

Mustangs win one, lose two at state

By Rick Paulus

The Heppner Mustangs came within one win of accomplishing their goal of taking home a trophy at the OSAA Class 2A Basketball Tournament at Pendleton, but had an otherwise very successful season, compiling a 20 and 7 overall record.

The Mustangs opened the tournament with a 60-52 loss to the eventual state champions, Dayton Pirates, beat the McKenzie Eagles, 50-43, in consolation play, then lost, 79-53, to a hot-shooting Oakland Oakers.

The state tournament ended the high school careers of seniors Blake Knowles, Craig Scott, Ryan Matteson, Joe Papineau and David Piper.

Heppner vs. Dayton

In the Mustangs' opening game against Dayton, Michael McCabe tied the game at 2-2 and Stefan Matheny hit a three-pointer to take a 5-4 lead. McCabe scored on a drive, but the Pirates took a 10-7 lead. Matheny scored, Matteson hit a three-pointer and Papineau scored on a tip-in to give the Mustangs a 14-10 lead, which would turn into a 14-13 lead after one.

Knowles hit a baseline jumper and hit a lay-in on a nice pass from Scott to open the second. McCabe hit a running jumper and a free throw, while Matheny hit a three-pointer to give the Mustangs a 24-16 lead. The Pirates came back with five straight before Scott fed Knowles for a lay-in, then McCabe and Brad Adams each hit two free throws to close out the first half with the Mustangs leading, 30-23.

The Pirates cut the lead to 31-30 early in the third as Knowles and Matteson went to the bench after picking up their fourth fouls within 15 seconds of each other. McCabe hit a three-pointer and fed Papineau for a lay-in to make it 36-30, but the Pirates came back to make it 36-35. Sam Van Liew scored on a nice pass from Scott and Matheny hit two free throws to make it 40-35. The Pirates came back to take a 42-40 lead with 2:00 left. Matheny hit a running jumper to tie, but the Pirates took a 44-42 lead after three.

The Pirates continued their run, taking a 49-43 lead before Matteson hit a long jumper. After a Dayton basket, Scott hit a free throw and Knowles scored on a nice pass from Matheny to cut it to 51-49. After a Pirate free throw, McCabe scored to cut the lead to 52-51, but that was as close as the Mustangs would get as the Pirates made enough free throws to hang on for the win.

The Pirates, led by Jon Hildebrandt's tournament record 19 of 23, hit 30 of 40 free throws for the game, compared to the Mustangs' 12 of 21. McCabe led the Mustangs with 16 points, six rebounds, five steals and two assists. Matheny finished with 12 points and Knowles hit four of five shots for eight points. Papineau pulled down seven rebounds, Scott had four assists and Matteson had four rebounds.

Heppner: 14 16 12 10 - 52
Dayton: 13 10 21 16 - 60
 Heppner (52): Michael McCabe 5-12 5-9 16, Stefan Matheny 4-9 2-3 12, Blake Knowles 4-5 0-0 8, Ryan Matteson 2-5 0-1 5, Joe Papineau 2-6 1-2 5, Craig Scott 0-5 2-4 2, Sam Van Liew 1-1 0-0 2, Brad Adams 0-1 2-2 2, David Piper 0-3 0-0 0, Brian Rust 0-2 0-0 0, Chuy Elguezabal 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-49 12-21 52. Three-pointers: Matheny (2), Matteson, McCabe.
 Dayton (60): Hildebrandt 5-14 19-23 30, Walsh 3-7 4-6 10, Vigil 1-4 4-5 6, Rosario

