

Heppner teams fall to Rockets and TigerScots

On Friday, January 14, a moment of silence was shared in the Heppner gym for the sudden passing of girls' varsity basketball coach Mark Dowdy. His family, the community, and his team are all mourning the loss of such a good person.

It was a team decision to play the Pilot Rock Rockets. "Do it for D" is now Heppner basketball's motivation for giving their all on the court. The league leading Rockets had their hands full as Heppner led at the end of the first quarter 14-12 and at the half it was tied 26-26. The Mustangs were out scored 19-12 in the third quarter as the Rockets inside game took over to seal the win 57-48.

Lindsay Cutsforth had her best game in a Heppner uniform scoring 20, while Dougherty and Bennett each scored seven. Heppner shot 10-20 from the line. The Mustangs played well, with a lot of heart, and although the game was lost, they competed with tremendous determination and pride.

In the boys' game, the Mustangs came out running by the Rockets in the first quarter 17-10 and continued with a lead at halftime 30-27. The second half was in favor of Pilot Rock as they outscored Heppner 16-11 in the third quarter and 15-10 in the fourth quarter to win by seven, 58-51.

Cody Orr scored 20 to lead the Mustangs. Devin Robinson had nine and Justin Pranger had eight to round out the top scoring for Heppner. The Mustangs were 8-13 from the line and 3-21 from outside the arc.

It was a tough night for Heppner basketball. In Athena, the Lady Mustangs struggled to score against the TigerScots. The Mustangs, after a tough home court loss the night



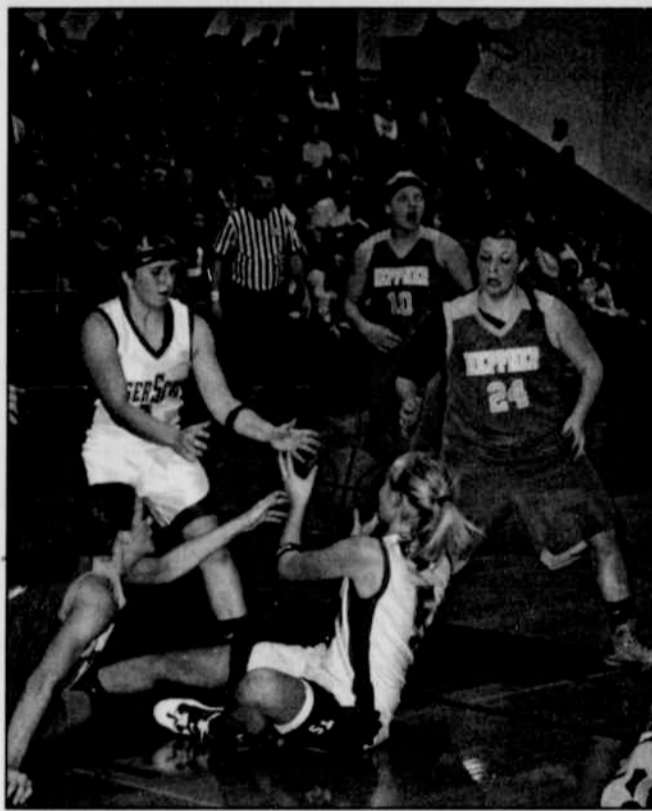
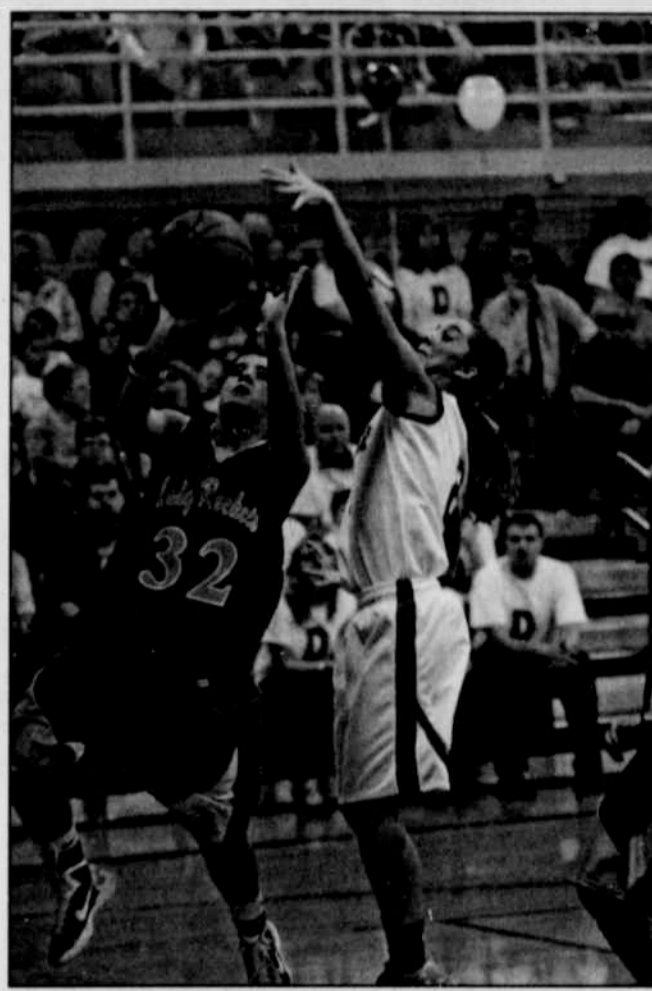
The Heppner Mustangs fell short against the Rockets on an emotional night in Heppner on Friday. The boys' and girls' teams also lost their games Saturday in Athena. -Photos by Sandy Matthews

