

Mustang girls pull off win over Wahtonka



Heppner High School Girls' Varsity Mustangs: Front row (left to right)-Brett Barber, Jenni Patton; Second row-San Juanita Elguezabal, Marissa McCabe; Third row-Meghan Bailey, Jodie Carlson, Ashley Ropp, Macy Rhea, Amy Papineau, Trisha Adams; Back row-Assistant Coach Dana Reid, Assistant Coach Keelie Keown, Lacey Matteson, Casey Ingraham, Shelley Rietmann, Head Coach Juan Elguezabal, Manager Jim Fichter.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls pulled off a 42-40 win in overtime over the Wahtonka Eagles on Saturday, Feb. 19, in The Dalles.

The Mustangs finished their regular season with a 9-3 record and tied for second place in the CBC with 16 and 8 overall. The Mustangs now get ready for the District Tournament in Pendleton on Friday, Feb. 25, and Saturday, Feb. 26.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 10-2 lead on two lay-ins and two free throws by Shelley Rietmann, two free throws by San Juanita Elguezabal and a jumper by Casey Ingraham. Marissa McCabe scored to make it 12-6 but the Eagles came back to trail 12-10 at the end of one.

Ingraham scored on a

nice pass from Amy Papineau, hit a jumper then fed McCabe for a lay-in to increase the lead to 18-10. Ingraham made a lay-in to make it 20-16 and the Mustangs led 20-18 at halftime.

Ingraham hit a three-pointer to start the third quarter and Ashley Ropp hit Elguezabal for a lay-in to increase the lead to 25-18. Ropp hit a three-pointer to make it 28-20 and Rietmann converted a three point play after getting a nice pass from Ingraham to make it 31-24. Ropp hit another three to make it 34-24 and the Mustangs led 34-26 at the end of the third quarter.

Ingraham and Rietmann each hit two free throws to make it 38-30 but those were the last points the Mustangs scored as the Eagles rallied to tie it and send the game to overtime.

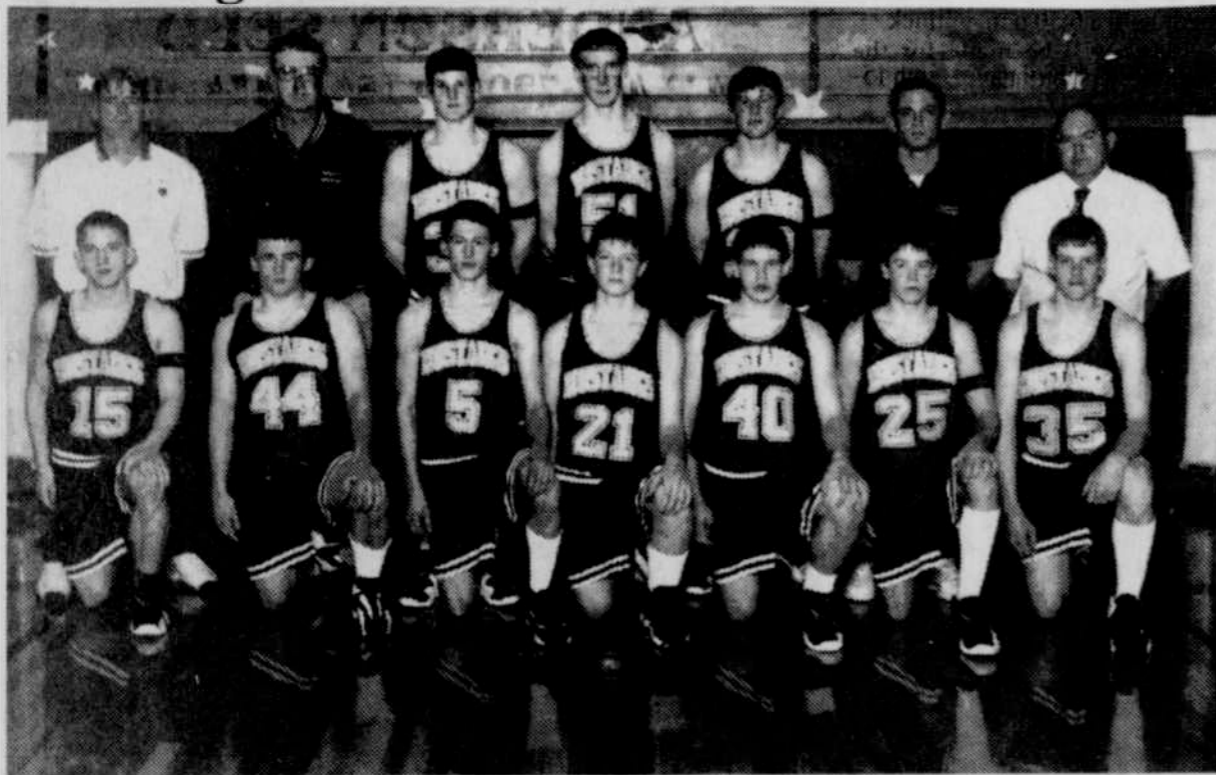
Ingraham made two free

throws and Elguezabal, one, to make it 41-38. Ingraham made one of two free throws with 18 seconds left and the Mustangs held on for the win.

Ingraham finished with 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists, two steals and two blocked shots. Rietmann had 11 points and four rebounds and Ropp had six points, two assists and two steals.

