

Mustangs defeated by Vikings and Savages at regional tournament



Photo By Lisa Willman
Ryan Currin (10) tries for a layin against Vale

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to LaGrande Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, to the Region 4 Tournament looking for a trip to the State Tournament in Pendleton. They were soundly beaten by the Vale Vikings, 90-68, in a battle of district champions Friday night. Heppner played Enterprise Saturday for the second berth in the state tournament and were defeated 84-68.

Vale 90 Heppner 68

The Mustangs knew they were up against tough competition against the Vale Vikings, who entered the game 21-1 on the season. Vale, the champions of the Wapiti league, started quickly against Heppner and led, 22-12 at the first quarter.

The Mustangs, who suffered through poor shooting for the entire weekend, trailed, 42-28, at the half.

They shot only 29 percent from the field in the first half.

Vale widened its lead, outscoring Heppner, 28-14, in the third quarter and coasting to the victory.

Doug Devin, a 5'10" senior, led Heppner with 16 points and seven rebounds. Ryan Currin, a 5'11" junior, played a strong game for the Mustangs, shooting five for 10 from the field and 2-2 from the line for 12 points. He also had seven rebounds.

Brent Meisinger, a 6'6" senior, scored 27 points for the Vikings and had 18 rebounds. Zach Van Matre and Del Graven each added 11 points and Cody Harrod chipped in 10.

The Vikings, a definite favorite for the 2A state title, shot 53 percent in a deadly shooting display. Even more impressive, they were 8-13 from three-point land.

Heppner had a small run at the end of the game to cut the lead down. The rally was sparked by Scott Johnston, a 5'9" senior and an obvious crowd favorite, who hit a 10-foot jumper from the baseline and put back a rebound for a score on the next possession.

Heppner 12 16 14 26 68
Vale 22 20 28 20 90

Heppner: Currin 5-10 2-2 12; Koffler 3-4 7; Maben 0-2 0; Krein 4-16 8; Britt 0-15 3-4 3; Osmin 2-11 4; Pedro 3-8 2-2 8; Johnston 2-2 4; Grabee 1-1 2; Rathbun 1-3 2; Devin 6-12 4-6 16; Bond 1-3 2. Totals 28-88 11-14 68.

Vale: Van Matre 3-7 2-3 11; Pitts 3-5 0-2 8; Harrod 4-7 10; Aldred 0-2 2-2 2; Johnson 2-5 2-4 7; Meisinger 11-16 5-5 27; Graven 4-7 3-6 11; Strohmeyer 1-1 2; Ramirez 1-4 4-5 6; Johnson 1-2-2; Straughan 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 31-58 20-29 90.

Team fouls Heppner 24 Vale 16.
Three point goals Van Matre 3, Pitts 2, Harrod 2, Johnson, Koffler.

Enterprise 84 Heppner 68

The Mustangs lost to Enterprise, 68-84 Saturday in a battle for the state championships second berth.

The Mustangs sprinted to a 17-4 lead with only three minutes gone and had the young Savages in disarray. Enterprise managed to come back and trailed, 25-15, after the first quarter.

The ball stopped dropping for Heppner in the second quarter and they were behind by four points at halftime. The story was much like the first night. Heppner was shooting 31 percent from the field and Enterprise was a red hot 58 percent.

Enterprise lengthened their lead in the third quarter and won going away with a 31-point fourth quarter.

Brandon Pedro led Heppner with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Doug Devin and Bob Krein each scored 11 points and Ryan Currin added nine points on a 4-7 shooting.

Brent Eddy and Lance Homan, a pair of sweet shooting sophomore guards, led the Savages with 25 points and 17 points respectively. Tim Martin had 14 and Chad Aschenbrenner had 13 for the winners.

The Mustangs were hurt by the defense of 6'8" junior Nathan Locke and 6'5" freshman Rob Brown. Six of the seven players in the game for Enterprise will be back next year.

Heppner 25 7 14 22 68
Enterprise 15 21 17 31 84

Heppner: Currin 4-7 9; Koffler 0-4 1-3 1; Maben 0-0 2-2 2; Krein 5-13 1-1 11; Britt 2-15 2-2 8; Osmin 2-5 1-3 5; Pedro 8-17 16; Johnston; Grabee; Rathbun 2-3 1-4 5; Devin 2-11 7-10 11; Bond. Totals 26-75 14-24 68.