before, couldn't find the bucket in the first half, only scoring nine points for a 15-9 TigerScot lead.

The third quarter

showed little change as Heppner was out-rebounded handily, but only out-scored by two, to make it 27-19.

When the fourth quarter



started, things started to click for the Mustangs as they turned the heat on against the TigerScots in a wild eight minutes of

watch, outscoring their opponent 16-12 respectively. After catching up, and with a few lead changes, the

score held 36-34, Weston, with 34 seconds to go. Alana Wilson had fouled out at the one minute mark as the Mustangs kept the pressure on defensively. A few whistles sent the TigerScots to the line where they won the game 39-35.

Wilson led all scores with 16 and Lindsay Cutsforth had eight. Heppner shot 11-29 from the free throw line, but gave away 57 rebounds. Everyone played hard.

In the boys' varsity game at Athena, it was Heppner in the first half, outscoring the TigerScots in both quarters of play for a halftime score of 29-23.

The game turned in favor of the TigerScots in the second half. Weston pulled within one point at the end of the third quarter with a tough TigerScot crowd propelling their team into a showdown. With three minutes left in the contest tied at 42, Jared Hedman scored two on a fast break lay-in. The next time down the floor he was fouled and made both free throws to make the score 46-42 Heppner. The next two possessions went to the TigerScots and were converted into four points, tying the game with two minutes to go.

Weston scored three times in 42 seconds, giving them the lead 52-46 with 1:18 to go. Cody Orr was then fouled and made both shots for Heppner. On the next possession Alex Pickles hit a three-pointer to pull within one point, 52-51. With 11 seconds left in the game, the TigerScots were fouled on the inbound and made their free throws to win the game 54-51. Again, the game is won at the free throw line.

Orr led all scores with 26. Hedman and Jake Bowles each had seven points.

Ione JV boys win over Irrigon in overtime, defeat Sherman

By Paula Emmel

The Ione JV boys won against Irrigon in overtime, 54-51, on January 11.

Kaleb Dumler led the team with 22 points, followed by Luke Emmel with 14, Kirk Haguewood with 12 and Bailey Haguewood with four and Jason Thompson with two points.

Emmel led the team with four assists. Kirk Haguewood led the rebounds with 17, followed by Emmel with six, Gus Peterson with four, and Dumler with five. Dumler had four steals while Peterson had three.

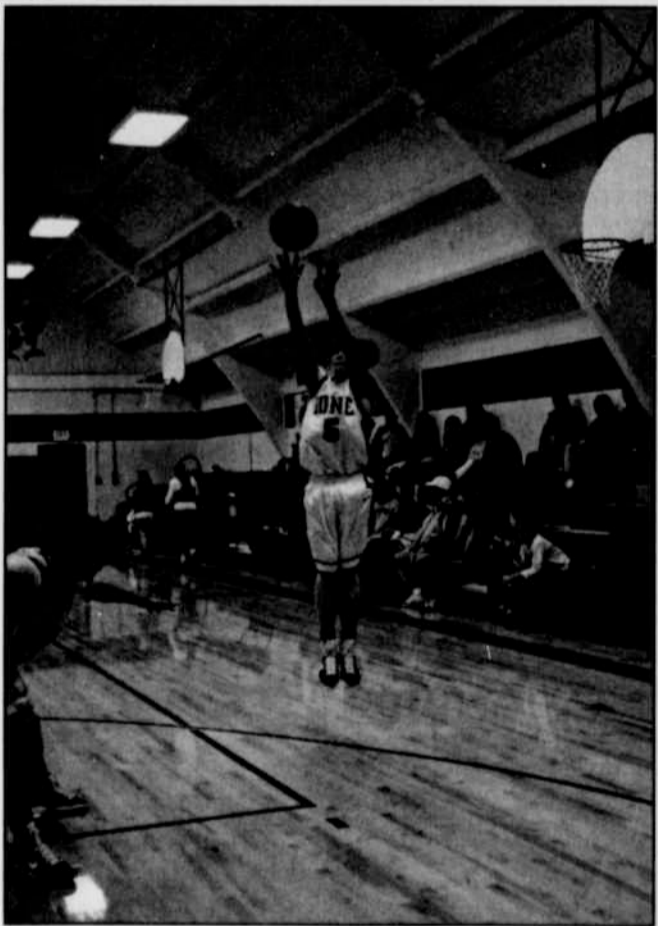
Coach Jim Swanson noted the performances of three key players: "Kaleb kept driving to the hole." While "Luke ran the offense for us and made great passes." And "Kirk did a great job on the boards with 17 rebounds."

