

## Mustang varsity girls shoot down Rockets

By Molly Rhea

The Mustang varsity girls shot down the Rockets in Pilot Rock, on Friday, January 23, winning 52-37. The Rockets were undefeated in CBC action prior to Friday night's game. With this big win the Mustangs evened the win-loss record with the Rockets at 3-1, and both teams were only a half game back from Weston-McEwen at 4-1.

With the Pilot Rock fans refusing to sit down until the Rockets first bucket, the Mustangs raced to an 8-0 lead, keeping the Rock fans on their feet until Amber Evans hit a trey with 2:33 minutes remaining in the first quarter. At that point the Rockets recovered from their stall, putting in 11 unanswered points to lead 11-8 after the first eight minutes.

In the second quarter the Mustangs were down by eight points, 9-17, before they dug in their heels to tie the score at 17, then pulled ahead, 23-20, going into the halftime break.

The Pilot Rock fans should be grateful they don't stand until their team posts a score in the second half, as the Heppner team held the Rockets scoreless throughout the third quarter. Meanwhile the Mustangs kicked in 13 points to take at big 16 point lead, 36-20, after three stanzas.

It was two and a half minutes into the fourth quarter before Amber Evans hit a free throw to score Pilot Rock's 21st point. Although the Rockets were able to score an additional 16 points, the Mustangs continued their bucket brigade, pouring in 16 points in the final period to clinch the win.



photo by Joyce Hughes

Mindy Binschus (12), Petra Elguezabal, and Lexi Matteson (34) in action against Rockets.

Petra Elguezabal led the Mustangs by hitting for 12 points while grabbing 14 rebounds and five steals. Annie Hisler scored 11 points, nabbed four steals and dished out three assists. Lexi Matteson put in seven points, pulled down nine rebounds and passed in four assists, while Mindy Binschus scored nine points, had five rebounds, an assist and blocked a shot. Pilot Rock's Amber Evans led all scorers with 16 points.

Heppner 8 15 13 16 - 52  
Pilot Rock 11 9 0 17 - 37  
Heppner (52) Ingraham 1 0-0 2, Hisler 3 4-6 11, Binschus 3 3-4 9, Childers, Boyer 0 1-3 1, Barber 2 1-2 6, Greenup 0 2-3 2, Healy, Matteson 2 3-4 7, Maben 1 0-0 2, Elguezabal 5 2-4 12. Totals 17 16-26 52. Three point goals 2, Hisler, Barber. Total fouls 17, fouled out, none.  
Pilot Rock (37) Simmons 3 0-1 6, Copeland 1 0-0 2, Harris 2 0-0 4, Sampson 1 1-3 3, Greene 1 0-0 2, Humphreys, Harrison, Swanson, Evans 5 3-10 16, Doherty 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 4-14 37. Three point goals 3, Evans 3. Total fouls 19, fouled out, Evans.

## Wahtonka Eagles slip away from Mustang JVs

By Molly Rhea

The junior varsity Mustang girls watched the game slip away on Saturday, January 24, losing 26-28 in the Wahtonka gym. The Eagles full court press, coupled with poor free throw shooting by the young Mustang squad effectively denied Heppner the victory.

The Mustangs got off to a slow start and trailed 2-9 at the end of the first quarter. Six Heppner players scored in the second quarter while not allowing the Eagles a single bucket and the Mustangs pulled ahead 12-9 at the halftime break.

The Mustangs were out-scored 7-12 in the third quarter to lose the lead and the period ended with Heppner behind 19-21. The Mustangs tied the score at 21 points in the fourth quarter but were unable to pull ahead and

lost by a measly two, 26-28.

Kim Pointer and Amy Papineau shared top scoring for the Mustangs with seven points each. Pointer also pulled down six rebounds, blocked three shots and handed out an assist. Papineau grabbed seven rebounds and four steals while blocking two shots.

Wahtonka's Jessie Ziegler led all scorers with 11 points.

Heppner 2 10 7 7 - 26  
Wahtonka 9 0 12 7 - 28  
Heppner (26) Ropp, Clough, Pointer 2 3-4 7, Kahl 2 2-7 6, Rhea, Adams 0 1-2 1, Papineau 3 1-5 7, Maben 0 1-2, Sykes 2 0-0 4. Totals 9 8-23 26. Three point goals, none. Total fouls 23, fouled out, Papineau.  
Wahtonka (28) Krol 0 3-6 3, Frost 0 1-2 1, Biechler 3 0-3 6, Velador, Matherly 2 0-0 4, Leatherbury 1 1-6 3, Ziegler 5 0-3 11, Stephens 0 0-2 0, Peters, Radcliffe, Treichel, Cartwright, Springer. Totals 11 5-24 28. Three point goals - 1, Ziegler. Total fouls 18, fouled out, none.

## HHS C-team girls drop Condon game

By Merilee McDowell

The Heppner Mustang C-team girls competed against the Condon Blue Devils Tuesday, Jan. 20, in Heppner and lost to the Blue Devils, 38-21.

The Mustangs were stymied by Condon's full court press in the first quarter of the game but they came back, breaking through the press in the second quarter, matching Condon point for point. However, Heppner's best efforts still left them down 10-17 at the half.

Mandy Sneddon had a team-high six points to go with her two rebounds and one steal. Mindy Smith led the Mustangs with eight rebounds, scored four

points and added one assist. Sarah Eckman led the Mustangs with four steals which kept the Mustangs in the game.

Other key players include San Juanita Elguezabal, pulling down five boards, three steals and scoring two points. Marissa McCabe scooped four boards, and added two points and one assist. Lindsey Ward had three rebounds and added two points and two steals.

