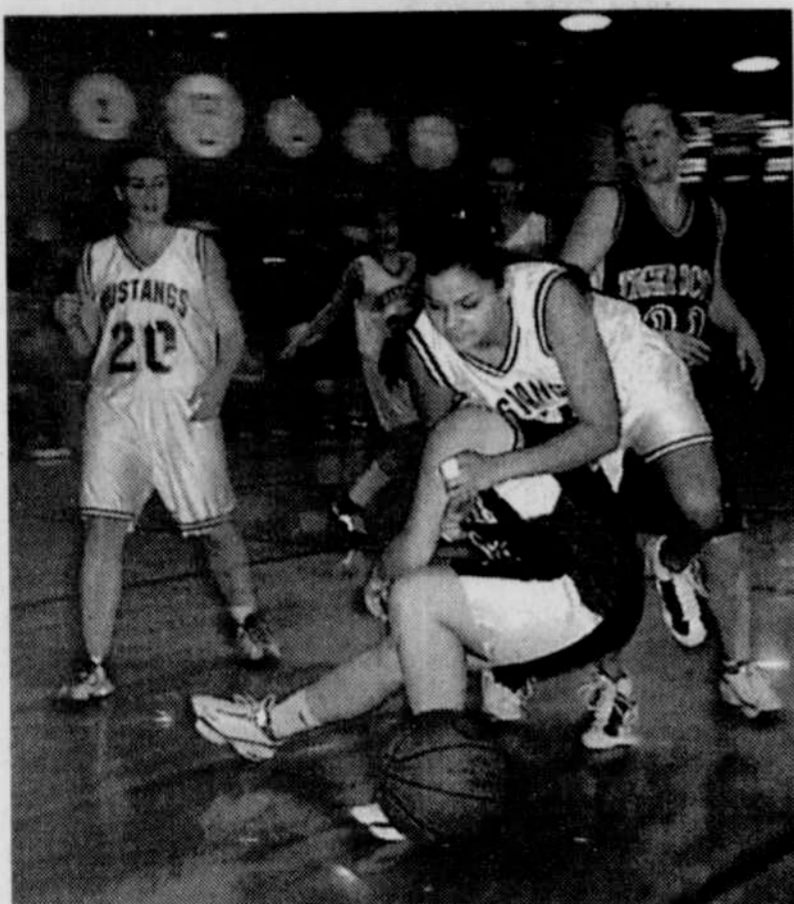


## HHS varsity girls eke out victory over TigerScots



Heppner Mustang SanJuanita Elguezabal goes after the ball over a TigerScot player. No. 20 is Marissa McCabe.

By Molly Rhea

The varsity Heppner girls had all they wanted and more from Weston-McEwen on Friday, February 9. The Mustangs barely got the barn door shut on the rabid TigerScots to eke out a 41-40 victory and hold onto their third place standing in the Columbia Basin Conference.

With both teams putting on full court pressure, it was more than three minutes into the game before Megan Bailey took the lid off the basket and put in an offense rebound. The Mustangs lead 13-8 when the first quarter buzzer blew.

The second period started out fast and rough. The Tiger-Scots hit their shots, outscoring the Mustangs, 9-18, to take a four-point lead into the break.

The Heppner squad attempted to take control in the third period, but they were only able to score eight, while holding Weston-McEwen to eight. The Mustangs continued to trail, and the Tiger-Scots, along with their rowdy fans, were hoping to hold the advantage.

In the fourth quarter Shelley Rietmann took the reins to score nine of her 13 points. Through the final period, the Mustangs had to lean into their traces, just to stay close.

With two minutes on the clock the scoreboard read 37-40 when Marissa McCabe hit an eight-foot jumper to pull the Mustangs within one. Then a Lacey Matteson pass hit Rietmann for the bucket to put the Mustangs ahead. Heppner controlled the ball and played out the clock for the win.

The Mustangs out-rebounded Weston-McEwen, 48 to 34, with Rietmann pulling down 14 boards and McCabe grabbing 13. The win came from behind the charity stripe, as the Tiger-Scots managed to hit only one of five free-throws, while the Mustangs converted six of 11.

There is a good chance that these two teams will meet in the first game of the district playoffs. The Mustangs will need to have their heads up and control the game to keep on top of this rough and tumble team from Athena.

