

Heppner varsity girls beat Athena-Weston in close game

By Molly Rhea

The Mustang fans that braved the fog to drive to Athena on Friday, January 19, were treated some good basketball with both varsity teams winning by less than 10 points. After a close first half, the Heppner girls won 51-43.

The Tiger-Scots gave the Mustangs had all they could handle in the first half of the competition, with Heppner leading by one going into the break. In the third quarter the Mustangs gradually pulled away, outscoring the pesky house pets, 14-9. Heppner held on and extended their lead in the final period to hand Weston-McEwen their third Columbia Basin loss.

Shelley Rietmann proved unstoppable, scoring 24 points, 12 coming from behind the charity stripe. Lacey Matteson scored 10 points for the Mustangs, with Brett Barber

adding nine.

The Heppner squad out rebounded Weston-McEwen 44-25, while converting 12 more free throws which spelled the difference. Although, if the Mustangs want to match up against the big guns of the CBC, they will need to shoot better than 50 percent from behind the line.

Heppner 11 12 14 14 - 51
WestonMc 11 11 9 12 - 43
Heppner (51) Barber 3 2-2 9, Elguezabal 0 1-3 1, Matteson 4 0-5 10, McCabe 2 0-4 4, Patton 1 0-2 2, Reitmann 6 12-14 24, Carlson 0 1-2 1, Bailey.

Totals 16 16-32 51.
Weston-McEwen (43) Harrison 5 0-1 13, Thompson 1 0-0 2, Brito 2 2-4 6, Bonifer 5 1-6 11, Robertson 1 0-3 2, Winn 1 0-1 2, Sparks 3 1-2 7, Allen, Bailey. **Totals 18 4-17 43.**

3-point goals - Heppner 3 (Barber, Matteson 2), Weston-McEwen 3 (Harrison 2). Rebounds - Heppner 44, Weston-McEwen 25. Total fouls - Heppner 19, Weston-McEwen 26. Fouled out - Harrison, Matteson.

Ione varsity men post easy win over Cascade Locks

Ione varsity men posted an easy win on Friday, defeating the Cascade Locks Pirates, 86-37. The Cardinals jumped out with a comfortable 36-10 lead at halftime and kept the pressure turned up through out the remainder of the game.

Brad Burright led the Ione squad with 21 points, seven rebounds, five assists, two steals and one blocked shot.

Adam Neiffer contributed 11 points and captured four

rebounds. Aaron Brown dispensed nine points, seized 13 rebounds and delivered four assists. Brooks Rea added eight points, six rebounds, six assists and four steals to his team's arsenal.

Cory Bennetto scored five points and captured one rebound. Corey Morgan dumped in five points, seized one rebound and supplied five assists. Dustin Haguewood added five points, captured four rebounds and handed out one assist.

Ione varsity girls defeat Christian by big margin

Ione Cardinal varsity women had no difficulty defeating Central Christian on Tuesday, Jan. 16. The Cardinals defeated Central Christian 51-18.

Amelia Peck pushed in 15 points, shooting 75 percent from the free throw line. Peck also captured three rebounds, blocked one shot attempt, seized six steals and delivered two assists.

Natalie McElligott followed with 13 points, five rebounds, delivered three assists and grabbed two steals. Jeanette Brantley scored six points, brought down four rebounds, seized two steals and gave out two assists.

Diana McElligott scored four points, apprehended two rebounds and dished out one assist. Salli McElligott added four points, one rebound, one steal, one assist and blocked one Central Christian attempt for a basket. Kristina Powell scored three points, apprehended four rebounds, blocked one shot, dished out two assists and nabbed four steals.

Tracy Griffith scored two points and earned one steal. Cyndi Heagy contributed two points, captured four rebounds, blocked one shot, passed out one assist and seized three steals. Shelby Krebs scored two points and grabbed three steals.

Ione JV ladies dominate Wasco

Ione Cardinals' junior varsity women laminated South Wasco County on Jan. 12, defeating the Redside, 43-16.

