

## Mustangs make clean sweep over Cards

The Heppner Mustangs played at home after the holidays Friday, Jan. 7 and beat the Ione Cardinals for the third time this pre-season 73-56.

The game was hard fought and the Mustangs slowly and methodically wore down the IA Cardinals with defensive pressure.

Both teams started like a house afire and Heppner led 23-19 after the first period. Heppner increased its lead to five points at the half and slowly pulled away from Ione in the second half.

Rick Koffler had his best offensive output of the year with 23 points on 9-18 shooting and four three pointers from the field. Leonard Brittner added 19 points and six steals off the press. Joe Healy added 12 points and seven rebounds while Sam Sumner chipped in eight points and five rebounds.

Junior Jason Halvorsen had another strong game against the Mustangs, scoring 16 points and grabbing nine rebounds. Jared Ashbeck had 16 points and six rebounds. Jake Bacon and Jim Logan added nine and eight respectively.

The win got the Mustangs (5-3)



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Mustang guard Trent Hughes (15) passes past Cardinal Jim Logan ready to defend their league CBC championship against the Umatilla Vikings Saturday night.

## Mustangs sink Vikings 81-37



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Heppner's premier jumper Leonard Brittner makes one of two slam dunks for the night.

The Heppner Mustangs exploded for 81 points Saturday night January 8 as they overwhelmed the visiting Umatilla Vikings 81-37.

The Mustangs, toughened by a schedule of four preseason games against 3A Mac Hi and Riverside and three games against a talented Cardinal IA team, found the going easy against a Viking team that had enjoyed some success in the preseason.

Heppner used an effective full court and half court press and an aggressive man-to-man defense to completely take the Vikings out of their game.

The Mustangs scored 54 points in the second and third quarters to put the game out of reach.

Eleven of the 12 Mustangs suited down scored with Leonard Brittner, Sam Sumner and Rick Koffler scoring 18, 17 and 16 points. As expected, Heppner dominated the boards with Dwayne Dunaway snaring nine rebounds and Joe Healy and Chris Dickenson each grabbing six. Koffler had six assists and five steals and Jeff Botefuhr had five steals.

Russell Proctor had 11 points for Umatilla and Shawn Tracy had nine counters.

This weekend's action has the Mustangs traveling to Wahtonka Friday night, January 14 to face the Eagles and to Stanfield Saturday Jan. 15 to play the Stanfield Tigers.

## Ione MS girls beat Echo

The Ione Middle School girls beat the Echo Cougars 28-16 December 11 at Ione. This was their second basketball game for the season.

The game started out slow with the score 11 to eight at the halftime. After a halftime pep talk from coach Schaber, the girls came out and put on the pressure. The Cardinals scored the first

basket of the second half with an easy lay-in by Kara Miller, assisted by Jenni Sullivan.

The Cards came roaring back and won 28-16. The win was a team effort with everyone contributing steals, points and rebounds.

The Cards will travel to Echo in a rematch Jan. 16.

The 'B' girls lost their game.

## Mac Hi outlasts Heppner



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Leonard Brittner jumps high to block shot.

The Mac Hi Pioneers beat the Heppner Mustangs for the second time this season 59-48 as the Mustangs traveled to Milton-Freewater Tuesday, January 4.

Heppner started fast and held a first quarter and halftime leads of 16-13 and 29-23. The Pioneers came back and led 36-34 going into the last stanza. Mac Hi put the game away late in the fourth quarter as the Mustangs were forced to foul. The Pioneers hit eight of 12 from the line in the last quarter to hit 16-23 for the game for 70 percent.

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Senior Leonard Brittner had a strong game for the Mustangs with 20 points on 8-17 shooting from the field to go with six rebounds. Rick Koffler added 10 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Sam Sumner, who was seeing his first action of the season, grabbed nine rebounds and Joe Healy added six boards.

Joe Parks and Alex Meza hit for 16 points and 10 points respectively for the class 3A Pioneers.

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## Amy Wagenblast earns scholarship

Amy Wagenblast of Lexington, has received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Pendleton Flour Mills as part of the agricultural honors program at Oregon State University.

Amy, the daughter of Steve and Vicki Wagenblast, is one of 35 students at OSU receiving the award. The scholarship is part of

a cooperative program of the E.R. Jackman Foundation, the development arm of the college and the Agricultural Research Foundation. Amy is studying in the OSU agriculture-business management program at Eastern Oregon State College. She transferred to the OSU program from EOSC.

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## St. Patrick's Senior Center Bulletin Board



Ninety people were in attendance at the senior meal January 5. Four meals were taken out. Members of the Mormon church served. Kathryn Lindstrom won the meal ticket, Liz Miller the door prize and Jim Bruns received the guest prize. Rose Marie Buschke and Irene Swanson are the hostesses for January. Callie Huddleston and Doll Campbell were the hostesses for December. The meal site committee met following the meal. Julia Fowler and Eva Mabbot of CAPECO attended the meeting.

Jim Bruns of Willoughby Hearing Aide Service was at the site to help seniors with hearing problems and the health nurse took blood pressures. Due to an emergency at the hospital Molly Rhea cancelled the foot clinic. The transportation committee also met January 5.

The menu for Wednesday, Jan. 19 will be baked beans with franks, macaroni salad, carrots, roll, fruit and cookies. Members of the Seventh Day Adventist and Nazarene churches will serve. The Senior Board will meet following the meal, as their meeting was postponed Jan. 12.

Rose Marie Buschke has been appointed to be the new representative from the senior center to the AAA. The bus will go to Weston for the February meeting of the AAA. The date will be announced later.

The St. Patrick's quilt is on display and tickets are available at the senior center. The drawing will be held at the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Proceeds go to the upkeep of the center.

Dates to remember: Monday-quilting 1 p.m., Bible study, 1:30 p.m.; Tues. and Thurs.-exercise 10 a.m.; Wednesday-dinner, noon; Friday-cards, 2:30 p.m.; Saturday-dance at Hermiston; Sunday-movie, 6 p.m. There were not enough people to take the bus to the dance Saturday, Jan. 8. Anyone wishing to go by bus should contact Irene Schroeder 676-9132. If enough people are interested the bus can make the trip.

There was one table of pinocle in play Friday, Jan. 7. Several others were visiting and enjoying the refreshments. Flo Holt served cookies and coffee.

The Sunday movie "Dennis the Menace" was enjoyed by 10 seniors Irene Swanson and Eleanor Gonty served popcorn.

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