

Mustang boys fall to Vikings

By Rick Paulus
A bad third quarter was the difference for the Heppner Mustang boys as they fell to the visiting Umatilla Vikings, 64-54, on Friday, Feb. 2, in a key Columbia Basin Conference game. The loss dropped the Mustangs to 7-2 and second place in the CBC, and 12-5 overall. Blake Knowles got the Mustangs going by hitting a three-pointer, but the Vikings came back to take a 5-3 lead. Joe Papineau hit a free throw and made a baseline lay-in but the Mustangs still trailed 9-6 before Stefan Matheny and Ryan Matteson hit three-pointers for a 12-9 Mustang lead. The Vikings came back to take a 14-12 lead after one and stretched it to 18-12 before Michael McCabe hit a running jumper to cut the lead to 18-14. The Vikings led 22-14 before Brian Rust hit a free throw and McCabe a three-pointer to cut it to 22-18. David Piper hit a short jumper and McCabe scored on a rebound to cut the lead to 23-22. After a free throw by the Vikings, Craig Scott hit a jumper to tie, then put the Mustangs ahead, scoring on a lay-in after a Matheny steal. The Vikings scored to end the half with the score tied at 26-26. Knowles hit a lay-in off a pass from McCabe to open the third, but the Vikings came back to take a 30-28 lead. Matteson hit a jumper to tie the game at 30-30, but the Vikings came back to take a 34-30 lead. McCabe scored on a rebound, then the Vikings came back to take a 41-31 lead. Rust scored on a rebound and Matteson hit two free throws but the Vikings increased their lead to 48-36 after three

quarters. Scott opened the fourth, converting a three-point play off an offensive rebound putback. The Vikings came back with a bucket to make it 50-39. McCabe made a steal and fed Scott for a lay-in. Matteson stole the ball and fed McCabe for a lay-in and Knowles scored off a pass from McCabe to cut the lead to 50-45. After a Viking bucket, Knowles hit a free throw and scored on a lay-in to cut the lead to 52-48. A three-point play by the Vikings increased their lead to 55-48, but Knowles hit a short jumper to make it 55-50. Matheny hit a jumper to make it 57-52 and Knowles scored off a Matteson pass to make it 57-54 with :47 left. The Mustangs could get no closer as the Vikings hit seven of 10 free throws in the final :42 seconds to make the final score, 64-54.

Knowles led the Mustangs with 14 points, nine rebounds and three steals. McCabe finished with 11 points, eight rebounds and two assists. Scott had nine points and two steals. Matteson had seven points and three assists. Matheny had three steals and two assists.

Statistics
Umatilla: 14 12 22 16 - 64
Heppner: 12 14 10 18 - 54
Umatilla (64): Morns 12-26 26, Wolfgram 5 0-0 14, Bow 2 9-11 13, Cornia 3 1-1 7, Wyland 2 0-0 4, Villanueva, Henry, Ybarra, 24 12-18 64. Three-pointers: Wolfgram (4).
Heppner (54): Blake Knowles 6 1-2 14, Michael McCabe 5 0-2 11, Craig Scott 4 1-1 9, Ryan Matteson 2 2-7 7, Stefan Matheny 2 0-0 5, Joe Papineau 1 1-2 3, Brian Rust 1 1-2 3, David Piper 1 0-2 2, Brad Adams, Chuy Elguezabal, Sam Van Liew, 22 6-13 54. Three-pointers: Knowles, Matteson, McCabe, Matheny.

Mustang JV boys run circles around Vikings

By Rick Paulus
The Heppner Mustang JV boys ran circles around the visiting Umatilla Vikings, easily winning, 87-44, on Friday, Feb. 2, to move to 13-0 on the year. Brian Rust hit two three-pointers and Kevin Drake scored seven points as the Mustangs raced out to a 24-7 lead after one quarter of play. The Mustangs kept up the pressure in the second, getting 10 points from Brad Adams, eight from Luke Murray and five more from Rust to take a 51-22 halftime lead. Chuy Elguezabal had nine third quarter points and Donald Adams, four, as they put the game away, leading 73-30 going into the fourth quarter. Brian Haguewood scored four points in the fourth as the Mustangs maintained the huge lead for the win.

Elguezabal and Murray each had 14 points to lead a balanced scoring attack. Brad Adams had 13 points and eight rebounds. Rust hit three three-pointers and ended up with 12 points and pulled down four rebounds. Drake had nine points and eight rebounds. Sam Van Liew had seven points and seven rebounds. Donald Adams had six points and five rebounds.

