

Tournament trophy goes to Heppner girls



Photo by Judy Barber

Heppner girls win the first-place trophy at the South Morrow County Tournament

By Rick Paullus

The first place trophy at the South Morrow County Tournament went to the Heppner Mustang varsity girls after a 55-42 win over the Riverside Pirates on Friday, Dec. 14, and a 44-43 win over the Lone Cardinals in the championship game on Saturday, Dec. 15. The win improves the Mustangs' record to 3-1 on the season. They will have a rematch with lone at Heppner on Friday, Dec. 21.

The Mustangs got off to a good start against the Pirates, getting five points, including a three-pointer, from Lacey Matteson and three points from Brett Barber. The Mustangs built a 10-4 lead, but the Pirates came back to trail just 11-8 after one.

Shelley Rietmann scored eight and Barber, two, as the Mustangs stretched their lead to 21-10 midway through the second. Matteson hit another three-pointer to close out the first half with a 24-15 lead.

Matteson hit another three-pointer to open the third quarter and Rietmann scored five straight points to increase the lead to 32-18. The Pirates then went on an 8-2 run to get within 34-26 going into the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs didn't waste any time in putting the game away, as Rietmann scored, Barber made a free throw, Shanna Rietmann made a free throw in between two baskets by big sister, Shelley, Barber scored and Shanna Rietmann scored to make it 46-26.

Shelley Rietmann hit two free throws and Kelsey Greenup scored to make it 50-28. The Pirates came back with seven straight points. Stefanie Hanson hit three of four free throws and Tylynn Smith scored to close out the game, which put the Mustangs into the championship game.

Shelley Rietmann led the way with 25 points, 10 rebounds and hit nine of 13 free throws. Matteson was also in double figures with 11 points. Barber added nine points.

The Mustangs got off to a strong start against the Cardinals, getting six points from Shelley Rietmann and four from Meghan Bailey in taking a 14-1 lead after

one.

Bailey scored six more and Barber, five, in the second as the Mustangs took a 29-18 lead at halftime. Shelley Rietmann scored seven points in the third, but the Cardinals cut the lead to 40-31 going into the fourth.

Barber hit two three-pointers and scored 13 points in the fourth as the Mustangs pulled away for the 55-43 win.

Barber led the Mustangs with 18 points, three rebounds and two assists. Shelley Rietmann added 17 points, 13 rebounds and two steals. Bailey had 10 points and four rebounds. Matteson had five rebounds, two assists and two steals.

Diana McElligott led lone with 16 points, with Amelia Peck adding 10.

JV Cards lose to Stanfield Tigers

Lone junior varsity men were plagued with turnovers early in their game against Stanfield on Dec. 11.

The Tigers scored 13 points within the first three minutes of the game. Tyler Raible was the lone Cardinal member to score two points in the first quarter with one minute remaining. At the close of the quarter, Stanfield led lone 25-2.

Nick Christian came off the bench to donate five points, while team members Adam McCabe, Til Tullis and Tim Doherty each donated two points for a 19-38 score by the half.

Lone held Stanfield to eight points while adding nine points of their own in the third quarter, but it seem like the Stanfield men couldn't miss in the fourth quarter, hitting three baskets from the three-point area and another seven baskets to seal the 70-28 victory.

Christmas tournament Dec. 28-30

The Blue Mountain High Five and Heppner Elks Lodge First Annual Christmas Invitational Tournament is scheduled for December 28, 29 and 30 at Heppner High School.

The men's division will

Statistics

Game One
Riverside: 8 7 11 16 - 42
Heppner: 11 13 10 21 - 55
Riverside: Gordonier 6 1-2 13, Hancock 3 2-2 8, Wolf 3 1-2 7, Burns 2 1-2 7, Rogelstad 1 1-2 3, Parker 1 0-0 2, Turner 0 1-3 1, Holmes 0 1-2 1, 16 8-15 42. Three-pointers: Burns (2).

Heppner: Shelley Rietmann 8 9-13 25, Lacey Matteson 4 0-0 11, Brett Barber 3 3-6 9, Shanna Rietmann 1-4 3, Stefanie Hanson 0 3-4 3, Kelsey Greenup 1 0-0 2, Tylynn Smith 1 0-0 2, Meghan Bailey, Jodie Carlson, Jesse Kempas, Nikki Sisk, Brooke Rust, 18 16-27 55. Three-pointers: Matteson (3).

