

Mustangs romp TigerScots



photo by Joyce Hughes

Riley Tingue goes for the ball in TigerScot game. No. 21 is Tim Dickenson.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs easily defeated the visiting Weston-McEwen TigerScots, 62-44, on Friday, Jan. 29. The win moved the Mustangs to third place in the Columbia Basin Conference at four wins and two losses and 10-6 overall.

Heppner jumped out quickly as Shane Matheny scored the first eight points for the Mustangs and a basket by Tim Dickenson made it 10-4. The TigerScots closed to within 10-9, but that was as close as they would get the rest of the game. Derek Gunderson, Ryan Matteson and Dickenson scored the last five points of the quarter as Heppner led 19-9 at the end of one.

The Mustangs didn't let up in the second quarter as Jared Eckman made a couple of short baskets and Dickenson hit two more with 3:00 left to make it 28-11. Craig Scott hit a three-pointer and Joe Papineau scored to give the Mustangs a 38-19 lead at half-

time.

Matheny scored eight more in the third and Eckman hit for six as the Mustangs increased their lead to 59-34 entering the fourth quarter.

The TigerScots outscored Heppner 10-3, in a rough and ragged fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late, as Heppner easily held on to win 62-44.

Matheny, coming back from his shoulder injury, led the Mustangs with 20 points, six rebounds and three assists. Dickenson added 10 points and nine rebounds, Eckman finished with 11 points and Gunderson had five steals.

Statistics:
Weston-McEwen: 9-10-15-10 44
Heppner: 19-19-21-3 62
Heppner: Shane Matheny 7 6-6 20, Tim Dickenson 4 3-4 11, Jared Eckman 5 0-0 10, Ryan Matteson 3 1-2 8, Craig Scott 1 0-2 3, Derek Gunderson 1 0-1 2, Casey Evans 0 2-2 2, Joe Papineau 1 1-2 3, Blas Elguezabal 1 0-0 2, Riley Tingue 0 1-2 1, Clint Bellamy, Blake Knowles, 23 14-21 62. Three-pointers: Scott, Matteson.
Weston-McEwen: Clark 3 3-4 9, Peterson 3 0-1 8, Eastwood 2 3-7 7, Lieualien 3 0-0 7, Monaco 2 1-3 5, Grimes 2 0-0 4, Parsons 1 0-0 2, Perrine 0 1-6 1, Tucker 0 1-2 1. 16 9-23 44. Three-pointers: Peterson (2), Lieualien.

Mustangs dropped by Eagles

By Rick Paullus

The visiting Wahtonka Eagles dropped the Heppner Mustangs, 67-51, on Saturday, Jan. 30. The game was evenly played except for the second quarter, which saw the Eagles' Jeff Stockett score 16 of his game-high 37 points to help the Eagles outscore Heppner 23-9 and take a 36-20 halftime lead.

The Mustangs couldn't make up the difference. Shane Matheny scored 10 points in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough as the Eagles held their 16-point lead through the end.

The Mustangs were led by Tim Dickenson with 16 points, including eight for 10 from the free throw line and eight rebounds. Matheny ended up with 12 points and two steals. Ryan Matteson scored nine points and had two assists. Jared

Eckman scored seven points and pulled down six rebounds. Derek Gunderson had four steals and dished out three assists.

The Mustangs drop to 4-3 in the Columbia Basin Conference and to 10-7 overall. Heppner will hit the road this weekend with games at Pilot Rock on Friday night, Feb. 5 and at Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Statistics:
Wahtonka: 13-23-18-13 67
Heppner: 11-9-17-14 51
Heppner: Tim Dickenson 4 8-10 16, Shane Matheny 4 4-4 12, Ryan Matteson 3 2-3 9, Craig Scott 1 1-3 3, Clint Bellamy 1 0-0 2, Blas Elguezabal 1 0-0 2, Casey Evans, Derek Gunderson, Riley Tingue, Joe Papineau 17 16-22 51. Three-pointers: Matteson.
Wahtonka: Stockett 12 10-13 37, Baird 3 4-4 10, Yanez 2 0-1 6, Troxel 1 3-5 5, Snyder 1 2-4 4, Hinatsu 0 2-2 2, Gates 0 1-2 1, Hass 0 1-2 1, Nelson 0 1-2 1, Nicholson, Grey, Porter 19 24-33 67. Three-pointers: Stockett (3), Yanez (2).

Lady Cards dump Touchet; JVs fall victim

The Lady Cardinals traveled to Touchet, Washington, on Thursday January 28, in a non-league game.

The JV squad fell victim to Touchet at the end of two quarters 8-12. The Lady Cardinals were scoreless in the first quarter allowing Touchet to score 10 points.

Jeanette Brantley scored three points for lone before succumbing to fouls. Salli McElligott and Cyndi Heagy both contributed two points for the Cardinal team.

The Lady Cardinal Varsity team dumped Touchet 53-42. The Lady Cardinals led Touchet

21-11 at the end of the first half but Touchet came out the third quarter and scored 19 points to lone's 14.

