

Ione 'C' team loses to Spray

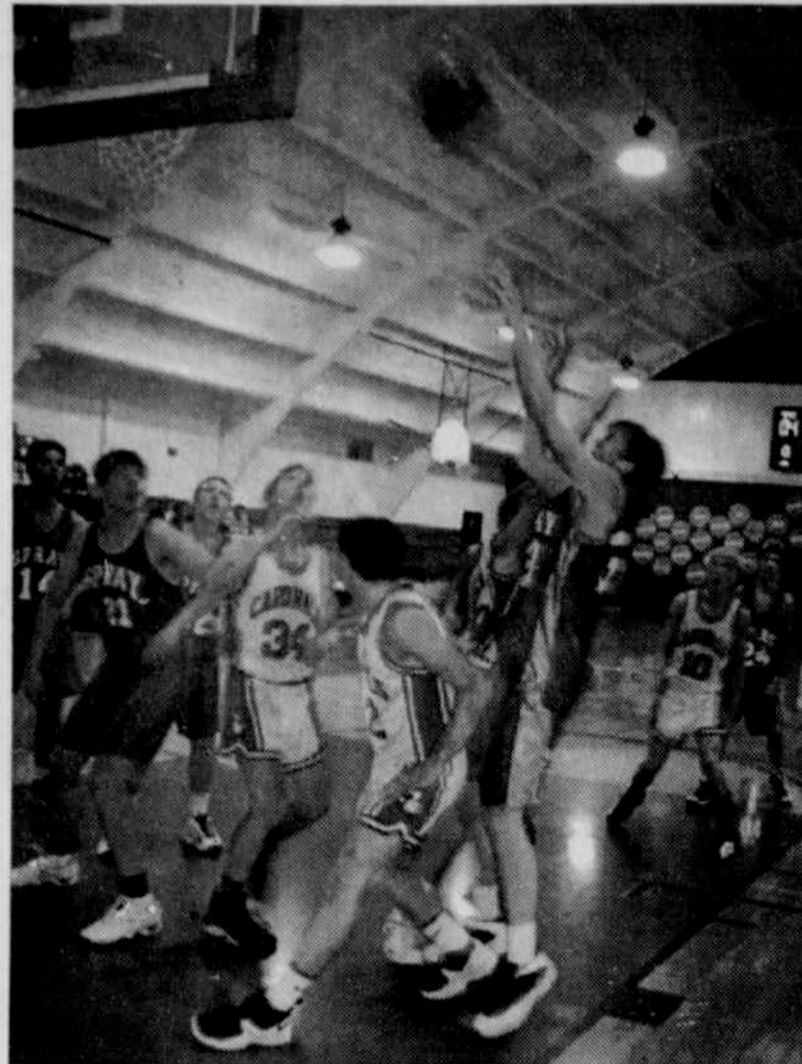


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Cody Erickson (34) and Mike Radie (front) play defense

The Ione "C" team hosted the Spray Eagles on Thursday, January 6. Spray walked away victorious, defeating Ione 39-28. Mike Radie, Koby Rea and Cayle Krebs played outstanding defense. Colin McElligott surprised Spray when the 5'2" sophomore drove through the middle of the key to score. Andrew Rietmann led the Ione men with 10 points, seven

rebounds, two checked shots and two steals. Koby Rea robbed four balls from Spray and handed out three assists. The Ione men shot 62 percent from the line. Coach Jim Swanson said he was pleased with the level of play that the Cardinal men displayed on Thursday. "They are a good bunch of kids and give 110 percent at all times," said Swanson.

