

Mustangs rally to beat Huskies, 56-47

By Rick Paulius

The Heppner Mustangs used a huge fourth quarter to beat the visiting Sherman County Huskies, 56-47, on Saturday, Jan. 16. The win put the Mustangs solidly into second place in the Columbia Basin Conference at 3-1. Heppner will travel to Culver on Friday, Jan. 22, in another crucial conference game.

In a seesaw first quarter, the Huskies led 9-8, making five of six free throws. The Huskies held the lead all of the second quarter by as much as six points before Casey Evans hit a basket and free throw to cut the lead to 27-24 at halftime.

With Jared Eckman out with four fouls, Blake Knowles came off the bench to play a solid third quarter, scoring four points to help the Mustangs to a 33-33 tie.

The Mustangs then went on a tear as Eckman tied the score at 35 and Tim Dickenson made a baseline lay-in to make it 37-35. After a Sherman County basket, Shane Matheny hit a jumper, Eckman scored on a nice pass

from Derek Gunderson and Evans hit a jumper to make it 43-37.

The Huskies hit two baskets to close the gap to 43-41 before Eckman hit another basket to make it a four point lead. Dickenson drove the baseline and made a reverse lay-in to make it 47-41. Eckman followed a Husky basket with a three-point play to make it 50-43, then took a nice pass from Ryan Matteson to make it 52-45. The Mustangs scored the last four points of the game from the free throw line to make the final score 56-47.

"We finally went to the offense in the second half," said coach Chuck Matteson following the win. "The kids played great defense, especially Casey on Richelderfer, holding him to three points. Blake played well in the third when Jared had foul trouble

and he came in the fourth with fresh legs."

Eckman scored 11 of his game-high 16 points in the fourth quarter. He also had seven rebounds. Evans finished with 10 points, eight rebounds and two steals. Dickenson had 10 points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals. Matteson led the Mustangs with six assists, and Gunderson had four assists and two steals.

Statistics:
Sherman County: 9-18-6-14 47
Heppner: 8-16-9-23 56
Sherman County: Thomas 6 0-0 12; Gardner 6 0-1 12; Langston 2 3-6 7; Kock 2 2-4 6; Hale; 1 2-5 5; Richelderfer 1 1-2 3; Macnab 1 0-0 2. 19 8-18 47. Three-pointers: Hale.
Heppner: Jared Eckman 6 4-4 16; Tim Dickenson 4 2-4 10; Casey Evans 3 4-8 10; Ryan Matteson 1 2-2 4; Blake Knowles 2 0-0 4; Derek Gunderson 1 0-2 2; Shane Matheny 2 0-0 4; Craig Scott 1 0-1 2; Blas Elguezabal 1 0-0 2; Clint Bellamy 1 0-0 2; Joe Papineau. 22 12-21 56. Three-pointers: none.

Tigers out-score Mustangs



photo by Joyce Hughes

Heppner's Jared Eckman shoots over Tiger defender

By Rick Paulius

The visiting Stanfield Tigers outscored the Heppner Mustang varsity, 74-59, on Friday, Jan. 15.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 9-4 lead midway through the first quarter, but went cold as Stanfield came storming back to take a 13-9 lead. The final three points were made on a desperation shot from half court by the Tigers' Kain Alarcon that swished in as the buzzer went off.

A three-point play by Jared Eckman got the Mustangs to within 16-12 early in the second, but the Mustangs could get no closer as the Tigers went on to lead 35-22 at halftime.

The Tigers kept pouring it on in the third, leading by as much as 25 at 52-27 before baskets by Blake Knowles and Derek Gunderson cut the lead to 54-35 going into the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs rallied behind the three-point shooting of Gunderson and Ryan Matteson and got to within 65-56 with 3:15

left. But the Tigers held on and made enough free throws down the stretch to get the win.

