

Heppner varsity lose to Pilot Rock

By Molly Rhea
The Heppner and Pilot Rock varsity girls' teams both looked a little tight at their Friday, January 26, matchup.

The Mustangs were unable to shake their nerves and control the tempo, losing 45-57 and allowing the Rockets to remain undefeated in the Columbia Basin Conference.

Score-wise, the contest got a slow start with both teams putting up an opponent-fuzzing full court press. Pressure by Lacey Matteson forced Pilot Rock turnovers, while San Juanita Elguezabal was able to anticipate Rocket passes for steals.

Using intense man-to-man pressure on the defensive end, the Mustangs kicked in a scoring frenzy in the second quarter. Jenni Patton went after rebounds with a fury and Meghan Bailey hit a trey to put Heppner ahead 15-13. Converted free throws helped the Mustangs extend their lead to six, a 25-19 Heppner advantage at the half time break.

The Rockets turned the tables in the third quarter, repeatedly forcing Mustang turnovers to overtake Heppner, 25-26, toward the end of the period. Pilot Rock was able to capitalize on poor passes to increase the lead to eight, 31-39, at the quarter's end.

Matteson exploded with eight of her 16 points for the Mustangs in the fourth, but because of the deadly combination of turnovers, as well as the necessity of forcing the Rockets to the freethrow line in the attempt to gain possession, the Heppner squad was unable to overcome the deficit, and lost the effort.

The Rocket coaches substitute freely from a deep bench. They are quick and aggressive, but tended to be inconsistent.

The Mustangs are already looking forward to revenging this loss when they host the Rockets on Friday, February 16, Heppner's last home game of the season.

Heppner 6 19 6 14 - 45
Pilot Rock 9 10 20 18 - 57
Heppner (45) Rietmann 4 4-8 12, McCabe 2 0-0 4, Matteson 6 4-5 16, Elguezabal 1 0-4 2, Barber 2 0-0 4, Bailey 2 0-0 5, Kempas 1 0-0 2, Carlson, Patton. Totals 18 8-17 45
Pilot Rock (57) Doherty 5 9-14 19, Krosting 0 1-2 1, Volger 3 3-5 9, McLaughlin 3 1-2 7, Barkley 4 2-3 11, Jobs 2 0-0 4, Kinkead 1 0-0 2, Mitchell 1 2-2 4, Aiclele. Totals 19 18-28 57

3 point goals - Heppner 1 (Bailey), Pilot Rock 1 (Barkley). Rebounds - Heppner 26, Pilot Rock 26. Steals - Heppner 10, Pilot Rock 12. Turnovers - Heppner 22, Pilot Rock 18. Total fouls - Heppner 24, Pilot Rock 20. Fouled out - Matteson.

Team	League		Season	
	W	L	W	L
Pilot Rock	8	0	16	2
Sherman County	6	1	16	1
Heppner	6	2	11	5
Wahtonka	4	4	9	8
Weston-McEwen	3	5	8	8
Umatilla	3	5	8	8
Stanfield	1	6	3	12
Culver	0	8	5	13

Cardinal JV men defeat Honkers

Ione sparred in a short game with Arlington on Saturday, Jan. 27. The Cardinal junior varsity men defeated the Honkers, 36-14, in two quarters.

Andrew Rietmann was unstoppable and racked up 10 points for the Cardinals. Rietmann also seized seven rebounds, handed off one assist and blocked one Honker shot attempt. Billy Gates scored eight points, with one basket launched from the three point area, captured three rebounds, distributed three assists and robbed one ball.

Karl Morgan pumped in eight points, grabbed two rebounds and delivered one assist.

Koby Rea scored four points, captured one rebound, handed out four assists and took custody of two Grizzly possessions. Zac Fabian scored four points, grabbed one rebound and delivered one assist. Cayle Krebs scored two points and captured two rebounds. The Cardinals shot 61 percent in the field and 50 percent at the free throw line.

Mustang boys take big win over Rockets

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang boys traveled to Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 26, and took a 67-45 win over the Rockets to improve to 6-1 in the Columbia Basin Conference and 11-4 overall. The win over the Rockets, coupled with Umatilla's loss to Weston-McEwen, left the Mustangs and Vikings tied atop the CBC midway through the season.

Michael McCabe got the Mustangs rolling early in the first, converting a three-point play, getting a lay-in on a pass from Craig Scott and another lay-in on a baseline drive, but the Rockets trailed by just one at 7-6.