Enterprise: Homan 3-7 10-12 17; Duncan 1-1 2; Eddy 11-18 3-7 25; Aschenbrenner 4-6 5-7 13; Brown 1-2 6-7 8; Martin 7-12 14; Locke 2-4 1-2 5. Totals 29-50 25-35 84.
Team fouls Heppner 25 Enterprise 23.
Three point goals Enterprise-Homan; Heppner-Currin, Krein Britt 2.

Spring prime time for egg safety

Spring is prime time for eggs. During no other season do eggs play such an important role. Eggs are decorated for fun, hidden and hunted for play or enjoyed in a variety of special dishes.

At Easter time, eggs are handled a great deal more than usual. That's why it's important to follow a few simple food safety tips. To begin with, wash your hands thoroughly before every step of the handling process-including cooking, cooling, dyeing and hiding. Refrigerate hard-cooked eggs in their cartons if you won't be coloring them right after cooking.

Make sure the eggs you color or hide aren't cracked. When dyeing the eggs, use food coloring or specially made food-grade egg dyes dissolved in water that is warmer than the eggs. Washing eggs in a mild detergent solution helps to remove the oil coating so that color adheres more evenly. Refrigerate eggs right after dyeing.

When hiding eggs, consider hiding

places carefully. Avoid areas where the egg might come into contact with pets, wild animals, birds, reptiles, insects or lawn chemicals.

Refrigerate your eggs again after they've been hidden and found. Don't eat cracked eggs or eggs that have been out of refrigeration for more than 2 hours. If you plan to use hard-cooked eggs as a centerpiece or other decoration and they will be out of refrigeration for many hours or several days, cook extra eggs for eating and discard the eggs that have been on display.

The edible contents blown out of eggshells can be used in any recipe where yolks and whites are mixed and thoroughly cooked. Use the contents immediately after they've been blown out, or else freeze them. Most baked dishes such as casseroles, custards, quiches, cakes or breads are good uses for blown-out eggs.

For answers to other egg safety questions, contact Carol Bennett, Extension Agent for Morrow County, 676-9642.

Dance team entertains at Regionals



Photo by Lisa Willman
(L-R) Leonard Brittner, Joseph Healy, Larry Cecil and Shane Palmer put on a crowd pleasing dance routine at Regional playoffs in LaGrande Friday.

Fillies end season with 34-56 loss

By Lisa Willman

The Heppner Fillies went up against Imbler, 18-4, at the regional playoffs Friday, March 1 at LaGrande, and came out on the short end, losing 34-56. The Fillies ended their season 11-11.

The Fillies took an early lead in the first quarter but the Imbler Panthers tied the score at five with three minutes left. One minute later the Panthers took the lead and a last second shot at the buzzer put Imbler ahead by four.

In the second quarter the ball just wouldn't fall for the Fillies. Both teams attempted 25 shots, but the Fillies sank only five while Imbler managed to hit nine. The Fillies did better from the charity line, hitting seven out of nine while Imbler hit four of 10. The halftime score was Heppner 17, Imbler 22.

In the second half the Fillies couldn't get anything to go their way. Shots bounced in and then rolled right back out, while Imbler could do no wrong, hitting from 80 percent from the field and 70 percent from the foul line.

Nikki Brisbois ended her high school career scoring 13 points and grabbing seven rebounds. Amy Greenup pulled down eight rebounds. Becky Norton assisted in scoring with six points and had five boards. Nina Tucker and Heather Eckman scored four points each.

Lisa Rasmussen had 23 points and 17 rebounds for Imbler. Both teams pulled down 36 rebounds.

"The only positive aspect of this game was that we made it to regionals," stated coach Dowdy. "No one expected us to make it as far as we did."



Photo by Lisa Willman
Amy Greenup shoots over Imbler player at Regional playoffs

Mop doll making Extension topic

On Monday, March 11, the Heppner Evening Home Extension Club will meet in the conference room at the Pettyjohn Building at 7 p.m. The

topic is how to make mop dolls and the instructor is Lea Calvert. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information call 676-5261 after 5 p.m.

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