

Mustangs take Tigers 66-46



Jim Schlaich puts in two against Stanfield

The Heppner Mustangs found themselves in a "must win" situation against the Stanfield Tigers in a home game, Saturday night, Jan. 25. After giving the visitors some false hope, the Mustangs took the Tigers to the woodshed in the second half for a 66-46 win, Heppner's fourth league victory against three losses.

In the first quarter, the Mustangs raced to a 17-3 lead behind the shooting of Eric Schonbachler. Schonbachler scored eight of his 11 points in the first stanza.

Stanfield caught fire and trailed only 21-16 at the half. The Tigers were outscored 20-11 in the third

quarter and the Mustangs had a comfortable 41-27 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Dave Michael came off the bench for the second night in a row for some good minutes. He poured in all 11 of his points in the last quarter to pace the Mustangs.

Senior Justin Matteson led the Mustangs with 16 points. Tim Dickenson had a solid outing with nine points and 12 rebounds.

Klint Mills led the Tigers with 12 points.

The Mustangs hit the road Friday night, Jan. 31, traveling to Pilot Rock to play the Rockets. They return home Saturday, Feb. 1, to host the Sherman County Huskies.

Mustang JV girls lose big time to TigerScots

by Molly Rhea

The Heppner JV girls team had a miserable time in Athena on Friday, January 24, losing for the second time to the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots, 56-17. Nothing seemed to go right as the young Mustangs struggled to get past the Tiger-Scots' press and were hardly able to get a shot off.

The quarter scoring was bleak with the Mustangs trailing 2-15 at the quarter and 8-29 at the half.

The second half Heppner continued to appear lifeless and was unable to effectively move the ball or score. The third quarter score was 11-42 and the final tally was a dismal 17-56.

Heppner hit only three of 12 freethrow attempts (25 percent), while the Weston-McEwen squad

was seven for 10 from behind the line. The Mustangs were nicked for a frightening 39 turnovers.

Kathleen Greenup led the Mustang scorers with five points, two steals and an assist. Trisha Adams had four points and three rebounds. Macy Rhea had two points and four boards. Julie Watkins had two points along with two rebounds. Tracy Rankin hit a bucket and grabbed a rebound. Ashley Ropp got credit for one freethrow, three steals and an assist and Leah Denton hit one freethrow while pulling down two rebounds.

Until this game the JV fans have seen steady improvement from these girls. This young Mustang squad will need to put this frustrating game behind them, continue to work hard and have fun.

IMS Cardinals defeat Fossil Eagles

By Jennifer Thompson

The Ione Middle School Cardinals boys won a good game against the Fossil Eagles on Saturday, Jan. 18, 51-38.

The Cards managed to keep the lead the entire game. The top scorer

for Ione was eighth grader Cory Bennetto with 15. Brad Burright followed him with 11. Corey Morgan had 10, while Dustin Hague-wood had seven. Adam McCabe and Jeremy Rietmann each had four, Karl Morgan chipped in three.

Truck driver seminar slated Jan. 30

A Truck Driver Safety Seminar will be held on Thursday, January 30, at the Heppner Elks Lodge from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The program is sponsored by the Morrow County Livestock

Growers and the Morrow County Grain Growers. This program will be for all local truck drivers. Grain, livestock, and log haulers should benefit from this class.

For more information call Bill Broderick at the Extension office at 676-9642 or 1-800-432-3664. The class will offer: hours of service and records of duty status; daily vehicle inspections and reports; defensive driving and accident prevention; and information on what to do if you are involved in an accident.

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Gunderson named to Shrine team



Brent Gunderson

Heppner High School senior Brent Gunderson was picked for the 1997 East-West Shrine team. His selection was announced at the Heppner-Stanfield basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Gunderson, the son of Dave and Tricia Gunderson, Heppner, was selected as second team all state as both offensive and defensive lineman.

Brian Koffler, the son of George and Debbie Koffler of Heppner, was named Shrine alternate.

Mustang girls whip WM TigerScots, 50-41

by Molly Rhea

The Heppner Mustangs varsity girls team whipped up on the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots in Athena on Friday, January 24, 50-41. Heppner pressed the entire game and made the win look easy with their "in your face" basketball style.

Jill Barber set the tempo by canning a three pointer to start the Mustangs' scoring effort. Heppner took it to 'em and led 10-2 as the first quarter ended. While the Tiger-Scots focused on controlling Lori Moeller, Mindy Binschus always seemed to be in the right place at the right time. Binschus exploded for 10 points, seven rebounds and two steals to lead the balanced Mustang scoring attack. At the end of two, the Mustangs led, 22-17.

The final two quarters were more of the same as the Mustangs continued pressuring the ball, creating turnovers and generally getting the Tiger-Scots' dander up. The Mustangs led 33-26 after three and won the game, 50-41.

The game's results again can be traced directly back to the freethrow line. The Mustangs went to the charity stripe 29 times and converted 17, for 59 percent. Heppner allowed the Tiger-Scots only 16 freethrow attempts and they sunk seven of those for a lowly 44 percent.

