

Mustang girls lose to City Christian

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls gave a valiant effort against the City Christian Lions but couldn't keep up in the second half, falling 59-35 to end their season with an 18-11 record.

The Lions came into the tournament with a 45-game winning streak, a number-one ranking and were expected to win their second straight state championship, but were upset in the first round. The Lions went on to win the consolation championship and fifth place at the OSAA State 2A tournament.

The Mustangs started out hot as Shelley Rietmann scored on a short shot, then hit a lay-in on a nice pass from Casey Ingraham. The Mustangs took a 7-2 lead after Ashley Ropp converted a three-point play. Amy Papineau hit a rebound basket to put the Mustangs up 9-7 and Rietmann scored on a rebound basket to give the Mustangs their last lead at 11-9. The Lions scored the final four points of the quarter to take a 13-11 lead after one.

Trisha Adams hit a short jumper to get the Mustangs within 15-13 and Rietmann scored on a lay-in to make it 19-15. Adams scored on a rebound basket to get the Mustangs to within 21-17 but the Lions went on a 9-0 run before Ingraham hit a three-pointer to cut the lead to 30-20.

Ingraham scored on a rebound basket to make it 33-22 and a lay-in by Lacey Matteson cut it to 39-25. Brett Barber hit a long jumper to cut it to 41-27 but

the Lions Annalise Nashif hit back-to-back three-pointers, the last at the buzzer to increase the lead to 47-27. Nashif hit four three-pointers in the quarter for the Lions.

Rietmann scored on a baseline lay-in, Adams hit a rebounds basket and Barber hit another long jumper to make it 52-33 but the Mustangs could get no closer. Ingraham hit a short jumper for the Mustangs final points for the season.

Rietmann led the Mustangs with 11 points, five rebounds and a steal. Ingraham had a good all around game, hitting 3-4 from the field for seven points, eight rebounds and two assists. Adams came off the bench for six points, three rebounds, all offensive, and Papineau had four rebounds and a steal. SanJaunita Elguezabal had six rebounds and two steals and Barber scored four points. Matteson had three assists and a steal.

Casey Ingraham, Trisha Adams, Ashley Ropp, Amy Papineau and Macy Rhea played their final games as Mustangs as they completed a successful season.

Statistics
City Christian 13 18 16 12-59
Heppner 11 9 7 8-34
C.C.-Nashif 5 0-0 15, Cray 5 3-5 13,
Bracelin 5 1-2 11, Estes 3 0-0 8,
Biesemeyer 2 0-0 4, Malmir 2 0-0 4,
Damazio 1 0-0 2, Gawa 1 0-0 2. 24-50 4-7 59.
3pt.-Nashif 5, Estes 2.
Heppner- Shelley Rietmann 5 1-2 11,
Casey Ingraham 3 0-2 7, Trisha Adams 3 0-0 6, Brett Barber 2 0-0 4, Ashley Ropp 1 1-1 3, Lacey Matteson 1 0-0 2, Amy Papineau 1 0-0 2, Marissa McCabe 0 0-1 0, SanJaunita Elguezabal, Macy Rhea, Meghan Bailey, Jody Carlson. 16-43 2-6 35.
3pt.-Ingraham

Mustang girls drop first game to Santiam

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls opened the OSAA State 2A Tournament by losing to the Santiam Wolverines 45-29 on Tuesday, Feb. 29. The cold shooting Mustangs fell into a hole and couldn't get out of it as the Wolverines built a 25-11 lead at halftime. Although Heppner played a much better game in the second half, they could get no closer than eight points.

Shelley Rietmann continued her solid play from the district tournament with 16 points and 14 rebounds, 10 offensive, to lead the Mustangs. Casey Ingraham got the

Mustangs going by hitting a long jumper and a rebound basket by Amy Papineau gave them their last lead at 4-2. The Wolverines outscored the Mustangs 10-2 the rest of the way to take a 12-6 lead after one.

Rietmann got a steal and lay-in to make it 14-8 and Ingraham hit two free throws to make it 21-10. Santiam built their lead to 25-1 at halftime as the Mustangs made just 3 of 18 from the field.

Papineau made two free throws and Rietmann converted a three-point play to get the Mustangs to within 27-16 and Ingraham hit a running jumper, but the Wolverines still led 31-18

going into the fourth quarter.

Rietmann hit two free throws and Papineau hit one to cut the lead to 10 and, after Rietmann scored on a rebound, the Wolverine lead was 31-23 with 3:00 left. Rietmann scored on a nice pass from Lacey Matteson to cut the lead to 33-25 with 2:15 left but Santiam came back to increase their lead to 38-25. Rietmann hit two free throws with 1:28 left but the Wolverines hit a three-pointer to put the game away. Papineau hit another shot but Santiam made four free throws at the end for the final margin.

Papineau finished with seven points and four rebounds,

and Ingraham had six points, four rebounds, two steals and an assist. Matteson had four steals and an assist and SanJaunita Elguezabal had three rebounds and one steal. Ashley Ropp three rebounds and a steal.

