

Condon nips Mustang boys in close game



Tim Dickenson ends up with ball while Condon players end up in a pile

photo by Joyce Hughes

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs lost another close game to the Condon Blue Devils on Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Condon, 59-58. The Blue Devils had previously beat the Mustangs in overtime in the first game of the season.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 10-point lead in the first quarter, leading 14-4 after one. Condon got going in the second quarter, outscoring Heppner by eight as both teams combined for 50 points. The Mustangs led 35-33 at halftime.

Condon continued its scoring string, outscoring the Mustangs 20-9 to lead 53-44 at the end of the third quarter. The Mustangs battled back with the help of missed free throws by Condon to get within one point at 59-58 but couldn't quite get the go-ahead basket.

Heppner was led by Tim Dickenson with 19 points. Jared Eckman ended up with 14 and Chris Anthony scored 12 points.

Brad Carmine again led Condon with 25 points and Jarod Lathrop finished with 12.

Heppner ended its pre-season schedule with a 3-7 record.

Statistics:
Heppner 14-21-9-14 58
Condon 4-29-20-6 59
Heppner: Dickenson 8 3-5 19, Eckman 5 4-8 14, Anthony 5 2-4 12, Gunderson 3 2-4 9, Evans 1 0-0 2, Elguezabal 1 0-0 2, Matheny 0 0-0 0, Matteson 0 0-0 0. Total-23 11-21 58.
Three-point field goals-Gunderson.
Condon: Carmine 11 3-9 25, Lathrop 5 0-1 12, Weimar 4 0-2 9, Ja. Smith 3 1-2 7, Jo. Smith 2 0-3 4, Allen 1 0-0 2, Eubanks 0 0-0 0, C. Stinchfield 0 0-0 0. Total-26 4-17 59.
Three-point field goals-Lathrop 2, Weimar.

Mustang boys lose to TigerScots in OT

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Athena on Friday, Jan. 9 and lost in overtime to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots, 38-37.

The Mustangs looked good to start the game as Derek Gunderson hit a three-pointer, Tim Dickenson, a lay-in, and Gunderson drove the lane and put the ball in for a quick 7-0 Heppner lead. Weston-McEwen finally scored two quick buckets with 3:07 left to pull within 7-4. Chris Anthony hit a jumper at the buzzer to give Heppner an 11-6 lead after one period.

A defensive second quarter saw both teams score seven points and Heppner still led 18-13 at half-time.

The TigerScots closed to within two, 19-17, before Gunderson hit another three-pointer to push the lead back to five. Weston-McEwen closed the lead to 26-23 entering the final period.

The TigerScots came out quick in the fourth period with a lay-in and two free throws to take a 27-26 lead with 6:45 left. A Dickenson free throw tied the score at 27-27 with 5:24 left, and then a Dickenson lay-in with 2:17 left gave the Mustangs a 29-27 lead.

Two free throws by Weston-McEwen with 1:54 left tied the score again. After both teams turned the ball over, Heppner had one last chance, but a desperation shot fell short at the buzzer.

Weston-McEwen took a quick 31-29 lead in overtime, but Anthony came right back with a nice move on the baseline to tie the game at 31-31. The TigerScots came down and took a 33-31 lead before Shane Matheny made one of two free throws to make the score 33-32.

A Weston-McEwen free throw made it 34-32 before Casey Evans made two free throws to tie it up again with 1:32 left. A TigerScot basket and another free throw by Matheny made it 36-35 with :55 left. Dickenson came down the

baseline for a lay-in that gave the Mustangs a 37-36 lead with 27 seconds left. Maurice Johns put back his own rebound to give the TigerScots a 38-37 lead with :04 left. Anthony dribbled down the floor and hit a three-pointer, but the buzzer had already gone off.

The Mustangs were led by Dickenson with 11 points; Anthony had eight points; and Evans scored four points and pulled down eight rebounds.

