

Girls' 'C' team finishes season 13 and 0



Heppner High School girls' basketball 'C' team (left to right): front-Brett Barber, Julie Proctor; top row-Jessica Gutierrez, Jodie Carlson, Shelley Rietmann, Kelsey Greenup, Paula Spicerkuhn, Meghan Bailey, coach Keelie Keown. Not pictured are junior varsity floaters-Krista Adams, Sarah Eckman, Mindy Smith, Jenny Patton, Lindsey Ward and San Juanita Elguezabal.

The Heppner High School girls' basketball "C" team has completed their season with a 13 win - 0 loss record.

Led by first-year coach, HHS math teacher, Keelie Keown, the 'C' team's schedule included teams from Ione, Weston-McEwen, Pendleton, Pilot Rock,

Condon and Echo.

Coach Keown commented that the team played "with a lot of heart" and had several closely matched games.

Mustang girls clip Eagles to clinch tourney spot

By Rick Paulus

Using great defense and clutch shooting, the Heppner Mustang girls' basketball team clinched a spot in the state 2A basketball tournament by beating the Wahtonka Eagles, 32-23, at the Columbia Basin Conference District Tournament on Feb. 25. The Mustangs later played the Sherman County Huskies in a seeding game on Friday, Feb. 26.

Casey Ingraham and Jill Barber got the Mustangs going, each scoring four points to make it an 8-4 game. Brooke Boyer got a steal and lay-in, and hit one of two free throws to give the Mustangs an 11-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Kathleen Greenup hit one of two free throws to make it 12-5, then Ingraham scored on a nice

pass from Barber plus hit one of two free throws to make it 15-7. After an Eagle free throw, Barber hit a three-pointer to make it 18-8. An Eagle basket made it an 18-10 Mustang lead at halftime.

The Eagles scored four straight to cut the lead to 18-14 before Ingraham scored to make it 20-14. The Eagles came right back to score two quick baskets to close within 20-18, before Jaci Hughes scored and Boyer hit another free throw to make it 23-18. Barber then hit a jumper and a running off-balance jumper to stretch the lead to 27-18. A late Eagle basket cut the Mustang lead to 27-20 at the end of the third quarter.

A free throw by the Eagles made it 27-21 before Kim Pointer hit one of two free throws to make it 28-21. An Eagle basket cut the

lead to 28-23, but Amy Papineau scored on a nice pass from Barber to give the Mustangs a 30-23 lead. Hughes hit two free throws with 3.2 seconds left to make the final score, 32-23.

The Mustangs were led by Ingraham with 11 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Barber had nine points, three rebounds and two assists. Hughes had four points and two assists. Boyer had four points, while Papineau grabbed four rebounds.

Statistics:
Heppner: 11-7-9-5 32
Wahtonka: 4-6-10-3 23
Heppner: Casey Ingraham 5-1-2 11, Jill Barber 4-0-1-9, Jaci Hughes 1-2-2-4, Brooke Boyer 1-2-4, Amy Papineau 1-0-0-2, Kathleen Greenup 0-1-2-1, Kim Pointer 0-1-2-1, Jessica Maben, Trisha Adams, Ashley Ropp, Marissa McCabe 12-7-13 32. Three-pointer: Barber.
Wahtonka: Eagy 5-0-0-10, Ziegler 3-1-2-7, Matherly 1-2-4-4, Caldwell 0-2-6-2, Lewis, Strantz, Leatherbury. 9-5-12 23. Three-pointer: none.

Ione boys' JVs wrap up season



Ione High School boys' JV basketball team (L-R) Adam Neiffer, Colin McElligott, Dylan Pettyjohn, Zach Fabian; Back- Jeremy Rietmann, Adam McCabe, Steve Crum, Scott Burrig, Cody Erickson, Jacob Neiffer, Jeremiah McElligott.

Ione hit the road again on Saturday to Fossil to take on Wheeler High School and wrap up their basketball season. The Ione JV boys closed two quarters, defeating the Falcons, 13-12.

Wheeler seemed like they were going to cruise to a win at the end of the first quarter,

leading the Cardinals 5-2. Zak Fabian scored the only Cardinal basket in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Dustin Haguwood pumped in eight points to put the Cardinals within one point of the Falcon squad. With less than one minute remaining in the game, Jacob Neiffer canned the

winning basket giving, Ione the one-point edge over the Falcons.

Ryan Bennetto led the Cardinals with six rebounds. Dustin Haguwood was the lead scorer with eight points. Jeremiah McElligott, Steve Crum and Adam McCabe each had steals for the Ione team.

Grant proposals sought

The Morrow County School District is again accepting applications from high school seniors for the Troedson Grant Scholarship and former Troedson Grant Scholarship recipients.

Applications are available for high school seniors through the counselors at Heppner High School, Ione High School and

Riverside High School. Applications are available for former Troedson Grant Scholarship recipients through the school district office in Lexington. Deadline for application materials to be returned is April 16.

Those wishing to apply are asked to contact the above listed schools for the scholarship information.

Lexington News

-:Roger Asher suffered a massive heart attack on Feb. 27 and had open heart triple bypass sur-

gery. He should be home from Bend sometime this week.

Strategic planning rescheduled

The Strategic Planning Meeting to be held March 3 has been moved to Wednesday, March 17. The meeting location has been changed from the Heppner High School Library to the Forest Service Conference room. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. and the topic of discussion will be the establishment of goals.