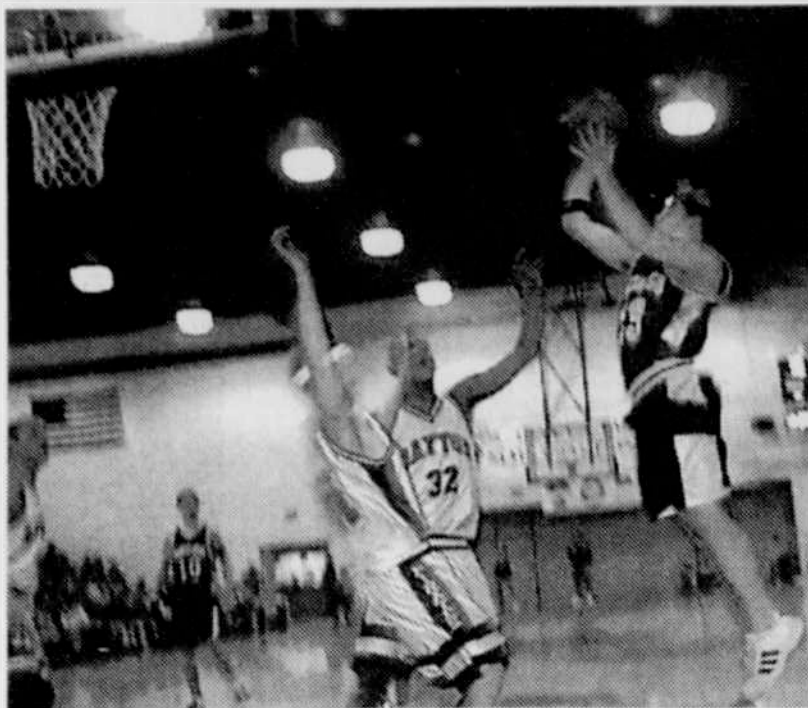


photo by Molly Rhea

Heppner Mustang Michael McCabe goes up for shot at state playoffs

3-6 0-2 6, Rangel 1-3 0-0 3, Hallyburton 0-1 2-2 2, Kearns 1-2 0-0 2, Eckroth 0-2 1-2 1, Cruickshank 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 14-41 30-40 60. Three-pointers: Hildebrandt, Rangel.

Heppner vs. McKenzie

The Mustangs jumped out to a 10-1 lead against McKenzie, getting a free throw from Scott, a Matheny lay-in off a nice pass from Matteson, a long three-pointer by Matteson, a Knowles' jumper and another long jumper from Matteson. The Eagles hit two three-pointers to get within 11-17, but McCabe hit a free throw then converted a three-point play to end the first with the Mustangs leading, 15-7.

McCabe scored off a drive to make it 17-11, but the Eagles came back to get within 18-16 before Matheny hit one of two free throws. McCabe scored off a steal and Matheny hit two more free throws to end the half with the Mustangs leading, 23-16.

Matheny hit a three-pointer and a running jumper to make it 28-16 early in the third, but the Eagles scored 14 straight to take a 30-28 lead before Matheny hit a running jumper to tie it up. The Eagles converted a three-point play to take a 33-30 lead, but Matteson scored off an inbounds play and fed Knowles for a lay-in. Matheny hit a free throw to end the third with the Mustangs leading, 35-33.

McCabe and Matheny hit running jumpers to open the fourth and, after an Eagles' basket, the Mustangs led 39-35. The Mustangs then went to the free throw line as McCabe hit two of two, Matheny, three of three, and Knowles, two of two, to make it 46-35. The Eagles hit two three-pointers late, but the Mustangs hit enough free throws to take the win.

The Mustangs, led by Matheny's 8 of 12, hit 20 of 34 free throws for the game, compared to McKenzie's six of eight.

Matheny hit five of nine field goals and finished with 19 points, two assists and two steals. McCabe hit four of seven shots for 13 points and eight rebounds. Matteson had eight points, eight rebounds, two assists and two steals. Knowles had seven points and six rebounds.

Heppner: 15 8 12 15 - 50
McKenzie: 7 9 17 10 - 43
 Heppner (50): Matheny 5-9 8-12 19, McCabe 4-7 5-7 13, Matteson 3-12 1-4 8, Knowles 2-8 3-4 7, Scott 0-2 2-4 2, Rust 0-1 1-2 1, Piper 0-2 0-0 0, Elguezabal 0-1 0-1 0, Papineau 0-0 0-0 0, Van Liew 0-0 0-0 0, Adams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 14-42 20-34 50. Three-pointers: Matteson, Matheny, McKenzie (43); Woods 5-14 1-2 14, Clive

3-9 2-2 10, Fenley 3-16 2-2 10, Richardson 2-6 1-1 5, Spire 1-20-0 2, Parazee 1-2 0-1 2, Banks 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 15-51 6-8 43. Three-pointers: Woods (3), Clive (2), Fenley (2).

Heppner vs. Oakland

Against Oakland, McCabe converted a three-point play to get the Mustangs to within 4-3. Matheny hit a jumper to make it 6-5, Matteson hit a short baseline jumper to make it 8-7 and Matheny hit a jumper to make it 10-9. That was as close as it would get as the Oakers led 15-9 after one and extended it to 24-11 before Matteson hit two free throws. Rust hit two free throws to make it 28-16, but the Oakers scored eight straight to make it 36-16 at halftime.

Matheny hit a long jumper and scored off a pass from Scott but the Oakers kept on with their hot shooting, taking a 49-21 lead. Knowles hit a jumper to make it 49-23 and Papineau hit a short jumper that made it 53-25. McCabe and Elguezabal each hit two free throws as the Oakers took a 59-29 lead after three.

Matteson hit a lay-in and Knowles hit two free throws to open the fourth. Oakland came back with five straight, then Matteson hit a short jumper and Knowles converted a three-point play to make it 64-38. A McCabe free throw and Knowles rebound basket cut the lead to 65-41, but the Oakers came back with eight straight before Knowles hit a lay-in. Scott and Rust each hit two free throws and Rust hit a lay-in to make it 77-49. Elguezabal made a lay-in and Van Liew scored the final points of the Mustangs' season on a rebound basket to make the final score, 79-53.

