

SPORTS

Heppner secures win in Stanfields first post season game

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Monday marked the first time since 2009 that the Stanfield Tigers girls basketball team played a post-season basketball game.

Unfortunately for Daniel Sharp's bunch, a big second-quarter run by the Heppner Mustangs proved to be too much, as Heppner went on to win 47-32 in a 2A Columbia Basin Conference district tie-breaker behind 14 points from Kelli Wilson.

As the Columbia Basin Conference district tournament continues, Stanfield plays Culver at 6 p.m. today at Armand Larive Middle School.

No Stanfield Tiger recorded double-figure points in the loss. Maddie Griffin led Stanfield with 8.

Heppner dominated from the free-throw line throughout the game, sinking 21 of 30 attempts from the charity stripe, while Stanfield went just 1-for-5. Sharp said that was a product of Stanfield's lack of aggressiveness offensively.

"Our girls were timid and scared and worried about getting blocked or something in there," Sharp said. "That hurts us. We don't attack as much or as we should."

The Mustangs began to break open a close game in the first quarter, when, while up 7-4, they went on a 6-2 run to take a 13-6 lead after a quarter.

Stanfield began pressing in the second quarter to good success, forcing Heppner into some turnovers to keep the game relatively close.

"I started panicking, honestly," guard Wilson said. "I wasn't ready for them to be that good at pressuring us, but once I



SAM BARBEE PHOTO

Stanfield's Ashlee O'Neill (center) tries to make a pass across the lane as Heppner's Jessica Kemkin (22) defends during the first half of Heppner's 47-32 tie-breaker win over Stanfield Monday at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston.

figured out to just get the ball to the post, we would reverse it, and it led to lay-ins."

Stanfield wanted to stay in the full-court press, but the Tigers couldn't get any baskets. Heppner, on the other hand, grabbed rebounds and quickly got the outlet pass to a guard who pushed the tempo and got layups or fouls on the other end.

Stanfield played tough in the second quarter, holding the high-octane Mustangs to just one field goal in the final five minutes of play.

Heppner, however, kept the pressure up in the third quarter and went on a 15-4

run capped by a pair of free throws from Maddie Lindsay to take a commanding 36-16 lead with 3:25 left.

Stanfield showed fight down the stretch in the third when Maddie Griffin hit three pointers on two of three possessions to close Heppner's lead to 14 at 38-24, but more Heppner free throws moved the count back to 41-24 after three quarters.

Stanfield couldn't get anything going in the fourth, committing seven turnovers in the final period, including four straight while down 44-27.

Looking ahead to tonight's matchup, Sharp said



SAM BARBEE PHOTO

Heppner's Maddie Lindsay (20) drives against Stanfield's Natalia Esquivel (54) as Mustang Kelly Wilson (1) tries to get open during the second half of Heppner's 47-32 tie-breaker win over the Tigers Monday at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston.

his team isn't facing any pressure to win. He said the Tigers have already done more this year than in past years.

"We just gotta go play," he said. "There's nothing we can do. We are what we are right now. A lot of the work we need to do is stuff that happens in the off-season. You can't dramatically fix anything immediately, but you can get after it and go hard all the time. I don't know if we've completely bought into that all the time. We have moments of it."

HEPPNER 47, STANFIELD 32

SHS	6	6	12
8	32		
HHS	13	8	18
8	47		

Stanfield — C. Curiel 5, M. Griffin 8, A. Lemmon 0, A. O'Neill 2, M. Banderas 0, B. Watson 0, G. Chavez 0, Y. Chavez 2, B. Braithwaite 2, S. Connell 2, C. Hopper 6, N. Esquivel 0, Heppner — K. Wilson 14, K. Lindsay 2, M. Gibbs 1, R. Dampier 0, R. Wizner 0, K. Gray 1, R. Kollman 0, P. Grieb 4, M. Lindsay 12, J. Kempin 13, M. Correa 0.

3-point field goals — Stanfield 3, Heppner 0.
Free throws — Stanfield 1-5, Heppner 21-30.
Fouls — Stanfield 19, Heppner 12.

Hermiston struggles at district swim meet

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The Hermiston swim team struggled at districts on Saturday, but Sidney Tovey was a lone bright spot.

The freshman placed fourth in the girls 200-yard freestyle, fourth in the girls 100-yard freestyle and was the anchor in Hermiston's third-place finish in the girls 400-yard freestyle relay.

Overall, Hood River Valley won the district meet in the final event — the boys 400-yard freestyle relay — and edged Pendleton by just three points: 354.5-351.5. The Dalles was a distant third with 171 points, and Hermiston finished fourth with 103 points.

The third-place finish in the girls 400-yard relay was the highest finish for a Bulldog at this year's district meet, but the Bulldogs had several fourth-place finishes.

Tovey, senior Yessica Roman and junior Jacob Snell each recorded fourth-place finishes, earning five points each for Hermiston.