Statistics
Umatilla: 7 15 8 14 - 44
Heppner: 24 27 22 14 - 87
Umatilla (44): Villanueva 4 2-4 12, Strong 4 0-0 8, Littrell 3 1-2 7, Gridley 2 1-4 5, Brown 2 0-0 4, Dyer 2 0-0 4, Adams 2 0-0 4, Waddell 0 0-0 0, Bumette 0 0-2 0, 19 4-16 44. Three-pointers: Villanueva (2).
Heppner (87): Chuy Elguezabal 6 1-2 14, Luke Murray 6 2-3 14, Brad Adams 5 3-5 13, Brian Rust 4 1-3 12, Kevin Drake 4 0-0 9, Sam Van Liew 2 3-6 7, Donald Adams 3 0-0 6, Tanner Britt 2 1-2 5, Brian Haguewood 1 2-2 4, Kelly Paulus 1 0-0 2, Brad Bowman 0 1-4 1, Jon Bennett, Leland Rill, 34 14-29 87. Three-pointers: Rust (3), Elguezabal, Drake.

Ione JV narrowly defeat Condon

Ione junior varsity men narrowly defeated Condon on Friday, Feb. 2, 52-49. Ione came from a four-point deficit in the first quarter, 15-11, to lead the Blue Devils by four, 25-21 at the half. At the end of the third quarter, each team had a total of 34 points. The Devils scored five points at the foul line in the fourth quarter and added an additional 10 points to score a total of 15 points. Ione added two baskets and two shots from the foul line for six points. Zac Fabian hit three baskets from the three-point region, along with another three-point shot added by Koby Rea to give the Cardinals the extra lift to

Ione varsity men fall

Ione varsity men put forth a valiant effort before falling to the Dufur Rangers, 59-51, on Saturday, Feb. 3. Ione trailed throughout the game but fought a tough battle, surprising the Rangers. Brad Burrigh led the Cardinals with 15 points, captured five rebounds, two steals and delivered one assist. Brooks Rea added 10 points, two rebounds, handed out two assists and blocked one basket attempt. Korey Morgan dumped in nine points, captured one rebound, one steal and delivered three assists. Aaron Brown scored nine points, delivered three assists, captured five rebounds and blocked two shot attempts. Adam Neiffer scored six points, apprehended four rebounds, one steal and delivered one assist. Cory Bennetto added two points and captured eight rebounds for his team.

outscore the Devils. Karl Morgan led the Ione brigade with 14 points and five rebounds. Zac Fabian scored 13 points, delivered one assist and robbed two Devil possessions. Koby Rea added eight points, captured two rebounds, four steals and distributed four assists. Andrew Rietmann scored six points, grabbed six rebounds, dealt out two assists and captured one steal. Billy Gates contributed five points, three rebounds and two assists to the Cardinal effort. Brian Gutierrez scored five points, grabbed three rebounds and dished out two assists. Cayle Krebs added one point, seized eight rebounds and apprehended two steals. The Cardinals shot 40 percent from the field and 28 percent at the line.

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Mustang varsity boys rebound beat Sherman county Huskies

By Rick Paulus
After a disappointing loss on Friday, Feb. 2, against the Umatilla Vikings, the Heppner Mustang varsity boys rebounded to beat the Sherman County Huskies, 56-47, on Saturday, Feb. 3, at Moro. The Mustangs are in second place in the Columbia Basin Conference, tied with Weston-McEwen at 8-2, with a big game against the TigerScots on Friday, Feb. 9, in Heppner. The Mustangs, 13-5 overall, are at Stanfield on Saturday, Feb. 10. Craig Scott hit a lay-in and Ryan Matteson hit a baseline jumper to put the Mustangs up 4-0 early. Scott hit a running jumper, but the Huskies came back to tie it at 6-6. Chip Piper then hit a baseline jumper, but Sherman County again tied the score before Joe Papineau scored and Michael McCabe hit a free throw to make it 11-8. After a Husky bucket, Matteson hit a three-pointer and Papineau hit a jumper at the buzzer to give the Mustangs a 16-10 lead. Blake Knowles made a steal and lay-in to open the second, then fed Papineau for a lay-in, increasing the lead to 20-12. McCabe hit three of four free throws to make it 23-15, but the Huskies came back to get within 23-19. Matteson hit a free throw, McCabe hit two more, then fed Brad Adams to give the Mustangs a 28-19 lead at halftime. The Mustangs came out hot in the third quarter. Knowles hit a lay-in, Matteson hit a long jumper, then a short jumper off an inbounds play, and McCabe scored on a baseline

drive to make it 36-19. The Huskies came back with a 9-1 run before Stefan Matheny hit a running jumper to make it 39-28. Matheny got a steal and lay-in, but the Huskies came back to cut the lead to 41-35 going into the fourth quarter. Papineau hit a lay-in off a nice pass from McCabe, but the Huskies cut the lead to 43-38. McCabe hit a short jumper, and Papineau and Scott each hit two free throws to increase the lead to 49-38. Matteson and McCabe each hit a free throw to make it 51-40. Scott hit three free throws and Papineau and McCabe each hit one as the Mustangs held on to take the 56-47 win. The Mustangs hit 11 of 17 free throws in the fourth quarter and 19 of 30 for the game. Papineau led the Mustangs with 14 points on four of five shooting and pulled down five rebounds. McCabe hit eight of 12 free throws and finished with 12 points, three steals, three assists and three rebounds. Matteson hit four of six shots to score 11 points. Scott hit three of five for nine points and had four steals and two assists. Knowles had eight rebounds and two assists before fouling out early in the fourth quarter.

