

Mustangs put Vikings away in second half

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity boys finally got their running game going in the second half, outscoring the Umatilla Vikings, 41-31, to post a 65-50 win in their opening game of the Columbia Basin conference season in Heppner on Friday, Jan. 4. The win improves the Mustangs' overall record to 8-1.

The Vikings took a 6-2 lead early as the Mustangs' only bucket came on a Brian Rust lay-in on a nice pass from Stefan Matheny. A rebound basket by Brad Adams made it 6-5, but a three-pointer by the Vikings made it a four-point game again. A David Norton free throw and a Matheny jumper cut it to one, but another Viking basket made it 11-8. Two driving lay-ins by Matheny gave the Mustangs their first lead at 12-11 as the first quarter came to an end.

Norton fed McCabe for a lay-in to open the second quarter, but the Vikings came back to take a 15-14 lead. Norton's jumper off an inbounds play and Matheny's drive and lay-in make it 18-15. A basket by the Vikings got them to within one, but two long three-pointers by Matheny and Rust made it 24-17. The Mustangs took a 24-19 lead into the locker room.

Matheny opened the third with a three-pointer and Norton hit a jumper to make it 29-19. Rust scored on a nice pass from McCabe and drove for a lay-in to make it 33-21. Chuy Elguezabal scored twice to make it 37-25, but the Vikings cut it to 37-29. Elguezabal scored on a pass from McCabe, then got a steal and a lay-in. Norton hit a short jumper as the Mustangs held a 43-33 lead after three.

Matheny opened the fourth quarter with a three-pointer. The Vikings responded with a three of their own. Elguezabal scored, then fed Norton and McCabe but the Vikings wouldn't go away, getting to within 52-44. Matheny hit another three-pointer that was answered by the Vikings. McCabe hit back-to-back baskets to make it 59-47 and a long jumper to make it 61-49, putting the game out of reach. McCabe hit two free throws and Kevin Drake hit a jumper as the buzzer went off to make the final margin 65-50.

Matheny hit eight of 15 shots, including four of five three-pointers, to lead the Mustangs with 20 points. McCabe added 13 points and two assists. Elguezabal hit five of eight shots for 10 points and had two assists and two steals. Norton had nine points, 11 rebounds and five steals. Rust had nine points, five rebounds and two steals. Adams had seven rebounds.

Brian Littrell led the Vikings with 20 points and Tony Villanueva added 19.

Statistics
 Umatilla: 11 8 14 17 - 50
 Heppner: 12 12 19 22 - 65
 Umatilla-Littrell 10 0-0 20, Villanueva 8 2-2 19, Ybarra 3 0-0 8, Wolfram 1 0-0 2, Wyland 0 1-2 1, 22 3-4 50. Three-pointers: Ybarra (2), Villanueva.
 Heppner-Stefan Matheny 8 0-2 10, Michael McCabe 5 3-4 13, Chuy Elguezabal 5 0-0 10, David Norton 4 1-4 9, Brian Rust 4 0-0 9, Kevin Drake 1 0-0 2, Brad Adams 1 0-0 2, 28 4-11 65. Three-pointers: Matheny (4), Rust.

Appaloosa Club elects officers

The Oregon Trail Appaloosa Club recently held their year-end dinner and meeting in Hermiston. Members held an exchange of tree ornaments Awards of silver belt buckles for the year 2001 were given to Nina Taylor and Sheldon Marnee.

Taylor has been responsible for the education of the club, organizing the annual potluck and picnic. She has promoted sales of articles the club wants to sell and has helped with horse shows and concessions. She has also been responsible for locations of meetings.

