

Mustang girls qualify for state



Mustang girls' basketball team takes second place in district tournament.

By Rick Paullus

Nearly perfect play by Shelley Rietmann led the Heppner Mustang girls to two wins at the District 7-2A Tournament in Pendleton on Feb. 25-26 to qualify for the State 2A Tournament as the second place team from the Columbia Basin Conference.

Rietmann was a perfect 10 for 10 from the field and made 7-7 free throws for 27 points as the Mustangs beat Weston-McEwen, 61-54, on Friday night. On Saturday night, Rietmann made all six of her field goal attempts and finished with 16 points as the Mustangs rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the Pilot Rock Rockets, 47-46.

The Mustangs improved to 18-9 on the year and qualified for the state tournament for the second straight year, where they were to play Santiam on Tuesday night.

Rietmann scored on a lay-in on a nice pass from Casey Ingraham to start the game against the TigerScots. Weston-McEwen came back to take a 6-2 lead before Amy Papineau hit Trisha Adams for a lay-in. Papineau scored to make it 9-6 but the TigerScots took a 13-6 lead after one as the Mustangs had 15 turnovers.

The TigerScots held a 17-6 lead before Rietmann took over hitting a rebound basket, a lay-in on a nice pass from Lacey Matteson and a free throw as she was fouled. Rietmann hit two free throws, Matteson one and Rietmann two more to get within 18-16. Ashley Ropp hit Rietmann for a lay-in and Marissa McCabe hit a short jumper to get within 21-20. Rietmann then hit a rebound basket to give the Mustangs a 22-21 lead at halftime.

Ropp hit a three-pointer and Rietmann scored on a rebound basket to make it 27-21, then Ropp hit another three-pointer and Ingraham a short jumper to stretch the lead to 32-24.

The TigerScots wouldn't quit though, and came back to within 32-31 before McCabe hit a three-pointer and Adams a lay-in to make it 37-31. A three-point play by Rietmann after a nice pass from Ingraham gave the Mustangs a 40-37 lead after three. Another three-point play by Rietmann after getting a pass from San Juanita Elguezabal to open the fourth boosted the lead to six. Rietmann got another nice pass from Elguezabal for a lay-in and Ingraham hit a running jumper to make it 47-42, but the TigerScots came back to tie.

Ingraham hit back-to-back jumpers and Rietmann scored on a rebound to make it 53-49, but a three-pointer by the TigerScots made it a one point game. Ingraham came back with a

jumper and two free throws to boost the lead back to five. Papineau hit two more free throws with :55 left to make it 59-52. The TigerScots got to within 59-54 and had the ball, but Papineau came up with a steal with :15 left and then hit a free throw to seal the win. Ropp hit a free throw with :03 left for the final margin.

Rietmann had 11 rebounds, six offensive, to go with her 27 points and two steals. Ingraham scored 12 points, all in the second half, five rebounds and five assists. Ropp had seven points, five rebounds and two steals. Papineau had eight rebounds, three steals and two assists. McCabe had six rebounds.

Papineau hit a free throw and Ingraham a running jumper to get the Mustangs started against the Pilot Rock Rockets. Ropp hit a three-pointer to make it 6-3. Rietmann hit a lay-in on a nice pass from Ingraham, Matteson hit two of four free throws and Papineau hit Rietmann for a lay-in to make it 12-5. A three-pointer by the Rockets' Amanda Doherty at the buzzer made it 12-8 in favor of the Mustangs after one.

The Rockets went on an 8-0 run to start the second quarter before Rietmann scored on a rebound basket to make it 16-14. The Rockets took a 22-14 lead before Ingraham scored on a rebound basket and led 24-16 when Brett Barber scored on a lay-in on a nice pass from Ingraham. The Rockets scored at the end of the second to take a 26-18 lead at halftime.

The Rockets pushed the lead to 10 before Matteson hit a jumper, but the Rockets came back and took a 31-20 lead. Matteson then hit a lay-in on a nice pass from Barber and Rietmann scored on a put back to cut the lead to 31-24. The Rockets led by as much as 12 and settled for a 40-29 lead at the end of three. It looked like the Rockets were going to beat the Mustangs for the second time in five days.