Statistics
Heppner: 16 12 13 15 - 56
Sherman County: 10 9 16 12 - 47
Heppner (56): Joe Papineau 5 4-7 14, Michael McCabe 2 8-12 12, Ryan Matteson 4 2-4 11, Craig Scott 2 5-6 9, Stefan Matheny 2 0-1 4, Blake Knowles 1 0-0 2, Chip Piper 1 0-0 2, Brad Adams 1 0-0 2, Brian Rust, Sam Van Liew, Chuy Elguezabal, 18 19-30 56. Three-pointers: Matteson.
Sherman County (47): Langston 7 3-8 17, Shelton 3 2-4 9, Welk 3 1-2 7, Kaseberg 2 2-2 6, Sanchez 2 0-0 4, Reiten 1 0-0 2, Yourchek 0 2-4 2, Fish 0 0-2 0, 18 10-22 47. Three-pointers: Shelton.

Mustang boys roll over Huskies

By Rick Paulus
The Heppner Mustang JV boys started slow, but got their running game going in the third quarter to roll over the Sherman County Huskies, 61-45, in Moro, on Saturday, Feb. 3. The win kept the Mustangs' perfect record intact at 14-0 for the year. The Mustangs got four points each from Brian Rust, Brad Adams and Chuy Elguezabal to take a 16-6 lead after one. Rust went for eight and Elguezabal, five, as the Mustangs extended their lead to 32-18 at halftime. Kevin Drake scored six points in the third as the Mustangs got their running game going, outscoring the Huskies, 23-3, to take a commanding 55-21 lead going into the fourth. The Huskies made a run in the fourth, but the game was never in doubt as the Mustangs took the win. Rust led the Mustangs with 14 points and Elguezabal finished with 13. Brad Adams had a strong inside game, scoring 13 points and grabbing 13 rebounds, six on the offensive end. Drake finished with eight and Sam Van Liew had six points and four rebounds. Luke

Ione JV men fall to Rangers

Ione junior varsity men fell to the Dufur Rangers, 61-48, on Saturday, Feb. 3. Billy Gates led the Cardinal scoring with 21 points. Three baskets were from the three-point area. Koby Rea hit a three-point shot in the third quarter and scored a total of seven points for the Ione men. Brian Gutierrez and Cayle Krebs added six points each to the scoreboard. Stats on rebounds, steals and assists were not available for this game.

Mustang varsity girls beat Vikings in tough contest

By Molly Rhea
The Heppner varsity girls were a little surprised by a much improved Umatilla Viking team on Friday, February 2. Although the Mustangs won the contest 71-67, it was by no means a stroll in the park. The Mustangs jumped to a 17-10 first quarter lead with strong field goal shooting as well going 100 percent from behind the line. Just when the Heppner fans were thinking the Viking ship had been sunk in the second quarter, Umatilla battled back to within three, 21-24, before the Mustangs put together another scoring frenzy to finish the half with a ten point, 36-26, lead. Heppner maintained this margin of advantage throughout the third, then the Vikings went on the warpath to outscore the Mustangs in the fourth. The Mustangs did not allow the Vikings to come closer than four points, and finished off the game

the Mustangs were unable to scramble out of the hole. Heppner led in the rebounding stats with 42 to Umatilla's 36, Brooke Rust scooped nine of the boards, with Chantea McCauley grabbing eight and Nikki Sisk getting credit for five. Sisk and Tiffany Piper led Heppner's scoring with six points each, while Campos led all scorers with 10. Umatilla 0 14 14 5 - 33
Heppner 7 2 10 10 - 25
Umatilla (33) Bollinger, Jenny, Dirby, White 2 5-11 9, Campos 3 4-5 10, Dahlin 4 0-2 8, Grant, Borden 3 0-7 6, Lee.
Heppner (25) Hanson 2 0-0 4, Sisk 2 0-0 6, Piper 3 0-3 6, Rust 1 0-0 2, Miller, Looslie 0 2-4 2, Kempas, Penturf 0 0-1 0, McCauley 1 1-8 3, Matheny 1 0-0 2.
Totals 10 3-16 25.
3 point goals - Umatilla 0, Heppner 2 (Sisk 2).


Mustang JV girls lose to Umatilla

By Molly Rhea
Although Heppner's junior varsity girls lost to Umatilla, 25-33, on Friday, February 2, the score doesn't really tell the story. The Mustangs were handling Umatilla's JVs just fine until the Vikings subbed a few of their varsity squad into the lineup. The Mustangs were leading seven-zip after the first eight minutes of play, then in the second quarter Umatilla shuffled in a couple of varsity girls to outscore the Mustangs, 2-14. Varsity starter, Jasmine Campos, checked in for the third quarter, scored a quick 10 points toward the Viking effort and effectively nailed the lid down on the young Mustangs. Although Heppner outscored Umatilla 10-5 in the final period,

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