Statistics
 Heppner 12 8 14 4 4-42
 Wahtonka 10 8 8 12 2-40
 Heppner- Casey Ingraham 5 5-7 16, Shelley Rietmann 3 5-5 11, Ashley Ropp 2 0-0 6, San Juanita Elguezabal 13-7 5, Marissa McCabe 2 0-0 4, Amy Papineau 0 0-2 0, Lacey Matteson, Trisha Adams, Macy Rhea, Brett Barber, Meghan Bailey, Jodie Carlson, Jenni Patton. 13 13-21 42.
 3pt.-Ropp 2, Ingraham, Wahtonka-Ziegler 5 0-0 10, Eagy 4 0-1 8, Pratt 4 0-3 8, Caldwell 2 0-2 4, Krol 2 0-0 4, Stranz 1 1-3 3, Biechler 1 0-0 2, Bagarsin 0 1-2 1, 19 2-11 40.
 3pt.-none.

Mustangs eke out win at Wahtonka



Heppner High School Boys' Varsity Mustangs: Front row (left to right)-Craig Scott, Clint Bellamy, David Piper, Brian Rust, Michael McCabe, Stefan Matheny, Joe Papineau; Back row-Assistant Coach Ken Eckman, Head Coach Chuck Matteson, Blake Knowles, Sam Van Liew, Ryan Matteson, Assistant Coach Tony Pupo, Manager Jim Fichter.

By Rick Paullus

Ryan Matteson hit Joe Papineau with a nice pass for a lay-in with six seconds left in regulation to tie the game and scored on a pass from Michael McCabe with 20 seconds left in overtime to give the Heppner Mustangs a 63-62 win over the Wahtonka Eagles on Saturday, Feb. 19 in The Dalles.

The win gives the Mustangs a 7-5 CBC record and a 14-10 overall record in the final regular season game heading into the district tournament in Pendleton this Friday and Saturday.

The Mustangs started fast as Matteson hit Blake Knowles and Papineau for lay-ins then hit a long three-pointer for a 7-1 lead. Knowles hit two free throws and Clint Bellamy scored on a nice pass from McCabe to make it 11-3. Matteson hit another three-pointer and Knowles scored on a rebound basket as the Mustangs took a 16-8 lead after one.

The Eagles came back in the second, outscoring the Mustangs, 19-5, to take a 26-21 lead at halftime.

Knowles scored on a rebound basket, Stefan Matheny hit a jumper and McCabe scored to open the third quarter, giving the Mustangs a 27-26 lead. Matheny hit a three-pointer, but the Eagles

came back to take a 34-31 lead. Bellamy hit a jumper and Craig Scott got a steal and lay-in and Knowles hit a short jumper to make it 37-34. Knowles scored on a rebound basket, hit a long jumper and McCabe hit a short jumper but the Mustangs led by just 43-42 after three.

Scott made a lay-in and Bellamy scored on a rebound basket and a jumper to open the fourth quarter, giving the Mustangs a 49-42 lead. The Eagles went on a 11-0 run to lead 53-49 before McCabe scored on a lay-in with 1:25 left. McCabe hit two free throws with a minute left to make it 54-53. The Eagles made a free throw to make it a two-point game, setting up Papineau's basket for the tie.

In overtime, the Eagles took a two-point lead but McCabe hit two free throws to tie. Down two again, Knowles scored and Papineau hit one of two free throws to give the Mustangs a 60-59 lead. Knowles hit a free throw with 1:18 left to tie it at 61-61 but the Eagles made a free throw with :33 left to take the lead again. After Matteson's lay-in the Eagles had two free throws with :02 left but couldn't convert either one and the Mustangs escaped with the win.

Knowles led the Mustangs with 18 points, had nine rebounds and two blocked shots. McCabe had 11 points, 11 rebounds, five assists and two steals and Bellamy had 10 points and six rebounds. Matteson had eight points, seven assists and two steals and Papineau had seven points and two steals.

The Mustangs won despite hitting just 10 of 17 free throws compared to 22 of 35 for the Eagles.

Statistics
 Heppner 16 5 22 12 8-63
 Wahtonka 8 19 15 13 7-62

Heppner - Blake Knowles 7 4-6 18, Michael McCabe 3 5-7 11, Clint Bellamy 5 0-1 10, Ryan Matteson 3 0-0 8, Joe Papineau 3 1-2 7, Stefan Matheny 2 0-0 5, Craig Scott 2 0-0 4, Chip Piper 0 0-1 0, Brian Rust 0 0-0 0, Sam Van Liew 0 0-0 0, 25 10-17 63.
 3 Pt. - Matteson 2, Matheny, Wahtonka - Cates 2 12-15 17, Evans 3 1-4 7, Enriquez 3 0-1 6, Haas 3 0-0 6, Snyder 3 0-0 6, Yanez 2 4-5 8, Troxel 1 4-7 6, Beaver 1 1-3 4, Garcia 1 0-0 2, 19 22-35 62.
 3pt. - Cates, Beaver.

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Valentine fairy pays visit to day care center



The Valentine's Day fairy (center) paid a visit to the Heppner Day Care Monday. The fairy, sometimes known as Kim Pointer, handed out treats and entertained the children.

Good Luck At State Ione Lady Cardinals!



Ione Lady Cardinals Varsity: top row (L-R)-Coach Dana Heideman, Shelby Krebs, Allison Halvorsen, Nikki McElligott, Kristina Powell, Camie Burrigot, Assistant Coach Ryan Rudolf; middle row (L-R)-Charissa Thompson, Diana McElligott, Adrienne Swanson, Brandi Brantley, Amellia Peck; front row (L-R)-Charissa Gates. Not pictured: Nonnee Walters, Cyndi Heagy.

*Ione Lady Cardinals vs. Umpqua Valley Christian Monarchs
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