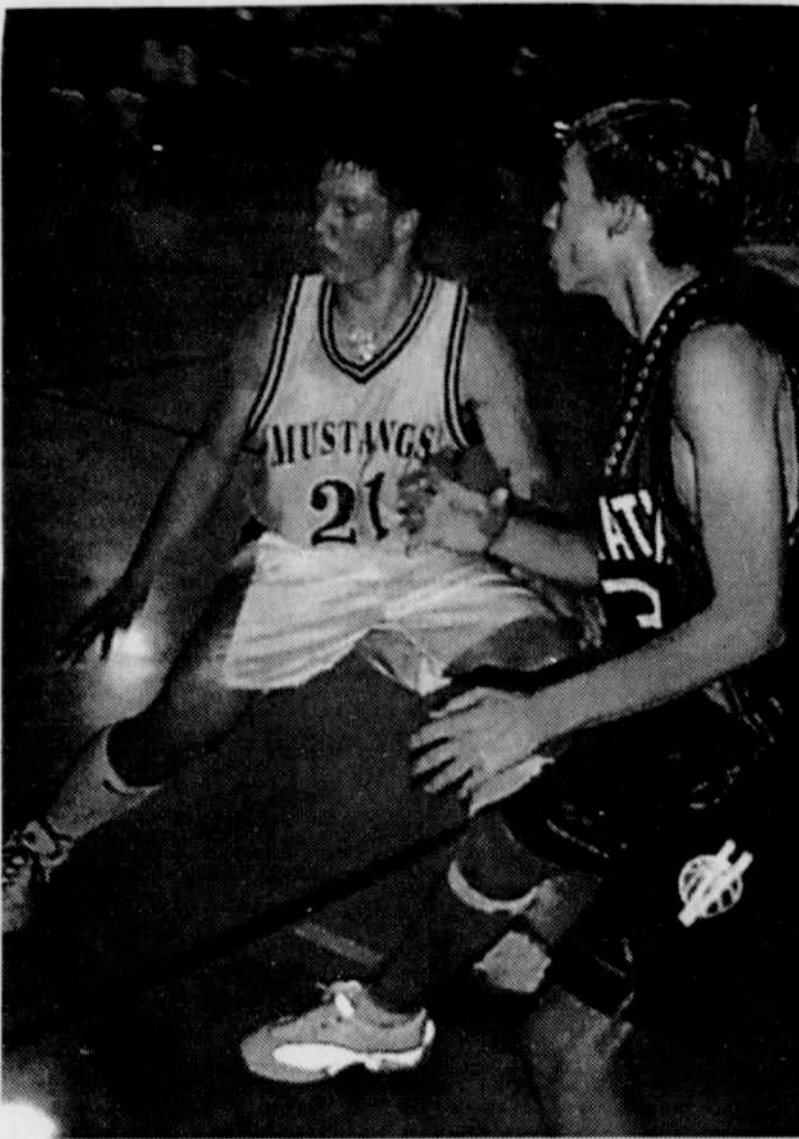
Marnee has enthusiastically organized the annual Poker Ride and has been regimental in encouraging members to participate in the parades in this area.

Newly elected board members for the year 2002 are: Gene Smith, president; Floyd Bithell, vice-president; Pam West, secretary-treasurer; Nina Taylor, education; Betty Pelletier, publicity; Jackie Smith, newsletter director; Shannon Mayfield, arena; Sue Jankunis, show secretary and stallion futurity chairperson; Lee Gross, point secretary; and Sheldon Marnee, director-at-large.

The club's next meeting will be held at El Cazador Restaurant in Hermiston on Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6 p.m.

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Brian Rust guards Umatilla player

Mustang JV boys take two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV boys improved to 7-0 on the year, taking a hard-fought game from the visiting Umatilla Vikings, 43-38, on Friday, Jan. 4, and a 60-44 win over the Sherman County Huskies in Moro on Saturday, Jan. 5.

The Mustangs took a 13-6 lead after one against the Vikings, getting four points from Donald Adams and three from Conor Kilkenny, but led just 23-18 at halftime. Josh Winters hit a three-pointer in the third quarter, but the Vikings trailed just 28-26 and got to within 37-36 in the fourth until Tanner Britt hit a jumper to make it 39-36.

The Vikings scored to get within 39-38 with 1:15 left, but Winters fed Kilkenny for a lay-in with :36 left and again with :09.4 left to make it 43-38 and put the game away. Brian Haguewood scored five points in the fourth quarter.

Kilkenny led the Mustangs with 10 points; Adams had eight; and Brandon Seitz had six points.