Blake Knowles hit a three-pointer and Scott scored after a steal to make it 12-6. The Rockets came back to get within 12-10, but two free throws by Knowles gave the Mustangs a 14-10 lead after one quarter.

Stefan Matheny hit a three-pointer and Scott scored off a steal to make it 19-12, but the Rockets came back to get within 19-16. Matheny fed McCabe for a lay-in after a steal, but Pilot Rock made it 21-18. Matheny and David Piper each hit three-pointers to extend the Mustang lead to 27-18 at halftime.

The Mustangs came out hot in the third, getting a jumper from Knowles, a three-pointer by Ryan Matteson, a rebound basket by Scott and three-pointer by Scott to extend their lead to 37-20.

A rebound basket by Piper made it 39-25 and a short turnaround jumper made it 41-26. Piper fed Matteson for a lay-in to make it 44-30 and a baseline lay-in by McCabe made it 46-32 after three.

Ione JV women almost keep Arlington scoreless

The Ione Cardinal junior varsity women nearly kept Arlington scoreless in two quarters of play, defeating the Honkers, 39-2, on Saturday, Jan. 27.

The Ione women came out fierce in the first quarter, depositing 18 points. Arlington's Allison Monn was the lone point producer for Arlington with a basket in the first quarter. Ione added more insult to injury by contributing an additional 21 points to the carnage.

Jeannette Brantley led Ione with seven points. Emily Key deposited six points and led the team on the boards with six rebounds. Eva Chitty led the team with assists and added six points to the scoreboard. Meghan McCabe scored four points and was the team leader in thievery with five steals. Tracy Griffith played an outstanding game and scored four points for Ione. Megan E. McCabe scored three points in the second quarter and Salli McElligott hit a three point shot in the first quarter.

McCabe hit two free throws, then hit Matteson on a nice pass for a lay-in, but the Rockets got to within 50-40. After a wild play, Matheny ended up with a steal and fed McCabe for a wide-open lay-in. The Rockets came back with a three-pointer to get within 52-43 with 4:00 left.

Matheny scored on a nice pass from Scott, then Knowles blocked a shot on the defensive end and came back to convert a three-point play off an offensive rebound to make it 57-43. The Rockets scored their last basket and the Mustangs scored the last 10 points for the win. Matheny hit four free throws, Matteson scored on a pass from Knowles, Matheny fed Knowles for a lay-in and Scott hit a short jumper as time expired.

McCabe hit six of eight shots and finished with 16 points, two steals and two assists.

Knowles had 12 points, nine rebounds and two assists. Matheny had 12 points, four assists and two steals. Scott had 11 points, seven rebounds, three steals and two assists and Matteson had nine points, five rebounds and two steals. The Mustangs hit 11 of 12 free throws for the game, including all seven in the fourth quarter.

Statistics
Heppner: 14 13 19 21 - 67
Pilot Rock: 10 8 14 13 - 45
Heppner: (67) Michael McCabe 6 4-5 16, Blake Knowles 4 3-3 12, Stefan Matheny 3 4-4 12, Craig Scott 5 0-0 11, Ryan Matteson 4 0-0 9, David Piper 2 0-0 5, Joe Papineau 1 0-0 2, Brian Rust, Sam Van Liew, Brad Adams, Chuy Elguezabal. 25 11-12 67. Three-pointers: Matheny (2), Scott, Piper, Knowles, Matteson.
Pilot Rock (45): Sampson 6 0-0 14, McLaughlin 5 0-0 11, Erickson 3 2-2 9, Perry 3 1-2 7, Carey 0 2-4 2, Steik 1 0-0 2, Harrison, Christensen. 18 5-8 45. Three-pointers: Sampson (2), Erickson, McLaughlin.

Heppner C-team wins two

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang boys' "C" team remained undefeated with a 53-48 win at Spray on Jan. 15 and a 36-34 home win over Condon on Jan. 23. The wins upped the Mustangs' season record to 6-0 on the year.

Spray will be at Heppner on Thursday, Feb. 1, with the girls' game beginning at 5 p.m.

Against Spray, the Mustangs got six points from Connor Kilkenny and four from Doug Orwick to run out to a 14-4 lead, but the Eagles came back to tie the game at 22-22 at halftime.