But the Mustangs would have none of it as they came out with a vengeance. Ingraham and Elguezabal each hit free throws, Ingraham had a lay-in, Rietmann hit a free throw, then a rebound basket, and all of a sudden it was 40-36. The Rockets came back to take a 44-36 lead with 3:00 left. Papineau and Rietmann each hit short jumpers and Ingraham hit a free throw to make it 44-41 with 2:15 left. Ingraham hit a short jumper to make it 44-43 with 1:14 left. After the Rockets missed a free throw, Ingraham sent the Heppner crowd into a frenzy by hitting a baseline jumper with :50 left, finally giving the Mustangs a 45-44 lead.

Ingraham was fouled after grabbing a rebound on a missed free throw with :21.8 left and hit one of two free throws to make it 46-44. After a Rocket turnover, Matteson was fouled with :10 left and made one of two free throws to make it 47-44. The Rockets scored with :4.5 left and the Mustangs ran out the clock to get the win.

Rietmann had nine rebounds, four offensive, to go with her 16 points to again lead the Mustangs. Ingraham ended up with 15 points, nine in the fourth, eight rebounds and three assists. Matteson had seven points and four rebounds. Papineau pulled down six rebounds.

After the tournament, Casey Ingraham was named to the CBC first team, while Ashley Ropp, Amy Papineau and Shelley Rietmann were each named to the honorable mention.

Game One
Weston-McEwen- 13 8 16 17 - 54
Heppner- 6 16 18 21 - 61
Weston-McEwen: Harrison 6-13 0-0 14, Enos 5-12 2-5 14, Shoemaker 5-15 2-5 13, Sparks 4-11 0-1 8, Robertson 1-5 0-0 2, Minthorn 1-7 0-0 2, Bonifer 0-1 1-2 1, Brito 0-0 0 22-64 5-13 54. Three-pointers: Harrison (2), Enos (2), Shoemaker.

Game Two
Heppner- 12 6 11 18 - 47
Pilot Rock- 8 18 14 6 - 46
Heppner: Rietmann 6-6 4-8 16, Ingraham 6-11 3-7 15, Matteson 2-6 3-7 7, Ropp 1-2 0-0 3, Papineau 1-2 1-4 3, Barber 1-3 0-4 2, Elguezabal 0-2 1-2 1, McCabe 0-2 0-0 0, Adams 0-1 0-0 0, Rhea, Patton, Carlson, Bailey, 17-35 12-32 47. Three-pointer: Ropp.

Pilot Rock: Copeland 4-10 4-5 12, A. Doherty 4-14 2-2 11, S. Doherty 3-9 0-1 6, Mitchell 2-3 2-3 6, Greene 2-4 1-3 5, Krosting 2-2 0-1 4, Bracher 1-3 0-0 2, McLaughlin 0-2 0-0 0, Christiansen 0-1 0-0 0, Gose, Barkley, Jobs, 18-48 9-15 46. Three-pointer: A. Doherty.

HHS JV boys fall short at Wahtonka

By Rick Paullus

A bad fourth quarter spelled defeat for the Heppner Mustangs boys' JV team as the Wahtonka Eagles outscored the Mustangs, 19-9, to win 48-45. The Mustangs record fell to 8-12 in their last game of the season.

Brian Rust scored eight and Brad Adams, five points, in the first as the Mustangs raced out to a 14-1 lead and led 15-6 after one.

Adams scored five more in the second as the Mustangs led 24-18 at halftime and took a 36-29 lead into the fourth.

The Eagles rallied to tie it at 42-42, but Kevin Drake hit a three-pointer with 1:40 left to make it 45-42, but the Eagles scored the final six points to steal the win.

Adams finished with 13 points before fouling out early in the fourth quarter. Rust hit two threes and finished with 11 and Justin Wood scored 10, including six in the fourth.

Statistics
Heppner 15 9 12 9-45
Wahtonka 6 12 11 19-48
Heppner- Brad Adams 4 6-8 13, Brian Rust 4 1-2 11, Justin Wood 5 0-0 10, Kevin Drake 2 0-0 5, Chip Piper 2 0-1 4, Sam Van Liew 1 0-0 2, Kelly Paullus 0 0-2 0, Brandon Young, Brad Bowman, Donald Adams, 18 7-11 45
3pt.-Rust 2, Drake.

