

Mustang girls beat Huskies for No. One spot

By Molly Rhea

The rebounding triangle of Lori Moeller, Mindy Binschus and Lexi Matteson controlled the boards as Heppner's varsity Mustang girls took the win and landed squarely in first place in the battle for the CBC district title.

The Mustangs hosted the February 1 game, and they obviously knew their game plan. Playing high pressure, airtight defense, the Mustangs frustrated the slower Huskies while shutting down their inside game. Sherman County's Tyan Sanderson, the league leading scorer who averages 15.6 points a game, was held to a measly two.

The game was close, with the score tied at eight after one quarter. At the half Heppner was leading by one, 21-20 and two key Sherman County players were in foul trouble.

The Mustangs continued to work hard, setting a blistering pace that the Huskies were unable to maintain. After three Heppner led 29-25, outscoring Sherman County eight to five in the fourth quarter and taking the win, 37-30.

The Huskies might as well have stayed on their porch, for the Mustangs simply outran, out-shot and out-rebounded the Big Dogs.

Moeller was top scorer with ten points, while pulling down 10 rebounds and dishing out an assist. Annie Hisler snatched six steals to score nine points, had five boards and two assists. Jill Barber hit for six points, had two rebounds, a steal and an assist. Mindy Binschus had four points and 10 rebounds. Matteson scored four points and had a rebound, along with three steals and four assists.

Jaci Hughes and Casey Ingraham came in to round out the scoring, each making two points. Ingraham was credited with a steal, while

Hughes chased down two rebounds and a steal and laddled out an assist.



Mindy Binschus (12) pulls down a rebound and draws a foul against Sherman's Sanderson, while Annie Hisler (10) looks on.

It was an important weekend for the varsity Mustang girls, and they performed admirably by trampling both Pilot Rock and Sherman County. Heppner is now

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The monthly meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children & Families will be held on Tuesday, February 11, at the Morrow County School District Building in Lexington from 7 to 9 p.m.

The main items of business will be a report on the status of the Boardman Child Development Center and Respite Care Services.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the discussion. For more information, call 676-9675.

in sole possession of the number one spot in the CBC. With three games remaining in regular season play, the Mustangs look to be in the clear. In prior matchups Heppner has beaten the three teams left to play by a minimum of 15 points.

On Friday, February 7, the Mustangs travel to Wahtonka. Saturday, February 8, is the Mustangs' last home game as they host the Umatilla Vikings. Senior player, Lori Moeller, will make her last high school basketball appearance in her home gym.

CBC Varsity girls as of 2/3/97	League	Season	3
Heppner	8	1	15
Sherman County	6	2	11
Weston-McEwen	6	3	13
Umatilla	4	4	9
Pilot Rock	3	5	8
Wahtonka	3	6	4
Stanfield	0	9	1

Lady Mustangs flood Pilot Rock Rockets

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner Mustangs flooded the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, January 31, as all four Heppner teams came away with a win. Once again, girls' varsity coach John Boyer's team won by utilizing their teamwork and balance.

Heppner led from the get-go as the quick Mustangs forced Rocket turnovers and captured steal after steal to lead 11-7 after one quarter and 21-15 after two.

The second half was more of the same, with Heppner pressuring the Pilot Rock ball handlers while out-rebounding their inside players. Heppner increased their lead to 12 after three stanzas, 29-17, and maintained the margin throughout the fourth quarter to win 43-31.

Lori Moeller led all scorers with 11 points. Moeller also pulled down 10 rebounds, had six steals and an assist. Annie Hisler hustled her way to six points, captured five boards and four steals. Lexi Matteson hit for six points, had two rebounds, a steal and an assist. Jill Barber had six points, three rebounds and six steals. While Mindy Binschus didn't score, she proved invaluable by muscling down 11 rebounds and snagging two steals.