Statistics
Heppner 6 5 7 11-29
Santiam 12 13 6 14-45
Heppner-Shelley Rietmann 4 8-10 16,
Amy Papineau 2 3-4 7, Casey Ingraham 2 2-3 6, SanJaunita Elguezabal, Ashley Ropp, Trisha Adams, Lacey Matteson, Marissa McCabe, Jodie Carlson, Macy Rhea, Meghan Bailey, Brett Barber 0 0-2 0. 8-41 13-19 29.
3pt.-none.
Santiam-Fredrickson 4 6-6 14, K. Plotts 4 2-3 12, Adams 4 0-1 8, E. Plotts 2 1-2 7, Cuevas 0 2-2 2, Carr 1 0-0 2. 15-33 11-14 45.
3pt.-K. Plotts 2, E. Plotts 2.

Western Mennonite ends Mustang boys' season



Clint Bellamy looks for a shot. Foreground is Joe Papineau

By Rick Paullus

The Western Mennonite Pioneers ended the Heppner Mustang boys' very successful season with a 50-46 win at the OSAA Sate 2A Tournament on Wednesday, March 1. The Mustangs ended their season with a 16-12 record. The game was the final one for the Mustangs' lone senior, Clint Bellamy.

Joe Papineau got the Mustangs going by hitting a short jumper and they built their lead to 7-3 on a Ryan Matteson inbound shot, a Stefan Matheny jumper and a Papineau free throw. Bellamy scored on a nice pass from Craig Scott to make it 9-5 and a Michael McCabe drive and lay-in made it 11-7. Matteson hit a three-pointer to make it 14-9 and Matheny hit a three-pointer with about 10 seconds left to make it 17-13, but the Pioneers came down and scored with three seconds left, then stole the inbound pass and hit a long three-pointer at the buzzer to take an 18-17 lead.

The pioneer ran their lead but Matteson and Brian Rust hit a long three-pointers to give the Mustangs a short-live 23-22 lead. Rust hit a running jumper at the end of the first half to get the Mustangs within 27-25 at the break.

Matheny opened the third quarter with a great move for a short jumper, then Blake Knowles scored on a rebound basket to give the Mustangs a 29-27 lead. The Pioneers came back with a three-pointer and a three-point play before Scott hit a

baseline jumper to cut the lead to 33-31. Matheny hit a three-pointer to end the third quarter, giving the Mustangs a 34-33 lead.

Matheny then hit a running jumper to open the fourth and Knowles hit a three-pointer to give the Mustangs a 39-35 lead. The Pioneers came back to take a 40-39 lead but McCabe hit a running jumper with 3:00 left to give the Mustangs back the lead. McCabe hit one of two free throws to tie it at 42-42 then Matheny hit a running jumper to tie it again with 1:29 left. The Pioneers hit four straight free throws but Matheny hit a jumper with :20 left to get the Mustangs to within 48-46.

The Mustangs had a couple more chances down the stretch but couldn't capitalize and the Pioneers hit a couple more free throws for the final margin.

Matheny hit 7 of 13 and finished with 16 points to lead the Mustangs. Matteson finished with eight points, six rebounds, two steals and an assist and Knowles had five points and six rebounds. McCabe had five points, one steal and an assist and Papineau had six rebounds.

Statistics
Heppner 17 8 9 12-46
West. Men. 18 9 6 17-50
Heppner-Stefan Matheny 7 0-0 16, Ryan Matteson 3 0-0 8, Blake Knowles 2 0-3 5, Michael McCabe 2 1-2 5, Brian Rust 2 0-0 5, Joe Papineau 1 1-2 3, Clint Bellamy 1 0-0 2, Craig Scott 1 0-0 2, Chip Piper, Sam VanLiew. 19-51 2-6 46.
3pt.- Matheny 2, Matteson 2, Rust, Knowles.
West. Men.-Lankin 5 2-2 15, Baker 3 5-5 17, Walther 5 3-6 14, Eshleman 2 0-0 4, Stanffer, Zook. 19-46 8-13 50.
3pt.-Lankin 3, Walther.

Mustang boys dropped by tall Oakridge in first round

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys went up against a tall Oakridge Warrior team in the first round of the OSAA State Class 2A Tournament and came up short, 59-51, on Tuesday, Feb. 29. The Mustangs fell behind by seven after one and could never get closer than three the rest of the way.

Joe Papineau hit a jumper from the free throw line to make it 5-2 early in the first but the Warriors went on an 8-1 run before Michael McCabe hit two free throws to cut the lead to 13-5. A Warrior three-pointer was countered by a Papineau jumper, then Papineau hit a short turnaround jumper at the buzzer to get the Mustangs within 16-9 after one.