Both teams shot well from the free throw line as Oakland hit 27 of 32 and the Mustangs hit 21 of 26. The Oakers hit 24 of 42 from the field compared to the Mustangs' 16 of 48. Knowles led the Mustangs with 11 points and five rebounds. Matheny hit four of five for nine points and two assists. Matteson had eight points and four assists. McCabe had eight points and four rebounds. Rust had six points and two steals. Scott had four assists and Papineau had three rebounds.

Oakland: 15 21 23 20 - 79
Heppner: 9 7 13 24 - 53
 Oakland (79): B. Bartholomew 8-11 7-7 25, Chartier 4-6 5-6 14, Davidson 5-6 0-2 10, Humphreys 1-6 4-4 6, Estes 1-3 3-3 5, D. Bartholomew 0-2 4-6 4, Woody 2-2 0-0 4, Piper 1-1 1-1 3, Whitaker 1-2 0-0 3, Forbes 1-1 0-0 2, Spencer 0-1 2-2 2, Evan 0-1 1-1 1. Totals 24-42 27-32 79. Three-pointers: B. Bartholomew (2), Whitaker, Chartier.
 Heppner (53): Knowles 4-8 3-3 11, Matheny 4-5 1-1 9, Matteson 3-7 2-2 8, McCabe 1-9 6-9 8, Rust 1-3 4-5 6, Elguezabal 1-4 2-2 4, Scott 0-3 3-4 3, Papineau 1-3 0-0 2, Van Liew 1-1 0-0 2, Piper 0-4 0-0 0, Adams 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 16-48 21-26 53. Three-pointers: none.



photo by Patty Matheny

Heppner CBC district All Stars: Shelley Rietmann, Ryan Matteson, Blake Knowles, Michael McCabe, Stefan Matheny, Lacey Matteson, Marissa McCabe.



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The Heppner High School boys varsity earns second place in the CBC: (left to right) Chuy Elguezabal, Brian Rust, David Piper, Craig Scott, Ryan Matteson, Michael McCabe, Joe Papineau, Sam Van Liew, Blake Knowles, Stefan Matheny, Brad Adams.

Motocross, barrel race revved up to go

Get those motorbikes out and get set for the St. Paddy's Motocross and Barrel Race on Saturday, March 17, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner. That's right, the St. Patrick's motocross competition is back for 2001.

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo sponsors the race each year. Participants participate for awards and money and spectators can enjoy the show.

Sign ups start at 8 a.m. and close at 9:30 a.m. A meeting for all riders is planned at 9:30 a.m. to go over rules and regulations. Races will start at 10 a.m. Three types of races will be available: the traditional barrel race, heat races and drag races.

The barrel race is what started this competition years ago. An Irishman from Heppner made a friendly wager with a cowboy that he could outrun a horse in the traditional barrel race pattern. Of course like most wagers, this was put to the test. The Irishman lost the bet because the horse could outrun his motorcycle, however the competition still continues for the fastest time with a motorcycle between competitors. The event has since expanded into heat races and drag races.

The motorcycle division has classes available for all ages and levels of experience. This division includes 10 different categories. Entry for children six and under, seven to 10, and 11-15 is \$10. The race also offers two classes each for beginning and pro riders—one for 125cc and another for 250cc

motorcycles. The cost is \$25 to enter. Three other classes are also available. These include a 500cc class, a women's class and an "over the hill" (+40) class, each costing \$25.

The 4-wheeler division has nine classes available. The youth classes are the same as the motorcycle classes and they cost \$10 to enter. The beginner and pro classes are available in both two-stroke and four-stroke. This division also offers the women's class and the "over the hill" class. Entry for these classes is \$25 each.

Money will be split much like a jackpot rodeo with trophies going to the first place contestant for the youth classes and cash or certificates sponsored by numerous businesses. Heat races will have five laps for qualifiers and seven for the main event.

The races will break for the 1 p.m. Main Street Parade. Contestants

are encouraged to participate in the parade with an Irish theme. Youth must be accompanied by an adult but awards are available. Contestants who enter the parade and want to be judged must sign in by noon. For advanced entry or more information about the parade call Craig Strobel at 676-9224. The motocross races will continue following the race.

A \$2 admission will get you through the gate at the Morrow County Fairgrounds for the St. Paddy's Motocross and Barrel Race.

For more information call Jeff Botefuhr at 922-3254 or Ken Bailey at 676-5110.

Road committee meeting postponed

A Morrow County Public Works Road Committee meeting has been postponed until further notice.

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CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

The staff of Hermiston New Holland would like to invite our customers and friends to join us for pancakes, sausage and eggs in appreciation for all of your past and future support on Monday, March 12, beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will have door prizes, food and parts specials.

Hermiston New Holland is under new ownership and new management. Please come join new owner Doug Fluharty and new store manager Rick Osmin, along with the rest of the staff, for some good food and some good deals.

We will be offering discounts on all parts during the week of March 12-17. 15% off on cash sales and 10% off on credit card purchases.

Rick Osmin, New Holland Store Manager

MCCCF to meet

A regular meeting of the Morrow County Commission on Children and Families will be held Wednesday, March 14, at 7 p.m. at the Heppner Daycare Center.

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