

Mustang varsity girls swamp Umatilla Vikings



Lexi Matteson handles the ball

photo by Joyce Hughes

By Molly Rhea

It looked like "the old Mustang team" on Saturday, January 17, as the Heppner varsity girls swamped the Umatilla Vikings, 62-42.

The Vikings enjoyed their only lead early in the game as Cherra Charlo sunk four of her eventual game high 20 points to put the Vikings up 4-0. The Mustangs answered with consecutive three point goals by Jill Barber and Annie Hisler to put Heppner ahead, and the lead was never relinquished.

Heppner held a six point, 14-8, lead after the first eight minutes of play and was ahead by ten, 30-20, at the half. The Mustangs increased the margin throughout the second half as they played with consistency and flair, leading 50-34 after three quarters and by a full 20 points at the final buzzer.

Annie Hisler led the Mustang scorers with 19; she also scooped six rebounds, two steals and had one assist. Petra Elguezabal scored 14 points, pulled down 10 rebounds, had four steals and one blocked shot. Jill Barber and Casey Ingraham both finished with seven points and two assists.

On Friday the Mustangs travel to Pilot Rock to take on the Rockets for a chance to tie up the first place standing in the Columbia Basin Conference. With these two powerhouses going head-to-head, this game will most likely be "The Game of the Week" for the CBC.

Saturday the Mustangs and their fans will be found in The Dalles playing the Wahtonka Eagles. All four Mustang teams are scheduled to play with the JV girls starting off the action at 1 p.m.

Heppner JV girls lose lackluster game

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner JV Mustang girls resembled a tabletop on Saturday, January 17, as they lost in a lackluster game to the varsity enhanced Umatilla Vikings, 33-37.

Heppner started out slowly, trailing 6-to-8 after the first eight minutes and 11-to-12 at the half. The second half saw improved scoring with the count knotted at 23 after three quarters, but the young Mustangs never sparked as the game slipped away.

Kathleen Greenup put out an outstanding effort, leading all scorers with 15 points, grabbing five rebounds and four steals while dishing out two assists. Allison Sykes matched her seven points with seven rebounds and Kim Pointer also pulled down seven boards.

Laycee Healy led the Vikings with eight points, followed by Andy Ybarra with seven.

Umatilla 8 4 11 14 - 37
Heppner 6 5 12 10 - 33
Umatilla (37) Senfleben, Masters, Leyva 1 0-0 2, Robledo 2 2-2 6, White 0 0-1 0, Clark 1 0-0 2, Kik 3 0-5 6, Healy 3 2-2 8, Baumgart 2 0-0 4, Ybarra 3 1-1 7, Tesch, Tuel 0 2-4 2, Cruz. **Totals** 15 7-15 37. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 25, fouled out: Baumgart.

Heppner (33) Ropp 0 1-5 1, Clough 0 1-6 1, Pointer, Kahl 0 0-1 0, Rhea 0 2-2 2, Adams, Greenup 5 5-9 15, Watkins, Papneau 2 0-0 4, Maben 1 1-2 3, Sykes 1 5-6 7. **Totals** 9 15-31 33. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 14, fouled out, none.

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HMS girls games to get underway

The Heppner Middle School girls' basketball team play will get underway this Saturday, January 24, with a home game against Pilot Rock, beginning at 10 a.m.

Following is the HMS girls' schedule:

Saturday, Jan. 24, vs. Pilot Rock at home, 10 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 30, at Columbia Middle School, Irrigon, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 31, at Umatilla, 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 6, at Stanfield, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7, at Pilot Rock, 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 13, vs. Weston-McEwen at Athena, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14, vs. Umatilla at home, 10 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 20, vs. Weston-McEwen at home, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21, vs. Columbia at home, 10 a.m.

Friday, March 6, vs. Stanfield at home, 3 p.m.

Saturday, March 7, eighth grade tournament at Umatilla at 10 a.m.; seventh grade tournament at Stanfield, 10 a.m.

Correction

The Morrow County Arts and Crafts Club will meet in the banquet room at Yaw's Restaurant in Heppner on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. for lunch, not 11 a.m. as reported last week.

Beware of investment schemes

It sounds too good to be true. A chance for a small investor like you, the little guy, to make a fantastic return on international bank notes. All you have to do is put your money in an investment pool to buy these bank notes from a large offshore bank.

The investment ranges from a few thousand dollars to \$100,000. The promised return on the investment is often \$100 million or more. "The trouble is that the details about how the program works are not available. Or they just don't make sense," says Carol Michael, Oregon State University home economist in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

But that doesn't always stop an eager investor from plunging in. Unfortunately, the promoter takes your money and disappears. Instead of wealth

beyond your wildest dreams, you're stuck with a big hole in your bank account.

The bank note scam is just one of many investment frauds used by con artists to fleece the unwary. Others involve investing in oil wells, gold and silver mines, coins and precious metals, and even ostriches and emus.

To protect yourself from becoming a victim of these and other investment scams, educate yourself before making any investment, advises Michael. A good way is to obtain a copy of the "State of Oregon Investor Information Program," prepared by the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services. This publication is available from the Morrow County OSU Extension Service, 676-9642, or 1-800-342-3664.

Stop unsolicited credit cards

If you're tired of being "pre-approved" for new credit cards, an amendment to the Fair Credit Reporting Act that became effective September 30, 1997, offers a solution, according to Carol Michael, Oregon State University home economist in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

Under the terms of the amendment, you can ask the major credit bureaus to remove your name and address from their

lists for unsolicited credit and insurance offers for two years.

If you want to off these lists permanently call the credit bureau and ask for an "opt-out" form.

A phone call to any one of the three nationwide credit bureaus will get you off the lists: Equifax Options, 800-556-4711; Trans Union, 800-680-7293; Experian Credit marketing "OPT-OUT", 800-353-0809.

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