Game Two
Heppner: 14 15 11 15 - 55
Lone: 1 17 13 12 - 43

Heppner: Barber 6 4-6 18, Shelley Rietmann 8 1-3 17, Bailey 5 0-2 10, Matteson 2 0-0 4, Carlson 1 0-0 2, Smith 1 0-2 2, Shanna Rietmann 0 2-2 2, Greenup, Kempas, Rust, Sisk, Hanson, 23 7-15 55. Three-pointers: Barber (2).

Lone: D. McElligott 6 4-5 16, A. Peck 3 4-8 10, S. McElligott 2 0-0 6, N. McElligott 1 2-3 4, Powell 1 1-1 3, S. Peck 0 2-2 2, Heagy 0 2-2 2, Key, Orem, Chitty, McCabe, Holland, 13 15-21 43. Three-pointers: S. McElligott (2).

Nick Christian was the leading point manufacturer for lone with nine points, five rebounds, one assist and one steal. Til Tullis did a remarkable job for the lone team. Tullis scored six points, captured two rebounds and one steal. Adam McCabe added five points, led the team on the boards with six rebounds and grabbed two steals. Johnny Collin scored two points, and captured one rebound.

Tim Doherty contributed two points, one rebound and seized one steal. Tyler Raible scored two points, one rebound and one steal. Arthur Ekstrom captured three rebounds and blocked one shot. Jeff Hunt apprehended one rebound, blocked one shot attempt, delivered two assists and aided in the team thievery with two steals. Curtis Thompson captured three rebounds and nabbed one Tiger possession.

include teams from Hermiston, Umatilla, Pendleton, Weston, Athena and Heppner classes of 1996-2001, 1991-1995 and prior to 1990.

The women's division will include two Heppner teams, a team from Hermiston and a team from Pendleton.

Tournament activities will include three-point contests, a "David Matheny shoot-out" and a benefit banquet for Matheny set for Saturday, Dec. 29, at 8 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge. The public is invited to attend.

Tournament proceeds will go to the Heppner Colt basketball program, the High Five Scholarship Program and the David Matheny fund.

For more information, call Gene Heliker, 676-5299 or 541-480-6791.

Ione JV boys fall to Dufur

Ione's junior varsity men fell to Dufur, 12-36, on Dec. 4. The Cardinal junior varsity men put forth a valiant fight but just could not catch the Dufur squad.

Gene Ball led the Cardinals with four points and captured four rebounds. Til Tullis delivered three points and brought down three rebounds. Johnny Collin scored two points and seized two rebounds. Tyler Raible scored two points, led the team with seven rebounds and took over one Ranger possession. Curtis Thompson donated one point at the free throw line in the first quarter and captured three rebounds.

Mustang boys win Morrow tournament



Photo by Judy Barber

Mustang boys' varsity team with first-place South Morrow County Tournament trophy

By Rick Paullus

Two big third quarters proved to be the difference in helping the Heppner Mustang boys' varsity team to the South Morrow County Tournament Championship in lone on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14-15. The Mustangs outscored Mac-Hi, 24-12, in the third quarter on Friday on their way to a 73-44 win and outscored lone, 29-7, in the third on their way to an 86-56 win on Saturday in the championship game.

In the Mac-Hi game, David Norton scored eight points and Stefan Matheny hit a three-pointer as the teams were tied at 17-17 after one.

Brian Rust hit a three-pointer to open the second quarter, Norton hit two free throws, Matheny and Kevin Drake each scored to make it 26-21 and Norton scored seven straight points to help the Mustangs take a 33-25 lead at halftime.

Michael McCabe scored twice to open the third to make it 37-29. Norton and Matheny each scored to make it 41-33 then Norton went on a 6-0 run to make it 47-35. Drake hit a jumper, Brad Adams converted a three-point play and Rust hit a three-pointer and a jumper to close out the third with the Mustangs leading 57-37.

Adams scored four and McCabe and Chuy Elguezabal scored to open the fourth and increase the lead to 65-37. Norton and McCabe scored to make it 69-39. Elguezabal hit two free throws to make it 71-41 and Donald Adams finished out the scoring to make the final 73-44.

Norton led the Mustangs with 27 points and 15 rebounds, with McCabe adding 10 points. Brad Adams had nine point and pulled down 10 rebounds. Rust added eight points, including two three-pointers. Matheny added seven points and Elguezabal dished out eight assists.

Three were wild in the first quarter of the game against lone, as Matheny and McCabe each had two and Rust, one, as the Mustangs took a 21-17 lead after one. Matheny hit another three-pointer in the second quarter and McCabe scored five points to help the Mustangs to a 40-28 halftime lead.