Statistics
 Umatilla: 6 12 8 12 - 38
 Heppner: 13 10 5 15 - 43
 Umatilla-Bissonette 5 0-2 10, Ortega 4 0-0 9, Aguilar 2 0-0 5, Fig 2 0-0 5, Strong

Mustang JV girls earn split

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' JV team dropped a close game to the visiting Umatilla Vikings, 43-40, on Friday, Jan. 4, but came back strong, routing the Sherman County Huskies, 50-22, in Moro, on Saturday, Jan. 5, to improve their record to 5-2 on the year.

The Mustangs fell behind the Vikings, 12-8, after one and trailed 18-10, but rallied to within 18-16 at halftime, getting six points from Chelsea Britt. Britt scored five more points in the third, but the Mustangs still trailed 26-23 going into the fourth quarter.

Madison Bailey made one of two free throws to tie the game at 37-37 and the Mustangs took a 39-37 lead as Stefanie Hanson got a steal and fed Brooke Rust for a lay-in with 1:48 left. Umatilla tied it up on free throws with 1:30 left. Hanson made one of two free throws to give the Mustangs a 40-39 lead, but the Vikings scored the final four points of the game to get the win.

Britt led the Mustangs with 11 points and 14 rebounds, with Hanson scoring 10 points, grabbing 11 rebounds and dishing out two assists. Bailey had five points, three assists and three steals. Chantea Macaulay had five rebounds and Nikki Sisk had four steals and four rebounds.

Statistics
 Umatilla: 12 6 8 17 - 43
 Heppner: 8 8 7 17 - 40
 Umatilla-Henry 4 4-4 12, Ruiz 3 2-8 8, Harvey 2 2-6 6, Bollinger 2 2-2 6, Campos 0 6-8 6, Strong 1 1-3 3, Dahlin 1 0-2 2, 13 17-31 43. Three-pointers: none.
 Heppner-Chelsea Britt 4 3-10 11, Stefanie Hanson 3 4-11 10, Madison Bailey 1 3-6 5, Brooke Rust 2 0-0 4, Marcy Miller 2 0-0 4, Tiffanie Piper 1 0-0 2, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 2, Chantea Macaulay 0 1-2 1, Linsey Mitchell 0 1-2 1, Cara Kennedy, Blair Keithley, 14 12-31 40. Three-pointers: none.

It was never close in the Sherman County game as Britt scored four first quarter points to help the Mustangs to an 11-2 lead. Rust scored seven points in the second as the Mustangs extended their lead

2 0-3 5, Brown 2-0 4, Adams, Wolmsdorf, Sergeant, 17 0-5 38. Three-pointers: Aguilar, Ortega, Strong, Fig.

Heppner-Conor Kilkenny 4 2-6 10, Donald Adams 3 2-8 8, Brandon Seitz 3 0-0 6, Josh Winters 1 2-5 5, Brian Haguewood 2 1-2 5, Tanner Britt 2 0-2 4, Justin Botelehr 1 1-2 3, Brian Smith 0 2-2 2, Kyle Lovgren, 16 10-18 43. Three-pointers: Winters.

The Mustangs raced out to an 18-9 lead after one against Sherman County, getting six points from Kilkenny and four each from Adams and Botelehr. Kilkenny scored four more in the second as the Mustangs took a 29-19 lead into the half.

Adams scored four more in the third as the Mustangs extended their lead to 43-31. Kilkenny scored seven points in the fourth as the Mustangs coasted to the 60-44 win.

Kilkenny again led the Mustangs with 19 points, with Adams adding 10. Winters scored nine and Botelehr finished with six points.

Statistics
 Heppner: 18 14 17 - 60
 Sherman County: 9 10 12 13 - 44
 Heppner-Kilkenny 9 1-3 19, Adams 5 0-1 10, Winters 4 1-2 9, Botelehr 3 0-3 6, Smith 2 1-2 3, Britt 2 0-1 4, Seitz 2 0-0 4, Lovgren 1 1-2 3, Haguewood, 28 4-14 60. Three-pointers: none.

