

Mustangs come back to win in overtime

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs varsity boys ended a long weekend by travelling to The Dalles and coming from behind to defeat the Wahtonka Eagles, 72-68, in overtime. The Mustangs had trailed by as many as 14 points before making a furious comeback in the fourth quarter to tie the game and then outscore the Eagles, 16-12, in overtime to win the game.

The Mustangs started out slow as they fell behind 5-0 before a Tim Dickenson lay-in with 4:03 left gave the Mustangs their first score. Freshman Ryan Matteson came off the bench to hit a three-pointer to make it 7-5, Wahtonka. Casey Evans tied the score at 7-7. Victor Cervantes hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Eagles a 10-7 lead after one quarter.

Cervantes continued his hot shooting in the second quarter, hitting two three-pointers and scoring 12 points to extend Wahtonka's lead to 29-19 at the half.

Chris Anthony hit a three-pointer to close it to 29-22 to start the third quarter for the Mustangs. Each team ran off a string of five or six points throughout the third quarter. Wahtonka led 46-34 going into the fourth quarter.

After the Eagles scored, the Mustangs came back and, with 5:50 left, Evans made a nice steal and lay-in to make it 48-40. Matteson and Anthony then hit back-to-back three-pointers to close the score to 50-46. A short jump shot by Dickenson made it 53-50 with 2:13 left.

Jared Eckman hit a jump shot, then made two free throws with :31 seconds left to tie the game at 54-54. A Wahtonka free throw made it 55-54, but Matteson hit a jump shot with :13 left to give the Mustangs a 56-55 lead. Cervantes made one of two free throws to tie the game at 56-56 and send the game into overtime.

The Mustangs took no time jumping on the Eagles in overtime, as Eckman made one free throw and Dickenson made two free throws to up their score to 59-56. Matteson then hit two jumpers in a row to make it 63-56 with 1:52 left. Cervantes then made two free throws and got a steal and lay-in to make it 63-60. Anthony made two free throws, Dickenson made four free throws and Derek Gunderson hit three to up the score to 72-62 and tie the game. Wahtonka hit two three-pointers at the end to make the final score 72-68.

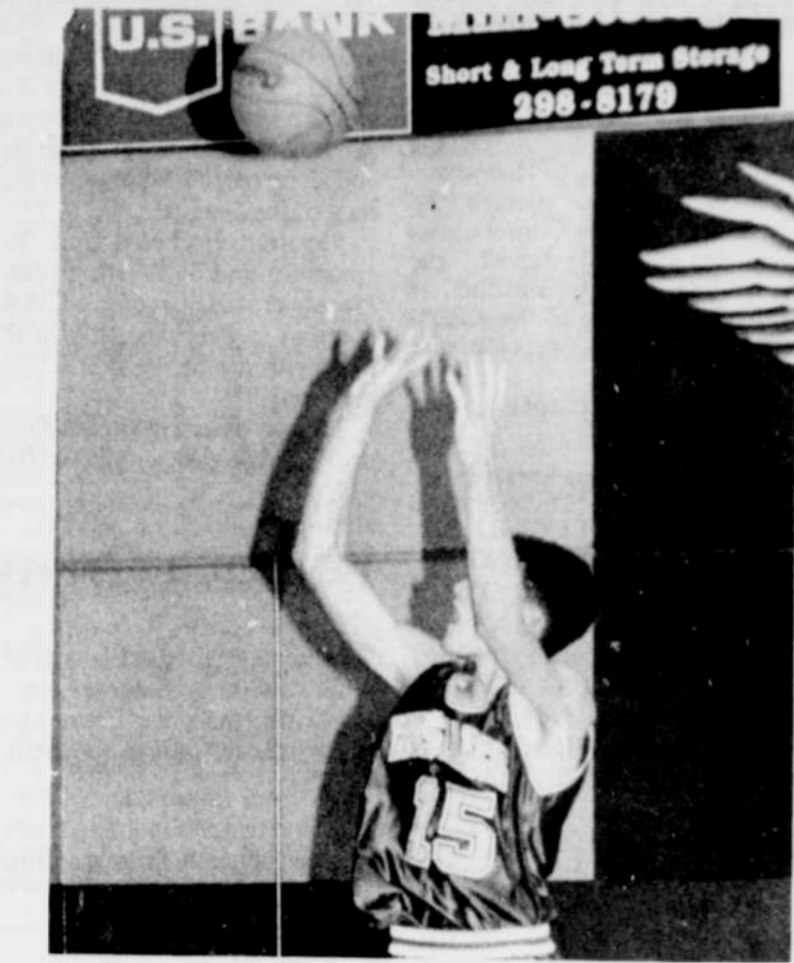
Heppner was led by Matteson who hit some big shots and scored 20 points, including four three-pointers. Dickenson made 11 of 12 free throws to finish with 15 points and Anthony hit three three-pointers and finished with 13 points. The Mustangs hit 19-25 free throws for the game.