Mustang JV boys rally against W-M

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs JV team rallied in the fourth quarter against the Sherman County Huskies, but fell short, losing 51-44 on Saturday, Jan. 10. The Mustangs outscored the Huskies 22-12 in the fourth period, but couldn't quite catch up.

The Mustangs fell behind 11-5 after one quarter and were down 24-15 at halftime. The Huskies extended their lead to 39-22 after three quarters before Heppner got their press working and got to within four points on two occasions. However, the Huskies made enough free throws to hold

Statistics:
Heppner 11-7-8-3 37
Weston-McEwen 6-7-10-6-9 38
Heppner: Dickenson 3 5-8 11, Anthony 4 0-0 8, Gunderson 3 0-0 8, Evans 0 4-4 4, Matheny 0 2-4 2, Eckman 1 0-0 2, Elguezabal 1 0-0 2, Matteson 0 0-2 0. Total 12 11-18 37.
Three-point field goals: Gunderson 2.
Weston-McEwen: Clark 5 2-2 13, Evans 4 2-2 10, Johns 4 0-2 8, Rainwater 3 1-4 7, Grimes, Peterson, Wagenaar. Totals 16 5-10 38. Three-point field goals: Clark.

off the Mustangs.
The Mustangs had a balanced scoring attack led by Blake Knowles, Michael Schonbacher and Craig Scott each with seven points. Blas Elguezabal and Joe Papineau each had six points. Ryan Matteson had five points and Brian Knowles finished with four.

Statistics:
Heppner 5-10-7-22 44
Sherman County 11-13-15-12 51
Heppner: Blake Knowles 3 1-5 7, Schonbacher 2 1-2 7, Scott 3 1-2 7, Elguezabal 2 2-2 6, Papineau 1 4-4 6, Matteson 2 1-2 5, Brian Knowles 2 0-4 4, Bellamy 1 0-1 2, Ployhar, Bates. Total 17 10-22 44.

EOU to hold local orientation

Eastern Oregon University's Division of Extended Programs will hold several meetings to explain continuing education opportunities for nontraditional time and placebound students. These meetings will provide information regarding the programs' external degree in liberal studies.

The winter term orientation sessions scheduled for Morrow County will be held Thursday, Jan. 22 at Heppner from 12-2 p.m., and March 5 at Boardman from 12-2 p.m. Sessions are offered at no charge.

Interested persons should con-

tact the Umatilla/Morrow County center for details regarding the meetings and their locations at 278-5776. Meetings will be cancelled if there are no students pre-registered by noon the day before each workshop.

Heppner Mustangs lose to Sherman County

By Rick Paullus
In a foul-filled game on Saturday, Jan. 10, the Heppner Mustangs lost to the Sherman County Huskies, 66-46. The two teams combined for 53 fouls-27 by Heppner and 26 by Sherman County.

