

## Mustang boys fall to Tigers in OT, 63-62

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity lost a war of attrition to the visiting Stanfield Tigers, 63-62, in overtime on Friday, Jan. 21. The loss dropped the Mustangs' CBC record to 2-3 and their overall record to 9-8 overall.

The Mustangs lost Joe Papineau early in the third quarter after he sprained his ankle, and lost Blake Knowles, Ryan Matteson and Clint Bellamy to fouls, but still battled the Tigers to the end. The game was tied at 60-60 in overtime when the Tigers' Kain Alarcon hit a three-pointer with 18 seconds left. Michael McCabe scored with four seconds left but the Tigers held onto the ball out of bounds as the buzzer went off.

The Tigers took a 12-7 lead after one quarter, but Papineau scored on a three point play, hit a lay-in on a nice pass from Knowles and hit a short jumper. McCabe then scored on a rebound basket to give the Mustangs a 16-14 lead. A three-pointer by McCabe gave the Mustangs a 19-18 lead but the Tigers came back to lead 27-23 before a basket by Knowles closed out the first half with the Tigers ahead, 27-25.

Knowles started out the third quarter with a basket to tie the score at 27-27 and McCabe and Bellamy scored to make it 31-29. Knowles scored on a rebound basket to give the Mustangs a 33-31 lead but the Tigers came back to take a 37-36 lead after three.

Bellamy scored six points and McCabe hit two free throws as the Mustangs took a 44-41 lead. Matteson hit a free throw and a lay-in on a nice pass from Craig Scott to increase the lead to 47-43. The Tigers came back to tie the game but Matteson scored on a rebound basket and McCabe hit a lay-in on a nice pass from Stefan Matheny to make it 51-47.

Scott hit a lay-in to make it 54-51 but the Tigers came back to take a 56-54 lead. McCabe hit two free throws to tie it at 56-56 with



Blake Knowles stretches for a rebound against Stanfield.

1:13 left. The Tigers missed two free throws with 15 seconds left and the Mustangs controlled the rebound and called timeout at set up a last shot. Matteson took the ball down the baseline and made a short jump shot with two seconds left but was called for an offensive foul, his fifth, taking away the basket.

Matheny hit two free throws to open the overtime period but the Tigers came back to take a 59-58 lead. McCabe hit two free throws to give the Mustangs a 60-59 lead but the Tigers came back to tie the game with two minutes left, then won the game with Alarcon's basket.

McCabe led the Mustangs with 22 points, including 9-10 from the free throw line, pulled down nine rebounds and had four steals.

Bellamy had 12 points and grabbed five rebounds. Knowles had eight points and three assists. Papineau had eight points in limited playing time. Matteson had seven points and nine rebounds. Scott had five assists and three steals.

The Mustangs have home games this weekend against Pilot Rock on Friday and Wahtonka on Saturday.

Statistics:  
Stanfield: 12 15 10 19 7 - 63  
Heppner: 7 18 11 20 6 - 62  
Stanfield: Graham 10 5-8 25, Alarcon 8 1-4 19, Darre 2 2-11 6, Baros 2 0-0 5, Irving 2 0-0 4, Scott 1 0-0 2, Veliz 1 0-0 2, 26 8-23 63. Three-pointers: Alarcon (2), Baros.

Heppner: Michael McCabe 6 9-10 22, Clint Bellamy 5 2-12, Blake Knowles 4 0-1 8, Joe Papineau 3 2-4 8, Ryan Matteson 2 3-4 7, Craig Scott 1 1-2 3, Stefan Matheny 0 2-4 2, Chip Piper 0 0-0 0, Brian Rust 0 0-0 0, Sam Van Liew 0 0-0 0, 21 19-27 62. Three-pointers: McCabe.

## Mustang girls beat Stanfield Tigers

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity used a good second half to beat the visiting Stanfield Tigers, 50-39, on Friday, Jan. 21. The win improved the Mustangs' record to 3-2 in the CBC and 10-7 overall.

Ashley Ropp hit two three-pointers as the Mustangs blew out to a 15-5 lead after the first quarter. But the Tigers came back to trail just 21-19 at halftime.

Shelley Rietmann had eight points and Casey Ingraham hit for six as the Mustangs took a 35-28 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Ropp made a free throw and another three-pointer to start the fourth to increase the lead to 11. San Juanita Elguezabal hit a free throw and Lacey Matteson had a steal and lay-in to increase the lead to 42-30.

The Mustangs made 6-8 free throws to hold off the Tigers the rest of the way.

Rietmann finished with 14 points, eight rebounds and four steals to lead the Mustangs. Ropp ended up with 13 points and had two assists. Matteson had 10 points. Ingraham had eight points and three steals. Amy Papineau pulled down 10 rebounds.

The Mustangs have home games with league-leading Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 28 and Wahtonka on Saturday, Jan. 29.

Statistics:  
Stanfield: 5 14 9 11 - 39  
Heppner: 15 6 14 15 - 50  
Stanfield: Gibbs 6 2-3 14, St. Davis 3 0-0 6, Sa. Davis 2 0-0 5, Pomeroy 2 1-2 5, Marcum 2 1-2 5, Irving 0 2-4 2, Mills 0 2-2 2, 15 8-13 39. Three-pointers: Sa. Davis.  
Heppner: Shelley Rietmann 5 4-4 14, Ashley Ropp 4 1-2 13, Lacey Matteson 4 1-1 10, Casey Ingraham 4 0-0 8, San Juanita Elguezabal 0 4-6 4, Amy Papineau 0 1-2 1, Trish Adams 0 0-0 0, Marissa McCabe 0 0-0 0, Jenni Patton, Brett Barber, Meghan Bailey, Jodie Carlson, Macy Rhea. 17 11-15 50. Three-pointers: Ropp (4), Matteson.

