

Mustangs explode break century mark

By Rick Paullus

A parade to the free throw line helped make the last home game for the five seniors a memorable one as the Heppner Mustang varsity boys exploded over the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets, winning 108-60 on Friday, Feb. 16.

Blake Knowles, Ryan Matteson, Joe Papineau, David Piper and Craig Scott helped the Mustangs to the highest point total that anyone can remember in their final game at Heppner High School. The Mustangs hit 33 of 46 free throws for the game to improve to 11 and 2 in the Columbia Basin Conference and 16 and 5 overall.

Scott scored on a rebound basket but the Rockets came back to take their only lead of the game at 4-2 before the Mustangs started their explosion. Papineau scored on a short jumper, Matteson scored after a Piper steal, Stefan Matheny hit a running jumper, Papineau scored and Matheny hit a three-pointer and a long jumper to make it 15-4.

Michael McCabe hit two free throws and scored after a steal to make it 19-6, then fed Knowles for a lay-in to make it 21-8. The Rockets got to within 23-16, but Piper scored on two short jumpers, Matheny scored and Scott hit two free throws to make it 31-16 at the end of the first quarter.

McCabe hit a free throw, Piper hit a lay-in, then McCabe hit two lay-ins and a free throw to increase the lead to 39-16 to open the second quarter. Sam Van Liew scored on a lay-in and McCabe hit two more free throws to make it 43-18. Scott scored off a drive, McCabe hit two free throws and Van Liew hit one to make it 48-20.

Papineau scored off a rebound, McCabe hit another free throw and Knowles converted a three-point play to make it 54-27. McCabe hit two more free throws to make it 56-31 at halftime. McCabe hit nine of 12 free throws in the second quarter alone as the Mustangs hit 17 of 23 in the first half.

Knowles opened the third quarter with a rebound basket and Papineau scored to make it 60-31, but the Rockets came back with seven straight to make it 60-38. McCabe scored off a steal and Brad Adams scored off a rebound and converted a three-point play off another rebound to make it 67-38.

Brian Rust scored off a rebound, McCabe scored off a pass from Matheny to make it 71-39 and Adams scored off another rebound to make it 73-41. Van Liew scored off a pass from Scott to close out the third quarter with the Mustangs comfortably out in front, 75-45.

Matteson converted a three-point play and Van Liew hit two free throws to open the fourth. Then Knowles hit a lay-in on a pass from Matteson, McCabe hit two free throws, then Adams hit a long jumper and a lay-in on a pass from Matheny to make it 88-47.

McCabe scored, Matheny scored on a pass from Rust and Papineau scored on a pass from Chuy Elguezabal to make it 94-49. Papineau hit a short jumper then a free throw and Van Liew hit a short jumper to make it 99-54, with everyone wondering who would be the one to put the Mustangs over the century mark. It would be Adams who hit two free throws to make it 101-56. McCabe came back with a jumper to make it 103-60.

The last points came from the line as McCabe, Piper and Adams each hit one and Piper hit two more for the final points to make it 108-60.

McCabe hit 14 of 19 free throws and seven of 13 from the field to finish with 28 points and five steals, followed by Adams, who hit five of six shots for 14 points, nine rebounds (seven of them offensive) and two steals. Papineau had 13 points and seven rebounds. Matheny had 11 points, four assists and two steals. Knowles had nine points, 10 rebounds, two assists and two steals. Piper had nine points, nine rebounds and two steals. Van Liew had nine points. Scott had eight points and two assists. Matteson had four assists and three steals. Rust had two assists and Elguezabal had two steals.

Statistics
Pilot Rock: 16 15 14 15 - 60
Heppner: 31 25 19 33 - 108
Pilot Rock (60): Harrison 5 2-2 12, Sampson 4 2-5 11, Carey 3 2-2 10, Erickson 3 0-0 6, S. Christensen 1 1-2 3, Stelk 1 4-4 6, McLaughlin 2 1-2 5, Perry 2 0-0 4, Doherty 1 1-2 3, Lien, B. Christensen, Bonifer. 22 13-19 60. Three-pointers: Carey (2), Sampson.

Heppner (108): Michael McCabe 7 14-19 28, Brad Adams 5 4-5 14, Joe Papineau 5 3-4 13, Stefan Matheny 5 0-0 11, David Piper 3 3-4 9, Blake Knowles 4 1-1 9, Sam Van Liew 3 3-4 9, Craig Scott 2 4-8 8, Ryan Matteson 2 1-1 5, Brian Rust 1 0-0 2, Chuy Elguezabal. 37 33-46 108. Three-pointers: Matheny.

Wee Bit O'Ireland

by the St. Patrick's

Committee

Sheep dogs and their handlers from all over the Northwest are eagerly anticipating the St. Patrick's Day sheep dog trial. They've been coming to Heppner in mid-March for 18 years.

"They just keep coming back," says trial organizer Mary Hamilton of Walla Walla, WA. "The weather is always a surprise, the sheep are wily, sleeping accommodations are 45 minutes away in Boardman or Hermiston after a long day outside, and eating and drinking spots often are crowded with St. Patrick's Day celebrants, but the hard-core handlers keep coming back anyway. They love this trial."