Mustang boys lose to Rockets



photo by Joyce Hughes

Clint Bellamy keeps ball away from Pilot Rock defender

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang boys had just a little letdown in the third quarter and it was all host Pilot Rock needed to eke out a 76-71 win in a fast-paced game on Friday, Jan. 7.
The Rockets ran out to a 16-7 lead midway through the first quarter but the Mustangs came back with a Blake Knowles jumper, Michael McCabe lay-in, a Stefan Matheny running jumper and three-pointer to tie it at 16-16. McCabe hit two free throws to end the first with the Rockets on top, 19-18.
Clint Bellamy opened the second quarter scoring on a nice pass from Matheny and Matheny hit another three-pointer to give the Mustangs a 23-19 lead. The Rockets came back to take a 25-24 lead, but Bellamy hit a free throw, Joe Papineau scored on a rebound basket and Craig Scott scored to make it 29-25. The Mustangs controlled the rest of the quarter and led 37-32 at halftime on a Matheny jumper just before the buzzer.
The Mustangs got three-pointers from McCabe and Ryan Matteson in the third and a basket by Scott cut the Rockets' lead to 53-51 after three as the Rockets outscored to Mustangs 21-14 in the quarter.
Matteson and McCabe each hit free throws to tie the score, then Matteson scored again to give the Mustangs a 55-53 lead early in the

fourth. The Rockets tied it on two free throws but Matheny scored to make it 57-55. Two free throws each by Matteson and McCabe gave the Mustangs a 62-59 lead but the Rockets came right back to retake the lead 63-62.
McCabe hit a driving lay-in with 2:08 left to give the Mustangs a 68-66 lead. McCabe drove the lane and scored again with 1:30 left to give the Mustangs a 70-68 lead. The Rockets then went on a 8-1 run to end the game.
McCabe led the Mustangs with 23 points, seven rebounds and four steals. Matheny finished with 16 points and dished out three assists. Scott had 10 points, five assists and seven rebounds. Papineau had nine rebounds. Matteson finished with eight points and three steals.
Statistics
Heppner: 18 19 14 20 - 71
Pilot Rock: 19 13 21 23 - 76
Heppner: Michael McCabe 6 10-14 23, Stefan Matheny 7 0-0 16, Craig Scott 5 0-0 10, Ryan Matteson 2 3-4 8, Joe Papineau 2 0-0 4, Clint Bellamy 0 1-2 1, Brian Rust, David Piper, Sam Van Liew. 26 15-21 71.
Three-pointers: Matheny (2), Matteson.
Pilot Rock: Humphreys 12 6-11 30, Labrousse 11 2-6 26, Van Pelt 3 2-2 8, Sohappy 3 0-3 6, Alderman 1 1-2 3, Erickson 1 0-1 3, Sampson, Christensen, McLaughlin. 31 11-25 76. Three-pointers: Labrousse (2), Erickson.
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Mustang girls fall to Rockets Mustang boys fall to Cardinals



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Casey Ingraham (4) goes for the steal. No. 10 is Ashley Ropp

By Rick Paullus
The Pilot Rock Rockets made 16 of 22 free throws in the fourth quarter to come away with a 58-55 win over the visiting Heppner Mustangs on Friday, Jan. 7. The Mustangs controlled the game for 32 minutes, leading 51-50, with a minute left but the Rockets made 8-10 free throws in the last minute to get the win.
The Mustangs took a 14-11 lead after one, getting two three-pointers from Ashley Ropp, a three-point play from Casey Ingraham and a three-pointer from Lacey Matteson. The Mustangs led 25-16 after a three-point play by Meghan Bailey and led 28-23 at halftime after a three-pointer by Marissa McCabe.

Shelley Rietmann began the third quarter with two rebound baskets, and a free throw by Ingraham gave the Mustangs their biggest lead at 33-23 early in the third. The Mustangs led 37-31 on a lay-in by Trisha Adams but a Rocket three-pointer at the buzzer closed the gap to 40-36.
The Rockets took a 48-45 lead, but Ropp hit a three-pointer with

2:25 left to tie it and Matteson scored on a three-point play to give the Mustangs a 51-48 lead with 1:49 left. Rietmann hit two free throws after the Rockets had taken a 55-51 lead to get within two, but the Mustangs couldn't overcome the Rocket free throws.
Matteson finished with 12 points to lead a balanced scoring attack. Ropp had nine points, three assists and two steals. Ingraham had nine points despite limited playing time due to foul trouble. Rietmann had eight points and seven rebounds while Amy Papineau had five points and seven rebounds.

