

# Mustangs ground Cardinals 87-67



Photo by Pam Minster  
Gabe Garcia goes up for shot against Heppner

The Heppner Mustangs used a high-scoring attack to cruise past the lone Cardinals, 87-67, in a non league contest, Monday, December 17 at Heppner.

Heppner sprinted past the Cardinals in the first period, racking up a 15-0 lead before lone got their first score. The Mustangs led 23-15 after one quarter as the Cardinals regrouped.

The Mustangs led 43-31 at halftime and slowly increased their lead throughout the remainder of the game.

Doug Devin led the Mustangs with 17 points and grabbed six rebounds. Heppner went to the 5'10" Devin time and again against the taller Car-

dinals and he scored or drew the foul. It was easily Devin's best performance of the young season.

Three other Mustangs scored in double figures to support a total of 11 Mustangs hitting the scoring column. Rick Osmin had 13 points and six rebounds. Jason Britt and Brandon Pedro each had 11 and Britt and Kevin Bond, a 6'1" senior each swiped nine rebounds to lead the team.

Ryan Halvorsen, a crafty sophomore, led both teams with a game-high 26 points with some aggressive moves to the baseline. Mike Garrett, a 6'5" junior, scored 22 and Gabe Garcia had 10 counters. Only four players scored for the

## Cardinals

The win raised the Mustangs season record to 5-1 for the season.  
**Heppner** 23 20 21 23 87  
**lone** 15 16 18 18 67  
 Heppner: Koffler 4 9; Currin 1 2-4 4; Pettyjohn, Maben 1 2; Krein 3 8; Britt 4 2-3 11; Osmin 4 3-4 13; Pedro 4 3-4 11; Johnston 0-1; Grabeel 1 2; Rathbun 2 4; Devin 7 3-6 17; Bond 2 1-2 6. Total 33 14-24 87.  
 lone: Garcia 4 1-2 10; Wagenblast 3 3-7 9; Garrett 10 2-5 22; Halvorsen 10 6-8 26; D. Heideman 0-2; Miller, Orem, Sheirbon, A. Heideman, Lovett.  
 Total fouls Heppner 23 lone 17.

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# Condon Blue Devils stun Mustangs



Photo by Joyce Hughes  
Cory Grabeel guards Condon player for the Mustangs

The Condon Blue Devils traveled to Heppner Tuesday, December 18 and came away with a 57-49 victory over the surprised Mustangs.

The Blue Devils hung in with the Mustangs, trailing by 10 points at the half, 30-20, and then exploded for 23 points in the final stanza.

Condon was very patient and was able to dictate the tempo and keep the Mustangs, who were averaging more than 70 points per game, from running. Heppner attempted only 62 shots, more than 20 below their season average.

Brandon Pedro was a bright spot for the subdued Mustangs. He tallied 19 points and got eight rebounds in a strong effort.

Condon was led by senior Tucker Jones with 20 points and senior Brian Johnson added 15.

The loss brought Heppner's season record to 5-2 with the Christmas break arriving.

Heppner starts league play January 4, traveling to The Dalles to face the Wahtonka Eagles.

**Heppner** 17 13 11 8 49  
**Condon** 14 6 14 23 57

Heppner: Koffler 1 1-2 4; Currin 1-3 1; Pettyjohn 0-1; Maben, Krein 1 2; Britt 2 1-2 5; Osmin 2 5; Pedro 8 3-6 19; Johnston, Grabeel, Rathbun 2 1-3 5; Devin 2 0-1 4; Bond 1 2-2 4. Total 19 9-20 49.

Condon: Brent Johnson, McKay, Helms 2 2-4 6; Lantis 3 6; Greenfield 2 0-3 4; Brian Johnson 5 4-6 15; McCoin 1 4-6 6; Jones 7 6-8 20. Total 20 16-27 57.

Total fouls Heppner 23, Condon 19.

## BMCC announces

### Fall honor roll

Thirty-seven Blue Mountain Community College students received a perfect 4.0 grade point average during Fall term which reflects a straight A report in all courses taken by the student. Morrow County students receiving straight A's were Chloe Pearson and Janet Plocharsky, Heppner and Joanna Allison, Boardman.