Forty handlers and more than 60 dogs, hailing from eastern Montana to Alberta to California, show up on Friday night, a few of them dragging travel trailers for on-the-spot comfort. And early Saturday morning, usually around 6 a.m., the first handler and dog stand at the post, waiting for their packet of sheep to be set out at the top of the field.

Weeks earlier, Skye Krebs starts looking over his yearling Rambouillet range ewes to pick out the wildest to challenge the gathering and driving skills of the Border Collies and their handlers. And on Friday afternoon before the trial, Brian Thompson and his hardy crew (namely, Damon) prepare the 30-acre trial field three miles north of town, putting up fence and setting up a pen at the top of the field to hold the sheep. At some point that day, Louis Carlson shows up with bleachers from the fairgrounds for spectators to enjoy the trial.

Depending upon whether snow is blowing sideways or the sun is shining brightly, the bleachers often are crowded by early afternoon Saturday. Cars are parked on both sides of Bunker Hill Road; if the weather is nice, the cars are empty and folks are outside watching. If the weather is cold, they watch from inside with their heaters running. Handlers are competing mostly for glory, the satisfaction of doing well, and points toward qualifying for the National Sheepdog Finals, being held this year in Klamath Falls Sept. 23-30. However, the top several placers at the Heppner trial receive a small cash prize and coveted St. Patrick's Day plaques. The over-all winner receives a beautiful trophy, sponsored by Thompson Ranches. The prizes come from Peterson's Jewelry.

"We're always pleased with how the St. Patrick's Day Committee and the Heppner community supports the sheep dog trial," says Hamilton. "We'd be really thrilled if local folks with an extra room would consider allowing a trial participant to stay with them rather than have to drive to a motel in Boardman or Hermiston. The dogs stay in the handlers' rigs at night, so only human visitors would be staying in Heppner homes."

If anyone has an extra room that a handler could stay in for the weekend, please contact Mary Hamilton at (509) 522-2360 or e-mail her at hamilton@wwics.com.

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Ballots to be mailed

Ballots for the March 13 mail-in election will go out to voters this Friday, February 23.

Ballots are due back at the Morrow County Clerk's Office by Tuesday, March 13 at 8 p.m. Ballots must be in the office by that date and time; a March 13 postmark is not sufficient.

Drop boxes will be available starting Monday, February 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following locations: Lexington-Morrow County Road Department; Ione-Bank of Eastern Oregon; Boardman-Morrow County Behavioral Health Office; Irrigon-Morrow County Annex Building; Heppner-Morrow County Clerk's Office. On election day the ballot boxes will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with the exception of the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione. On that day, Ione City Hall will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The following candidates have filed for election:

-Morrow County Health District: Position 1, four year term ending June 30, 2005-Kenneth W. Matlack, Irrigon; Position 2, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Ed Glenn, Boardman; Position 3, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Susan J. Payne, Irrigon, John A. Prag and Marja Sayles, both Boardman.

-Morrow County School District Director: Zone 2, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-John Renfro, Lexington, Dwayne Carroll and Michelle Gale, both Irrigon; Zone 6, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Barney Lindsay, Lexington, and John Kilkenny, Heppner; Zone 7, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Julie Weikel, Boardman.

-Boardman Cemetery District: two positions at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Ralph Skoubo, Boardman.

-Boardman Park and Recreation District: two positions at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Karen Pettigrew, William P. Sharkey and Kathy L. Moore, all Boardman.

-Boardman Rural Fire District: three positions at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005: Don Russell, Randy Yates and Earl W. Connell, all Boardman.

-Boardman Irrigon Advisory Committee: Position 2, two-year term ending June 30, 2003-Marc J. Rogelstad, Boardman; Position 3, two-year term ending June 30, 2003-Kathy Neal, Boardman.

-Heppner Cemetery District: two positions at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005: Doris Brosnan and Christopher George, both Heppner.

-Heppner Lexington Advisory Committee: Position 1, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Diane Kilkenny, Heppner; Position 3, two-year term ending June 30, 2003-Kelly Boyer, Lexington; Position 4, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Mark Rietmann, Heppner.

-Heppner Rural Fire District: three positions at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005: Lyle Peck, James Bloodsworth, Brian Thompson, all Heppner.

-Heppner Water Control District: two positions at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005: Robert Laughlin and Donald Bennett, both Heppner.

-Ione-Lexington Advisory Committee: Position 2, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Darrin Padberg and Gregg Rietmann, both Ione; Position 3, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Jim McElligott, Ione; Position 4, two-year term ending June 30, 2003- Ralph Morter,

Ione.

-Ione Rural Fire Protection District: three positions at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005: Wayne Hams, Billy J. Rietmann and Wayne E. Rietmann, all Ione.

-Ione-Lexington Cemetery District: one position at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005: Marlene Gray, Ione.

-Irrigon Cemetery District: one position at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005: no candidates filed.