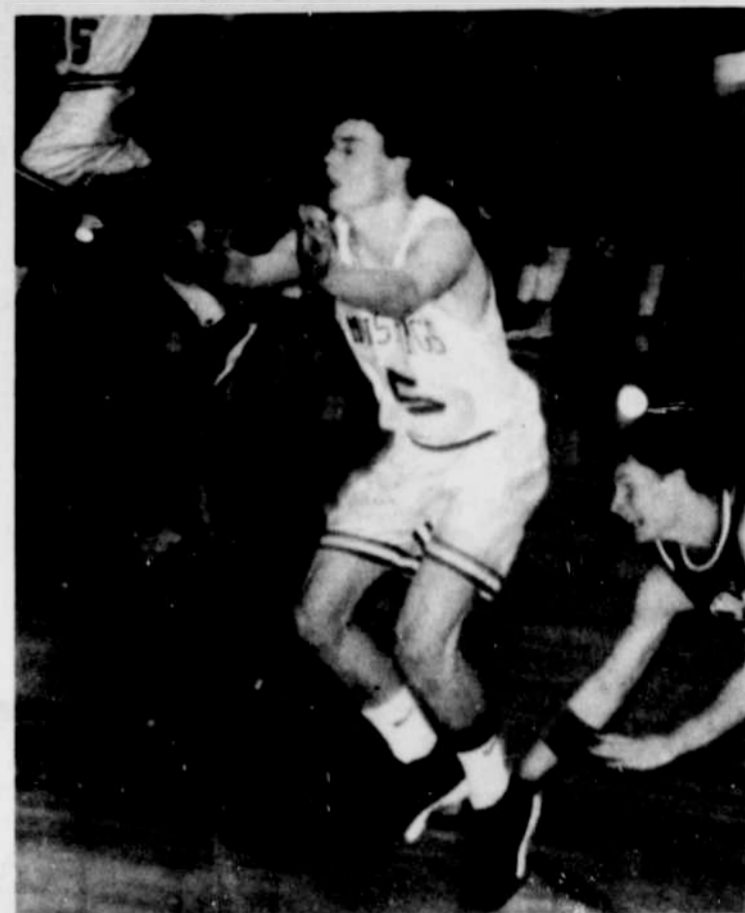
Sherman County jumped out to a 10-0 lead before Derek Gunderson hit a three-point field goal with 1:20 left in the first quarter. Tim Dickenson picked up his third foul with 49 seconds left and wouldn't play again until the third quarter. Two free throws by Casey Evans with :01 left pulled the Mustangs to within 11-8 after one quarter.

The fouls kept coming in the second quarter as Evans picked up his third foul with 7:09 left. Jared Eckman hit two free throws to make it 11-10 before picking up his third foul with 6:46 left. After many more fouls and free throws by both teams, the Huskies held a 29-20 lead at halftime after Shane Matheny hit a three-pointer at the buzzer.

The Huskies came out fast in the third quarter, scoring the first 10 points before Matheny hit a jump shot with 2:45 left. The Huskies built their lead to 51-24 at the end of the period.

The Mustangs outscored Sherman County 22-15 in the fourth period but it wasn't enough as the Mustangs dropped to 0-2 in the Columbia Basin Conference. The Mustangs will be back in action against league favorite and defending state champion Umatilla on Saturday, Jan. 17, at Heppner.

Eckman led the Mustang effort with 12 points. Matheny and Dickenson scored seven points apiece. Ryan Matteson came off



Shane Matheny makes a pass

photo by Joyce Hughes

the bench to score five points, grab eight rebounds and dish off four assists.

Statistics:
Sherman County-11-18-22-15 66
Heppner-8-12-4-22 46
Heppner: Eckman 4 4-4 12, Matheny 3 0-0 7, Dickenson 2 3-4 7, Matteson 2 1-2 6, Gunderson 2 0-2 5, Anthony 1 1-4 3, Bates 1 1-2 3, Evans 0 2-2 2, Elguezabal 0 2-6 2, Knowles. Total-15 14-26 46. Three-point field goals- Matheny, Gunderson, Matteson one each.
Sherman County: Richeiderfer 7 1-2 18, Fuller, Tatum 2 5-6 9, Josh Thomas 2 5-6 8, Fritts 2 1-6 7, Jesse Thomas 2 1-5 5, McNab 1 1-1 3, Koch 2 0-0 4. Total-22 16-34, 66. Three-point field goals-Richeiderfer 3, Fritts 2.

Mustang JV girls hand loss to Sherman

By Molly Rhea
Although the Sherman County junior varsity came loaded for bear with 17 girls on their roster, Heppner sent them away empty-handed on January 10. The young Mustang squad handed the Huskies a 42-21 defeat to improve Heppner's season record to 5-2.

The Mustangs led from wire to wire, ahead 12-8 after the first eight minutes. With Amy Papineau putting in six of her 10 points in the second quarter, Heppner kicked open a big lead, finishing the half ahead by 11 points, 21-10.