In addition to the straight A students, another 100 are listed on the Fall term honor roll. Students on the dean's list numbered 161. Students receiving a 3.5 or better are eligible for the college honor roll and those with a 3.0 to 3.5 earn a place on the dean's list. On the honor roll were Tracie Duitsman, Boardman; Bobby Harris, Hardman; Joy Hellberg and Mary Snyder, Irrigon; and Melissa Rowell, Lexington. Making the dean's list were Teruo Chinen, Gail Hughes, Mike Mahoney and Michelle Wallis, Heppner; Barney Lindsay, Lexington; Keith Morter, lone; Carmen Britt, Irrigon; and Harold Glenn, Michael Peck, Marty Suter and Michael Voorhees, Boardman.

To earn a spot on either list, a student must be carrying a full-time load of classes which translates to 12 graded credit hours. Students may not have received an F in any class to be so honored nor does a pass grade count in the 12 graded hours necessary to be included on either list.

## Births

Kelli Keith Kayser—a daughter, Kelli Keith, was born to Patti and Ned Kayser of Condon on December 20 at St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla. They baby weighed 8 lbs.

Grandparents are Pat Pettyjohn of lone and the late Lee Pettyjohn; and Keith and Margarite Kayser of Centerville, WA. Great grandmother is Marie Kreps of Centerville, WA.

Kelli joins brother Trevor, 16 and sister Katie, 11 at home.



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## Off the Wall

By Merlyn Robinson

If your Christmas day involved going over the river and through the woods, I hope you had a safe journey and I hope frozen pipes did not complicate your holiday. By this time, that beautifully-browned turkey is now disjointed bones simmering in the soup pot. And gaily wrapped packages have been reduced to a mangled pile of holiday paper.

But the holiday feeling continues in appreciation of the season's blessings while the formidable white outdoors looks pretty but sub-zero temperatures cause many problems. Hopefully the weather will moderate as we reflect on the past year's activities and the plans already in progress for the upcoming year.

Almost as significant as the town's renovated St. Patrick's Senior Center—which is full of tenants and flourishing—was this year's hosting of 2000 people during Cycle Oregon III. A lot of credit goes to south Morrow County residents who made this event a worthwhile coup.

Volunteers are also the ones who make happen the annual St. Patrick's weekend celebration and the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. But it takes year-around work to produce these two events.

However, Heppner needs to work with the Irrigon sponsors of the Watermelon Festival to avoid a conflict with the fair and rodeo to facilitate county-wide promotion of both affairs.

Community involvement also saw an impromptu affair when Heppner Christmas street ornaments were redecorated. It didn't take much coaxing to get 50 people to spend an evening revamping these decorations. And senior citizens prepared a hearty meal for these workers.

School teachers and parents have made big progress in the education of young people concerning the dangerous use of drugs. Healthy minds and bodies are the future strength of our communities.

Though the bureaucratic wheels turn slowly, the Willow Creek Park District is hoping for Corps of Engineer approval so that development of a recreational vehicle park can get underway next year. And while the Heppner Chamber is contemplating ways to improve the town, the Morrow County Tourism Committee plugs away at promotion of the area's attractions and use of natural resources.

Heavily on everyone's mind is the outcome of the Persian Gulf crisis that has caused so many of our service people to spend the holidays away from home.

Volunteers on the Heppner City Council also have a heavy responsibility with the passage of the property tax limitation. Keeping city services funded and providing needed facilities such as the pool and library will be a real challenge. Added to that has been the burden of the city's solid waste management and the proposed upgrading of the city sewer system to required Department of Environmental Quality standards.

School funding, balancing budgets and keeping small towns viable are some of the eminent headaches. Working within structured laws creates hardships for small towns in Eastern Oregon.

Housing in the Heppner area also poses a problem for families wanting to rent homes. And not many people can afford to build new houses. That factor does not entice people to live in this area for either job purposes or retirement years. The required permits and procedures for putting up modular homes are almost as staggering as the future taxation of those dwellings. And the full page of delinquent tax notices in last week's paper does not give encouragement as to the county's economic circumstances.

It's no news that sub-zero weather leads to frostbite, frozen pipes, house fires and animal hardships. However most of us locally have warm homes to ward off the chill, unlike the thousands of street people in large cities.

Well, I didn't mean to burst your holiday bubble, even though tax time always follows the holiday cheer. Be sure and make those New Year's resolutions, especially those containing good will to others. Dedication to our lifestyle and hard work are important factors that keep the wheels of progress greased.

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