Mustangs lose to Rockets in district seeding game

By Rick Paullus

Turnovers and missed free throws spelled defeat for the Heppner Mustang girls in a seeding game for the district tournament against the Pilot Rock Rockets on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Umatilla. The Mustangs fell to the Rockets, 50-40, to finish in third place and faced the Weston-McEwen TigerScots at District. The Rockets took second and faced the Wahtonka Eagles.

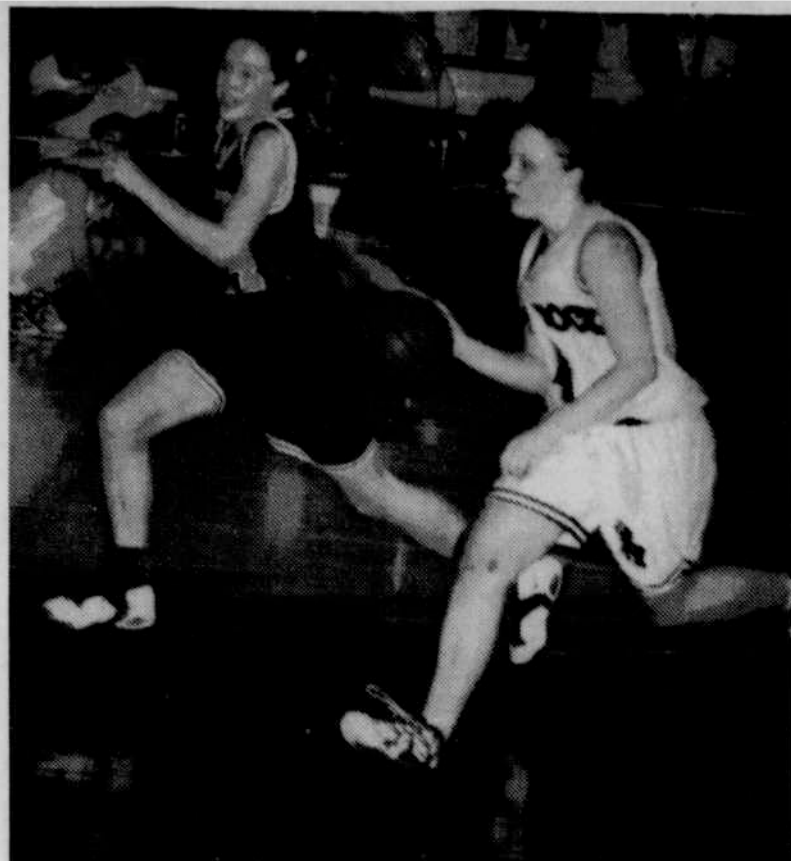
The Rockets jumped out to a quick 9-3 lead but Casey Ingraham hit a short jumper and Ashley Ropp hit a three-pointer to get within 9-8. The Rockets scored the last six points of the first quarter and the first five of the second to take a 20-8 lead. Ingraham hit a three-pointer to close out the first half to get the Mustangs to within 26-18.

Ropp scored on a lay-in and Ingraham drove in for a lay-in to get within 32-28 in the third. Lacey Matteson hit a three-pointer to make it 39-32 going into the fourth.

A Ropp three-pointer got the Mustangs to within four to open the fourth. Shelley Rietmann made a nice move to get a lay-in while Ropp made one of two free throws, and the Mustangs trailed just 41-38. Amy Papineau and Rietmann each hit free throws to make it 44-40, but the Rockets scored the last six points to pull away for the win.

Ingraham led the Mustangs with 14 points, 10 rebounds, two assists and two steals. Ropp had nine points and two steals. Papineau had 10 rebounds. San Juanita Elguezabal had seven rebounds and two steals.

Statistics:
Heppner: Casey Ingraham 5 3-4 14, Ashley Ropp 3 1-2 9, Amy Papineau 1 3-5 5, Shelley Rietmann 1 3-8 5, Lacey Matteson 1 0-0 3, Trisha Adams 1 0-0 2, San Juanita Elguezabal 0-2-5 2, Marissa McCabe 0 0-0 0, Jenni Patton 0 0-0 0, Brett Barber 0 0-0 0, Jodie Carlson 0 0-0 0, Macy Rhea 0 0-0 0, 12 12-24 40. Three-pointers: Ropp (2), Ingraham, Matteson.
Pilot Rock: A. Doherty 4 1-1 10, S. Doherty 4 0-0 8, Greene 4 1-1 10, Copeland 23-4 8, Mitchell 3-0-16, Krosting 1 0-0 2, Barkley 1 0-0 2, Christensen 0 0-2 0, Bracher 0 0-0 0, Jobs 0 0-0 0, Gose 0 0-0 0, 21 5-9 50. Three-pointers: A. Doherty, Copeland, Greene.