Stefan Matheny drove the lane for a lay-in to cut it to 16-11 and Craig Scott hit a short jumper to make it 20-13. Matheny hit a running jumper and McCabe two free throws to make it 24-27. After a Warrior free throw, McCabe drove in for a short shot, then hit two free throws to cut the lead to 26-21, but the Warriors closed out the first half with a three-point play to take a 29-21 lead at halftime.

Blake Knowles hit a rebound basket but the Warriors held a 36-23 lead before Brian Rust and McCabe hit back-to-back three-pointers and McCabe sank a pair of free-throws to narrow the gap to 36-31. After a Warrior basket Matheny hit a three-pointer to get the Mustangs to within 38-34. Rust scored to cut the lead to 40-36 but Oakridge scored and hit a free throw to end the third quarter

with a 43-36 lead.

Knowles opened the fourth with a tip-in and McCabe hit two free throws to get the Mustangs to within 43-40 but the Warriors went on an 11-1 run, including 7-9 free throws, to take a 54-41 lead. McCabe hit another three-pointer and Scott made one of two from the line to get within nine, but a Warrior free throw made it a 10-point game.

McCabe scored on a drive and lay-in and Scot hit two free throws with :52.6 left to make it 55-29. Ryan Matteson scored on a rebound basket with :38 left to make it 56-51 but the Warriors made 3-6 free throws down the stretch to hang on for the win.

McCabe led the Mustangs with 21 points, including 11 of 12 from the line, and six rebounds. Matheny and Papineau each had seven points and Matteson had six rebounds and three steals. Knowles had four rebounds and one assist, despite being plagued with foul trouble all game. Clint Bellamy had a strong game off the bench with four rebounds, two steals and a bloody nose going after a loose ball.

Statistics
Heppner 9 12 15 15-51
Oakridge 18 13 14 16-59
Heppner-Michael McCabe 4 11-12 21,
Joe Papineau 3 1-2 7, Stefan Matheny 3 0-0 7, Craig Scott 1 3-4 5, Brian Rust 2 0-1 5, Blake Knowles 2 0-0 4, Ryan Matteson 1 0-0 2, Clint Bellamy, Chip Piper, Sam VanLiew. 16 15-19 51.
3pt.-McCabe 2, Rust, Matheny.
Oakridge-Tipton 7 7-12 21, Cerkoney 4 6-9 15, Castleman 3 3-4 9, Yeager 2 3-5 7, Ashcroft 1 1-2 4, Fine 0 3-4 3.
Prenevost. 17 23-36 59.
3pt.-Cerkoney, Ashcroft

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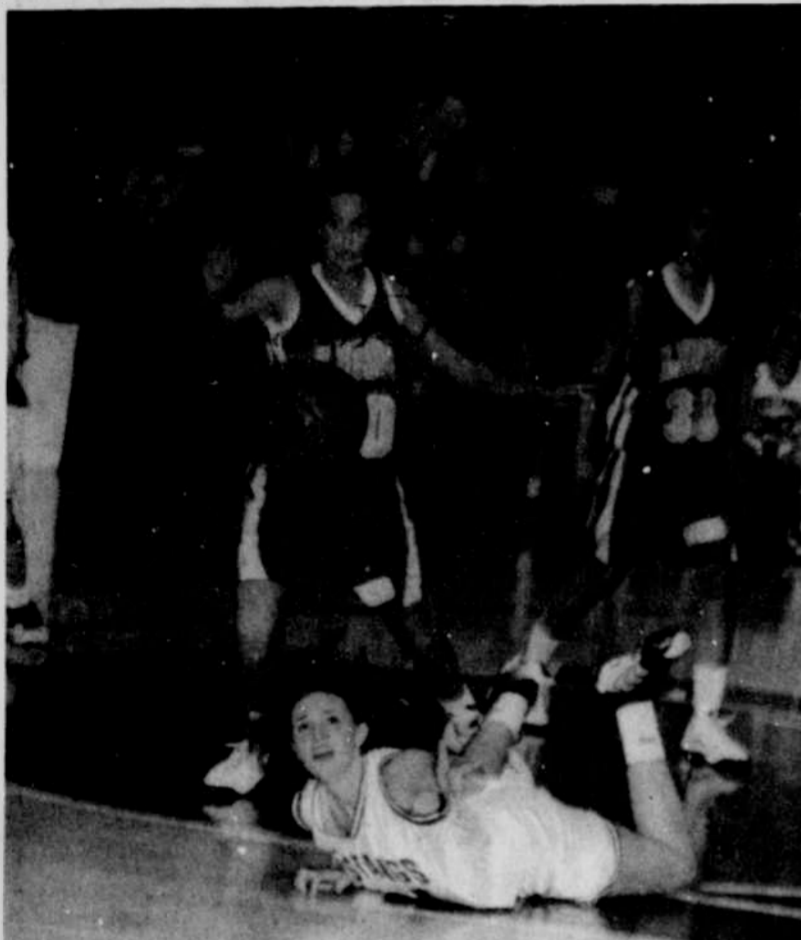
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Amy Papineau dives for the ball

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