The Eagles were led by Cervantes, who hit five three-pointers and ended up with 29 points.

Statistics:
Heppner- 7 12 15 22 16-72
Wahtonka- 10 19 17 10 12-68
Heppner: Matteson 8 0-0 20, Dickenson 4 11-12 15, Anthony 4 2-4 13, Eckman 2 3-4 7, Evans 3 0-0 6, Matheny 2 0-1 4, Gunderson 0 3-4 3, Blas Elguezabal, Brian Knowles. 23 19-25 72. Three-pointers: Matteson 4, Anthony 3.
Wahtonka: Cervantes 10 4-8 29, Stockett 5 3-4 14, Baird 5 2-4 12, Hinatsu 2 0-0 6, Garcia 2 0-0 5, Awwiller 0 1-2 1. 24 10-18 68. Three-pointers: Cervantes 5, Hinatsu 2, Garcia, Stockett.

Umatilla Vikings edge Ione Cardinals

By Brad Burright and Adam Neiffer
In a see-saw game from the start, the Umatilla Vikings varsity boys' team relied on one individual to step up and score, particularly in the latter segment of



Casey Evans puts up a shot

photo by Joyce Hughes

Win over Eagles puts Mustang girls in tie for 1st

By Molly Rhea
The varsity Mustang girls upped their winning streak to four on Saturday, January 24, roasting the Wahtonka Eagles on their home court, 55-46. This win puts the Mustangs in a tie with the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots for the top slot in the CBC with identical 4-and-1 records.

The Mustangs will host the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots this Friday night, hoping to avenge Heppner's only league loss. Sports fans will not want to be absent, for there is no doubt that this barn-burner will be the CBC game of the week.

Heppner bolted to an 11-point lead against the Eagles in the first quarter, 21-10, and then cantered through the rest of game by maintaining that margin. The Heppner squad lead 31-22 at the half and 41-30 at the three quarter mark.

Annie Hisler led the Mustang scorers with 13 points, six assists and three steals. Casey Ingraham put in 12 points and pulled down seven rebounds; and Lexi Matteson added ten points. Petra Elguezabal led both teams in rebounds with 15 boards.

Wahtonka's Katie Lewis led all scorers with 15 points. The Mustangs host Weston-McEwen on Friday, then travel to Stanfield on Saturday.

Heppner 21 10 10 14 - 55
Wahtonka 10 12 8 16 - 46
Heppner (55) Ingraham 6 0-0 12, Hisler 3 7-12 13, Binschus 3 1-3 7, Childers, Hughes, Boyer 1 1-2 3, Barber 0 3-4 3, Greenup, Healy, Matteson 3 4-6 10, Maben, Elguezabal 2 3-4 7. **Totals** 18 19-33 55. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 13, fouled out, none.

Wahtonka (46) Ziegler 1 0-0 2, Matheny 2 0-0 4, Krol, T. Lewis 1 0-0 2, Schneid 3 2-2 10, Eagy 1 0-0 2, Hager 3 3-4 9, K. Lewis 7 0-1 14, Stranz 0 3-4 3. **Totals** 18 8-11 46. Three point goals 2, Schmidt 2. Total fouls 23, fouled out, 2.

CBC Girls Basketball Standings	League		Season	
	W	L	W	L
Weston-McEwen	4	1	11	2
Heppner	4	1	10	5
Pilot Rock	3	2	9	6
Sherman Co	3	2	10	5
Umatilla	2	3	7	8
Wahtonka	2	4	9	7
Stanfield	0	5	4	11

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the game against Ione on Jan. 10. Joey Shannon scored 14 of his game-high 28 points in the fourth quarter, which resulted in a loss for the Cardinals, 69-66.

This game was similar to Ione's first meeting with Umatilla, with again just a minimal deficit. The Vikings improved to 10-2 overall, while Ione fell to 5-6.

Jake McElligott led a balanced team effort with 21 points. Nathan Rietmann contributed 14, including three treys. Allan Griboskov followed with 11, while Kiel Grabenhorst and Mark McElligott added 10 points each.