The Lady Cardinals stepped up the fourth quarter, scoring an additional 18 points to end the game.

Nikki McElligott had an outstanding performance, leading the Cardinals with 24 points, 11 rebounds and seven steals. Brandi Brantley stepped up for the Cardinals with 11 points. Sophomore Jeanette Brantley suffered a knee injury during the third quarter and is currently on the injured list along with Camie Burright.

Mustang JVs gain revenge

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV boys' basketball team avenged their only loss of the year by beating the visiting Wahtonka Eagles on Saturday, Jan. 30, by the score of 55-43. The Mustangs improved to 11-1 on the year.

The first period ended in a 12-12 tie with the help of a Michael McCabe three-pointer. Chip Piper scored nine points, including a three-pointer, in the second quarter to help the Mustangs to a 25-22 lead at halftime.

Stefan Matheny hit two three-pointers in the third to help the Mustangs to a 44-35 lead after three. The Mustangs then held on for the 55-43 win.

Matheny led the Mustangs with 13 points. Piper and Joe Papineau each scored 11 and McCabe added nine.

Statistics:
Wahtonka: 12-10-13-8 43
Heppner: 12-13-19-11 55
Heppner: Stefan Matheny 3 5-8 13, Chip Piper 4 2-2 11, Joe Papineau 4 7-14 11, Michael McCabe 4 0-3 9, Chris Bowman 1 1-1 3, Clint Bellamy 0 2-3 2, David Norton 0 2-2 2, Darin Ployhar 16 19-33 55. Three-pointers: Matheny (2), Piper, McCabe.

Lady Cards lose heartbreaker, JVs overcome Cougars

The lone Lady Cardinals hosted the Echo Cougars on Friday, January 29, and lost in a heartbreaker, 38-36.

Brandy Bruce of Echo shot one of two three point shots in the first quarter and, at the end of the first quarter, Echo was up by one point with the score at 14-13.

Lone had difficulty getting to the basket in the second quarter, scoring six points to Echo's nine.

The Lady Cardinals came out in the third quarter and played a tough defensive game, allowing the Cougars to score only two points. Nikki McElligott launched in six points and Charissa Gates added another

two to end the third quarter at 27-25 with lone in the lead.

Echo then made three baskets and seven out of 15 attempts at the free throw line, lifting them over the Cardinals, 38-36.

Lead scorer for the Lady Cardinals was Nikki McElligott with 12 points. She also led the team with eight rebounds and six steals. Junior Brandi Brantley stepped up her game with seven points and nabbed eight rebounds.

In JV girls' action, the Lady Cardinals overcame the Cougars 25-23.

The Cardinals and the Cougars battled throughout the first quarter, ending the quarter at 4-2

Lady Cards come up shy

A combination of the Lady Cardinals JV and varsity teams traveled to Arlington on Saturday to spar with the Honkers. The Cardinals came up shy, 30-32, against the Honkers at the end of the fourth quarter.

Junior Brandi Brantley led the Lady Cardinals in scoring with 11 points followed by freshman Amellia Peck with nine points. Brandi Brantley grabbed 10 rebounds for the Cardinals and Amellia Peck had three steals.

Mustang JVs beat TigerScots

By Rick Paullus

A strong second half led to a Heppner Mustangs JV boys' basketball win over the visiting Weston-McEwen TigerScots on Friday, Jan. 29, by the score of 58-47.

The Mustangs led only 23-22 at halftime, but exploded for 35 points in the second half. Stefan Matheny scored eight of his 14 points, including a three-pointer, in the fourth quarter.

Michael McCabe led the Mustangs with 15 points. Joe Papineau was also in double figures with 10

points. Chris Bowman hit a three-pointer and finished with seven points.

Statistics:
Weston-McEwen: 11-11-10-15 47
Heppner: 14-9-18-17 58
Heppner: Michael McCabe 7 1-3 15, Stefan Matheny 4 4-6 14, Joe Papineau 3 4-4 10, Chris Bowman 2 2-4 7, Clint Bellamy 3 0-1 6, Blake Knowles 2 1-2 5, Chip Piper 0 1-2 1, Darin Ployhar 0 0-1 0, 21 13-23 58. Three-pointers: Matheny (2), Bowman.

Correction

Sally Walker's name was inadvertently omitted from the picture caption identifying the Willow Creek Valley Assisted Living Board of Directors in the January 27 issue of the Gazette-Times.

Ione boys' varsity puts up valiant fight in loss to Echo

The Ione boys' varsity put up a valiant fight before losing to Echo 38-52.

Ione was outgunned in the first quarter, scoring eight points to the Cougars' 21 points, but managed to hold Echo's domination the second quarter with both teams scoring eight points.

Mark McElligott led the Cardinal team in scoring with 15 points, including one three-point bucket in the third quarter.