Although the Mustangs managed only five points in the third quarter, the Huskies put in a measly four and Heppner led 26-14 after three. The Mustangs pulled out all the stops for the final stanza, outscoring the Huskies 16 to 7. Ten of the Mustangs' fourth quarter points came from behind the freethrow line.

Amy Papineau lead the scoring and rebounding effort with 10 points and 12 boards, as well as four steals. Trisha Adams added eight points and seven rebounds, while Julie Watkins dished out four assists to her teammates.

Sherman Co 8 2 4 7 - 21
Heppner 12 11 5 16 - 42
Sherman County (21) Case 1 0-1 2, Bird, Wooderson, Richeiderfer 3 1-3 7, Tatum 0 0-1 0, J. Pinkerton, Wilson 2 0-3 4, K. Pinkerton 0 3-10 3, Weedman 0 1-2 1, Fuller, Wolfe, Blagg 1 0-0 2, Brower, Fritz, Miller, Melzer, Rivas 0 2-2 2. Totals 7 7-24 21. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 24, fouled out - none.

Heppner (42) Ropp 2 1-3 5, Clough 1 0-1 2, Pointer 1 2-2 4, Kahl 0 3-4 3, Rhea 1 0-1 2, Adams 3 2-4 8, Greenup 3 1-5 7, Watkins 0 1-2 1, Papineau 4 2-3 10, Maben, Sykes. Totals 15 12-25 42. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 24, fouled out - none.

Card party set for Sunday, Jan. 18

The card and bunco party that was scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 11 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall was postponed because of the bad weather.

The party, which is for men and women bridge, pinochle and bunco players, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. at the parish hall.

Admission is \$2. Cash prizes and door prizes will be awarded.

1998 Elite Softball Clinic
Jan. 24th noon-5 p.m. & Jan. 25th 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sandstone Middle School, Hermiston, OR
Cost: \$50 advanced registration; \$60 day of clinic
Girls Fastpitch Softball Fundamentals will include:
A. Throwing
B. Defense, Infield, Outfield & Catching
C. Base Running
D. Bunting, Slapping & Hitting
The Saturday session will be throwing & defense. The Sunday session will be hitting (the first quarter of the SuperBowl will be shown during this session for parents interested in watching).
Instructors: Tom Bequette, Coach 1997 Oregon State ASA 14U Champions
Kelly Richards, ASA-VIP Certified Coach
TO REGISTER, CONTACT:
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Kelly Richards 1103 Acaia Ave. Richland, WA 99352 (509) 946-6665

Willow Creek Baptist Church
Worship Service at 3 p.m.
Meeting in the 7th-day Adventist Church
560 North Minor

"A child is the root of the heart."
To suffer the loss of a child is to know a loss unlike any other...
It means letting go of a beautiful part of our life & hopes & dreams we cherish.
Memories are like little stars in the dark night of sorrow, & Shad "is & always will be our shining star."
Your overwhelming support & sympathy for our family has given us the much-needed strength in helping us accept losing Shad. Only those of you that have gone through this tragedy may fully understand, but all of you will never realize that because of your cards, phone calls, flowers, masses offered, food, poems, counselors for the students, memorial contributions, ranch help & the abundance of love you have shown us, have helped us try to endure this unbearable time.
Our heartfelt thanks go to the Heppner Volunteer Fire Dept. Rescue Team & Pioneer Memorial Ambulance Crew for doing everything in their power for Shad, to Dr. Wenberg & Pioneer Memorial Hospital nurses & personnel that tried to care for our families' needs.
Special thanks to Father Condon for leading & guiding us through Shad's tragedy & service, the Heppner St. Patrick's Altar Society for the wonderful dinner, & Sweeney Mortuary for their compassion & professionalism.
Heppner & all surrounding communities came to our aid and there are no words to sufficiently express what each of you have done for us - we will forever be grateful. Shad loved you all & the love has been returned.
"What enriches our lives is not how long we have with a person, but the depth of love we are fortunate enough to share."
Sincerely,
Paul, Susan, Shaun & Annie Hiler
& extended Hiler and Healy families