The Cardinals started league play at home against Condon on Jan. 16.

Statistics:
Ione: 22 9 18 17-66
Umatilla: 16 23 10 20-69

Mustangs drop game to Umatilla Vikings

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs' JV team lost to the Umatilla Vikings on Saturday, Jan. 17, 58-32. The Mustangs jumped out to a quick 4-2 lead only to see the Vikings score the next 15 points to end the first quarter with a 17-4

lead. The Mustangs could never recover and ended up losing, 58-32. A balanced scoring attack was led by Craig Scott with five points and Kris Paullus with four points.

Statistics:
Heppner- 4 7 5 16-32
Umatilla- 17 9 17 13-58

Heppner: Scott 2 1-2 5, Paullus 2 0-0 4, Joe Papineau 1 1-2 3, Michael Schonbachler 1 1-3 3, Blake Knowles 1 0-2 3, Brian Knowles 1 0-0 3, Darrin Ployhar 0 2-3 2, Blas Elguezabal 0 2-2 2, David Bates 1 0-2 2, Cody Bellamy 1 0-0 2, Ryan Matteson. Three-point field goals: Blake Knowles, Brian Knowles.

Haz-mat program offered

A program titled "Haz-Mat" will be offered to Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) at Ed-Net I sites, on Thursday, Feb. 12 from 7-9 p.m.

This course will cover common hazardous material injuries and patient care specific to those situations, turning over patient care to hospitals, case reviews, how to protect yourself and others and guidelines on how EMTs and haz-mat work together.

The program instructor is Mark Stephens, EMT-P.

The cost of the class is \$15 or \$45 for all three classes.

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Condon squeaks past Ione, 30-24

By Adam McCabe
The Ione Middle School boys played Condon on Friday, Jan. 16. Condon went away with the win, 30-24.

It was a close and fast-paced game from the beginning. In the first quarter, trouble started for Ione when Adam Neiffer got into foul trouble. He had three fouls by the end of the quarter. A tremendous number of shots were taken, but Ione could only end up with two points coming from Adam McCabe. Condon had three points from Todd Shaffer.

The second quarter was a fast-paced, low-scoring quarter, much like the first. Neiffer added to his fouls with one more, making a total of four. Shaffer led Condon in scoring again, with five points. Ione's Brad Burright had five points and Neiffer had an additional two points to make the second quarter score, 9-8, Ione.

In the third quarter, the Cards looked like they were tired coming out of the locker room. Condon saw Ione's weakness and started to take the lead. Still, Ione

kept close to Condon. Shaffer wasn't the only one to score for Condon. Although he was the leading scorer of the period with 11 points, David Bednard had two. At the end of the third, the score was Condon, 21, Ione, 17.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter, Ione started playing better than they did in the third. The Cards played tough and hard, but Neiffer fouled out. Condon remained in control although Ione fought as hard as they could.

For Condon, Shaffer had four points in the quarter, Randy Carnine had three points and Mike Durfey had two. Ione could only score six, and lost the game, 30-24.

Coach Dale Holland said, "Even though we played our best game so far, we wore out too fast."

Statistics:
Ione- points: Adam McCabe 6, Mike Radie 2, Brad Burright 13, Colin McElligott 0, Karl Morgan 0, Adam Neiffer 2, Billy Gates 0, K. Rea 0; assists: Neiffer 3, Gates 1; steals: McCabe 2, Burright 1, Neiffer 5, Gates 1; rebounds: McCabe 2, Radie 1, Burright 13, Morgan 3, Neiffer 2.

Mustang JVs lose to Umatilla

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs varsity played the number six ranked team in the state tough, but ended up losing 67-59, Saturday, Jan. 17. The Mustangs gave the defending state champions Umatilla Vikings all they could handle, but were outscored 20-12 in the fourth quarter.

A fast-paced first quarter ended all even at 18-18, before the Vikings pulled out to a 33-30 lead at halftime. The Mustangs came back to tie the score at 47-47 after three quarters.

The Mustangs were led by Tim Dickenson with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Ryan Matteson scored

10 points and Jared Eckman added eight points. Derek Gunderson scored four points, had five steals and five assists.

Statistics:
Heppner- 18 12 17 12-59
Umatilla- 18 15 14 20-67
Heppner: Dickenson 5 10-15 20, Matteson 4 0-0 10, Eckman 4 0-0 8, Casey Evans 3 0-0 7, Shane Matheny 2 0-0 5, Chris Anthony 2 0-0 5, Gunderson 2 0-1 5, Blas Elguezabal 0 0-0 0, 22 10-18 59. Three-point field goals: Matteson 2, Matheny, Evans, Anthony.

