

Mustangs lose to Vikings

By Rick Paullus
The visiting Umatilla Vikings beat the Heppner Mustangs, 73-53, on Friday, Dec. 4. The Vikings made nine three-point field goals, six by C.J. Savage, and made 16 of 22 free throws to hold off the Mustangs.

The Mustangs took an early 3-2 lead on a three-point play by Casey Evans, only to see the Vikings score the next eight points to lead, 10-3. Tim Dickenson scored four straight, but the Vikings scored five to increase their lead to 15-7. A Dickenson basket and a steal and lay-in by Evans cut the lead to four, but a Vikings basket made the first quarter score 17-11.

A basket by Craig Scott cut the lead to 19-17 midway through the second quarter. The Vikings then scored the next 10 points to take a 29-17 lead. A Scott basket cut the lead to 10, but the Vikings outscored Heppner 5-2 to make the halftime score 34-21.

The third quarter was no better as the Mustangs were outscored 16-11 to fall behind 50-32 going into the fourth quarter.

Ryan Matteson highlighted a fast-paced fourth quarter by hitting two three-pointers, but the Mustangs could get no closer than 15 points.

Dickenson led the Mustangs with 22 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots. Scott added 10 points and Jared Eckman pulled down six rebounds. Evans had five points, five assists and three steals.

Stats:

Umatilla: 17-17-16-22 73
Heppner: 11-10-11-21 53
Umatilla: Savage 7 0-0-20, McIver 7 4-5-19, Shannon 3 3-7-9, Rohde 3 0-0-6, Salas 2 1-2-6, Bow 1 2-2-5, Morris 0 4-4-4, Kelly 1 0-0-2, Cleaver 0 2-2-2, 24 16-22 73.

Heppner: Tim Dickenson 10 2-7-22, Craig Scott 4 2-2-10, Ryan Matteson 2 0-0-6, Casey Evans 2 1-1-5, Joe Papineau 2 0-2-4, Jared Eckman 1 0-0-2, Derek Gunderson 0 2-6-2, Blas Elguezabal 0 2-2-2, Blake Knowles 0 0-1-0, 21 9-21 53.

Three pointers: Umatilla-Savage 6, McIver, Bow, Salas. Heppner-Matteson 2.

Mustangs beat Cardinals

By Rick Paullus

The Mustangs got back on the winning track on Saturday, Dec. 5, at Ione by beating the young Cardinals, 63-29.

Ryan Matteson got the Mustangs going with a three-pointer and Jared Eckman made a free throw and then a three-point play to make it 7-0. The Cardinals' Patrick Davidson had a three-point play to make it 7-3 before Tim Dickenson scored four straight and Craig Scott had his own three-point play to make the score 14-3.

Korey Morgan made a basket to cut the lead to 14-5. Casey Evans then made two free throws and a lay-in. Eckman made a basket and Evans hit another free throw to make it 21-5, Mustangs, at the end of the first quarter. The Mustangs hit eight of 10 free throws in the quarter.

The Mustangs continued pouring it on in the second quarter and, after Matteson hit two straight three-pointers, the Mustangs led 32-9. The Cardinals fought back and a long three-pointer by Jacob Neiffer at the buzzer made the halftime score 33-16. Matteson scored 10 of the Mustangs 12

points. The Mustangs outscored the Cardinals 12-8 in the third quarter to take a 45-24 lead in to the fourth quarter.

The fourth quarter was all Mustangs as they outscored Ione 18-5. Riley Tingue came off the bench to score four points and Derek Gunderson hit a three-pointer for the Mustangs.

Eckman led the Mustangs with 16 points, seven rebounds and five steals. Matteson scored 13 points, including three three-pointers. Evans had seven points, nine rebounds, six assists and four steals.

Brad Burright led the Cardinals with seven points and Allan Gribskov had six points.