**WesMcE 8 18 8 6 - 40**  
**Heppner 13 9 8 11 - 41**  
**Weston McEwen (40)** Harrison 6 0-0 14, Thompson, Brito 1 1-2 3, Bonifer 6 0-3 12, Robertson 2 0-0 5, Allen, Winn, Sparks 3 0-0 6.  
**Team Totals 18 1-5 40.**  
**Heppner (41)** Barber 2 0-1 4, Elguezabal 1 1-1 3, Matteson 3 0-1 6, McCabe 1 1-2 3, Patton 1 0-0 2, Bailey 3 0-0 7, Reitmann 5 3-4 13, Carlson 1 1-2 3.  
**Team Totals 17 6-11 41.**  
 3 point goals - Weston-McEwen 3 (Harrison 2, Robertson), Heppner 1 (Bailey). Turnovers - Weston-McEwen 11, Heppner 13. Total Fouls - Weston-McEwen 13, Heppner 9

### Columbia Basin Girls

Team	League	Season
	W	L
Pilot Rock	12	0
Sherman County	10	1
Heppner	9	3
Weston-McEwen	5	7
Wahtonka	4	7
Umatilla	4	8
Stanfield	2	9
Culver	0	11

## Mustang girls dominate

By Molly Rhea

The Mustang varsity girls dominated Stanfield in the Tiger pit on Saturday, February 10, winning 46-21. Heppner controlled every aspect of the game, forcing twice as many turnovers, holding position under the boards and picking off the offense.

Lacey Matteson frustrated the Stanfield defense as she personally matched steals with the entire Stanfield team. Matteson's stats included 10 points, six assists, five steals and two blocked shots.

Shelley Rietmann had a game-high 15 points and 10 rebounds.

This win keeps Heppner in control of third place in the Columbia Basin Conference with the final weekend of league play on the horizon. The Mustangs host league leader Pilot Rock on Friday, January 16, and travel to Wahtonka on Saturday. Pilot Rock travels to Moro on Saturday in a fight for the first place position in the CBC with the Huskies of Sherman County.

The team that is in first place in the CBC is allowed to bypass the district playoffs and is seeded as the number-one team from our league. Teams in second through fifth place play off February 23 and 24 for the second place district seeding into the OSAA 2A State Championship Tournament February 27 through March 2. Both of these tournaments take place at the Pendleton Convention Center.

**Heppner 15 7 17 7 - 46**  
**Stanfield 3 6 7 5 - 21**  
**Heppner (46)** Barber, Elguezabal, Matteson 4 0-0 10, McCabe 4 0-0 8, Patton 1 0-4 2, Bailey 2 0-0 5, Rietmann 4 7-10 15, Carlson 1 2-2 4, Sisk, Greenup 0 2-2 2, Hanson.  
**Team Totals 16 11-18 46**  
**Stanfield (21)** Davis 0 3-4 3, Pomeroy 1 2-2 5, Weathermon, Mueller 2 0-2 4, K. Mills, Powney, N. Mills, L. Ena 2 0-2 4, Ena 1 1-3 3, Marcum 1 0-1 2.  
**Team Totals 7 6-14 21.**  
 3 point goals - Heppner 3 (Matteson 2, Bailey), Stanfield 1 (Pomeroy). Steals - Heppner 16, Stanfield 5. Turnovers - Heppner 11, Stanfield 26. Total fouls - Heppner 17, Stanfield 14.

## Mustang JV boys move to 16-0

By Rick Paullus

After a lackluster first quarter, the Heppner Mustang JV boys finally got on track and rolled over the Stanfield Tigers, 68-29, to move to 16 and 0 on the year on Saturday, Feb. 10, in Stanfield.

Brian Rust and Chuy Elguezabal each scored six points in the first quarter as the Mustangs and Tigers were tied at 12-12 after one. Rust and Brad Adams each had six points in the second as the Mustangs took a 32-18 lead at halftime.

Adams scored eight points in the third as the Mustangs extended their lead to 53-25 after three and Elguezabal had 10 fourth quarter points as the Mustangs took the easy win.

Elguezabal finished with 20 points and four rebounds. Rust had 15 points and four rebounds. Adams had 14 points and eight rebounds. Sam Van Liew had six points, five rebounds and five blocked shots. Donald Adams had four rebounds and Kevin Drake had five points.