Sherman County-Olsen 4 1-2 9, Lozano 9 2-3 20, Kaseburg 1 2-2 4, Weedman 2 0-0 4, Koch 1 1-4 3, Brown 1 0-0 2, Reeves 0 2-2 2, Thompson 0 0-4 0, 18 8-17 44. Three-pointers: none.

to 28-7 at halftime and put the game away in the third, getting five points from Hanson and four from Mitchell for a 37-12 lead.

Hanson led the Mustangs with 11 points and four rebounds, with Rust adding nine points and two assists. Britt scored nine points; Mitchell had six points, four assists, three rebounds and two steals; Macaulay had five rebounds; and Bailey had four steals.

Statistics
 Heppner: 11 17 21 12 - 50
 Sherman County: 2 5 5 10 - 22
 Heppner-Hanson 4 3-7 11, Rust 4 1-1 9, Britt 3 3-4 9, Mitchell 3 0-0 6, Miller 2 1-2 5, Bailey 1 2-2 4, Piper 1 1-2 3, Sisk 1 0-0 2, Macaulay 0 1-4 1, 19 12-22 50. Three-pointers: none.
 Sherman County-Brehm 2 1-2 5, Nogle 2 1-4 5, Moore 1 2-4 4, McCurdy 1 0-0 2, NacNab 1 0-2 2, Cardona 1 0-4 2, Weedman 0 1-2 1, Burnett 0 1-2 1, Crowder 0 0-2 0, Gray, 8 6-22 22. Three-pointers: none.

MC Health Dept.

The Morrow County Health Department lists its January schedule for clinic hours:

Thursday, Jan. 10-Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
 Monday, Jan. 14-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
 Tuesday, Jan. 15-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
 Wednesday, Jan. 16-Irrigon clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
 Thursday, Jan. 17-Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
 Tuesday, Jan. 22-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
 Thursday, Jan. 24-Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
 Monday, Jan. 28-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
 Tuesday, Jan. 29-Boardman clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.;
 Thursday, Jan. 31-Heppner clinic, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 All clinics are closed for lunch from 12:30-1 p.m.

Mustang girls fall short against Umatilla

By Rick Paullus

One more minute and the Heppner Mustang varsity girls probably would have caught the visiting Umatilla Vikings, but the game ended with the Vikings on top, 51-48, in the opening game of the Columbia Basin Conference season on Friday, Jan. 4. The Mustangs trailed by as many as 17 points late in the third quarter, but battled back to within two with seven seconds left, but fell just short.

The Mustangs jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead on jumpers by Meghan Bailey and Jodie Carlson, but the Vikings came right back to tie. Brett Barber hit a jumper; the Vikings came back with seven straight points before Lacey Matteson hit two free throws. Barber hit a three-pointer to get the Mustangs to within 13-11, but the Vikings went on another run to go up 19-11. Bailey scored off a rebound; still the Vikings took a 21-13 lead after one.

Barber hit a rebound basket, but the Vikings extended the lead to 29-15 before Shanna Rietmann hit two free throws and Barber hit another three-pointer to cut the lead to 31-20 at halftime.

Starting the third, Bailey hit two jumpers to cut the lead to 32-24. The Vikings then ran out to a 42-25 lead before Kelsey Greenup scored on a rebound to close out the third quarter.

Barber scored off a rebound, Bailey had a lay-in and Carlson hit a jumper to open the fourth, cutting the lead to 42-33. The Vikings extended it to 45-33, but Carlson hit another short jumper and Matteson got a steal and lay-in to cut it to 45-37. Barber hit two free throws and Matteson hit a running jumper to cut the lead to 46-41 with 1:45 left.

Bailey hit one of two free throws and Rietmann scored off a rebound with 40 seconds left to cut the lead to 48-44. After the Vikings missed two free throws, Stefanie Hanson scored on a drive to cut it to 48-46 with :17.3 left. After two free throws by Umatilla, Rietmann scored on a drive to cut the lead to 50-48 with 7.1 seconds left. The Vikings hit one of two free throws with 4.5 seconds left, but a final Mustang shot fell short, ending the game at 51-48.

Barber led the Mustangs with 14 points, six rebounds and two assists, with Bailey adding 11 points and 13 rebounds, 10 of them offensive. Carlson had seven points and eight rebounds. Matteson had six points and three steals. Rietmann had six points. Greenup and Hanson each had four rebounds.