Statistics
Heppner: 14 14 12 15 - 55
Pilot Rock: 11 12 13 22 - 58
Heppner: Lacey Matteson 3 5-5 12, Casey Ingraham 3 3-5 9, Ashley Ropp 3 0-0 9, Shelley Rietmann 3 2-2 8, Amy Papineau 2 1-4 5, Marissa McCabe 1 2-2 5, Meghan Bailey 1 1-1 3, Trisha Adams 1 0-0 2, Brett Barber 0 2-3 2, San Juanita Elguezabal 0 0-0 0. 17 16-22 55. Three-pointers: Ropp (3), Matteson, McCabe.
Pilot Rock: Copeland 3 10-12 16, A. Doherty 4 3-3 12, Brachler 3 4-7 10, McLaughlin 3 1-3 7, Greene 2 1-2 6, Mitchell 2 1-2 5, S. Doherty 1 0-2 2, Christensen 0 0-1 0, Krosting 0 0-1 0. 18 20-33 58. Three-pointers: A. Doherty, Greene.

JV girls split over the weekend

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustangs JV girls thrashed the Stanfield Tigers, 61-23, on Saturday, Jan. 8, to get a split of their weekend games. On Friday, Jan. 7, the girls were defeated, 64-34, in Pilot Rock against the Rockets.
The Mustangs trailed 11-9 after one and 23-17 at halftime against the Rockets but were outscored 22-6 in the third and couldn't recover.
Brett Barber led the Mustangs with 11 points, including a three-pointer. Jodie Carlson made 7-8 free throws and finished with nine points.
At Stanfield, the Mustangs jumped out to a 16-2 lead after one and never looked back, leading 31-10 at halftime and 44-15 after three quarters.
Barber hit three three-pointers and finished with 17 points as all of the Mustangs scored at least three points. Jenni Patton scored 12 points, had 13 rebounds and five steals. Carlson scored eight points and had five steals. Kelsey Greenup scored seven points and pulled down seven rebounds. Jesse Gutierrez had seven points and Sarah Eckman had six rebounds.
The girls' record now stands at 6-3 on the year, with their next game against Weston-McEwen at 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14.

Statistics
Heppner: 9 8 6 11 - 34
Pilot Rock: 11 12 22 19 - 64
Heppner: Brett Barber 5 0-0 11, Jodie Carlson 1 7-8 9, Meghan Bailey 2 1-2 5, Jenni Patton 2 0-2 4, Jesse Kempas 1 1-4 3, Marcy Miller 1 0-0 2, Sarah Eckman 0 0-2 0, Jesse Gutierrez. 12 9-18 34. Three-pointer: Barber.
Heppner: 16 15 13 17 - 61
Stanfield: 2 8 5 8 - 23
Heppner: Barber 7 0-0 17, Patton 5 1-4 12, Carlson 4 0-1 8, Gutierrez 3 0-0 7, Greenup 1 5-11 7, Paula Spicerkuhn 1 2-4 4, Bailey 0 3-4 3, Eckman 1 1-3 3. 22 12-27 61. Three-pointers: Barber (3), Patton, Gutierrez.

By Rick Paullus

Host Ione Cardinals jumped out to a seven point lead in the first quarter and held it at the end, beating the Heppner Mustang boys' varsity 58-51 on Jan. 4 in the final pre-season game for both teams.

The Cardinals led 13-6 after one and built their lead to 19-8 before the Mustangs got a basket from Joe Papineau, a rebound basket from Craig Scott, a jumper from Stefan Matheny and a rebound basket from Ryan Matteson to cut the lead to 19-16. The Mustangs could get no closer as the Cardinals took a 26-21 lead at halftime.

The Cardinals held a 32-25 lead midway through the third before Blake Knowles hit on a rebound basket, Matheny hit a jumper and Scott scored on a steal and lay-in to make it 32-31 with two minutes left. Ione hit two free throws but Papineau came back with a rebound basket to make it 34-33.