Jaci Hughes came in to score four points, had a steal and two assists. Brooke Boyer played a steady game, scoring four points, was credited with an assist while



Jill Barber scores two points for the Fillices, while Lori Moeller adds support.

grabbing two rebounds and a steal. Casey Ingraham made three points, had six rebounds and a steal, and Janelle Healy made three

points off a tray. High scorers for Pilot Rock were Marci Whitaker with 10 points and Jenni Simmons with eight.

Heppner Mustangs clinch tournament spot



Eric Schonbachler (10) goes after loose ball against Sherman.

The Heppner Mustangs clinched a spot in the District 7 2A tournament with a win on their home court with a 62-30 victory over the hapless Sherman County Huskies.

After leading only 7-4 after one quarter, the Mustangs exploded for 42 points in the second and third quarters to race past the Huskies who have won only one league game this year.

Justin Matteson led four Mustangs in double figures with

14 points. Jim Schlaich had 12 points and 15 rebounds for Heppner and Jeff Watkins and Eric Schonbachler added 11 and 10 points respectively.

Trevor Fields led Sherman County with 11 points for the losers.

The win brings the Mustangs' league record to 6-3 with only three league games remaining. Heppner travels to Wahtonka Friday night, Feb. 7, and then hosts the red hot Umatilla Vikings Saturday night, Feb. 8.

Mustangs take critical win over Rockets

The Heppner Mustangs traveled to Pilot Rock Friday night and came away with a critical win, 64-51, over the Rockets. Pilot Rock was only one loss behind the Mustangs and this victory on the road did a great deal for the Mustangs' post season hopes.

Heppner started out with a bang, jumping out to a 22-4 lead after one quarter. David Michael, getting his first start of the year, held the Rockets' Shawn McLaughlin scoreless in the first quarter and kept him to only four points in the first half.

After cruising to a 50-34 lead after three quarters, the Mustangs struggled in the last stanza. The Rockets closed to within five points at 58-53 before the

Mustangs put the game away, despite some terrible free-throw shooting. Heppner was 19-43 from the charity stripe in the game and only 12-28 in the last quarter.

Jim Schlaich had his usual productive game with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Schlaich is leading the CBC in rebounds and is in the top 10 for scoring.

Justin Matteson and Eric Schonbachler both scored in double figures, with 15 and 12 points respectively. Tim Dickenson helped out the cause with nine caroms.

McLaughlin led the Rockets with 14 points.

The win brought the Mustangs' league record to 5-3 and put them in third place in the conference.

Mustang JV girls come up short

By Molly Rhea

In an exceptionally low scoring game on Saturday, February 1, the JV Mustang girls again came up short against the Sherman County JVs, losing 26-18.

With both teams applying full court pressure, Heppner lead 6-4 at the quarter, and 12-5 at the half. The young Mustangs were overtaken in the third as the Huskies tied it up at 15.

In the final period Heppner got into foul trouble and sent Sherman County to the line repeatedly. Although the Huskies were only seven of 21 from behind the charity stripe, that was enough to break the Mustangs back as Heppner was only able to score three points to the Huskies 11 in the fourth.

Sherman County's Katie Fuller led all scorers with eight points.

Trisha Adams led Heppner's scoring with five points, four steals and three rebounds. Kim Pointer had three points, four boards, blocked a shot and grabbed a steal. Macy Rhea pulled down six rebounds, had two steals and blocked a shot. Ashley Ropp had three points along with three steals and a rebound. Allison Sykes seized two rebounds.

Julie Watkins came in for two points, two boards and three steals. Amy Papineau had two points, two steals and a rebound. Abby Kahl caused some excitement in the first quarter when she pilfered the ball, then went coast to coast for the lay in. Kahl scored three points, had four rebounds and two steals. As a team, Heppner hit a dismal four of 17 from behind the freethrow line. With improvement evident in every outing Heppner's JV girls win-loss record stands at seven and seven with three games remaining.



David Michael shoots over Rocket player.



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