**Statistics**  
 Heppner: 12 20 21 15 - 68  
 Stanfield: 12 6 7 4 - 29  
**Heppner (68)** Chuy Elguezabal 7 6-8 20, Brian Rust 6 2-2 15, Brad Adams 5 3-6 14, Sam Van Liew 1 4-6 6, Kevin Drake 2 0-0 5, Donald Adams 1 0-1 2, Adam Bergstrom 1 0-0 2, Jon Bennett 1 0-0 2, Luke Murray 0 2-4 2, Kelly Paullus 0 0-2 0, Brad Bowman, Leland Rill, Tanner Britt, Brian Haguewood. 24 17-29 68. Three-pointers: Rust, Drake, B. Adams.  
**Stanfield (29)** Abercrombie 6 0-0 12, Flemmer 2 2-2 6, Cearns 2 1-4 5, Olivia 1 0-0 2, Rivera 1 0-0 2, Ibarra 1 0-0 2, Sperr 0 0-2 0, 13 3-8 29. Three-pointers: none.

## Heppner girls let lead slip away

By Molly Rhea

The JV Heppner girls let the lead slip away to Weston-McEwen in the final quarter on Friday, February 9. The Mustangs lead by a basket after three, but were unable to get anything together in the final period and went down 29-35.

The Mustangs out-rebounded the Tiger-Scots 42-36, with Brooke Rust scooping nine boards and Chantea McCauley pulling down eight. Tylynn Smith and Kelsie Greenup shared high point honors for Heppner with eight.

**Wes/McE. 10 9 5 11 - 35**  
**Heppner 10 8 8 3 - 29**  
**Weston-McEwen (35)** Kyles 1 4-4 6, Schoonover, Bennett 0 5-5 5, O'Hara, Glover 0 1-2 1, Davidson 2 1-2 5, Jackson 1 0-2 2, Peterson 1 0-0 2, Richmond 0 1-2 1, Chalmeers 5 2-2 113, Bonifer, Bailey.  
**Team Totals 8 14-19 35.**  
**Heppner (29)** Smith 3 2-4 8, Rust 1

0-0 2, Greenup 2 4-10 8, Hanson 1 1-4 3, Sisk 3 0-3 6, Matheny 1 0-0 2, Piper, Loosie, Allstott, McCauley 0 0-2 0, Miller.  
**Team Totals 11 7-23 29.**  
 Three point goals - Weston McEwen 1, (Chalmers)

## Mustang boys beat Tigers

By Rick Paullus

After a slow first quarter, the Heppner Mustang varsity boys rallied past the Stanfield Tigers, 58-40, on Saturday, Feb. 10, in Stanfield. The Mustangs remained in second place in the Columbia Basin Conference at 10 and two and moved to 15 and five overall. Pilot Rock will be at Heppner on Friday, Feb. 16, with the Mustangs traveling to Wahtonka on Saturday in the final CBC games before the district tournament.

The Mustangs fell behind 3-0 before Ryan Matteson hit a lay-in and trailed 5-2 before Michael McCabe converted a three-point play to tie it at 5-5.

Blake Knowles hit a jumper to tie the game at 7-7 after one, but the Tigers scored to open the second, taking a 9-7 lead. The Mustangs then went on a run as Craig Scott hit a jumper, Matteson and David Piper hit three-pointers and Knowles hit a lay-in to make it 17-9. Scott hit a lay-in and Stefan Matheny hit a jumper to make it 21-11, but the Tigers came back with four straight points. Scott then hit a three-pointer to close out the first half with the Mustangs taking a 24-15 lead.

McCabe hit a lay-in but the Tigers narrowed the lead to 26-22. Matheny hit two free throws and Papineau hit two lay-ins to make it 32-23. Matteson hit a three-pointer, McCabe hit a lay-in, Knowles, a

short jumper, and Papineau, two more lay-ins to give the Mustangs a 43-25 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Tigers hit a three-pointer, but McCabe made a lay-in and Scott hit two free throws to make it 47-28. Matheny then made a lay-in to make it 49-30. Matheny scored again and McCabe made two free throws to make it 53-36. Matheny made a free throw then fed Matteson for a lay-in. Sam Van Liew scored to close out the scoring for the Mustangs as they took the win.

McCabe led the Mustangs' balanced scoring with 11 points, followed by Matteson with 10 points and four rebounds. Matheny had nine points, five assists and two steals. Scott had nine points, two assists and two steals. Papineau hit four of six shots for eight points and pulled down eight rebounds. Knowles had six points, five rebounds and two assists.

The Mustangs hit eight of 11 free throws as a team and hit 20 of 26 for the weekend.