## Mustang 'C' team girls fall to Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs "C" team girls got off to a slow start, falling behind 19-2 after the first quarter and couldn't overcome it, falling at Pilot Rock, 42-26, on Tuesday, Jan. 18.

The Mustangs outscored the Rockets 24-23 the rest of the game but could get no closer than 10 points.

Sarah Eckman had four points in the third and finished with a team-high eight for the game. Jesse Kempas had five in the fourth and seven for the game. Kelsey Greenup ended up with six points and grabbed several rebounds.

Statistics:  
Heppner: 2 8 6 10 - 26  
Pilot Rock: 19 4 7 12 - 42  
Heppner: Sarah Eckman 2 4-6 8, Jesse Kempas 2 3-6 7, Kelsey Greenup 2 2-5 6, Paula Spicerkuhn 2 0-0 4, Nikki Sisk 0 1-4 1, Marcy Miller 0 0-0 0, 8 10-21 26. Three-pointer: none.

## Gun Club news

By Sandi Day

The freezing rain and snow couldn't keep the shooters away from the Morrow County Gun Club's first weekend of league shooting on Sunday, Jan. 23. The fire and warm food kept everybody thawed out between shoots and made for a fun afternoon.

The leaders at the 16 yard line were Curt Day and Harvey Childers, and then a three-way tie between Mick Sharp, Mark Schlichting and Rob Ashbeck. Ashbeck also lead the way at the handicap line, followed by Curt Day and Roger Mortimore.

The club will shoot at 9 a.m. next Sunday due to the Super Bowl and will change to Saturdays throughout February for Colt basketball.

## JV boys defeat Cascade Locks

The Ione junior varsity men were only able to play two quarters due to low numbers on the Cascade Locks team on Friday, January 21, but Ione defeated the Pirates, 28-13. Adam Neiffer led the team with 12 points, shooting 100 percent from the free throw line. Neiffer also captured six rebounds and seized six steals.

Jeremy Rietmann aided Neiffer on the boards with six rebounds. Dylan Pettyjohn also contributed eight points and snared seven steals for the Cardinal effort. Ione started the first quarter with a tight score of 10-9 but really heated up the second quarter, adding 18 points while holding Cascade Locks to two baskets.



Amy Papineau (34) wrestles for a loose ball. No. 32 is Shelly Rietmann.

## 'C' team boys lose at Pilot Rock

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang "C" team boys traveled to Pilot Rock on Tuesday, Jan. 18 and suffered a 67-56 loss in a roughly played game.

Conor Kilkenny scored four points in the first quarter as the Rockets took a 11-10 lead after one. Kelly Paullus scored 14 points in the second quarter, but the Mustangs still trailed 32-28 at halftime.

The Rockets broke the game open in the third, outscoring the Mustangs 22-11 to take a 54-39 lead.

The Mustangs made a run in the fourth, getting seven points

from Donald Adams, but couldn't get back into it.

Paullus finished with 18 points, hitting 8-11 free throws to lead the Mustangs. Adams finished with 15 while Kilkenny ended up with eight. Jon Bennett, Doug Orwick and Josh Winters each scored four points.

The Mustangs' record stands at 4-4 on the year.

Statistics:  
Heppner: 10 18 11 17 - 56  
Pilot Rock: 11 21 22 13 - 67  
Heppner: Kelly Paullus 5 8-11 18, Donald Adams 6 3-9 15, Conor Kilkenny 3 2-4 8, Jon Bennett 2 0-0 4, Doug Orwick 2 0-0 4, Josh Winters 1 2-4 4, Adam Bergstrom 1 0-2 2, Jerry Shank 0 1-2 1, Leland Rill 0 0-0 0, Trevor Rhea 0 0-0 0, Cory Breeding 0 0-0 0, 20 16-36 56. Three-pointers: none.

## JV boys hold on to beat Tigers

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV boys took a 16-10 lead after one and held on to beat the visiting Stanfield Tigers, 43-40, on Friday, Jan. 21.

The Mustangs led 33-29 going into the fourth, but the Tigers came back to tie it at 37-37 late in the quarter. Brian Rust hit back-to-back running jumpers from inside the key, the last with 1:15 left, to give the Mustangs a 41-37 lead.

The Tigers got to within 41-40, but Kevin Drake made two free throws with three seconds left to clinch the game for the Mustangs.

The win improved the Mustangs' record to 7-6 on the year. Brad Adams hit three three-pointers and finished with 11 points to lead the Mustangs. Rust finished with 10 points and Justin Wood played a strong game off the bench and finished with nine points.

Statistics:  
Stanfield: 10 12 7 11 - 40  
Heppner: 16 10 7 10 - 43

## Band plans pop can drive

The Heppner High School Band has planned a pop can drive for the weekend after the Super Bowl.

Band members ask that people save their cans for pickup next Friday or Saturday, February 4-5.

The band is raising money to help pay for transportation and lodging costs for a trip to Coeur d' Alene. At Coeur d' Alene, the band plans a performance at the Silverwood theme park to offset costs to attend the park. They also plan to check out band programs at area colleges.

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