

## Lady Cards win squeaker over Rockets Boys defeated by Pilot Rock

Nikki McElligott launched a last second attack on the Pilot Rock Rockets to squeeze out a narrow 62-61 victory for the lone Cardinals at Pilot Rock Friday, December 4.

Charissa Gates got the Cardinals started by hitting a three-point shot in the first quarter of the game. The Cardinals tied the Rockets 55-55

at the end of the fourth quarter, forcing the Rockets into overtime.

The Cardinals trailed 59-61 until just before the last second of the game when McElligott launched her own defensive shot and made a three-point bucket putting the Cardinals on top. Scoring for the Cardinals was led by McElligott with 31 points.

Camie Burrigh followed with 19 points for the team.

When coach Chris Davis was asked about the game his response was, "We played hard, but didn't play real well. The team did enough to win, so I can't be disappointed."

The lone boys varsity team

stayed competitive with the Rockets, trailing only by four points at half time. Pilot Rock gained more of a lead in the second half, leading the Cardinals 71-48 by the end of the fourth quarter.

Freshman Brad Burrigh led the Cardinal scoring with 24 points and was tough on the boards, leading the team in rebounds. Allan Gribskov added 13 more points and guided the Cardinals in assists; Corey Morgan

exercised tough defense with five steals and dished out four assists.

The lone boys JV team was unable to bring home a win on Friday evening, losing to Pilot Rock 37-71.

The lead scorer for the Cardinal JV team was Patrick Davidson with 13 points. Davidson shot 82 percent from the free throw line and played excellent defense under the basket for the Cardinals.

Lady Cardinal JVs also had a tough game with Pilot Rock, losing their game 56-8.

lone struggled with their passes while Pilot Rock had a tough defense and played good team ball. "We need to learn to put some zip on our passes and do a better job of anticipating what the defense is doing," said coach Duane Neiffer after the game.

Jennifer Thompson was lead scorer for the JV team.

## Mustang JVs win two

By Rick Paullus

The Mustang JV boys basketball team won two games over the weekend, nipping the Umatilla Vikings, 56-54, on Friday night, then beating the lone Cardinals, 55-34, on Saturday afternoon.

The Vikings jumped out to an 11-6 lead after one, but the Mustangs battled back to trail only by one, 21-20, at the half. The Mustangs then outscored Umatilla 19-10 in the third to take a 39-31 lead into the fourth. The Vikings came storming back by hitting four three-point field goals to tighten the lead. Chris Bowman had four points and a steal. Blake Knowles was two for two and Michael McCabe was three for six from the free throw line in the final two minutes as the Mustangs held on for the win.

McCabe ended up with 16 points to lead the Mustangs. Stefan Matheny scored 11 points including five for three from the free throw line. Knowles ended up with nine points and a three-pointer. The Mustangs had an easier time in Ione, taking a 33-16 lead at halftime by outscoring the Cardinals, 16-14, in the second quarter. Heppner only outscored Ione, 22-18, in the rough second half but it was enough to get the win.

Matheny was perfect from the line again, going four for four and scoring 10 points to tie Cody Bellamy for high point honors. Chip Piper and McCabe scored nine points each and Joe Papineau scored eight points.

Stats:  
Umatilla: 11-10-10-23 54  
Heppner: 6-14-19-17 56  
Heppner: Michael McCabe 5 6-16-16,  
Stefan Matheny 3 5-5-11, Blake Knowles 3 2-9-9, Chris Bowman 3 0-0-6, Clint Bellamy 3 0-6-6, Mitch Matthews 2 0-0-4,  
Joe Papineau 1 0-2-2, Chip Piper 1 0-0-2,  
Darrin Ployhar 21 11-38 56. Three point: Knowles.

Ione: 12-4-12-6 34  
Heppner: 17-16-11-11 55  
Matheny 3 4-4-10, Cody Bellamy 5 0-2-10, Piper 4 1-2-9, McCabe 4 1-2-9,  
Papineau 4 0-0-8, Clint Bellamy 1 2-2-4,  
Bowman 1 2-4-4, Matthews 0 1-2-1,  
Ployhar 0 0-2-0. 22 11-20 55.

## BMCC concert scheduled Dec. 11

The choirs of Blue Mountain Community College and the quartet, Absolutely Nobody, will present a fall concert on Friday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Hall Theater.

The BMCC Quartet, Absolutely Nobody, will present new material such as parodies on Christmas carols, Stray Cat Strut, Du Wah Diddy, and other surprises.

There is no charge for admission.

## Mustangs open with win



photo by Joyce Hughes

Blake Knowles looks for way out around Condon players

By Rick Paullus

The Mustang JV boys' basketball team opened their season with a 51-33 win over the Condon Blue Devils on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Heppner.

After a low-scoring first quarter, the Mustangs built a 19-12 halftime lead. The Mustangs exploded for 21 points in the third quarter to blow the game open and take a 40-22 lead. Michael McCabe scored nine of his 11 points in the quarter.

The Mustangs were led by Blake Knowles with 15 points and Chris Bowman added eight points. Stefan Matheny scored seven points and had a good game at point guard.

Stats:  
Condon: 2-10-10-11 33  
Heppner: 6-13-21-11 51  
Heppner: Blake Knowles 7 1-4-15,  
Michael McCabe 3 4-4-11, Chris Bowman 4 0-2-8, Stefan Matheny 2 3-6-7,  
Joe Papineau 3 0-0-6, Chip Piper 1 0-4-2,  
Darin Ployhar 1 0-2-2, Mitch Matthews 0 0-4-0, Clint Bellamy, Cody Bellamy, 21 8-26-51. Three-point: McCabe.



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