Heppner traveled to Pilot Rock Monday, Jan. 26, and will meet up with the Weston-McEwen Tiger Scots on Thursday, Jan. 29, in Athena at 6 p.m.

Statistics:  
Heppner 4 6 2 9 21  
Condon 11 6 10 11 38

## Mustangs lose tough one to Pilot Rock

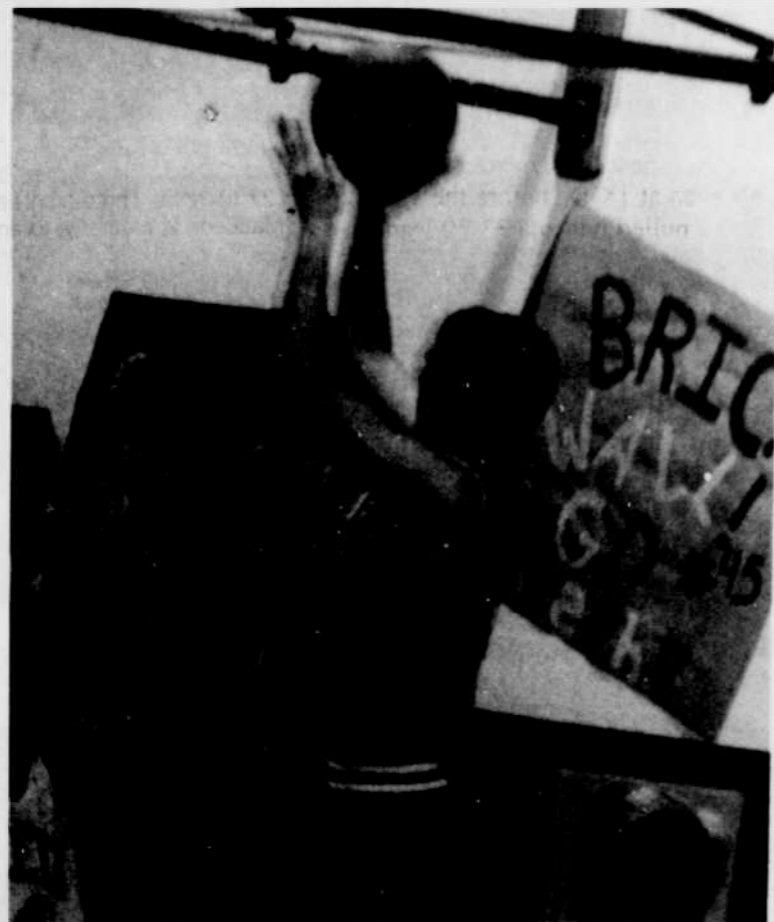


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Chris Anthony goes up for shot

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs varsity boys traveled to Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 23, to take on the Rockets and lost a tough game, 79-72.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 5-0 lead before the Rockets got their first points with 5:25 left in the opening quarter. Chris Anthony hit a three-pointer to give Heppner a 8-2 lead. The Rockets' Shawn McLaughlin hit a jumper and closed the gap to 8-6 before Ryan Matteson hit a jump shot and a three-pointer to give the Mustangs a 13-7 lead. Pilot Rock's Jason Bensel hit a shot at the buzzer to end the first quarter with Heppner leading, 13-9.

A high scoring back-and-forth second quarter saw the Mustangs outscore the Rockets 24-21 to take a 37-30 lead at halftime. The Mustangs hit four three-pointers in the quarter with Shane Matheny connecting on two of them.

Another high-scoring quarter saw the Mustangs take a 58-52 lead after three quarters. The Mustangs led by as many as 15 points with 3:30 left after Matheny hit another three-pointer and Tim Dickenson hit a jump shot to give Heppner a 51-36 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Mustangs opened with a 60-52 lead on a Dickenson lay-in. The next four minutes were see-saw as Dickenson scored the first nine

points of the fourth quarter for the Mustangs before Jared Eckman made a free throw to give Heppner a 68-65 lead. The Rockets tied the score at 68-68 on a Bobby Humphrey free throw and a McLaughlin rebound and put back.

The game was tied at 70-70 when McLaughlin scored six straight points to give the Rockets a 76-70 lead. A late basket by Derek Gunderson was not enough as the Mustangs lost, 79-72.

Heppner was led by Dickenson with 22 points and Anthony with 12.

The Rockets were led by McLaughlin's 31 points and 14 rebounds.

Statistics:  
Heppner- 13 24 21 14-72  
Pilot Rock- 9 21 22 27-79  
Heppner: Dickenson 7 8-12 22, Anthony 5 0-2 12, Matheny 3 0-1 9, Gunderson 2 3-7 8, Casey Evans 3 0-1 7, Eckman 2 3-7 7, Matteson 3 0-0 7, Blas Elguezabal. 25 14-30 72. Three-point field goals: Matheny 3, Anthony 2, Gunderson, Matteson, Evans.

Pilot Rock: McLaughlin 10 11-17 31, R. Bensel 3 2-2 10, Labrousse 2 3-4 8, Stelk 3 2-5 8, J. Bensel 2 2-3 6, Doherty 2 1-5 5, Erickson 2 0-0 5, Humphreys 1 1-2 3, Van Pelt 1 0-0 2, Greene 0 1-2 1. 26 23-37 79. Three-point field goals: R. Bensel 2, Labrousse, Erickson.

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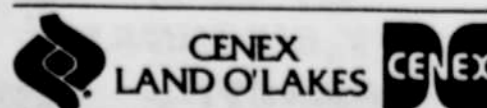
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