Ione tripled the Redside score in the first quarter, 9-3. By halftime, Ione led 14-7. While the Cardinals added an additional 15 points in the third quarter, South Wasco County added eight points to their score. In the fourth quarter, Ione scored another 14 points and kept the Redside to a nearly scoreless quarter, allowing only one point at the free throw line.

Leading point producer for Ione was Tracy Griffith with 10 points. Griffith also led the team with six rebounds.

Salli McElligott trailed Griffith closely with nine points, canning one three-point basket in the third quarter. McElligott was also a co-leader with Olivia Thompson in assists. Meghan McCabe scored seven points for the Cardinals followed by Emily Key with six points. Key was also responsible for intercepting seven Redside possessions.

Natalie McElligott scored a total of five points in the first quarter, hitting the first three-point basket of the game. Caitlin Orem and Megan E. McCabe added two points each to the team endeavor. Jeanette Brantley also scored two points and captured six rebounds.

Ione boys' 'C' team falls to Central Christian

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, Ione "C" team men fell to Central Christian's varsity team, 56-36.

Ione shot 41 percent from the field and 100 percent from the free throw line. A more experienced Central Christian shot 60 percent from the field and 75 percent from the free throw line. Ione out-rebounded Central Christian, 27-24.

Brian Gutierrez led Ione scorers with 12 points. Gutierrez also apprehended seven rebounds and grabbed three steals.

Paul Neiffer added eight points and three rebounds to the Cardinal effort. Cayle Krebs scored six points and captured four rebounds. Aaron Tworek also added six points and handed out three assists to his

teammates.

Curtis Thompson scored two points and grabbed two rebounds. Tim Doherty added two points and Johnny Collin dispensed two assists. Derek Campbell was credited with three rebounds.

Central Christian had three exceptional players who were the only Central Christian team members that scored.

Coach Jim Swanson said he was satisfied with the level of play his team displayed. "Central Christian shot 60 percent from the floor and had only seven turnovers the entire game; that's a hard team to beat," he said. "The boys did an outstanding job and the entire team had a lot of playing time."

Cardinal girls defeat Cougars

Ione women's varsity coach Dana Heideman had to have been moderately satisfied with the outcome of Saturday's basketball game against Echo. The Lady Cardinals defeated the Cougars, 29-17.

Ione had a hard time keeping possession of the ball in the first quarter and was overwhelmed by the hard, crisp passing of their Echo opponents. Echo led the Cardinals 15-7 at the end of the first quarter, but by halftime, Ione had closed the lead to 17-12.

Ione came out in the second half ready to defend their honor and, with less than 10 seconds left in the third quarter, Amelia Peck hit the bucket, giving Ione an 18-17 lead. Peck's last second basket was all that was needed to spark the Lady Cardinals. Ione kept the Cougars scoreless in the second half and added an additional 17 points to the score

to seal the fate of the Echo team.

Peck led her team with 10 points. She also captured six rebounds, six steals and blocked two Cougar attempts for a basket.

Kristina Powell played an excellent game, scoring seven points, apprehending 10 rebounds, one steal and delivering one assist. Cyndi Heagy added four points, four rebounds and two steals to the Cardinal statistics.

Diana McElligott scored four points, grabbed one rebound, three steals and delivered one assist. Salli McElligott hit a three-point shot, closing the deficit the Cardinals had in the second quarter. Olivia Thompson added two points and captured one rebound for the Ione squad. Natalie McElligott hit one point from the free throw line in the third quarter, grabbed three rebounds, three steals and handed out two assists.

Cardinal JV women blow away Echo Cougars

Ione's junior varsity women blew away the Echo Cougars with a 57-5 win. Ione held the Echo squad scoreless in the first half leading 17-0. The Cougars had a respectable defense but had a difficult time getting their shots to fall. Meanwhile, Ione just couldn't miss, adding 21 points in the third quarter and 19 points in the fourth quarter.

Tracy Griffith had an excellent game and led the team with 12 points.

