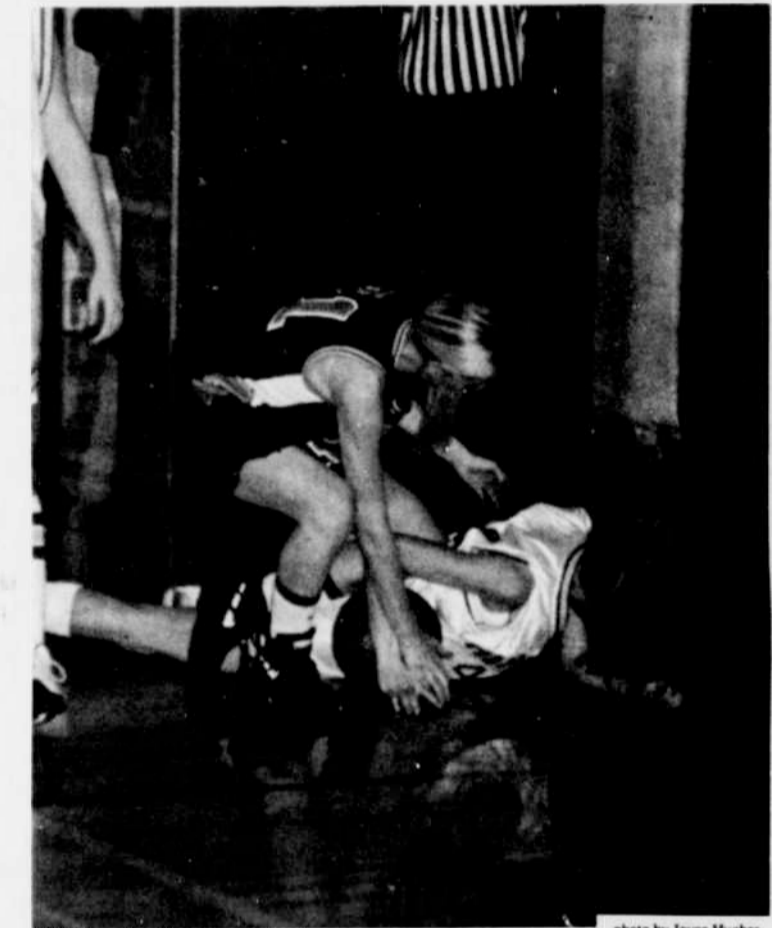


photo by Joyce Hughes

Casey Ingraham fights for a loose ball against Imbler

the Panthers' effort with 13 points.

In the four game sweep over Imbler, the JV Fillies had the most exciting finish, winning 34-33 in overtime. The game started out slow, the Fillies leading 8-5 at the quarter and 12-11 at the half. The second half the Heppner team sparked somewhat and led 20-17 going into the final quarter. Imbler's JV's were able to tie it up in the fourth to take the game into overtime, with 28 apiece. In the four extra minutes the

Fillies managed to score an additional six points while Imbler, down to five players due to foul trouble, scored only five. The win evens this young squad's record to 3-3 for the preseason.

Leading the scoring for the JV Fillies was Ashley Ropp with 12, followed by Kathleen Greenup with nine, Casey Ingraham and Trisha Adams with four each, Julie Watkins and Stephanie Clough with two apiece, and Alecia Strouse added one.

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