The Cardinals pulled away in the fourth quarter as they made 12 of 21 free throws and led by as much as 11 points. The Mustangs cut the lead to four points a couple of times but couldn't get the shots to fall when they needed them.

Matheny led the Mustangs with 14 points and three assists. Knowles had 10 points, nine rebounds and two steals. McCabe had eight points, six rebounds and three steals. Papineau had eight points and five rebounds. Matteson had five rebounds and two assists.

Ione was led by Brad Burrigh with 20 points, including 7-7 free throws in the fourth quarter. Mark McElligott had 15 points.

Statistics
Heppner: 6 15 12 18 - 51
Ione: 13 13 10 22 - 58
Heppner: Stefan Matheny 6 2-4 14, Blake Knowles 5 0-1 10, Joe Papineau 4 0-1 8, Michael McCabe 4 0-0 8, Craig Scott 2 2-2 6, Ryan Matteson 1 1-2 3, Clint Bellamy 1 0-0 2, Kevin Drake, Brad Adams. 23 5-10 51. Three-pointer: none.
Ione: Burrigh 5 10-11 20, McElligott 7

1-6 15, Mansfield 5 1-3 11, Bennetto 2 1-2 5, Morgan 1 1-4 3, A. Neiffer 1 0-0 2, J. Neiffer 1 0-0 2, Gribkov. Three-pointer: none.

JV boys beat Tigers get split

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang JV boys hung on to beat the Stanfield Tigers, 41-39, to get a split of their weekend games on Saturday, Jan. 8. The Mustangs held a 27-13 lead at halftime as David Piper had two three-pointers and 15 points. The Mustangs still led by 12 after three, but the Tigers battled back to within one with two minutes left. Kevin Drake hit a three-pointer to make it 40-36 and the Mustangs held on to win 41-39. Piper finished with 18 points, Drake, nine, and Justin Wood had six.

On Friday night, Jan. 7, the Mustangs fell behind 21-9 after one and could never get into the game as they lost in Pilot Rock to the Rockets, 64-45. Piper had 13 points, Wood, seven, and Brad Adams and Sam Van Liew each scored six. Brad Bowman hit 4-5 free throws.

The Mustangs' record now stands at 6-4 with games this weekend in Heppner against Weston-McEwen and at Moro against Sherman County.

Statistics
Heppner: 9 14 8 14 - 45
Pilot Rock: 21 18 11 15 - 64
Heppner: David Piper 6 1-2 13, Justin Wood 2 3-6 7, Brad Adams 2 2-3 6, Sam Van Liew 3 0-0 6, Brian Rust 1 1-6 4, Kevin Drake 2 0-2 4, Brad Bowman 0 4-5 4, Brandon Young 0 1-2 1. 16 12-26 45. Three-pointer: Rust.
Heppner: 9 18 8 6 - 41
Stanfield: 5 8 10 16 - 39
Heppner: Piper 8 0-0 18, Drake 4 0-0 9, Wood 3 0-0 6, Van Liew 2 0-0 4, Rust 1 1-3 3, Adams 0 1-2 1, Young, Bowman. 18 2-5 41. Three-pointers: Piper (2), Drake.

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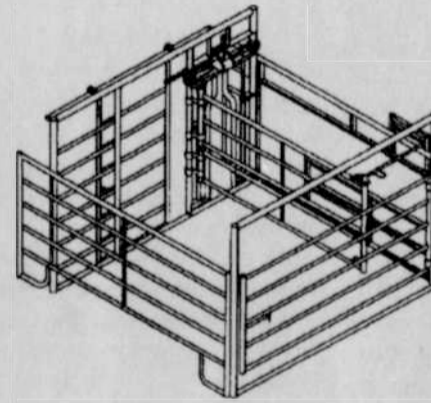
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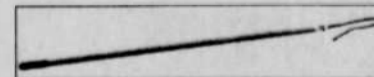
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