

Heppner varsity girls sink Pirates' ship

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner varsity girls sank the Pirate Ship and took no prisoners on Friday, December 12, rolling over Riverside, 51-18. The Mustangs sprang to a 16-nothing lead in the first quarter and, in spite of the huge margin, were able to sustain their intensity throughout the game. Heppner had a 21-0 lead before Riverside hit a free throw to post a score. The Mustangs lead 28-7 at the half and 40-14 after three in this TGIF yawner. Riverside sophomore Adrienne Wolf was the only Pirate that was able to score from the field and hit for 10 points.

Petra Elguezabal led the Mustangs with 10 points and nine rebounds. Annie Hisler

scored 10 points, had five rebounds, four steals and two assists. Brooke Boyer posted eight points and pulled down five boards.

This win puts the Mustang record at 2-3. The varsity girls were in action on Tuesday, December 16, hosting Echo.

This weekend the Mustangs play host to the Morrow County Tournament with varsity boys' and girls' teams coming from Imbler, Ione and Riverside to compete. Ione and Riverside girls start the tournament by matching up at 3 p.m. on Friday, followed by the Ione and Riverside boys' teams. Heppner and Imbler girls will play the third game, with the Heppner and

Imbler boys' game capping the first day's play.

On Saturday, the losers of each will play first, followed with the winning teams matching up for the tournament titles.

Heppner 16 12 12 11 - 51
Riverside 0 7 7 4 - 18

Heppner (51) Ingraham 3 0-0 6, Hisler 5 0-0 10, Binschus 1 0-0 2, Childers 0 0-0 0, Boyer 1 6-8 8, Barber 0 0-0 0, Greenup 0 1-2 1, Healy 2 0-2 6, Matteson 2 0-0 4, Maben 0 2-2 2, Elguezabal 4 4-4 12. **Totals** 18 13-18 51
Three point goals - 2, Healy - 2. Total fouls 16, fouled out - none.
Riverside (18) - Barton 0 0-0 0, Wolf 5 0-0 10, Totten 0 2-3 2, MacNamee 0 0-0 0, Jensen 0 2-4 2, Mason 0 2-4 2, Dirks 0 0-0 0, Sandlin 0 0-2 0, Hanson 0 2-4 2. **Totals** 5 8-17 18
Three point goals - none. Total fouls 17, fouled out - none.

Lady Cardinals beat Pilot Rock Rockets

By Kara Miller

The Ione Lady Cardinal varsity teams hosted two teams from the 2A Division to start off their 1997-98 season with a boom. Ione's coach, Dana Heideman, has four returning players with varsity experience, including seniors Brenda Burright and Kara Miller, junior Niki Sullivan, and sophomores Camie Burright and Nikki McElligott. Completing the lineup are Brandi Brantley, Allison Halvorsen and Sybil Krebs.

The Lady Cards began their pre-season by opening against the Pilot Rock Lady Rockets on Friday, Dec. 5. Ione won the match,

49-47. The visitors received the tip and took it down only to turn it over to the Cardinal offense, which began a scoring spree early in the first quarter. It was a see-saw battle through the second quarter, with Ione leaving the floor down by five, 20-15, at the half. Brenda Burright opened the third quarter by nailing a three-point shot to light a spark in her teammates.

B. Burright led the team with 17 points, Kara Miller added 10, Camie Burright, eight, Niki Sullivan, five, Brandi Brantley, four, Sybil Krebs and Nikki McElligott, two each, and Allison Halvorsen, one. Ione turned the ball

over 17 times, while Pilot Rock lost it 30 times. Miller and C. Burright shared defensive numbers, with each grabbing four steals, while B. Burright was right behind with three. Miller pulled down eight rebounds, C. Burright, seven, Sullivan and McElligott, six each and B. Burright made five, working hard inside to bring the Cardinals out on top at the final buzzer, 49-47.

Statistics:
Ione: 14-15-14-6-49
Pilot Rock: 6-20-12-9-47
Ione-Krebs 1 0-0-2, McElligott 1 0-2-2, Miller 4 2-7-10, C. Burright 4 0-2-8, B. Burright 7 2-4-17, Brantley 2 0-0-4, Sullivan 2 1-2-5, Halvorsen 0 1-2-1. Three-point goals: B. Burright, one.

Heppner JV girls lose to Riverside Pirates

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner junior varsity girls had trouble handling the varsity-laced Riverside Pirates on Friday, December 12, losing 33-38.

Lousy freethrow shooting, a poor transition game and multiple turnovers added up to a frustrating evening for the young Mustang team. The Pirates swashbuckled out to an early 12-2 lead in the first quarter and, although the young Mustangs made several valiant attempts, Heppner was never able to grab the lead rein.

Heppner trailed by nine at the half and 10 after three. In the fourth quarter the Mustangs rallied to put in 12 points while

allowing the Pirates only seven, but were unable to overcome the deficit.