-Irrigon Park District: Position 1, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Burrel Cooley; Position 3, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Gary L. Kroske; Position 5, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Albert W. Partlow, all Irrigon.

-Irrigon Rural Fire District: Positions 3, 4 and 5, four-year terms ending June 30, 2005-no candidates filed.

-Morrow County Unified Recreation District: Zone 1, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Robert W. Byrd, Irrigon; Zone 2, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Terry K. Tallman, Boardman.

-Oregon Trail Library District: Position 1, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Maureen McElligott, Boardman; Position 3, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Robert Davidson, Boardman; Position 5, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Annetta L. Spicer, Heppner.

-Port of Morrow: Position 1, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Deane Seeger, Irrigon; Position 2, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Daniel Creamer, Irrigon; Position 3, four-year term ending June 30, 2005-Jerry M. Healy, Heppner.

-Umatilla-MorrowESD at large: Position 6-Connie L. Saylor, Hermiston; Position 7-Kathy Neal, Boardman.

-Willow Creek Park District: two positions at large, four-year term ending June 30, 2005: Archie Padberg, Heppner, and David McNary, Ione.

A candidate's forum will be featured in the February 28 Gazette-Times.

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4-H News

The Incredible Edibles

By Jeff Hunt, reporter

The Incredible Edibles met for the first time in 2001 at the Ione fire hall on Monday, Feb. 19.

The theme of the meeting was herbs and spices. People who showed up early started on a word search that used the names of popular spices and herbs.

When the last member showed up, the meeting started with the following in attendance: Barbara Holland, Stephanie Holland, Crystal Temple, Clay Morter, Kayla LaRue, Jeff Hunt, Johnny Albert Collin Jr., and Emily Rietmann. The meeting was co-run by Shelby Krebs and Anne Morter.

Each person in the club did research on an herb or spice beforehand and gave a speech. Some reports were on salt, like Johnny Albert Collin Jr.'s; or on cumin, like Crystal Temple's.

Next the 4-H'ers planted herb gardens, then started cooking. The more experienced group of kids made twice-baked potatoes that were pre-baked. Members could tell these kids knew their potatoes, as they spooned out potatoes rapidly and mixed them with cheese, pepper, onions and various herbs. The other group made oyster crackers.

When the food was done cooking, it was feasted upon and there were no leftovers to be seen. The meeting ended with everyone cleaning dishes and silverware.

Shelby and Anne did a good job of guiding the meeting and everyone left full and happy.

North Lex Livestock Club
By Emily Rietmann, reporter

The North Lex Livestock Club held its meeting Feb. 11 at leader Rauch's home. The club talked about their 4-H records and the importance in organizing and keeping a copy of them. Members talked about the permanent records and keeping them up to date for possible awards and scholarships upon graduation. Members also learned about the parts of the cow.

Julie Weikel will be at the next meeting on Sunday, March 4, to talk about animal nutrition.

Members were warned about rule no. 825 for weigh-in, which is Saturday, March 3.

Members in attendance were: Natalie McElligott, Cameron Krebs, Shelby Krebs, Emily Rietmann, Andre Rauch, Katie Kilkenny, Justin Archer and Makayla Anderson.

Books and More Books

By Shannon Clay, reporter

The Books and More Books 4-H Club discussed the book "Bloomability" by Sharon Creech. Kim Morris did the book report and Miranda Hunt did the author report. Members decided that the next book

they would read would be the "Iron Ring" by Lloyd Alexander.

The group also discussed the use of the Ione Library and whether or not the club would recommend certain old books from the library. They looked at some new books that had been donated because of the posters the club had made.

Some of the club members would like to learn to knit and will begin making baby blankets. They also discussed their fund raiser which was selling Val-O-Grams. They had a sign-up sheet to sell Val-O-Grams at the basketball game. Club members made over \$70 selling them at the game and at school. Members delivered them on Valentine's Day.

The next meeting will be March 15 at 4 p.m. at Miranda Hunt's home.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

-Irrigon Ambulance received request for an ambulance for a 13-year-old having a seizure.

Dec. 29: MCSO received report from an Irrigon subject that a male that tried choking him.

-MCSO received report of someone who had tried to cash one of the caller's checks from a closed account.

-MCSO received request for deputy for a customer would not pay for installation of a furnace.

-MCSO received request for deputy in Irrigon. Caller's neighbor's music was too loud.

-Irrigon Ambulance, MCSO, EMT 3 received request for ambulance for a 45 year old female who was not breathing. Husband attempted CPR. One was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hemiston.

-MCSO received report from Morrow County Behavioral Health of a subject who was acting strangely and was possibly dangerous to his family.

-MCSO received report of a runaway chocolate lab.

-HPD received request for deputy from a subject who said for two subjects were harassing her.

Umatilla County Sheriff's Office arrested Travis Jacob Calhoun, 20, on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Waste of Game Mammal. He was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$1,612 bail.

Heppner Police Department arrested Nicolette Butler Kopp, 42, of Condon for seven counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance - Schedule II/Morphine. She was lodged at Umatilla County Jail with \$52,500 bail.

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