Stats:

Ione: 5-11-8-5 29
Heppner: 21-12-12-18 63
Heppner: Jared Eckman 6 4-6-16, Ryan Matteson 4 2-7-13, Craig Scott 3-1-1-9, Tim Dickenson 3 2-2-8, Casey Evans 2 3-4-7, Riley Tingue 2 1-2-5, Derek Gunderson 1 1-2-4, Joe Papineau 1 0-0-2, Blas Elguezabal 2 14-24 63. Three pointers: Matteson 3, Gunderson, Scott.

Ione: Brad Burright 3 1-3-7, Allan Gribskov 3 0-0-6, Josh Reynolds 2 0-0-4, Patrick Davidson 1 1-1-3, Jacob Neiffer 1 0-0-3, Dustin Hagewood 1 0-0-2, Korey Morgan 1 0-0-2, John Ferguson 1 0-0-2, 13 2-4-29. Three points: Neiffer.



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Mustang JV boys open with win

By Rick Paullus

The Mustangs opened the 1998-99 basketball season by avenging an overtime loss to the Condon Blue Devils by a convincing 56-46 win on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Heppner jumped out to a 12-4 lead early in the first quarter with Tim Dickenson, Casey Evans and Jared Eckman each scoring four points. Dickenson picked up his third foul with 2:54 left with the Mustangs up 18-10. The Blue Devils closed the fast-paced first quarter down by five at 22-17. Evans finished with eight points in the quarter.

The second quarter was considerably slower as both teams cooled off and five straight points by Condon's Josh Gawith closed the gap to 26-24. But a basket by Blake Knowles and two baskets by Craig Scott made the halftime score 32-24.

The Mustangs blew the game open in the third quarter, outscoring Condon, 14-5. Heppner outscored the Blue Devils 10-1, with Eckman scoring four, to take a 46-29 lead into the fourth quarter. Evans hit a three-pointer to give the Mustangs their biggest lead at 51-31 before Condon rallied to make the score close.

Condon's Todd Shaffer hit a three-pointer to make the final score 56-46.

Shaffer and Gawith lead all scorers with 14 points each.

The Mustangs were led by Dickenson and Evans with 12 points each. Scott scored nine points and Eckman had eight points, nine rebounds and two blocked shots. Ryan Matteson finished with five points and three blocked shots. Blas Elguezabal came off the bench to gather six rebounds.

"The kids did a good job and we got to look at everybody. We had a lapse in the second quarter, but came back in the second half to put the game out of reach," coach Chuck Matteson said after the game.

Stats:

Condon: 17-7-5-17 46
Heppner: 22-10-14-10 56
Condon: Gawith 4 6-9-14, Schaffer 5 3-3-14, Smith 2 2-2-6, Lathrop 2 0-0-4, Mecham 1 2-3-4, Carmine 1 0-1-2, Nelson 1 0-0-2, Barnett, Allen, Stinchfield, 16 13-18-46.

Heppner: Tim Dickenson 5 2-4-12, Casey Evans 5 1-3-12, Craig Scott 4 1-2-9, Jared Eckman 4 0-0-8, Ryan Matteson 2 1-2-5, Blake Knowles 2 0-0-4, Derek Gunderson 1 0-0-2, Blas Elguezabal 1 0-0-2, Joe Papineau 1 0-0-2, Riley Tingue, 25 5-11-26.

Three points: Condon-Shaffer, Heppner-Evans.

Swanson scores for EOU basketball

Ione High School alumna, Luke Swanson, a sophomore at Eastern Oregon University at LaGrande and a member of the EOU Mountaineer varsity basketball team, hit a trey in the EOU game against Concordia University.

Swanson, the son of Jim and Monica Swanson of Ione, added 10 points off the bench.

The Mountaineers eventually lost to Concordia, 65-57, but Swanson's trey gave them a 40-39 advantage with 9:12 left in the game.

Swanson is 12th in the Cascade Collegiate Conference in three-point shooting at 34.8 percent (eight of 23 in five games).

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LAST WEEK'S RIGHT SCORE	8	7	7	8	8	8	7	8	8	8	8	9
WRONG	4	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	4	4	4	3
TOTAL RIGHT SCORE	88	86	91	101	97	80	91	96	96	88	93	95
WRONG	52	42	49	39	43	60	49	44	44	52	47	45

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