In Tovey's events, the freshman finished the finals race of the 200-yard freestyle in 2 minutes, 27.12 seconds, 19 seconds behind race winner Allison Burke of Hood River Valley. In the 100-yard freestyle, Tovey finished

nine seconds back of Dhani Freeland of Hood River with a 1:04.01 effort. In the 400-yard freestyle relay, Tovey teamed up with freshman Hannah Walker, senior Roman and sophomore Carla Medel to record a 5:06.60 time, a minute and a half behind race winners Caitlyn Fick, Burke, Courtney Castaneda and Freeland from Hood River Valley.

Snell's fourth-place finish came in the boys 100-yard backstroke, when the junior finished with a time of 1:15.33, nine seconds behind The Dalles' Ben Feil.

Roman's fourth-place came in the girls 200-yard individual medley with a 3:09.70 mark, about a minute behind Hood River Valley Kyle Webb.

Other Hermiston results: Girls 200-yard medley relay: Tiana Lum, Cailyn Lambert, Lindsey McAllister, Rylee Hancock, seventh, 3:01.16

Girls 200-yard medley relay: Laura Dewey, Gisselle Galaviz, Breckyn Meham, Ashland Oswald, eighth, 3:13.74

Boys 200-yard medley relay: Justin Black, Carson Wrathall, Zachary McAllister, Caleb Jorgenson, fifth, 2:36.97

Boys 200-yard medley relay: Michael Storagee, Nick Wag, Jose Roman, Bon Vo, sixth, 2:38.58

Boys 200-yard freestyle: Nick Wang, eighth, 3:11.96

Boys 50-yard freestyle: Jacob Snell, sixth, 26.70

Girls 100-yard butterfly: Lindsey McAllister, seventh, 1:48.67

Boys 100-yard freestyle: Luke Clupny, eighth, 1:01.98

Girls 500-yard freestyle: Hannah Walker, fifth, 7:37.77

Girls 200-yard freestyle relay: Hannah Walker, Yessica Roman, Carla Medel, Sidney Tovey, fifth, 2:16.55

Girls 200-yard freestyle relay: Lydia Scott, Ashland Oswald, Breckyn Meham, Rebecca Carr, seventh, 2:50.15

Boys 200-yard freestyle relay: Zachary McAllister, Luke Clupny, Ryan Stewart, Jacob Snell, sixth, 1:55.27

Boys 100-yard backstroke: Ryan Stewart, disqualified

Boys 100-yard backstroke: Nick Wang, eighth, 1:24.38

Girls 400-yard freestyle relay: Rebecca Carr, Cailyn Lambert, Tiana Lum, Lydia Scott, fifth, 5:53.63

Boys 400-yard freestyle relay: Luke Clupny, Jose Roman, Ryan Stewart, Jacob Snell, fifth, 4:18.94

Boys 400-yard freestyle relay: Justin Blake, Caleb Jorgenson, Irvin Morales, Michael Storagee, sixth, 4:56.59

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videos of participants riding the winding trails around the vineyards and through the desert. Various mountain biking sites have small write-ups and lodging information pertaining to the Red to Red.

The race itself starts in Echo at the corner of Main and South Dupont Streets in Echo and heads west toward the trails and finishes on Bridge Street in Echo. Riders can select one of three course lengths: 15 miles, 24 miles or 36 miles. It's a sanctioned Oregon Bicycle Racing Association race, and is the first mountain bike race of the OBRA 2015 slate.

The track takes riders out west of town, through rolling desert hills and along cliff faces overlooking the Umatilla River

before heading back into Echo. The trails are about three and a half miles from town, and the race doesn't formally start until the trails are reached.

"It's a difficult course, but it's definitely something any ability level would be able to do," Myers said.

The mountain bike race isn't the only event at the Red to Red. A special addi-

tion is the Poker Ride/Run. It started a few years after the original Red to Red when the Myers' noticed people were staying an extra night and camping.

"There's a lot of people who stay and camp out after the race and want to ride," Myers said. "So, we thought, why don't we use another thing to raise funds."

Those funds raised go to

various organizations around the area. Proceeds from the mountain bike race go to Echo Kiwanis' scholarship. The local Mason Lodge makes lunch and donates those proceeds to its Bikes for Books program. The Poker Ride/Run's proceeds go to the Echo Food Pantry.

During the Poker Ride/Run, a rider — or, this year, a runner too — gets a card when they start at the Echo trail heads. The rider has to traverse at least 4.6 miles where they can pick up three more cards at various locations and, once they have those three cards, makes the ride back into town where they are greeted with their fifth and final card. The top three hands get payouts. The event expanded from just a ride to a ride and run this year after Echo Bike and Board starting selling running gear recently.

Irrigon holds on to beat Tigers

Grogan scores 24 in loss

the half with Irrigon up 39-22.

Then the storm began. Sort of.

Grogan had five points in the first minute of the second half. With 4:02, though, Irrigon led by 19, the largest lead of the night. Then, Stanfield pushed for a comeback in earnest.

The top-ranked Irrigon Knights blew a big second-half lead, but held on to down the Stanfield Tigers 67-63 in the regular season finale at Irrigon Saturday.