Riverside's Irma Torrez led all scorers with nine, and although varsity starter Adrienne Wolf was only eligible to play one quarter, it was enough time for her to toss in eight points.

Leading the Mustangs was Ashley Ropp scoring six points on a couple of treys. Allison Sykes had five points and three rebounds. Jessica Maben pulled down eight rebounds and blocked a shot, while Trisha Adams grabbed six boards and dished off two assists.

This loss puts the JV Mustang girls' record at 2-1. With Echo

not sporting a JV girls' team and the tournament this weekend including only varsity teams, these girls will not see action again until January 2 when they host Ione.

Heppner 6 9 6 12 - 33
Riverside 12 12 7 7 - 38
Heppner (33) - Ropp 2 0-1 6, Cough 0 0-0 0, Pointer 1 0-0 2, Rhea 1 0-0 2, Adams 1 2-4 4, Greenup 2 0-2 4, Watkins 1 0-0 2, Papineau 2 0-4 4, Sykes 2 1-4 5, Maben 1 2-6 4. **Totals** 13 5-21 33. Three point goals - 2, Ropp - 2. Total fouls 21, fouled out Papineau, Maben.

Riverside (38) - Steiner 0 0-0 0, Wolf 3 2-5 8, MacNamee 2 0-0 4, Anderson 0 0-0 0, Totten 1 0-3 2, Schneider 0 0-0 0, Torrez 2 5-8 9, Dirks 3 0-0 6, Jensen 2 0-1 4, Hanson 0 3-4 3, 0 2-2 2. **Totals** 13 12-23 38. Three point goals - none. Total fouls 16, fouled out - none.

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner Mustang varsity girls trotted down to Ione on Tuesday, December 9, then limped on home after losing to the Ione Cardinals, 41-44.

The first half was close with the score knotted at least a half a dozen times. The Mustangs gained a two point, 19-17, half time lead, but had also suffered the loss of point guard Jaci Hughes after she went down with a knee injury.

In the third quarter the Cardinals flocked up to increase their intensity and took a 10 point, 39-29, lead. Heppner was able to regroup and put in a solid fourth quarter, scoring 12 points while limiting Ione to five. But, it proved to be too little, too late with the Cardinals clinging to the

lead to take the win, 44-41.

Ione's Camie Burright led all scorers with 14 points and Kara Miller added 10 for the Cards.

Petra Elguezabal led the Mustangs effort with 10 points and 12 rebounds. Jill Barber put in six points, while Annie Hisler matched six points with six rebounds. Mindy Binschus tossed in five points while scooping nine boards.

Heppner 10 9 10 12 - 41
Ione 11 6 22 5 - 44

Heppner (41) Ingraham 1 0-0 2, Hisler 1 4-4 6, Binschus 1 3-6 5, Hughes 1 0-0 3, Boyer 1 0-0 2, Barber 3 0-0 6, Greenup 0 0-0 0, Healy 0 2-2 2, Matteson 2 0-0 4, Maben 0 1-2 1, Elguezabal 3 4-6 10. **Totals** 13 14-20 41
Three-point goals 1, Hughes. Total fouls 18, fouled out - none.

Ione (44) - Krebs 0 0-0 0, McElligott 4 0-0 8, Miller 4 2-5 10, C. Burright 7 0-2 14, B. Burright 2 3-4 7, Brantley 0 0-0 0, Sullivan 2 1-2 5, Halvorsen 0 0-0 0. **Totals** 19 6-15 44. Three point goals - none. Total fouls 17, fouled out - none. Heppner JV vs Ione

scoring, 26-21, match up.

The young Mustangs had a 15-10 lead after two quarters but the Cards anteed up in the third, holding Heppner to only four points, to tie the score at 17. The Mustangs held a slim 19-17 lead after three.

Heppner tossed in seven points in the final period and limited Ione to four, to take the 26-21 win.

Jessica Maben led the Mustangs' scoring with seven points, grabbing five rebounds and two steals. Stephanie Clough led Heppner's rebounding effort with six boards, while Amy Papineau and Allison Sykes each nabbed five steals.

Heppner 4 11 4 7 - 26
Ione 4 6 7 4 - 21

Heppner (26) Ropp 0 1-3 1, Clough 1 0-0 2, Pointer 0 0-0 0, Kahl 1 0-0 2, Rhea 2 0-0 4, Adams 1 0-0 2, Greenup 1 0-0 2, Watkins 0 0-0 0, Papineau 1 1-2 3, Sykes 1 1-3 3, Maben 3 1-1 7. **Totals** 11 4-9 26. Three point goals - none. Total fouls 10, fouled out - none.

by Molly Rhea

The Heppner junior varsity girls defeated the Ione Cardinals on Thursday, December 11, in a low

Lady Cards down Heppner, 44-41



Lady Cards and Heppner mix it up. (L-R) Cara Miller, Petra Elguezabal, Lexi Matteson, Nikki McElligott, Niki Sullivan and Jill Barber.