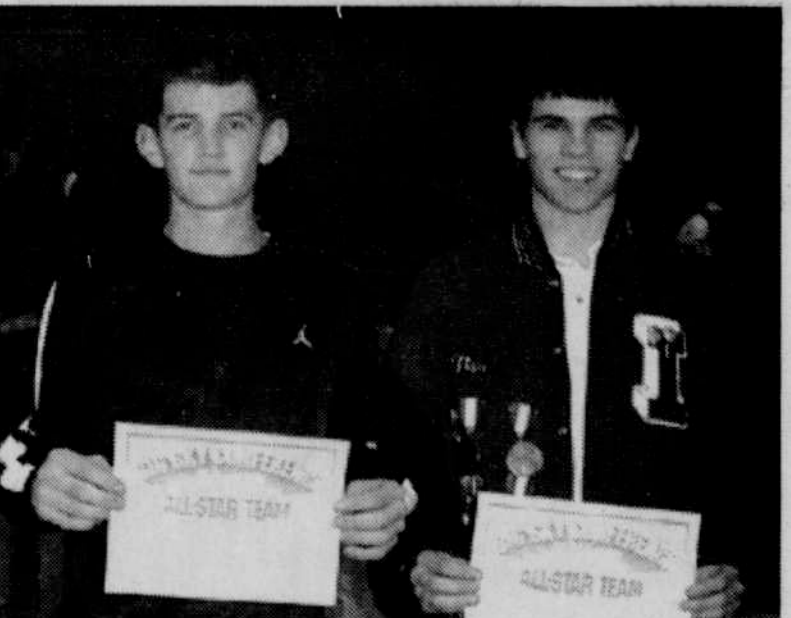


Lacey Matteson tries to catch Pilot Rock player photo by Joyce Hughes

Big Sky names all stars



Ione Cardinal All Stars (left to right)-senior Nikki McElligott, senior Camie Burright, both named to the first team, and sophomore Amellia Peck, honorable mention.



Ione Cardinal All Stars senior Mark McElligott (left), sophomore Brad Burright, both honorable mention.

Five Ione High School basketball players were named to the Big Sky all star team.

Earning all-star spots on the Cardinal girls' team were seniors Nikki McElligott and Camie Burright, who made the first

MARCH 2000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 HEDC Mo Co Court State BB L. League Sign up Swm Team Mtg School Adv. Bnd.	2 WV Service Club State BB L. League Sign up BPOE / Ladies Nite	3 State BB Mo Co Chronicles	4 State BB
5 Hardman Comm Cn	6 Garden Club HES Site Council City Planning Health District	7 Merchants Chamber SWCD Bnd. Masons Sports Dessert Library Story Time	8 Mo Co Court P of Mo Budy Comm HES Site Council Oddfellows	9 WV Service Club WCVL BPOE	10 Auction Comm	11
12	13 City Council Rodeo Committee Fair Board School Board	14 HCC Chamber Bookworms BB @ Wahtonka ChkdFam Comm. Library Story Time	15 HEDC Mo Co Court Food Handl. Class Neigh. Center Bnd.	16 WV Service Club BB @ Hermiston BPOE	17 Food Handl. Class BB @ Umatilla St. Patrick's Day Celebration	18 SB here
19 Celebration Auction Spring Vacation Week →	20 Garden Club HES Site Council City Planning Health District	21 Chamber Museum Board Library Story Time	22 Mo Co Court	23 WV Serv. Club Bnd BPOE	24 BB @ Dufur	25
26	27 American Legion & Auxiliary Housing Authority	28 HCC Chamber Bookworms BB @ Sherman Co Library Story Time	29	30 Rac. Dist BPOE	31 BB @ Mac Hill Track @ The Dalles	

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