Emily Key ripped up the court, adding 10 points to the Cardinals score. Salli McElligott canned two shots from three-point territory and added another three

for a total of nine points. Jeanette Brantley threw in six points.

Natalie McElligott and Caitlin Orem each added five points to the board. Meghan McCabe and Olivia Thompson each scored four points and Megan E. McCabe scored an additional two points.

Leading the Ione squad on the boards was Tracy Griffith with 10 rebounds, assisted by Meghan McCabe and Jeanette Brantley with eight rebounds each. Meghan McCabe led the team with three assists. Jeanette Brantley, Olivia Thompson, Caitlin Orem and Emily Key led the team thievery with three steals each.

Mustangs beat Tigers, 62-45

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity used good first and second quarters to get past the visiting Stanfield Tigers, 62-45, on Saturday, Jan. 20.

The win put the Mustangs in second place in the Columbia Basin Conference at 5-1 and upped their overall record to 10-4.

The Mustangs are at Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 26, and come home to host the Culver Bulldogs on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Michael McCabe got the Mustangs going on a lay-in off a Stefan Matheny blocked shot, then Matheny completed a three-point play to make it 5-2 early. The Tigers came back to take a 7-5 lead, but McCabe scored on a drive and Craig Scott hit a short running jumper. McCabe scored on a jumper, then stole the ball and hit a lay-in to make it 13-7.

The Tigers came back with four straight before Ryan Matteson and Blake Knowles hit rebound baskets. Joe Papineau converted a three-point play off a nice pass from McCabe to close out the first quarter with the Mustangs ahead, 20-11.

Scott opened up the second with a running jumper before Matteson took over, hitting three three-pointers and a free throw to give the Mustangs a 35-19 lead. The Tigers came back to score the last seven points of the second to make it 35-26 at halftime.

Knowles started the third with a rebound basket. Matteson hit two free throws, but the Tigers

came back with a 5-1 run to get within eight before Scott hit a lay-in off a steal to make it 42-32. The Tigers got to within 42-37, but Papineau hit a jumper and two free throws with :01 left to make it 46-37 going into the fourth.

Matteson scored on a rebound basket to make it 48-39, hit a short jumper to make it 50-41 and a three-pointer to make it 53-43. The Tigers scored to make it 53-45 midway through the fourth, but those were their last points for the game. Matheny hit a reverse lay-in off a baseline drive, Papineau hit a free throw and Knowles and Matteson each hit two free throws. McCabe hit a lay-in at the buzzer for the final margin of 62-45.

Matteson led the Mustangs with 23 points on 7-12 shooting, hit four three-pointers, had six rebound and four assists. McCabe had 10 points and three steals. Knowles had nine points and 16 rebounds. Papineau had eight points and four rebounds. Scott had six points, four rebounds and three steals. Matheny had four steals to go with his six points.

Statistics
Stanfield: 11 15 11 8 - 45
Heppner: 10 15 11 16 - 62
Stanfield: (45) Garcia 8 0-0 17, Mueller 3 2-4 8, Perches 3 0-0 6, Ibarra 2 1-2 5, Scott 2 0-0 4, Veliz 1 0-0 3, Flemmer 1 0-0 2, Cearns, Oliveria, Haines, Spear, 20 3-6 45. Three-pointers: Veliz, Garcia.
Heppner: (62) Ryan Matteson 7 5-6 23, Michael McCabe 5 0-2 10, Blake Knowles 3 3-4 9, Joe Papineau 2 4-5 8, Craig Scott 3 0-1 6, Stefan Matheny 2 2-4 6, Brian Rust, Sam Van Liew, Brad Adams, Chuy Elguezabal. 22 14-22 62. Three-pointers: Matteson (4).

Ione 'C' team loses tough game to Heppner

Ione boys "C" team hosted Heppner on Jan. 11. Ione made an admirable showing and played a tough game against Heppner but lost the game to the Mustangs, 44-34.

Ione shot 65 percent from the free throw line, while Heppner shot 68 percent. Ione nearly matched Heppner on the boards, capturing 50 of the 101 rebounds.

