

Mustang JV girls beat Joseph

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls' team traveled to Joseph on Friday, Dec. 7, and beat the Eagles, 46-37, to improve their record to 2 and 0 on the young season.

The Mustangs took a 10-4 lead after one, getting five points from Chelsea Britt and a three-pointer from Madison Bailey. The Mustangs increased their lead to 26-17 at halftime with the help of seven points from Stefanie Hanson and four by Shanna Rietmann. Bailey hit another three in the third and Rietmann added six more for the win.

Britt led the Mustangs with 12 points, 11 rebounds and two steals, with Rietmann adding 10 points, six rebounds, two steals and two assists. Bailey added eight points

and three assists and Hanson had seven points, five steals and four rebounds. Brooke Rust and Blair Keithley each pulled down seven rebounds. Marcy Miller had six rebounds and three steals. Tiffany Piper had five rebounds and three steals while Nikki Sisk had two steals.

The Mustangs out-rebounded the Eagles, 48-36, and had 19 steals.

Statistics
Heppner: 10 16 8 12 - 46
Joseph: 4 13 5 14 - 37

Heppner: Chelsea Britt 36-10-12, Shanna Rietmann 4 2-2 10, Madison Bailey 3 0-1 8, Stefanie Hanson 3 1-2 7, Brooke Rust 2 0-1 4, Marcy Miller 1 0-0 2, Tiffany Piper 1 0-0 2, Blair Keithley 0 1-4 1, Nikki Sisk, Cara Kennedy, 17 10-20 46. Three-pointers: Madison (2).

Joseph: Yost 4 7-11 15, Parker 2 1-2 5, Jones 0 4-8 4, Carpenter 2 0-2 4, Zimmef 0 3-4 3, Micka 1 0-0 2, Baynes 1 0-0 2, Broadbent 1 0-0 2, Larson, Girtz, McClaran, Stroebel, 11 15-27 37. Three-pointers: none.

Mustang 'C' team drops two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' "C" team dropped their first two games last week, losing 32-28 at Weston-McEwen on Tuesday and 52-37 at home against Mac-Hi on Thursday.

The Mustangs trailed 15-11 at halftime against the Tigerscots, then rallied to take an 18-17 lead going into the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold on for the win.

Zack Skaggs led the Mustangs with eight points, with Aaron Delveaux adding seven and Brandon Seitz adding six.

Too many turnovers and missed free throws were the difference against Mac-Hi, as the Mustangs fell behind 7-0 before Delveaux scored with three minutes left in the first quarter. The Pioneers took a 13-4 lead after one, but Delveaux added six points in the second to get the Mustangs to within 25-20

at halftime.

Seitz scored eight points in the third but the Pioneers still led 40-34 after three and put the game away in the fourth, outscoring the Mustangs, 12-3.

Seitz finished with 12 points and Delveaux added 11 points. Josh Gutierrez added five point and Tyler Boyer, three.

Statistics
Game One
Heppner: 6 5 7 10 - 28
Weston-McEwen: 7 8 2 15 - 32

Heppner: Zack Skaggs 4 0-0 8, Aaron Delveaux 3 1-3 7, Brandon Seitz 3 0-0 6, Kiel Nairns 1 0-2 2, Josh Gutierrez 1 0-0 2, Judd Lemmon 0 2-2 2, Kyle Huddleston 0 1-2 1, Darin Skaggs, Tyler Boyer, Adam Wight, Matt Young, Robert McElligott, 12 4-9 28. Three-pointers: none.

Game Two
Mac-Hi: 13 12 15 12 - 52
Heppner: 4 16 14 3 - 37

Heppner: Seitz 6 0-2 12, Delveaux 4 3-7 11, Gutierrez 2 1-3 5, Boyer 1 1-3 3, Nairns 1 0-1 2, Z. Skaggs 1 0-0 2, Wight 1 0-0 2, Lemmon 0 0-2 0, Huddleston 0 0-2 0, D. Skaggs 0 0-1 0, Young, McElligott, 16 5-21 37. Three-pointers: none.

Ione JV girls lose tourney games to Enterprise

Ione Cardinals junior varsity girls squared off against Enterprise for the first game of the Wallowa TV tourney on Dec. 7. Ione was unable to gain ground against the much more aggressive Enterprise team, losing their first game, 7-46.

Enterprise kept the Cardinals scoreless in the first half and early into the third quarter until Meghan McCabe was fouled and canned two shots from the free throw line.

Barbara Holland scored two points, seized four rebounds and one steal. Alyssa Rietmann scored two points and apprehended one

steal. Eva Chitty donated one point from the free throw line and added four rebounds and two steals to her arsenal. Sara Peck aided the team with two rebounds and aided the team larceny with two steals.

The Cardinals were aided on the boards by Missy Baker with two rebounds, Kim Morris with two rebounds, Emily Key with one rebound and Katie Hams with two rebounds. Emily Key grabbed two steals and was aided by Jamie VandenBrink and Megan E. McCabe with one steal each.

Holiday Schedule

The Heppner Elementary School program, "Christmas Traditions in America," will be held this **Thursday, Dec. 13**, at the elementary school beginning at 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 14, the Morrow County basketball tournament will be held in Ione beginning at 3 p.m. The tournament will get underway Saturday at 1 p.m.

Also Friday, Dec. 14, a combined Christmas concert will be held at 7 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Ione.

Downtown Heppner merchants will be open this **Sunday, Dec. 16**, from noon to 4 for Christmas shopping.

Heppner Daycare will offer free babysitting for children one to 12 years old from noon to 4 p.m. that day. Those interested should call ahead for reservations.

Also Dec. 16, Colt basketball sign-ups will be held from 2-3 p.m.

The Ione Schools K-12 Christmas concert will be held **Monday, Dec. 17**, at 6:30 p.m.