Norton had 11 points during the third quarter explosion, with McCabe and Elguezabal each scoring four points and Luke Murray hitting a three-pointer as the Mustangs took a 69-35 lead into the fourth quarter. Drake hit a three-pointer and scored five points in the fourth as the Mustangs won going away.

Norton led four Mustangs in

double figures with 19 points, 12 rebounds and two steals. Matheny had 17 points, four assists and three steals. McCabe had 15 points, six assists, five rebounds and three steals. Rust had 12 points, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals. Elguezabal had six assists and three steals. Brad Adams had six rebounds and two assists. Murray had three assists and Donald Adams had three rebounds.

Brad Burreight led lone with 25 points with Ashley Roberts adding 11.

Statistics
Game One
Mac-Hi: 17 8 12 4 - 41
Heppner: 17 16 24 16 - 73

Mustang girls lose to frosh

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls dropped their first game of the season to hosts Hermiston Freshmen, 40-32, on Thursday, Dec. 13. The Mustangs' record now stands at 2-1 on the year.

Tiffany Piper completed a three-point play to tie the game at 8-8 at the end of one and Brooke Rust and Chelsea Britt each scored four points in the second quarter to help the Mustangs to a 16-15 halftime lead.

Britt scored to open the third quarter, but the Bulldogs came back with six straight points before Marcy Miller scored to cut the lead to 21-20. Nikki Sisk hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 23-23, but the Bulldogs scored at the end of the third to take a 25-23 lead.

Rust and Stefanie Hanson scored

Mac-Hi: Holden 3 2-2 9, Ely 4 0-0 8, Martinez 3 1-1 7, Hageman 3 0-0 6, Stroband 2 0-1 4, Matwisch 2 0-0 4, Rodriguez 1 0-0 3, Rhodes, Worsch, Lane, Miller, Fleming, 18 3-4 41. Three-pointers: Holden, Rodriguez.

Heppner: David Norton 10 7-8 27, Michael McCabe 5 0-0 10, Brad Adams 4 1-1 3, Brian Rust 3 0-1 8, Stefan Matheny 3 0-1 7, Kevin Drake 3 0-0 6, Chuy Elguezabal 1 2-2 4, Donald Adams 1 0-0 2, Luke Murray, Josh Winters, 30 10-15 73. Three-pointers: Rust (2), Matheny.

Game Two
Heppner: 21 19 29 17 - 86
lone: 17 11 7 21 - 56
Heppner: Norton 9 7-11 19, Matheny 7 0-0 17, McCabe 6 1-1 15, Rust 5 1-3 12, Elguezabal 3 0-1 6, Drake 2 0-0 5, Murray 1 2-2 5, B. Adams 1 1-1 3, D. Adams 1 0-0 2, Winters 1 0-0 2, 36 6-9 86. Three-pointers: Matheny (3), McCabe (2), Rust, Drake, Murray.

lone: Burreight 10 5-5 25, Roberts 4 0-0 11, Neuffer 4 0-0 8, Rietmann 3 0-2 7, Gates 2 0-0 5, McCabe, Christian, Raible, Krebs, Morgan, 23 5-7 56. Three-pointers: Roberts (3), Rietmann, Gates.

to tie it at 27-27 and Hanson scored to tie it at 29-29, but the Bulldogs scored five straight to take a 34-29 lead. Madison Bailey hit a three-pointer to make it a two-point game, but the Bulldogs scored the last six points of the game to take the win.

Britt finished with seven points to lead a balanced scoring attack, with Rust scoring six and Bailey chipping in with five.

Statistics
Heppner: 8 8 7 9 - 32
Hermiston: 8 7 10 12 - 40
Heppner: Chelsea Britt 3 1-4 7, Brooke Rust 3 0-0 6, Madison Bailey 2 0-0 5, Stefanie Hanson 1 2-2 4, Tiffany Piper 1 1-1 3, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 3, Marcy Miller 1 0-0 2, Shanna Rietmann 1 0-0 2, Chantia Macaulay, 13 4-7 32. Three-pointers: Sisk, Bailey.
Hermiston: Hall 4 0-0 8, Royer 3 0-0 7, Burrows 3 0-0 6, Heller 2 2-2 6, Hanson 2 0-0 4, Ernick 2 0-0 4, Hodney 1 1-3 3, Wilson 1 0-0 2, Pearson, Ena, Schlaskay, 18 3-5 40. Three-pointer: Royer.

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