Stanfield's Dylan Grogan led all scorers with 24 points — including a near-half court shot at the final buzzer — and Irrigon's Anthony Landeros had 21 points. With the win, Irrigon sealed the top seed in the 2A Columbia Basin Conference district tournament, and Stanfield claims the tie-breaker with Heppner with more points scored.

Basically the entire second half was a storm for the Knights.

After dominating the first half to the tune of a 39-22 lead that saw 11 Stanfield turnovers, the Tigers battled back throughout the entirety of the second half. Stanfield outscored Irrigon 41-28 but couldn't finish off the comeback on the road.

"I thought defensively we weren't as (good at) making them do things they didn't want to do," Stanfield head coach Daniel Sharp said. "They were 39 or 38 at halftime. That's a lot. They were just playing well."

For Stanfield (17-5, 7-3), though, the mood was chipper after a loss.

"We just went out to have fun," Grogan said. "This game (didn't) matter. We just wanted to win and have fun."

Early on, Irrigon was jumping passing lanes and converting those into layups like the Knights have done all year. Stanfield, though, did lead early on when Grogan's 2-point-er gave the Tigers an early 6-5 edge. Stanfield again led in the same quarter when Eric Galarza's jumper went down with two minutes left to give the Tigers a 10-9 lead.

That was last time Stanfield was on top.

AJ Timpy hit a 3 then made two free throws on the next possession, then Landeros got two off a turnover to close the 7-0 run that ended the first quarter. The Knights didn't stop there. They opened the second quarter on a 13-0 run that lasted just more than two minutes and pushed Stanfield back on its heels.

Their lead fluctuated between 10 and as many as 15 until Irrigon's Fredy Vera hit a 3-point-er with 1:23 left to end

Grogan converted an and-one then got a bucket the next possession to cut the lead to 48-34 with 2:39 on the clock. Tony Flores hit a 3 with 1:42 left to get Stanfield within 11, and, after an Irrigon timeout, Ryan Bailey was fouled and made both, bringing Stanfield within nine at 48-39. Landeros and Grogan traded baskets to settle the third-quarter count at 50-41.

Irrigon pushed the lead back to 12 with the help of a pair of Landeros 3-pointers to start the fourth quarter. Then Stanfield embarked on a 6-0 run to close the deficit to five, the smallest it had been since the end of the first period. Minutes later Flores hit his third 3 to pull Stanfield within four at 60-56. Stanfield would not get any closer, however. Irrigon missed just one free throw down the stretch, and the Tigers only got one bucket to go in the final minute not counting Grogan's heave at the buzzer.

The district tournament starts on Friday, with all the games played at the Pendleton Convention Center.

IRRIGON 67, STANFIELD 63

SHS	10	12	19	22	63
IHS	16	23	11	17	67

Stanfield — L. Moreno 0, R. Bailey 6, J. Carrillo 0, E. Galarza 7, A. Nunez 0, E. Lockwood 2, T. Flores 9, H. Braithwaite 19, D. Grogan 24, T. Monkus 0, A. Montes 0, S. Allan 0, M. Davchevski 5.

Irrigon — X. Rambo 0, A. Romero 11, A. Timpy 5, S. Verley 0, A. Landeros 21, F. Vera 15, R. Reynolds 4, A. Rice 0, H. White 0, Z. Rice 11, O. Romero 0.

3-point field goals — Stanfield 8, Irrigon 7.
Free throws — Stanfield 11-14, Irrigon 11-14.
Fouls — Stanfield 18, Irrigon 17.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

IRRIGON 39, STANFIELD 34

At Irrigon, a big second half propelled the Lady Knights past the Lady Tigers 39-34 Friday night in both teams' regular season finale. Bailey Watson led the Tigers with 11 points.

IRRIGON 39, STANFIELD 34

SHS	4	9	10	11	34
IHS	4	7	13	15	39

Stanfield — C. Curiel 2, M. Griffin 0, A. O'Neill 0, M. Banderas 0, B. Watson 11, G. Chavez 3, Y. Chavez 6, B. Braithwaite 6, S. Connell 2, C. Hopper 0, N. Esquivel 3.

Irrigon — K. Gilman 2, A. Ayala 2, H. Vera 0, K. McLoughlin 9, T. Davis 4, J. Burns 14, L. Mills 0, D. Roybal 2, B. Aguilera 5, C. Case 1.

3-point field goals — Stanfield 2, Irrigon 1.
Free throws — Stanfield 8-20, Irrigon 12-22.
Fouls — Stanfield 19, Irrigon 20.

Super Crossword

Answers

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IF YOU GO

WHAT: Echo Red to Red Mountain Bike Race/Poker Ride/Run
WHEN: 11 a.m. Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m. March 1
WHERE: Race begins at corner of Main and Dupont Streets in downtown Echo
HOW: Prospective racers may register at EchoRed2Red.com or at Echo Bike and Board in Stanfield. To pre-register, prices are \$40 for adults and \$15 for riders ages 10-18. Riders younger than 10 are not permitted. Pre-registered racers get free lunch and are entered into raffles. The Poker Ride/Run costs \$20 at pre-registration, and breakfast and more raffles are included. The final day for pre-registration is Monday. Prices after pre-registration are still \$15 for juniors, but \$45 for adults.