The town of Lexington lighting contest will be held **Tuesday, Dec. 18**.

The Heppner High School winter concert will be held in the high school cafeteria on **Thursday, Dec. 20**, beginning at 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 21, the Heppner lighting contest will be held, sponsored by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce.

Downtown Heppner merchants will be open for Christmas shopping on **Sunday, Dec. 23**.

Christmas vacation for county schools is from **Dec. 24 to Jan. 2**.

The Morrow County Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held **Friday, Dec. 28**, and **Saturday, Dec. 29**, at Heppner High School.

Enterprise downs Ione JVs

Ione junior varsity men were handed a 9-64 loss in their game against Enterprise on Friday, Dec. 7 at the Wallowa Junior Varsity Tournament. Enterprise was efficient getting the ball to the inside for the basket and denied the lone men few chances to get shots off during the game.

Til Tullis led the team with four points and brought down five rebounds. Jeff Hunt donated three points and led the team on the boards with nine rebounds. Freshman Nick Christman led the team in steals and scored two points.

The junior varsity men lost their second game of the tournament to Wallowa on Dec. 8. The Cougars defeated the Cardinals, 34-64.

Tyler Raible was the leading point generator with nine points. Raible also apprehended five rebounds and swiped one Cougar possession. Curtis Thompson aided the team with six points, three rebounds and one steal. Til Tullis contributed four points, led the team with six rebounds and captured one steal.

Gene Ball added four points and three rebounds to the team's cause. Nick Christman added three points, seized four rebounds, one assist and led the team with two steals. Cody Bergstrom canned three points and apprehended one steal. Johnny Collin scored two points, brought down one rebound and delivered one assist. Arthur Ekstrom scored one point at the free throw line, snared two rebounds and one steal.

Santa and his elves make Heppner trip



Santa, with the help of elves Whitney Matthews and Baillie Keithley and Pastor Duane Jones, makes another visit to the Heppner community Sunday at Murray's Drug.

Live Nativity



Dan Van Liew (left) and James Van Liew presented a live nativity scene in downtown Heppner Sunday afternoon.

Christmas concert to feature local players



Fiddle players prepare for concert

Some 50 area string players from the studios of two teachers will combine their talents in a Christmas concert on Friday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Ione.

The musicians, who range in age from five years old through adult, are students of April Hall Cutting of Hermiston and Peg Willis of Pendleton. The players will gather together from nine different

communities in the region: Heppner, Ione, Hermiston, Condon, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Echo, Patterson and Walla Walla.

They will perform a variety of music, including traditional Christmas selections, classical pieces and fiddle tunes. Instruments include violin, viola, bass, cello and guitar which will be performed in various groups or as solo performances with piano accompaniment.

Refreshments will be served after the program. The concert is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

Sign up now for EQUIP

Sign-up for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) in the John Day/Umatilla Basin (JDU), which includes Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, Umatilla and Grant counties, has been set as Dec. 3 through Jan. 11.

The program, created by the 1996 Farm Bill, combined several USDA programs to streamline and improve federal conservation programs creating a new approach to help private landowners solve natural resource priorities on their farm or ranch.

EQIP provides a single, voluntary program to address serious soil, water and related natural resource concerns. Program funds will be targeted primarily to identified priority areas. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) leads the program, partnering with Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the basin and USDA's Farm Services Agency (FSA), to set priorities, program policies, and guidelines.

EQIP focuses on priority environmental concerns identified through a locally led conservation process. It is designed to maximize environmental benefits per dollar

spent. It reflects the Department of Agriculture's commitment to flexible, effective and voluntary conservation programs on privately owned lands.

EQIP is USDA's largest conservation program on land in production-agriculture. EQIP is authorized through 2002, and nationally, one-half of the funds are targeted to livestock-related natural resource needs while the remainder goes to other significant conservation priorities. Farmers and ranchers who agree to address the primary concerns in the priority areas will be given preference for an EQIP contract. The program is limited to persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production. The contracts can run from five to 10 years. Total cost-share and incentive payments are limited to \$10,000 per person per year and \$50,000 for the length of the contract.

Statewide natural resource concern priority areas available for Eastern Oregon are the Mid-Columbia Plateau, Healthy Watersheds and Salmon Habitat.

For more information or to sign up, contact a local USDA Service Center. Additional information is also available on the NRCS home page at www.nrcs.usda.gov.

Ione JV girls lose to Rangers

Ione junior varsity women were also handed a defeat on Tuesday, losing to the Rangers, 17-29.

Meghan McCabe was the only Ione team member to score during the first quarter for a score of 2-9 at the beginning of quarter two. Eva Chitty led the Cardinals on the scoreboard with a total of seven points. Chitty was the only Ione member to score in the second quarter but also sided the team larceny with five steals.

Barbara Holland scored two points in the third quarter and captured one rebound for the game. Sara Peck scored two points, apprehended two rebounds, three steals and delivered one assist. Emily Key led the team with six steals, two points, two rebounds and one assist. Kim Morris added four points in the fourth quarter and captured one rebound.

Also aiding the team on steals were Jamie VandenBrink and Missy Baker, each with one steal. Helping the Ione squad on the board were Katie Hams, Amanda Emery, Macarena Esposito and Missy Baker with one rebound each.

The junior varsity women were plagued with misguided shots, shooting 20 percent from the free throw line and 20 percent from the field.

Colt clinic, sign-ups scheduled

A Colt Basketball clinic and sign-ups will be held for children in grades three through six this Sunday, Dec. 16, from 2-3 p.m. at Heppner High School.

Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 for a family. Scholarships are available.

Interested coaches and parents will meet at the same time.

For more information contact Lori Seitz, 989-8477.

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Monday, Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve, closing at 5 p.m.

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