By Kara Miller

The Ione Lady Cardinal roost was roused by the nearby Heppner Mustangs on Tuesday, Dec. 9, but the Cardinals prevailed, 44-41, in pre-season action.

These teams, known to be rivals, were prepared for a rough and tough night of basketball. It proved to be just that after opening with a long scoreless minute before Heppner hopped out to a five point lead. Rebounds inside

by Camie Burright, Nikki McElligott and Kara Miller helped the offense get on the board for the Cards and the first quarter ended with Ione in the lead by a sliver, 11-10.

The first half, both teams struggled to get the ball to drop through the hoop, but the Mustangs went to the locker room ahead by two, 19-17. Ione was ready to start the third quarter determined to take back the

breathing room in the score. Using a fast break and good defense, they scored 22 additional points and clinched their second victory of the season.

C. Burright led the second half charge with 14 points, while Miller and McElligott added 10 and eight for the game. Contributing to the Cardinal winning effort, McElligott grabbed eight rebounds, Miller, seven, C. Burright, nine, Brenda Burright, three,

and Niki Sullivan, five, McElligott and C. Burright were credited with four steals each, B. Burright, three, and Brantley, one. The Cardinals forced 27 turnovers by their opponents, while holding their own number to 18.

Statistics:
Ione: 11-6-22-5-44
Heppner: 10-9-10-12-41
Ione-Sybil Krebs 0 0-0-0, McElligott 4 0-2-8, Miller 4 2-5-10, C. Burright 7 0-2-14, B. Burright 2 3-4-7, Brantley 0 0-0-0, Sullivan 2 1-2-5, Allison Halvorsen 0 0-0-0.

IMS girls' basketball team beats Echo

By the Ione eighth grade girls Ione Middle School girls' basketball team downed the Echo Cougars Saturday, Dec. 13, in Ione.

Ione started with 10 points, then Echo's offense went to work, scoring four points. The first quarter ended with a score of 12-4, with Ione in the lead.

At halftime, Ione led with a score of 16-6.

Ione came back after halftime very revived and at the end of the third quarter, led by 16 points. Although they played tough, no points were scored in the fourth quarter.

Ione's leading scorers were Amellia Peck with 12 points,

Diana McElligott with eight, and Salli and Natalie McElligott, both with two points. Leading rebounders were Peck and Salli McElligott, both with six.

Ione's coach Steve Schaber commented, "Before we played, I felt our defense would be weak, and offensively we would be strong. To my surprise, we were strong in both areas."

The Ione Middle School girls' B-team played after the A-team game and won, 26-5.

The leading scorer and rebounder was Megan McCabe with 14 points and six rebounds.

Ione's next game will be Saturday, Dec. 20, in Ione against the Helix Grizzlies at 11 a.m.

IMS "B" team loses to Echo

By Colin McElligott and Adam McCabe

The Ione "B" basketball team didn't have the consistency that the Ione "A" team did, losing to Echo, 18-16, Saturday, Dec. 13.

The "B" team took control early, getting possession of the ball first. They started the scoring with Billy Gates' eight points of the game for Ione, but Echo then scored four points.

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Mustangs drop first game in overtime

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs started the 1997-98 basketball season with a 79-72 loss in overtime to the Condon Blue Devils Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The Mustangs started out hot, jumping to a 10-0 lead with 5:50 left, but were outscored 15-5 over the next five minutes and settled for a 17-15 lead after one.

Heppner kept control in the middle quarters, leading 38-32 at halftime and 51-47 going into the fourth quarter. The final quarter was an exciting back-and-forth as Condon would not let Heppner pull away.

Tim Dickenson and Chris Anthony battled Brad Carnine of Condon for most of the quarter, trading baskets at both ends of the floor. Dickenson received a nice pass from Derek Gunderson on a lay-in to give Heppner a 67-65 lead, but Carnine came right back and tied it with 18 seconds left. Gunderson just missed a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into overtime.

Condon scored the first six points of overtime, but a lay-in by Gunderson and two free throws

by Dickenson cut it to 73-71. The Blue Devils then made six free throws to ice the game and take the win.

The Mustangs were led by Dickenson with 25 points, followed by Anthony with 18 points. Shane Matheny scored eight and Gunderson ended up with seven points.

Statistics:
Condon: 15-17-15-20-12-79
Heppner: 17-21-13-16-5-72
Heppner-Tim Dickenson 10 5-10-25, Chris Anthony 7 2-2-18, Shane Matheny 2 4-4-8, Derek Gunderson 2 2-2-7, Casey Evans 2 1-3-6, Jared Eckman 2 2-2-6, Bias Elguezabal 1 2-4-4, Brian Knowles, David Bates, Brian Burnside. 26 18-27-72. Three-point field goals-Anthony 2, Gunderson 1, Evans 1.

Condon-Spencer Weimar 22, Brad Carnine 20, Jared Lathrop 16, Jody Smith 11, Jack Smith 6, Cameron Stinchfield 4, Andrew Stinchfield, Scott Nelson, Matt Allen.

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