Matteson scored 15 of his team-high 17 points in the fourth quarter. Eckman finished with nine points, nine rebounds and two steals. Gunderson had eight points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals. Casey Evans had eight points and two steals. Tim Dickenson finished with nine points.

The Mustangs dropped to second place in the Columbia Basin Conference at 2-1, and 7-5 overall.

Statistics:
Stanfield: 13-22-19-20 74
Heppner: 9-13-13-24 59
Stanfield: Sherman 7 3-3 20; Graham 5 4-9 14; Alarcon 5 2-7 13; Baros 1 7-8 9; Forel 3 1-5 7; Pearson 2 2-3 6; Mosier 1 0-0 3; Abercrombie 1 0-0 2; Irving; Weatherman; Blankenship. 25 19-35 75. Three-pointers: Sherman (3), Mosier, Alarcon.
Heppner: Ryan Matteson 6 3-3 17; Tim Dickenson 3 3-4 9; Jared Eckman 2 5-6 9; Derek Gunderson 3 0-2 8; Casey Evans 4 0-0 8; Shane Matheny 2 0-2 4; Craig Scott 0 2-2 2; Blake Knowles 1 0-0 2; Blas Elguezabal; Joe Papineau. 21 13-19 59. Three-pointers: Matteson (2), Gunderson (2).

CSEPP to receive shelter kits

Morrow County's Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) will receive over 1,200 shelter-in-place kits, according to a CSEPP news release.

The kits are for Morrow County residents living within five miles of the Umatilla Chemical Depot. The shelter kits, produced by Safe-T-Tek Incorporated of Beaverton, should be delivered to Morrow County Emergency Management by the end of January.

The kits contain heavy plastic sheeting to cover doors, windows and vents in a "safe" room, scissors, rope-type putty, duct tape and a towel to place under the door. The kits should be placed in the designated safe room and used only in an emergency, says CSEPP.

Morrow County CSEPP had

planned to distribute the shelter kits along with the tone alert radios. Delays in the acquisition of tone alert radios have prompted emergency management officials to reevaluate the distribution process for shelter in place kits, they said.

Morrow County Emergency Management is exploring several options for distributing the shelter kits including a bulk mailing. The kits should be available for Morrow County residents by the first week of February.

"Morrow County residents living within five miles of the Depot who want a kit can call me at 922-4437," said Dan Knoll, public information officer for Morrow County.

Crisis line volunteers sought

Crisis line volunteer training for the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Crisis Line has been planned for Saturdays January 30 and Feb. 6 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Boardman.

Volunteers are wanted for evening and weekend shifts. Those interested in volunteering or those wishing to learn more about domestic violence and sexual assault are invited to attend.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. The training sessions are free of charge.

To register or for more information call the Hermiston office, 541-567-0424, or the Pendleton office, 541-276-3322

Registration begins for MS Walk & Roll

Pre-registration has begun for the MS Walk & Roll, Rain or Shine, scheduled for Saturday, April 10, and Sunday, April 11, in 15 Oregon locations and in Vancouver, Wash.

The MS Walk is a nationwide fund-raising event for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society involving more than 400 communities and raising more than \$19 million each year. The Society's Oregon Chapter expects 2,500 participants statewide to raise \$295,000 for the fight against multiple sclerosis. The goal for each walker is to raise \$150 in pledges.

Locally, the walk will be Saturday, April 10, starting at 9 a.m. in Heppner at All Saints Episcopal Church (both 5 and 10K).

Walkers raise money by obtaining and collecting pledges. Those turning in \$75 or more will receive an MS Walk T-shirt and can earn other prizes by raising additional money.

Pre-registration is available by completing the form in walk brochures, available in many locations, and sending it to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Oregon Chapter, 1650 NW Front Ave., Portland, Ore. 97209 or faxing it to (503) 223-2912.

Participants also may register by telephone at 1-800-995-0030 or online at www.orcnmss.org.