The leading scorer for Ione was Aaron Tworek with 10 points. Tworek played a strong game, seizing five rebounds, two steals and dishing out two assists.

Cayle Krebs scored seven points and captured eight rebounds. Curtis Thompson produced five points and grabbed two rebounds.

Cardinal varsity boys defeat Cougars

The Cardinal varsity men won a tough fought game against Echo on Saturday, defeating the Cougars, 55-51.

The Cougars came out strong in the first quarter, leading the Cardinals, 13-11. Ione added 10 points in the second quarter, but Echo turned up the tempo by adding 15 points to secure a 28-21 lead at halftime. The Ione men came out in the third quarter to avenge the damage done by Echo by whittling away the Cougar lead. In the last minute of the third quarter, junior Adam Neiffer canned a three-point bucket, lifting Ione above Echo, 37-35. The remainder of the game remained extremely close until the bitter end.

Leading point producer for Ione was Aaron Brown with 14 points. Brown also captured two rebounds, one steal and delivered

two assists. Aiding Brown on the scoreboard was Brad Burright with 12 points, nine rebounds, six assists and one steal. Adam Neiffer added nine points, captured six rebounds, delivered one assist and seized two Cougar possessions.

Korey Morgan scored six points, grabbed three rebounds, delivered two assists and grabbed one steal. Brooks Rea added six points, four rebounds, six assists, seized one steal and blocked one Echo shot attempt. Cory Bennetto scored three points, brought down three rebounds and robbed one Echo possession.

Dustin Haguewood added three points to the score and captured one rebound in the second quarter. Zac Fabian scored two points in the second quarter to aid in sealing the Cougar fate.

Mustangs come back for win

By Rick Paullus

A slow start forced the Heppner Mustangs to come back for a 62-54 win over the Weston-McEwen TigerScots in Athena on Friday, Jan. 19. The win left the Mustangs with a 4-1 Columbia Basin Conference record and 9-4 overall.

The TigerScots led 6-0 before Craig Scott scored on a short jumper with 4:40 left in the first quarter. Michael McCabe and Blake Knowles each hit a free throw to cut the lead to 11-4 and Joe Papineau hit a long jumper to make it 13-6 after one.

Ryan Matteson then got hot from the outside, hitting all three of his three-point attempts and finished with 10 points in the second quarter to give the Mustangs a 24-21 lead at halftime.

Matteson hit a short jumper to open the third, but the TigerScots came back to tie the game at 26-26 on a three-pointer. Stefan Matheny came back with a three of his own and Matteson scored to make it 31-26. A McCabe lay-in made it 33-29 and Matteson hit a free throw and scored on a pass from McCabe to make it 36-31. Matteson and Knowles scored on driving lay-ins as the Mustangs took a 40-37 lead into the fourth quarter.

Matheny hit a three-pointer and David Piper scored on a pass from Scott to boost the lead to 45-37, but the TigerScots came

back to cut it to 45-41. The Mustangs then went on a 7-0 run as McCabe hit two free throws, Knowles hit one, Matheny hit two more on a technical foul and McCabe scored on a pass from Matteson to make it 52-41.

Matheny hit two more free throws with 2:00 left to make it 54-43 and Knowles scored on a pass from McCabe to make it 56-45. The TigerScots cut the lead to 56-51 with :45 left, but Matteson hit two free throws and McCabe hit one to boost the lead to 59-51. A TigerScot three-pointer cut the lead to 59-54, but Matheny hit two more free throws and Knowles, one, to close out the scoring as the Mustangs hit 13 of 21 free throws in the quarter.

Matteson led four Mustangs in double figures with 20 points. Matheny hit 6-7 free throws and finished with 12 points. Knowles had 11 points, eight rebounds and two steals. McCabe had 11 points, four rebounds, two steals and two assists.