Aaron Griffith scored four points and Kyler Lovgren, three, in the third as the Mustangs regained the lead and led 35-30 going into the fourth. The Mustangs kept the lead in the fourth, getting eight points from Kilkenny, four from Orwick and three from Lovgren.

Kilkenny led the Mustangs with 16 points and Orwick ended up with 10. Josh Winters scored nine points and Lovgren ended up with eight.

Condon took a 12-4 lead after one, but Kilkenny scored four in the second as the Mustangs got to within 20-15 at halftime. Justin Botefur scored four points and Orwick, three, as the Mustangs

Mustangs beat Bulldogs

By Rick Paullus
Good team defense in the second half carried the Heppner Mustang varsity boys to a 62-45 win over the visiting Culver Bulldogs on Saturday, Jan. 27, for their seventh win in a row. The Mustangs improved to 7-1 in the Columbia Basin conference, tying the Umatilla Vikings for first place, and are 12-4 overall.

The Mustangs will be looking to avenge their only league loss when Umatilla comes to Heppner on Friday, Feb. 2. Heppner will be at Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 3.

For the second night in a row, good free throw shooting helped the Mustangs get the win as they hit 17 of 22 against the Bulldogs, and converted 28 of 34 for the weekend.

Michael McCabe hit two free throws to get the Mustangs on the board early, and, after a Bulldog three-pointer, Stefan Matheny hit a jumper and Craig Scott hit McCabe for a lay-in to make it 6-3.

After the Bulldogs came back to take the lead, Matheny hit a three-pointer to make it 9-7. Ryan Matteson hit two free throws to make it 11-10, but Culver scored late to take a 12-11 lead after one.

The teams traded baskets to open the second quarter as Joe Papineau scored on a pass from Matheny, Scott hit a jumper and Papineau hit two free throws before Brian Rust hit a three-pointer to give the Mustangs the lead for good at 20-18.

McCabe hit a free throw and Papineau hit a jumper to extend it to 23-18. Blake Knowles hit a three-pointer and Papineau scored on a rebound to make it 28-20 before the Bulldogs narrowed the lead to 28-23 at halftime.

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Rebekah Lodge plans card party

The monthly card party sponsored by Holly Rebekah Lodge will be held at the Lodge Hall this Saturday, Feb. 2, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The cost is \$3 per person for an evening of cards, visiting and refreshments.

Mustang 'C' boys escape with win over Umatilla

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang boys' "C" team held on for a 55-53 win over the visiting Umatilla Vikings on Monday, Jan. 29, and improved to 7-0 on the year.

The Mustangs take on Spray at home on Thursday, Feb. 1, then travel to Umatilla on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in their next games.

The Mustangs took a 15-9 lead after one, getting six points from Justin Botefur, but fell behind 25-23 at halftime despite four second quarter points from Christian Moller.

The Vikings extended their lead to 28-23, but the Mustangs went on a 14-0 run, getting six points from Connor Kilkenny and four each from Josh Winters and Zack Skaggs. Botefur put back an offensive rebound at the buzzer to give the Mustangs a 41-31 lead going into the fourth quarter.

It was the Vikings' turn to make a run as they cut the lead to 53-51 with 2:00 left, but Botefur made a lay-in to make it 55-51 with 1:18 remaining. The Vikings scored with :32 left to cut the lead to 55-53, but the Mustangs were able to run out the clock and get the win.

Botefur led the Mustangs with 10 points and seven rebounds. Kilkenny finished with eight points and five rebounds. Skaggs had six points and four rebounds. Moller and Doug Orwick each had six points. Winters had five points and five rebounds. Adam Wight had five rebounds.

Statistics
Umatilla: 9 16 6 22 - 53
Heppner: 15 8 20 12 - 55
Heppner (55) Justin Botefur 4 2-3 10, Connor Kilkenny 4 0-0 8, Christian Moller 3 0-0 6, Josh Winters 3 0-2 6, Zack Skaggs 3 0-0 4, Josh Winters 2 1-2 5, Brian Smith 2 0-0 4, Judd Shepherd 1 0-2 2, Kyler Lovgren 1 0-0 2, Aaron Griffith 1 0-0 2, Zack Whalen 1 0-0 2, Kiel Naimis 1 0-0 2, Darin Skaggs 0 0-1 0, Ben Turrell, Matt Young, Adam Wight. 26 3-10 55. Three-pointers: none.

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