

## Mustang girls beat TigerScots 47-46

By Rick Paullus

Casey Ingraham scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the Heppner Mustang girls to a 47-46 win over the Weston-McEwen TigerScots on Friday, Feb. 11, in Athena. The win improves the Mustangs' record to 7-3 in the CBC and 14-8 overall.

The TigerScots took an early 4-0 lead, but an Ingraham basket, a San Juanita Elguezabal free throw and a rebound basket by Ingraham put the Mustangs ahead, 5-4. The TigerScots came back with four more but Marissa McCabe scored to close the first quarter with Weston-McEwen holding an 8-7 lead.

The TigerScots increased their lead to 13-8 before Shelley Rietmann scored to cut it to 13-10. It was 15-10 when Ashley Ropp hit a free throw and Ingraham had a steal and lay-in to cut it to 15-13. A rebound basket by Trisha Adams made it 19-15, but the TigerScots took a 21-16 lead at halftime.

Elguezabal had back-to-back steals and lay-ins to cut the lead to 21-20. The TigerScots came back with a basket but Ingraham hit a jumper and Ropp hit a three-pointer to give the Mustangs a 25-23 lead midway through the third. After the TigerScots tied it, Elguezabal hit a free throw, McCabe made a lay-in on a nice pass from Ingraham, Lacey Matteson got a steal and a lay-in, and Ingraham hit a jumper to give the Mustangs a 32-25 lead. The TigerScots scored the final four points of the quarter and the first basket of the fourth to cut the lead to 32-31.

Elguezabal scored on a short jumper and Ingraham scored on a rebound basket to up the lead to 36-31, but the TigerScots came right back to cut the lead to 36-35. Ingraham answered with a jumper, Adams made a free throw and Elguezabal made a lay-in on



SanJuanita Elguezabal gets a layin against TigerScots photo by Joyce Hughes

a nice pass from Ingraham to give the Mustangs a 41-35 lead.

Rietmann scored on a nice pass from Matteson to make it 45-39 and Ingraham hit two free throws to make it 47-41. The TigerScots narrowed the gap to 47-45 and had a chance to tie with :04 left but just made one of two free throws as the Mustangs held on for the win.

Ingraham had four assists and two steals to go with her 18 points and 11 rebounds. Elguezabal finished with 10 points and two steals. Rietmann had five points and eight rebounds. Adams had nine re-

bounds and Amy Papineau had seven rebounds and two steals. Matteson had two steals.

Statistics  
Heppner- 7 9 16 15 - 47  
Weston-McEwen- 8 13 8 17 - 46  
Heppner- Casey Ingraham 7 4-4 18, San Juanita Elguezabal 4 2-6 10, Shelley Rietmann 2 1-3 5, Ashley Ropp 1 1-2 4, Trisha Adams 1 2-6 4, Marissa McCabe 2 0-0 4, Lacey Matteson 1 0-0 2, Amy Papineau 0 0-3 0, Macy Rhea, Jenni Patton, Meghan Bailey, Brett Barber, Jodie Carlson. 18 10-24 47. Three-pointers: Ropp.  
Weston-McEwen: Harrison 4 0-1 8, Sparks 5 0-1 10, Enos 4 0-3 8, Minthorn 3 1-2 7, Shoemaker 2 2-4 6, Robertson 2 1-2 5, Brito 1 0-1 2, Bonifer, Hanson. 21 4-14 46. Three-pointers: none.

## Hot Mustangs beat TigerScots 70-57

By Rick Paullus

Ryan Matteson hit five of eight three-pointers and finished with 21 points to lead the hot-shooting Heppner Mustangs to a 70-57 win over the Weston-McEwen TigerScots Friday, Feb. 11, in Athena.

The win was the second of the year over the TigerScots and improved the Mustangs' CBC record to 6-4 and their overall record to 13-9.

Matteson hit a three-pointer to get the Mustangs going to start the game and Blake Knowles scored to make it 6-5 but the TigerScots came back to take an 11-7 lead. Matteson hit another three, scored on a nice pass from Knowles and Knowles hit a lay-in to give the Mustangs a 14-11 lead. The TigerScots came back to take a 16-14 lead but Matteson and Stefan Matheny hit back-to-back three-pointers and Matheny hit a rebound basket at the buzzer to give the Mustangs a 22-16 lead.

Michael McCabe scored two straight baskets and Craig Scott scored on a nice pass from Matheny to increase the lead to 28-21. The TigerScots got within 28-26 but Joe Papineau scored on a baseline lay-in, hit a jumper, Matteson scored, then hit a three-pointer to close out the first half with the Mustangs ahead 37-27.

The third quarter began with Matheny hitting a long jumper and making a nice pass to McCabe for a lay-in to make it 41-27. Clint Bellamy made a nice pass to Knowles for a lay-in and Matteson hit another three-pointer to make it 48-33.

Knowles scored on back-to-back rebound baskets then dished off to Matheny for a lay-in to give the Mustangs a 54-35 lead. The TigerScots cut it to 54-41, but Papineau hit a short jumper and McCabe a freethrow to make it 57-41 after three.

The TigerScots cut it to 12, but Matheny hit a running jumper to make it 59-45. McCabe hit a rebound basket to make it 61-47 and Papineau completed a three-point play on a rebound basket and foul and Knowles scored on another rebound basket to make it 66-49 with two minutes left. Brian Rust scored on a nice pass from Scott and Sam VanLiew scored



Michael McCabe goes for layin against Weston. No. 33 is Ryan Matteson photo by Joyce Hughes

to close out the scoring for the Mustangs as they took the 70-57 win.

