

Mustang varsity girls whip Tigers, 59-33



By Molly Rhea

The Heppner varsity girls closed out the regular season on their home court Saturday, February 21, by whipping the Stanfield Tigers 59-33. Every Mustang kicked in buckets in this unrestrained romp.

The Mustangs led by five points, 11-6, after the first quarter and seemed to exponentially extend their lead in every quarter thereafter. Ahead by 12 at the half and 23 after three periods, the Mustangs were still pulling away when the final buzzer sounded.

Annie Hisler led the Mustang scoring brigade, hitting for 12 points and dishing out two assists as well as grabbing five steals. Lexi Matteson and Casey Ingraham both scored nine points, while Mindy Binschus pulled down eight boards and

Petra Elguezabal had seven, to lead the Mustangs' rebounding effort.

Emma Smart led Stanfield with 17 points and six rebounds.

With a 9 and 3 Columbia Basin Conference win-loss record, the Mustangs head into the district playoffs this weekend in second place behind Sherman County. The Heppner girls will play Weston-McEwen Friday at 7 p.m. in the second session of district action. The Sherman County boys will play Weston-McEwen directly following the Heppner girls' game.

The first session, beginning at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, pits the Sherman County girls against Pilot Rock. The first session matchup in the boys' action will see first-place Umatilla playing Wahtonka.

District playoffs match up the

first vs fourth and the second vs third place teams in a "loser-out" game on Friday, February 27, at the Pendleton Convention Center. The winners of these games then play on Saturday afternoon to determine the CBC championship. If the number-four team would manage to defeat the number-one team, then the number one-team would be granted a game against the number-two seed prior to the regional playoffs.

The first and second place teams coming out of the district playoffs face off against the first and second place teams from the Wapiti league in regional playoff action at the Pendleton Convention Center on March 6 and 7.

Admission prices to the district playoffs is set by OSAA and student passes are not accepted. Price per session is \$5/adult and \$3/student; a pass for the two Friday sessions is \$7/adult and \$5/student and the prices for a two-day pass are \$12/adult and \$8/student.

Stanfield 6 9 6 12 - 33
Heppner 11 16 17 15 - 59
Stanfield (33) Sarah Davis 4 0-0 8, Herbert 1 0-0 2, Calhoun, Smart 5 7-10 17, Haines 2 2-36, Pollard 0 0-2 0, Thomas, St. Davis, Mills **Totals 12 9-15 33.** Three point goals, none. Total fouls 21, fouled out, none.
Heppner (59) Ingraham 4 1-2 9, Hisler 4 2-2 12, Binschus 1 2-4 4, Childers 1 0-0 2, Boyer 1 3-4 5, Barber 1 0-0 2, Greenup 1 3-4 5, Healy 1 1-3 4, Matteson 3 3-4 9, Maben 1 2-3 4, Elguezabal 0 3-3 3. **Totals 18 20-29 59.** Three point goals, 3, Hisler-2, Healy-1. Total fouls 12, fouled out, none.

| Team | League | | Season | |
|---------------|--------|----|--------|----|
| | W | L | W | L |
| Sherman Co | 10 | 2 | 17 | 5 |
| Heppner | 9 | 3 | 15 | 7 |
| Weston-McEwen | 8 | 4 | 16 | 5 |
| Pilot Rock | 6 | 6 | 12 | 10 |
| Wahtonka | 5 | 7 | 12 | 11 |
| Umatilla | 3 | 9 | 8 | 14 |
| Stanfield | 1 | 11 | 5 | 17 |

Golf tourney

The first annual "Tee Off To End The Violence" golf tournament will be held Friday, May 8, at 11:30 a.m. at the Wildhorse Resort Golf course in Pendleton.

The tournament benefits two programs that work to end domestic violence, Domestic Violence Services, serving Umatilla and Morrow counties; and STOP Violence Program, serving the confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

A \$60 entry fee per play includes lunch and green fees for an 18-hole, four-person scramble. A sack lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 1 p.m.

Four "hole-in-one" prizes, sponsored by Donna Bieber, Century 21 Realty specialist, will be awarded. The prize for hole #4 will be \$25,000 cash; hole #16, a Caribbean cruise; hole #8, round trip airline tickets; and hole #12, a set of Callaway Big Bertha irons. Prizes will also be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and longest putt.

The registration deadline is April 28. To enter, send your fee, name, address, city, street, zip, phone number, and handicap or average score to: D.V.S., P.O. Box 152, Pendleton, OR. 97801.

For more information, call (541) 276-3322. Your confirmation is your cancelled check.