David Brown of Echo scored 12 points for the Cougars in the first half but the Cardinal defense was successful in holding Brown to two points in the second half. Freshman Brad Burright scored 13 points, brought down six rebounds and grabbed two steals. Mark McElligott again dominated for the Cardinals not only in scoring but also led in rebounding and captured five steals and blocked two Cougar basket attempts.

Cardinal varsity falls

In boys' varsity action Ione fell to the Honkers, 46-52.

Allan Gribbskov came on strong for the Cardinals in the first quarter, scoring eight points.

The second quarter seemed to be slow for the Cardinals as they scored only two points to Arlington's eight, ending the second quarter with Ione trailing the Honkers by one point, 17-18.

Mark McElligott stepped up the game in the fourth quarter, sinking three shots and five free throws to help the Cardinal effort. McElligott was pretty much the front runner for the Cardinals, leading in scoring with 18 points and pilfering six steals. Freshman Brad Burright scored a total of nine points and shot 72 percent from the line.

Mustangs JVs outlast Bulldogs

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV boys' basketball team traveled to Culver on Friday, Jan. 22, and outlasted the Bulldogs, 56-51.

The Mustangs raced out to a 20-11 lead after one and still led

36-28 at halftime. Heppner was outscored 14-10 in the fourth, but held on for the 56-51 win.

Michael McCabe led the Mustangs with 17 points, including a three-point field goal. Stefan Matheny added 15 points and was seven for eight from the free throw line. Joe Papineau chipped in with eight points.

Statistics:
Heppner: 20-16-10-10 56
Culver: 11-17-9-14 51
Heppner: Michael McCabe 7 2-3 17, Stefan Matheny 4 7-8 15, Joe Papineau 3 2-2 8, Chris Bowman 2 0-2 4, Clint Bellamy 2 0-1 4, Chip Piper 2 0-1 4, Blake Knowles 1 0-2 2, David Norton 1 0-2 2, Darin Ployhar 0 0-1 0, Mitch Matthews 22 11-22 56. Three-pointers: McCabe.

with Ione in the lead. The Lady Cardinals were scoreless in the second quarter, allowing the Cougars to sink 12 points, ending the first half at 4-12 with what looked like might be a Cougar victory.

In the third quarter Nonnee Walters and Jennifer Thompson shot 100 percent from the free throw line. Kristina Powell added a basket and a free throw while Allison Halvorsen sank two baskets, ending the third quarter with Ione, 15, and Echo, 16.

Shelby Krebs pretty much dominated the fourth quarter, scoring eight points for the Lady Cardinals.

'C' team downs Blue Devils

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs "C" boys' basketball team used a strong second half to down the Condon Blue Devils' JV team 49-37 on Monday, Feb. 1.

David Norton came out on fire in the first quarter, scoring 11 of the Mustangs' 14 points as Condon could only manage two. But the Blue Devils came back in the second quarter to tie the game at 22-22 at halftime.

The Mustangs used a good defense in the second half to outscore the Blue Devils, 27-15, to win the game going away.

Norton finished with a game-high 22 points. Stefan Matheny added 12 points, including a three-pointer.

The win improved the "C" team's record to 10-3 for the year. The Mustangs travel to Riverside on Thursday, Feb. 4, with their next home game on Thursday, Feb. 11 against Spray.

Statistics:
Condon: 22-20-9-6 37
Heppner: 14-8-15-12 49
Heppner: David Norton 10 2-7 22, Stefan Matheny 4 3-5 12, Michael McCabe 2 2-2 6, Brian Rust 2 2-6 6, Brad Bowman 0 2-4 2, Kevin Drake 0 1-2 1, Brandon Young 0 0-3 0, Kyle McDaniel 0 0-2 0, Sam Van Liew, Justin Wood, Jon Bennett 18 12-31 49. Three-pointers: Matheny.

GT subscriptions to increase

Because of increased postage rates Gazette-Times subscriptions will be increasing this month.

Regular in-county rates will increase to \$22 per year. In-county senior rates will go from \$12 to \$16 per year. All out of county rates will now be \$29 per year.

The in-county rate is \$4 per year less than the single issue price.

OTPR earns WPRA honors

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo was voted one of the top rodeo grounds in the Columbia River Circuit by Women's Professional Rodeo Association members.

Voting was based on the best-prepared arena ground, with top priority given to consistency through all performances, ground conditions from the first through the 12th racer in each performance and the extra attention given to assure safety to the women and their horses.

The Walla Walla rodeo was first, OTPR, second, and the Othello, WA, rodeo, third.

Mary Ann and Barry Munkers received the plaque on behalf of OTPR at a luncheon during circuit finals in Yakima on Jan. 9. They also received a commemorative poster celebrating 50 years of WPRA.

Symphony begins concert rehearsals

The Willow Creek Symphony, under the direction of Ralph Werner, has begun rehearsing for its spring concert.

Players are needed for the following instruments: clarinets, saxophones, baritones, french horn, tuba, and strings. The symphony will play classical music, sacred music, spirituals and popular music.

Basic instrument proficiency is required and musicians of any age are welcome.

Rehearsals are held each Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Heppner Middle School band room.

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