Copies of the draft work to date may be obtained at Heppner City Hall, 188 NW Willow Street, and the draft is also posted at the City of Heppner web site at www.heppner/city.

Alumni Association helps student athletes

Dana Reid, representing the Heppner High School Alumni Association, presented a check for \$250 each to Shelly Rietmann and Casey Ingraham, to go toward summer basketball programs.

Shelley, the 15-year-old daughter of Mark and Tami Rietmann, was selected for the NBC Camps Girls Junior Tour to the United Kingdom the last week in July and first two weeks in August. She was selected on "athletic ability, personal character and moral excellence," said an NBC news release. Over 700 athletes tried out for the tours. Shelley is a freshman at Heppner High School.

Casey, the 17-year old daughter of Sally and Mark Brosnan and Mike and Wendy Ingraham, will play in the Hoop Smart USA Annual Hawaii Classics Tournament at Honolulu



Dana Reid, Shelley Rietmann and Casey Ingraham

for 13 days in July. She was nominated by Juan Elguezabal, her basketball coach at Heppner

High School, and selected by a committee to attend the tournament. She is a junior at HHS.

Lady Cards defeat Falcons in final game



Ione High School girls' varsity basketball team (L-R): Front- Managers Adrienne Swanson and Jessica Krebs; Middle- Allison Halvorsen, Brandi Brantley, Salli McElligott, Shelby Krebs, Amellia Peck, Charissa Gates; Back - assistant coach Duane Neiffer, Jeanette Brantley, Jeffier Thompson, Nikki McElligott, Connor Davis, Niki Sullivan, Kristina Powell, Camie Burrig, coach Chris Davis.

The Lady Cardinals defeated the Wheeler Falcons in their final game of the season, 62-39. Nikki McElligott was the lead scorer with 21 points with Niki Sullivan scoring 14 points for

the Cardinal team.

Ione's big quarter was the second when the Cardinals scored 28 points to Fossil's 12.

The score at the end of the first

half was Ione, 41, Wheeler, 22. McElligott led in rebounds, assists and steals. She also rejected three Falcon baskets. Charissa Gates had six assists and five steals.

HHS JV boys end season with two wins



Heppner High School boys' JV basketball team (left to right): front-Chris Bowman, Stefan Matheny, Cody Bellamy, Michael McCabe, Clint Bellamy; back-Darin Ployhar, David Piper, Blake Knowles, Mitch Mathews, Joe Papineau, coach Tony Pupo

By Rick Paulus

The Heppner Mustang boys' JV basketball team ended an excellent season under first year coach Tony Pupo with a 15-2 record. The JVs got out to a big lead against Weston-McEwen on Friday, Feb. 19, and coasted to a 56-44 win. On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Mustangs played a good game to beat the Stanfield Tigers, 61-54.

The Mustangs led 14-12 after one but exploded for 23 points in the second to take a 37-18 half-time lead. They increased the lead to 50-28 after three and held on for the 12 point win.

Michael McCabe hit four three-pointers to lead the Mustangs with 20 points. Stefan Matheny was also in double figures with 11 points. Joe Papineau and Blake Knowles each chipped in with eight points.

Statistics:
Heppner: 14-23-13-6 56
Weston-McEwen: 12-6-10-14 44
Heppner: Michael McCabe 6-4-5-20, Stefan Matheny 3-5-6-11, Joe Papineau 2-2-7-8, Blake Knowles 4-0-2-8, Chris Bowman 2-0-0-4, David Norton 1-1-6-3, Darin Ployhar 1-0-0-2, Clint Bellamy 0-4-0-0, Chip Piper 0-0-3-0, Mitch Mathews 0-0-2-0. 20 12-35 56. Three-pointers:

McCabe (4).

Papineau scored 10 points for the Mustangs in the first quarter against Stanfield to lead the Tigers, 17-13, after one quarter. The Mustangs used good defense in the second quarter to increase their lead to 31-20 at halftime.

McCabe scored seven points, including a three-pointer in the third as the Mustangs increased their lead to 46-33 after three quarters. The Mustangs then held

on to take the 61-54 win.

The Mustangs were led by McCabe and Papineau with 16 points each. Matheny and Knowles each added eight points for Heppner.

Statistics:
Heppner: 17-14-15-15 61
Stanfield: 13-7-13-21 54
Heppner: Papineau 8-0-1-16, McCabe 5-8-16, Knowles 4-0-1-8, Matheny 3-2-2-8, Bellamy 2-1-2-5, Piper 1-2-3-4, Matthews 0-2-4-2, Norton 1-0-0-2, Bowman, Ployhar. 24 12-21 61. Three-pointers: McCabe.

Parade entries coming in

Parade entries for the St. Patrick's Day Parade are coming in and it's starting to taking shape. But not to worry, there's still time for you to get entered.

Parade categories include Irish floats, characters, groups, musical groups, cars, bikes and more. If it's "Irish", there's a place in the parade.

Ribbons and cash prizes are awarded for the lucky winners in each category.

The parade will take place Saturday, March 13, at 1 pm on Main Street starting at Green Feed Store and going nearly to

Court Street Market.

For entry forms or more information about the parade, stop in at Van Marter & Kahl Insurance or call Bob Kahl at 676-9113 days or 676-5422 evenings.

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