Mustang JV boys win last game

By Rick Paulius

The Heppner Mustang JV basketball team won their final game of the year over the visiting Stanfield Tigers, 54-53, on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The Mustangs jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead to start the game and took a 14-11 lead after one quarter of play. The Tigers came back to pull within one as Heppner led 27-26 at halftime.

The Tigers outscored the Mustangs 15-8 in the third quarter to take a 41-35 lead into the fourth.

The Mustangs battled back, and, with :57 seconds left, Craig Scott hit a three-pointer to tie the score at 53-53. The Tigers failed to score and after a timeout, the Mustangs' Blake Knowles was fouled with :12 seconds left. Knowles made one of two baskets

to give the Mustangs a 54-53 lead. Stanfield's last shot failed to connect and Ryan Matteson rebounded and ran out the clock to give Heppner the win.

The Mustangs rally was led by Joe Papineau's rebounding and scoring as he scored 13 points in the fourth quarter. Michael Schonbachler added 12 points for the Mustangs. Scott scored seven points, including the big three-pointer, and David Bates chipped in with six points.

Statistics:
Heppner: 14 13 8 19 - 54
Stanfield: 11 15 15 12 - 53
Heppner: Papineau 5 3-4 13, Schonbachler 6 0-2 12, Scott 3 0-0 7, Bates 3 0-0 6, Blake Knowles 2 1-2 5, Blas Elguezabal 2 0-0 4, Cody Bellamy 2 0-0 4, Darrin Ployhar 1 0-2 3, Brian Knowles, Matteson. **Totals:** 24 4-10 54. Three-point field goals: Scott, Ployhar.

Tae Kwon Do receives donation

Kim's Tae Kwon Do was the recipient of \$600 from the Heppner Alumni Association to purchase training mats for the studio here in Heppner.

Gary Oberg, owner and head instructor at Kim's TKD, said that he is elated to receive funds to purchase additional training equipment for use by the students. "The mats are on order and we should have four high quality 4' x 8' mats available soon," said Oberg. Anyone interested in Tae Kwon Do may call Oberg at 676-5449 for more information. Classes are available for both children and adults from beginners through advanced.

Lady Cardinals win second place in Big Sky

By Kara Miller

The Ione Lady Cardinals beat Dufur 63-29 for second place in the Big Sky IA district tournament Friday, Feb. 20.

The Lady Cards had to have two wins at the district playoffs in order to get their opportunity to play at the state IA championships in Baker City. The Ione squad faced Dufur in the first game of the Big Sky district tournament last Friday afternoon. The two teams met a few weeks earlier and Ione had won the contest but rumors were flying that Dufur had two new powerhouses and were going to get revenge. The Cardinals squad went into tournament play with just four of their members having some previous tournament experience.

The opening tip went to Ione but the Rangers finished the first quarter 12 to 8 over the Cardinals. The Cards started flying in the second quarter and outscored Dufur, 23-4, ending the half with a 31-16 lead.

"We started out a little rough, but our defensive pressure up front forced some steals when we were down a little bit and we converted on them," said Cardinals' coach Dana Heideman. "We broke them down in the second quarter and that was the key."

Nikki McElligott finished with a game-high 21 points and also led the team with eight rebounds. Camie Burright pulled down six boards and contributed 16 points while her sister Brenda added 11 points, three assists and four steals. Kara Miller went four for four from the free throw line and added a total of nine points and four steals to the winning effort that put Ione in front 63 to Dufur's 29.

STATS: Dufur (29) -- Lindell 5-10 2-4 12, Wyatt 1-3 0-2 2, Thomas 1-4 2-2 4, Duncan 2-5 1-2 5, Thompson 0-3 1-2 1,

Sawyer 0-6 0-0 0, Cantrell 0-0 0-0 0, Anderson 1-2 0-0 2, Yeoman 0-0 0-0 0, McMullen 1-4 0-0 2, Cobb 0-1 0-0 0.
TOTALS 11-38 6-12 29.
Ione (63)--McElligott 9-14 3-4 21, C. Burright 8-16 0-1 16, B. Burright 5-11 0-0 11, Sullivan 0-0 0-2 0, Miller 2-3 4-4 9, B. Brantley 0-1 3-6 3, Halvorsen 0-3 1-1 1, Sy Krebs 1-1 0-0 2, Sh Krebs 0-1 0-0 9, Gates 0-2 0-0 0, J. Brantley 0-0 0-0 0 **TOTALS** 25-58 11-20 63.
THREE-POINT GOALS--Dufur 1-7 (McMullen 1) Ione 2-7 (B. Burright, Miller). Rebounds--Dufur 29 (Thompson 11), Ione 38 (McElligott 8, C. Burright 6). Assists--Dufur 7 (Thompson 3) Ione 15 (B. Burright 4) Turnovers--Dufur 26, Ione 13. Total Fouls--Dufur 17, Ione 13.