Sharon Kitzhaber, the First Lady of Oregon, is this year's honorary chairperson. Walk sponsors include Oregon's Own Dollar Store, TV Host, Teva Marion Partners, Courtesy Ford, Budget, Les Schwab Tires, PowerBar, Envoy Global, Inc., Round Table Pizza, Pride Healthcare and Telephone Pioneers of America.

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society asks that people remember the National MS Society in their wills.

Food handlers class slated

A food handler's class has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 27, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Heppner High School.

This class is required by the State of Oregon of all employees who handle or prepare food in food service facilities in Oregon.

People intending to prepare and serve food at the upcoming Heppner St. Patrick's Day

celebration should hold a current food handler's card.

A \$10 fee is payable to the State Health Division upon successful completion of the class. Students are asked to pay by check or money order.

To pre-register, contact BMCC coordinator, Anne Morter, at 422-7040.

Italian cooking class added

A second session of the Blue Mountain Community College class, Italian Cooking Techniques has been added for winter term.

The class is scheduled for Thursday evenings, February 18, 25 and March 4 from 6-8

p.m. Students attending will learn about pasta, polenta, sauces and more.

The cost of the class is \$30. Contact BMCC South Morrow coordinator Anne Morter, 422-7040, to register.

Devin oil serves first customer



James H. Blake of Heppner was the first customer at the new Heppner Devin Oil Chevron Station on opening day, Wednesday, Jan. 13. Blake is pictured with Devin Oil employee April Wilson.

New station hours, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, will be in effect until the convenience store opens.

Heppner JVs win two



photo by Joyce Hughes

Clint Bellamy plays tough D

By Rick Paulius

The Heppner Mustangs JV boys' basketball team moved to 8-1 on the year by winning two games over the weekend, Jan. 15-16.

On Friday night, Jan. 15, The Mustangs used a big third quarter to defeat the visiting Stanfield Tigers, 45-40.

Heppner jumped out to an 8-4 lead at the end of one, but trailed 19-16 at halftime. Blake Knowles scored 11 points in the third as the Mustangs outscored the Tigers 16-8 to take a 32-27 lead. Both teams scored 13 points in the fourth quarter, as the Mustangs held on for the win.

Knowles finished with 12 points and tied Stefan Matheny for high point honors. Matheny hit two three-pointers in his total. Michael McCabe also hit a three-pointer and finished with five points.

Statistics:
Stanfield: 4-15-8-13 40
Heppner: 8-8-16-13 45
Heppner: Blake Knowles 3 6-10 12; Stefan Matheny 4 2-2 12; Michael McCabe 2 0-6 5; Clint Bellamy 2 0-2 4; Joe Papineau 1 2-4 4; Cody Bellamy 1 0-2 2; Chip Piper 1 0-0 2; Chris Bowman 1 0-0 2; Darin Ployhar 1 0-0 2; Mitch Matthews. 16 10-26 45. Three-pointers: Matheny (2), McCabe.

On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 16, the Mustangs again jumped out in front of the Sherman County Huskies, 10-6, after one quarter and led 26-14 at halftime. Heppner put the game away outscoring the Huskies by 10 in the third to take a commanding 42-20 lead. The Huskies did outscore the Mustangs 11-4 in the fourth, but it wasn't enough as Heppner won, 46-31.

Matheny hit another three-pointer and led the Mustangs with 11 points. McCabe also hit a three and scored 10 points. Knowles hit a three-pointer too, and finished with nine points.

The JVs are back in action on Friday, Jan. 22 at Culver.

Statistics:
Sherman County: 6-8-6-11 31
Heppner: 10-16-16-4 46
Heppner: Matheny 4 2-2 11; McCabe 2 3-5 10; Knowles 1 6-12 9; Bowman 2 0-1 4; Piper 2 0-0 4; Papineau 2 0-2 4; Clint Bellamy 1 0-0 2; Ployhar 1 0-1 2; Matthews 0 0-2 0. 16 11-25 46. Three-pointers: Matheny, McCabe, Knowles.

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