Umatilla: Shannon 7 0-0 14, Olivera 6 1-2 13, T. Johnson 4 1-1 9, Gust 4 1-2 7, Rohde 3 0-0 6, Savage 1 2-2 5, Kelly 2 0-0 4, Moe 1 1-2 3, McIver 0 3-4 3, A. Johnson 0 3-4 3, Cleaver. 28 11-19 67. Three-point field goals: Savage.



Annie Hisler brings up the ball against Eagles

photo by Joyce Hughes

Cardinals earn second in tournament

By Colin McElligott
The Ione Middle School Cardinals participated in the Helix Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 17. The Cards started out by playing Echo and beat the Cougars, 28-22. It was a see-saw game all the way through until Ione pulled away with the lead at the very end of the game.

Echo was in foul trouble early on in the game and Ione put this to their advantage, forcing Echo to either foul or let the person take the shot. At the end of the game, three Echo players had fouled out, which helped Ione win the game.

The first quarter of play ended with Echo, 8, and Ione, 7. That was the only time in the game that Echo had the lead. From then on, Ione had either the lead or was tied with Echo. In the third quarter, Echo and Ione were tied at 20. But at the end of the game, Echo's players who had been in foul trouble started to foul out. This gave Ione the chance they needed and they beat Echo, 28-22.

Right after Ione defeated Echo, they moved onto the championship round in which they would have to play the Condon Blue Devils, whom they had lost to the day before. Condon won, 47-28.

The first quarter ended with the score, Condon, 12, Ione, 5. The game went on with Condon keeping their steady lead on Ione throughout the entire game and sometimes adding to their lead by a dramatic amount. Condon's lead scoring player for the game

was Todd Schaffer, who scored 17 points against Ione's defense.

The score at the end of the game was Condon, 47, Ione, 28. It was a rough game all the way through. Adam Neiffer injured his knee early in the game and kept limping throughout the rest of the game. The Ione players thought they could have played better, but they were tired from just playing the game with Echo.

The lead scorer for Ione was Brad Burright with 23 points.

Statistics:
Ione vs. Echo- points: Adam McCabe 5, Adam Neiffer 8, Brad Burright 11, Colin McElligott 2, Karl Morgan 2, Mike Radie 0, Billy Gates 0; assists: McCabe 3, Neiffer 3; steals: McCabe 2, Neiffer 5, Burright 5, McElligott 1; rebounds: McCabe 4, Neiffer 3, Burright 14, McElligott 0, Morgan 1, Radie 2, Gates 2.
Ione vs. Condon-points: McCabe 2, Neiffer 2, Burright 23, McElligott 1, Morgan 0, Radie 0, Gates 0; assists: McCabe 1, Neiffer 5, Burright 1, McElligott 2; steals: Neiffer 2, Burright 1, McElligott 2; rebounds: McCabe 2, Neiffer 5, Burright 10, McElligott 1, Morgan 1, Radie 2, Gates 2.

Births

Phillip Thomas Fishburn-a son Phillip Thomas was born to Amy and Mark Fishburn of Kennewick, WA on January 22, 1998 at Kennewick General Hospital. The baby weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. Grandparents are Earl and Peggy Fishburn of Heppner and Paul and Judy Cleary of Beaverton.

IMS girls leave tracks on Helix Grizzlies

By Kristina Powell, Salli McElligott, and Rhonda Wilhelm

The Ione Middle School girls' basketball team played the Helix Grizzlies on Saturday, Jan. 10 in Helix. Ione showed much improvement in the rematch and pulled ahead for the win with a score of 28-14.

Although Ione had a slow start, they were able to work it off. At the end of the half, Ione was down by one, 9-8. The halftime talk proved to be a true success, as the Cardinals pulled ahead, 14-12, at the end of the third quarter. They stayed in the lead through the fourth and won, 28-14.

Amellia Peck lead with 14 points, followed by Tracy Griffith with six and Salli McElligott with four. Peck also lead with 13 rebounds, followed by Griffith with 10 and Kristina Powell with nine. Peck again lead with seven steals, followed by S. McElligott with six. Natalie McElligott lead in assists with three and S. McElligott had one.

"Conditioning finally paid off for us in this game. Overall I thought we did best in the fourth quarter when we pulled it together and made 14 points," said coach Steve Schaber.

Ione's next game was against Condon, Friday, Jan. 16, in Ione.

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