Find the Hidden Shamrock Win a Gold Coin

The St. Patrick's Day treasure hunt is back. Each week until March 11th a clue for the treasure hunt will be printed in the Gazette-Times. If followed, these clues will guide treasure hunters to a green shamrock hidden somewhere in the city limits of Heppner.

The first person to find the hidden shamrock will win a .10 ounce gold coin, valued at \$45. The coin is donated by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and is on display there.

RULES:

1. A new set of clues to guide you to the hidden shamrock will appear in each edition of the Heppner Gazette-Times.
2. A total of four clues will be given through March 11th.
3. The hidden shamrock is not on private property and no digging or moving of objects, dirt or other material is necessary to find the shamrock.
4. The first person to find the shamrock should bring it to the Heppner Gazette-Times to claim the gold coin.

Clue Number Two:

Leprechaun's Note: Last week's clue was reported to be too hard. So this week we made it easier...

you found the road they named for Tom the Main intersection will put you -- not right on now you're close to this week's place learn a lesson, quick, hey! this is a race it educated those old kids a donkey a canyon together again.

FAST TRACK CLUE:

Get this one right and you could go straight to the shamrock Mortician's generosity

Follow the clues, and may the Luck O' the Irish be with you. This contest is sponsored by the Bank of Eastern Oregon and the Heppner Gazette-Times.

JV Mustang girls lose to Tigers

By Molly Rhea

The JV Mustang girls put together a huge second quarter to overtake the Stanfield Tigers on Saturday, February 21, but were unable to hang onto lead and lost their final game, 40-45. The JV girls finish the season with a 7-10 win-loss record.

Heppner scored only three points in the first quarter to fall behind by 12, 3-15, after one. The young Mustangs came roaring back in the second quarter, hitting four field goals and nine shots from behind the free-throw line, to outscore the Tigers 17-to-3 and end the half leading, 20-18.

The score was knotted at 30 after three quarters and the fourth quarter was witness to the lead see-sawing until the Tigers managed to pull ahead by three points, 38-35, and the Mustangs were unable to reclaim the lead. In spite of shooting 33 free throws compared to only 12 for

Stanfield, the Mustangs were unable to put in enough shots from the field and went down 40-45.

Amy Papineau led the Mustang scoring with 11 points; she also grabbed six rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot. Abby Kahl put in six points and swiped four steals, while Kathleen Greenup matched her six points with six rebounds. Kim Pointer pulled down seven rebounds and posted five points.

Stanfield's Cassie Metz led all scorers with 13 points and Lindsay Gibbs added 12.
Stanfield 15 3 12 15 - 45
Heppner 3 17 10 10 - 40
Stanfield (45) Stacey Davis 1 0-0 2, Gibbs 5 0-0 12, Bledsoe 0 2-2 2, Pomeroy 0 1-2 1, Mills 3 1-2 7, Ena 1 0-0 2, Vermillion, Metz 5 3-6 13, Sarah Davis 3 0-0 6, Austin. **Totals 18 7-12 45.** Three point goals-2, Davis-2. Total fouls 27, fouled out - Gibbs, Mills, Ena.
Heppner (40) Ropp 2 0-0 4, Clough, Pointer 1 3-4 5, Kahl 1 4-4 6, Rhea 0 1-4 1, Adams 1 0-2 2, Greenup 2 2-5 6, Watkins, Papineau 2 7-10 11, Maben, Sykes 1 3-4 5. **Totals 10 20-33 40.** Three point goals, none. Total fouls 15, fouled out, none.

Heppner C-team beats Pirates

By Merilee McDowell

The Riverside Pirates traveled to Heppner Feb. 9 and were outscored by the Heppner Mustang girls' C-team throughout the game.

The Mustangs kept Riverside scoreless in the second quarter and won 32-8. Heppner caused many turnovers for Riverside with a strong full court press and good defensive play.

Lindsey Ward scored a game-high seven points and grabbed six rebounds. Marissa McCabe led the team with 10 rebounds and Mandy Sneddon added eight at the boards. San Juanita Elguezabal and Jenni Patton scored six points apiece and each grabbed four steals.

Other key players were Tracy Rankin and Mindy Smith, pulling down four rebounds apiece and Krista Adams adding four points.

Mustangs head to district

The Heppner High School girls' varsity basketball team will advance to the district playoffs to be held this Friday, Feb. 27, at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The Mustang girls will play at 7 p.m. against Weston-McEwen.

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 Riverside 4 0 2 2 8

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