Statistics
Heppner: 6 18 16 22 - 62
Weston-McEwen: 13 8 16 17 - 54
Heppner: (62) Ryan Matteson 7 3-6 20, Stefan Matheny 2 6-7 12, Blake Knowles 2 7-10 11, Michael McCabe 3 5-13 11, Craig Scott 2 0-1 4, Joe Papineau 1 0-0 2, David Piper 1 0-0 2, Sam Van Liew, Brad Adams, Brian Rust, Chuy Elguezabal. 18 21-37 62. Three-pointers: Matteson (3), Matheny (2).
Weston-McEwen: (54) Lieuallen 5 2-2 14, Perrine 4 2-2 10, Johnson 3 3-4 9, Parsons 4 0-0 8, Peterson 2 0-0 6, Langford 1 0-0 3, Monaco 1 0-0 2, Tucker 1 0-0 2, Quaeprts. 21 7-8 54. Three-pointers: Lieuallen (2), Peterson (2), Langford.

Mustang JV girls come up short against TigerScots

By Molly Rhea

The junior varsity Mustang girls made a run on the Tiger-Scots of Weston-McEwen high school on Friday, January 19, but came up short, losing 39-47.

Playing on the Athena hardwood, the Mustangs led by one after one, but couldn't get much going in the second quarter and trailed by five at the half. The Heppner squad tied up score by the end of the third quarter, but the young Mustangs were unable to keep up in the fourth as

the Tiger-Scots outscored them 15-6, to take the game.

Tylynn Smith played strong and led the Mustangs with 12 points and 17 rebounds, while Brooke Rust and Stephanie Hanson both chipped in eight points.

Heppner 16 4 13 6 - 39
Weston/Mc 15 10 7 15 - 47
Heppner (39) Kempas 2 1-1 5, Smith 6 0-4 12, Hanson 4 0-3 8, Miller 1 0-0 2, Rust 3 2-2 8, Piper 1 2-6 4, Loosley, McCauley, Penturf, Woodward.
Team Totals 17 5-16 39.

Mustang JVs take easy victory over Tigers

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' JV basketball team extended their perfect record to 10-0 on the year with an easy 59-41 win over the visiting Stanfield Tigers on Saturday, Jan. 20.

The Mustangs struggled early, but got five points from Brian Rust in the first and eight points from Chuy Elguezabal in the second to take a 26-11 lead at halftime.

The Mustangs finally got on track in the third, getting four points each from Brad Adams, Rust and Elguezabal to take a 49-18 lead after three.

The Tigers outscored the Mustangs 23-10 in the fourth quarter, but the outcome was never in doubt. Brian Haguewood scored four and Brad Bowman, three, in the fourth quarter.

Elguezabal finished with 16 points to lead the Mustangs, followed by Brad Adams and Rust with nine points each.

Donald Adams added six points.

The Mustangs' next actions will be at Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 26 and back home against Culver on Saturday, Jan. 27.

Statistics
Stanfield: 7 4 7 23 - 41
Heppner: 14 12 23 10 - 59
Stanfield: (41) Perches 3 0-1 7, Cearns 3 0-0 6, Sperr 1 2-2 4, H. Ramos 2 0-0 4, Oliveria 1 2-4 4, Rivera 2 0-0 4, Ibarra 2 0-0 4, Flemmer 1 2-7 4, Abercrombie 1 0-0 2, Austin 1 0-0 2, G. Ramos. 17 6-14 41. Three-pointers: Perches.
Heppner: (59) Chuy Elguezabal 7 2-2 16, Brian Rust 2 5-6 9, Brad Adams 3 2-2 9, Donald Adams 2 2-6 6, Kevin Drake 2 0-0 4, Brian Haguewood 1 2-4 4, Brad Bowman 1 1-4 3, Adam Bergstrom 1 1-1 3, Luke Murray 1 0-0 2, Tanner Britt 0 2-4 2, Sam Van Liew 0 1-4 1, Kelly Paullus, 0 2-0 0, Jon Bennett, Leland Rlli. 20 18-35 59. Three-pointers: B. Adams.

SMCST to meet

The annual meeting of the South Morrow County Scholarship Trust will be held Monday, Jan. 29, at 6 p.m. at Klamath First Federal Bank in Heppner. The public is invited to attend.