Coach Swanson also said, "Overall, this was a great win for our team. After going 0-7, they needed this. This was a complete game at both ends by all the players. I am really proud of them."

The Ione Cardinals JV boys won their third match of the week, defeating Sherman County Huskies 63 to 47 on Saturday.

There was a tie for the lead scorers Luke Emmel and Kirk Haguewood with 17 points each. Kaleb Dumler was next with 13, Bailey Haguewood with eight and Jason Thompson, Gus Peterson, Joel Stillman, and Trent Cannon with two points each.

Kirk pulled down



Kaleb Dumler sinks a three point shot during the JV boys' win over Irrigon on January 11. -Photo by Paula Emmel

15 rebounds half way to his goal of 30 rebounds in a single game. Peterson captured eight rebounds, Dumler retrieved seven, Emmel gathered up four rebounds and Stillman got three, Cannon nabbed two and Jason, Bailey, and Kaid Peck each grabbed one rebound each. Emmel lead the assists with four, Stillman with three, Dumler assisted twice and brothers- Kirk and Bailey each gave one assist. Noticeably, Kirk tried hard to help freshman teammate, Peck, try to achieve his first basket. Peck's shot was blocked; however, he got his first rebound of his high-school career.

Kirk was the leader in steals with five, Emmel stole four times, Dumler, Peterson, and Bailey each stole twice and Thompson stole once. Seven of the 10 players earned a hustle point, showing how hard they played.

They earned this win in many ways. Cardinals out-rebounded the Huskies, had more assists and steals than their opponent, and had less turnovers than Sherman County.

Coach Jim Swanson had this to say, "Again, we played an incredible defense, and this time our shots fell. The boys played a superb game."

Arbuckle Nordic Club holds weekly outing



Molly Rhea led five members of the Arbuckle Nordic Club up the 5326 to Hwy 53, southwest to the 170 spur, and then north towards Arbuckle Mountain this past Saturday. It was overcast but the group didn't get any precipitation until a few flakes started to come down just after lunch. As they skied down to lower elevations it changed to a drizzle and then it was raining hard on the drive back to Heppner. Considering the weather forecast, the group had good ski conditions while on the trail. Temperatures at the beginning and end of the trip were about 38 degrees. -Contributed Photo

Cardinal Basketball Schedule

Jan. 21 - Echo at home, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Jan. 28 - Nixyaawii at home, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Jan. 29 - at South Wasco, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Feb. 1 - Condon/Wheeler at home, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Feb. 4 - at Echo, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Feb. 5 - at Central Christian, 1 p.m. (GV, BV)
 Feb. 11 - at Helix, 3 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Feb. 12 - Dufur at home, 1 p.m. (GJV, BJV, GV, BV)
 Feb. 17-19 - District Tournament in Umatilla

Heppner Wrestling Schedule

Jan. 20 - Heppner 5-Way, 5 p.m.
 Jan. 22 - at Kittitas Tournament, 10 a.m.
 Jan. 29 - at Irrigon Tournament, 5 p.m.
 Feb. 5 - BEO Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Feb. 11-12 - at Halfway Tournament, 2 p.m.
 Feb. 18-19 - District Tournament at Enterprise, 2 p.m.

HHS Girls' Basketball Schedule

Jan. 21 - Enterprise at home, 6 p.m.
 Jan. 22 - Elgin at home, 4 p.m.
 Jan. 28 - at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
 Jan. 29 - Weston-McEwen at home, 4 p.m.
 Feb. 4 - at Enterprise, 6 p.m.
 Feb. 5 - at Union, 4 p.m.
 Feb. 11 - at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
 Feb. 12 - Stanfield at home, 4 p.m.

HHS Boys' Basketball Schedule

Jan. 21 - Enterprise at home, 7:30 p.m.
 Jan. 22 - Elgin at home, 5:30 p.m.
 Jan. 28 - at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.
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