Matteson ended up hitting 8-14 overall and also had two steals. Knowles had a strong game with 13 points, 13 rebounds, four steals and two assists. Matheny hit 5-10 from the field and finished with 11 points and two assists. Papineau hit all four of his shots and had 10 points, six rebounds and three steals. McCabe had nine points and Scott had two assists.

## Ione JV men defeat Fossil

The Ione junior varsity men played two quarters against the Falcons on the Cardinals' home court on February 11, defeating the Fossil team, 36-26.

Dylan Pettyjohn and Zac Fabian led the Cardinal men with 10 points each. Pettyjohn had 10 rebounds, handed off three assists, robbed three steals and

blocked one Falcon shot. Fabian robbed two balls from the Falcons. Adam McCabe contributed seven points, brought down seven rebounds, dished out three assists and had two steals.

The Cardinals came out strong in the first quarter, scoring 19 points and holding the Falcons to

## Mustang JV boys drop two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs JV boys dug themselves into a hole against the Culver Bulldogs and couldn't quite dig their way out, falling 55-50 on Saturday, Feb. 12, in Heppner. On Friday the Mustangs lost to the Weston-McEwen TigerScots, 55-37, in Athena.

The Mustangs were down 14-4 after one against the Bulldogs and got two three-pointers from Brian Rust in the second but still trailed 27-15 at halftime. Brad Adams scored eight points in the third to have the Mustangs pull within 39-30 going into the fourth. A rebound basket by Sam VanLiew with 3:30 left cut the lead to 45-43 with 1:20 left but the Mustangs couldn't get any closer.

The Bulldogs made 28 of 38 free throws for the game, compared to 12-21 for the Mustangs.

Rust hit five three-pointers and finished with 16 points and Adams scored 12 points before fouling out early in the fourth. VanLiew finished with seven points and Paullus, six.

At Athena on Friday, the Mustangs led 9-8 after one as Kevin Drake hit a three-pointer, but the TigerScots outscored Heppner 20-3 in the second to take a 28-12 lead at halftime. Chip Piper scored seven points in the fourth but the Mustangs were in too big of a hole to climb out of.

Piper led the Mustangs with 10 points and Rust had nine. Drake hit two three-pointers for six points.

The Mustangs finish out

## HHS 'C' team improve with two wins

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang "C" Team boys improved to 7-8 on the year by beating Weston-McEwen, 57-41, on Tuesday, Feb. 8, and Mac-Hi, 40-34, on Thursday, Feb. 10. Both games were in Heppner.

The Mustangs trailed the TigerScots 7-6 after one but rallied in the second, getting six points from Kelly Paullus to take an 18-14 lead at halftime. Paullus scored seven in the third as the Mustangs took a 37-24 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Donald Adams scored 10 and Josh Winters, five, as the Mustangs outscored the TigerScots, 20-17, and got the win to avenge an earlier defeat at Weston-McEwen. The Mustangs hit 8-13 free throws in the fourth.

Paullus finished with 17 points, including a three-pointer, and Adams had 15 points. Doug Orwick had a good game, scoring 10 points, and Winters finished with seven.

Orwick scored six points in the first quarter against the Pioneers as the Mustangs took a 12-4 lead after one. Paullus scored six in the second as Heppner led 22-14 at halftime.

The Pioneers narrowed the gap to 28-25 going into the fourth and took a 32-30 lead midway through the period. A lay-in by Paullus tied the score and a lay-in by Orwick put the Mustangs ahead for good as they were able to hang on for the win. Paullus led the Mustangs with 16 points and Donald Adams and Orwick each had eight points.

Statistics  
Weston-McEwen 7 7 10 17-41  
Heppner 6 12 19 20-57  
Heppner-Kelly Paullus 7 2-6 17, Donald Adams 5 5-9 15, Doug Orwick 4 2-4 10, Josh Winters 2 3-4 7, Conor Kilkenny 3 0-0 6, Cory Breeding 1 0-0 2, Leland Rill, Jon Bennett, Adam Bergstrom, Jerry Shank, Trevor Rhea, Robert Whalen. 22 12-23 57.  
3pt- Paullus.  
Mac-Hi 4 10 11 9-34  
Heppner 12 10 6 12-40  
Heppner- Paullus 5 6-9 16, Adams 3 2-5 8, Orwick 3 2-5 8, Bergstrom 2 0-0 4, Winters 1 0-0 2, Shank 1 0-0 2, Rill, Bennett, Breeding, Rhea, Whalen. 15 10-19 40.  
3pt- none.



Brandon Young brings in a rebound. No 35 is Sam Van Liew photo by Joyce Hughes

their season at Wahtonka on Saturday, Feb. 19.

Statistics  
Bowman, Donald Adams 12 11-19 37  
3pt- Drake 2  
Culver 14 13 12 11-55  
Heppner 4 11 15 20-50  
Heppner-Rust 5 1-4 16, B. Adams 5 2-2 12, VanLiew 2 3-4 7, Paullus 2 1-3 6, Piper 1 1-2 3, Wood 0 3-4 3, Drake 1 0-0 2, D. Adams 0 1-2 1, Young, Bowman 16 12-21 50.  
3pt-Rust 5, Paullus

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