**Statistics**  
 Heppner: 7 17 19 15 - 58  
 Stanfield: 7 8 10 15 - 40  
**Heppner (58)** Michael McCabe 4 3-3 11, Ryan Matteson 4 0-1 8, Craig Scott 3 2-2 9, Stefan Matheny 3 3-4 9, Joe Papineau 4 0-0 8, Blake Knowles 3 0-1 6, David Piper 1 0-0 3, Sam Van Liew 1 0-0 2, Brian Rust, Brad Adams, Chuy Elguezabal. 23 8-11 58. Three-pointers: Matteson (2), Piper, Scott. Stanfield (40) Garcia 4 2-3 10, Ibarra 6 1-2 13, Perches 2 0-0 4, Haines 1 0-0 3, Mueller 1 0-2 2, Kerns, Fiemmer, Oliveria, Sperr. 17 5-9 40. Three-pointers: Haines

## Mustang 'C' team girls struggle against lone

By Molly Rhea

The Heppner girls' 'C' team struggled against the lone JVs on Monday, February 12, losing 25-37. The Cardinals pulled out to a big lead early in the first quarter, but then the young Mustangs found their range to outscore them in the second period and pull within seven at the break.

Heppner just couldn't seem to maintain their focus on defense in the final half, allowing lone to win handily.

Tylynn Smith put in nine points to lead the Heppner scoring, with

Kelsie Greenup adding eight and Jessie Kempas posting seven.

**lone 12 8 11 6 - 37**  
**Heppner 3 10 6 6 - 25**  
**lone (37)** Key 5 0-0 10, Meghan McCabe 2 1-2 5, N. McElligott 2 2-3 6, Caitlin Orem 3 0-2 7, Megan McCabe, Griffith 1 1-2 3, Brantley 1 2-2 4, Chitty 1 0-0 2.  
**Team Totals 15 6-11 37.**  
**Heppner (25)** Allstott, Clough, Matheny, Shank 0 1-2 1, Smith 1 7-12 9, Greenup 4 0-2 8, Kempas 2 1-2 7, Woodward.  
**Team Totals 7 9-18 25.**  
 Three-point goals - lone 1, (Orem), Heppner 2, (Kempas 2).

## Mustang JVs blast TigerScots

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs JV boys raced out to a 33-10 lead at halftime and cruised to a 60-38 win against the Weston-McEwen TigerScots on Friday, Feb. 9, to remain unbeaten at 15 and 0 on the year.

The Mustangs had a 12-4 lead after one and got nine points from Brian Rust and four each from Brad Adams and Sam Van Liew to extend their lead to 33-10 at halftime.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 46-17 after three and got four points each from Adams and Adam Bergstrom as they coasted to the 22-point win.

Rust led the Mustangs with 17 points, followed by Adams with 15 points and four rebounds. Van Liew had nine points and four rebounds. Kevin Drake had six points and six rebounds. Bergstrom had six points and four rebounds. Chuy Elguezabal also had six points.

**Statistics**  
 Weston-McEwen: 4 6 7 21 - 38  
 Heppner: 12 21 13 14 - 60  
**Weston-McEwen (38)** Tucker 3 5-9 11, Delph 4 0-6 8, Jorgensen 2 3-3 7, Kelly 2 0-0 5, Davis 0 3-5 3, Watson 1 0-0 2, Greenwall 0 1-2 1, Fillen 0 1-2 1, Demaniew, Williams, Duncan. 12 13-27 38. Three-pointers: Kelly.  
**Heppner (60)** Brian Rust 7 3-5 17, Brad Adams 5 0-0 11, Sam Van Liew 3 3-4 9, Chuy Elguezabal 3 0-1 6, Kevin Drake 2 2-4 6, Adam Bergstrom 3 0-0 6, Leland Rill 1 0-0 2, Luke Murray 1 0-2 2, Donald Adams 0 1-3 1, Brad Bowman, Jon Bennett, Kelly Paullus, Tanner Britt. 25 9-19 60. Three-pointers: B. Adams.

## Men's breakfast planned Feb. 18

A free monthly men's breakfast will be served on Sunday, Feb. 18 at 8 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene in Heppner.

All men and their sons are invited to attend the one-hour, non-denominational church function and join this Christian men's fellowship.

The breakfast is sponsored by the First Christian Church, Christian Life Center and the Church of the Nazarene.

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