Moeller was held to five points, but managed to grab nine rebounds and four steals, Casey Ingraham came in to score nine points and nab a steal. Barber hit two treys and two freethrows for eight points, five rebounds and an assist. Jaci Hughes hustled her way to seven points, hitting 5/6 at the freethrow line, snagged two rebounds, a steal and dished out three assists.

Lexi Matteson had two points, two rebounds, three steals and one assist. Annie Hisler popped in five points, cleared one board and laddled out two assists. A three pointer and a steal were credited to



Jaci Hughes guards Bethany Hansell against Weston McEwen.

Janelle Healy, and Brooke Boyer rounded out the Mustang scoring effort with a free throw.

Seven Tiger-Scots scored in the game. Hillary Greer led all scorers with 12 points. Bethany Hansell and Heather Locke each had eight points and Amber Weatherspoon

was held to seven. This pivotal victory puts the Mustangs record at 5-1, a solid second behind Sherman County. Heppner will have their chance to even the record next Saturday, Feb. 1, when the Huskies come to town.

TigerScots beat Heppner Mustangs, 80-51



Shane Matheny goes for a layup against the Tiger Scots. David Michael (51) looks on.

The Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots took no prisoners as they beat the Heppner Mustangs Friday night, Jan. 24, in Athena, 80-51. Unlike the first meeting between the teams, this time the Mustangs were not in the game from the beginning.

The TigerScots raced to a 10 point lead after one quarter and were up 38-22 at the halftime. Weston-McEwen's senior guard Michael Peterson had another good game against the Mustangs, with

27 points on 13 field goals, and was 1-2 at the line. Morgan Dunlap added 12 points for the TigerScots, and Rob Pickard came off the bench for nine points and 11 rebounds.

Jim Schlaich had another solid game for the Mustangs, with 14 points and 14 rebounds. David Michael added nine points, in a good showing off the bench.

The loss dropped the Mustangs into fourth place with a 3-3 league mark, right behind the Wahtonka Eagles, who are 4-3 on the season.

IMS Lady Cards beat Fossil Eagles

By Jennifer Thompson

The Ione Middle School Lady Cardinals won their third of six games Saturday, Jan. 18, against the Fossil Eagles, 21-10.

The Cardinals led the score throughout the game. They were down by four at the half, but still

managed to keep the lead.

The top scorer for the Lady Cards was seventh grader Amelia Peck, with eight. Allison Halvorsen followed her with six points. Shelby Krebs, Jennifer Thompson and Salli McElligott added two each.

Mustang JV girls make comeback, beat Tigers

by Molly Rhea

When the Stanfield Tigers prowled into town on Saturday, January 25, they were looking to draw first blood on the Mustang girls' JV team by starting two players that doubled as varsity starters. After being shell shocked on Friday evening by a hot shooting Weston-McEwen team, the young Heppner squad took all of the first quarter and most of the second before even scoring a point.

The score at the end of the first eight minutes was 0-12 with the Mustangs hanging their heads.

The score was 0-18 before the Mustangs finally canned a freethrow. From that point on Trisha Adams managed to supply the spark that ignited Heppner's fire. Adams scored eight of her game-high 11 points in the last four minutes of the second quarter. She also scooped six boards and four steals.

"Trish supplied the spark that we needed," coach Dana Reid said. "Then she kept up the intensity to help carry the team through to clinch the win."

Although the Tigers were still leading at the half, the Mustangs displayed a different attitude as they trotted into the locker room, trailing 12-19.

In the third quarter the Heppner Mustangs reminded me of the legendary Sambo, running the fierce Tiger in circles until he turned to butter. Heppner outscored Stanfield 13-2 and galloped into the fourth quarter leading 25-21. The Mustangs worked hard throughout the fourth and won the match, 32-29.

The win was again reflected with the freethrow stats. The Mustangs were sent to the line 29 times and converted nine. The Tigers hit three of the six that Heppner allowed.

Mustangs contributing to the win include Kathleen Greenup with eight points, seven rebounds, four steals and one assist. Amy Papineau made four points, had three boards and six steals. Ashley Ropp hit a three pointer and a freethrow to total four points, nabbed three rebounds and a steal while dishing out two assists. Julie Watkins had two points, five rebounds and two

steals. Kim Pointer hit one freethrow, grabbed five boards and two steals. Leah Denton had a freethrow and four rebounds, while Macy Rhea hit a freethrow, had two boards and a steal. Allison Sykes was credited with two steals and two rebounds, and Stephanie Clough chalked up three rebounds.

This spirit raising victory boosted the JV's record to 6-6. The JV Mustangs will go to Pilot Rock on Friday, January 31, for these two teams' only season matchup. On Saturday, February 1, Heppner plans to again beat the JVs from Sherman County.

As of 1/27/97

	League	Season
Heppner	6	13
Sherman Co	5	9
Weston-McEwen	4	11
Wahtonka	3	4
Pilot Rock	2	7
Umatilla	2	7
Stanfield	0	1

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Pilot Rock at Umatilla
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