Statistics
 Umatilla: 21 10 11 9 - 51
 Heppner: 13 7 7 21 - 48
 Umatilla-Borden 8 0-4 16, Strong 5 2-2 12, Cleaver 4 0-2 8, Brown 2 1-2 6, Campos 2 1-5 5, Baumgart 0 4-6 4, 21 8-21 51. Three-pointers: Brown.
 Heppner-Brett Barber 5 2-2 14, Meghan Bailey 5 1-6 11, Jodie Carlson 3 1-2 7, Lacey Matteson 2 2-2 6, Shanna Rietmann 2 2-2 6, Kelsey Greenup 1 0-0 2, Stefanie Hanson 1 0-0 2, Tylynn Smith, Nikki Sisk, Brooke Rust, 19 8-14 48. Three-pointers: Barber (2).

Ione JV boys lose to Condon

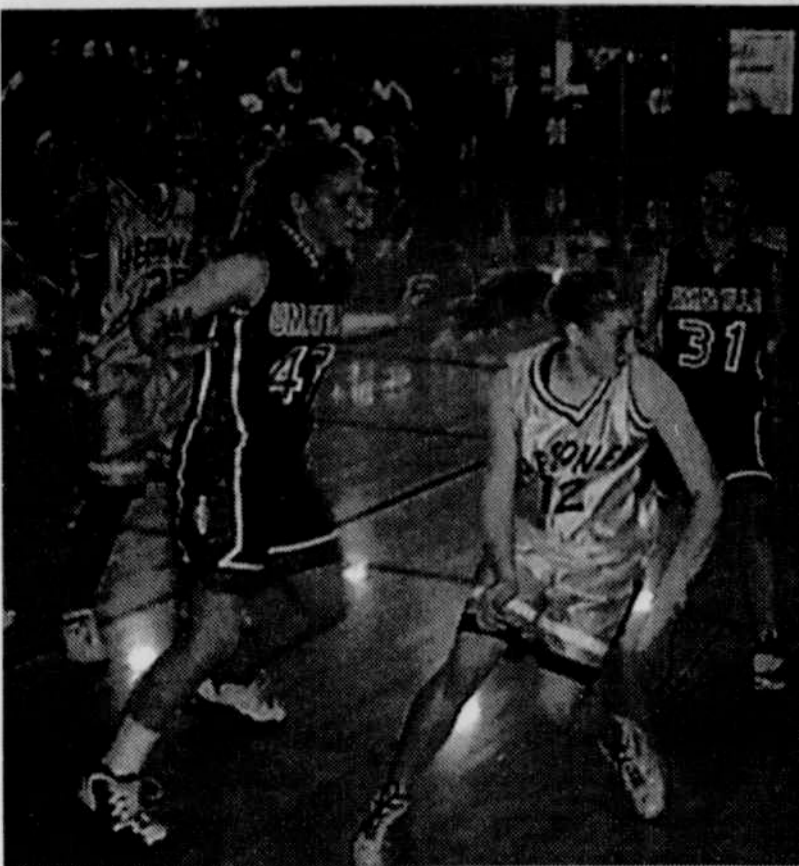
Ione junior varsity men faced the Condon Blue Devils on Saturday, Jan. 5.

Ione was nearly scoreless in the first quarter, facing a 2-13 deficit at the end of the quarter. By halftime, Condon maintained a 15-point lead.

The Cardinals appeared to be on the receiving end of a defeat, when the Ione team held Condon to six points and dumped in 15 of their own to close the lead to 27-33. However, Condon added an additional 11 points in the fourth quarter to hand Ione a 37-44 loss.

Freshman Nick Christman led the Cardinal brigade with 16 points, seven rebounds, one assist and one steal. Mike Radie scored nine points, captured six rebounds, two steals, delivered two assists and blocked one Condon attempt at a basket. Cayle Krebs played extremely well, added four points, and led the team with nine rebounds and seven steals, while passing off one assist and blocking four shots.

Curtis Thompson scored two points, grabbed one rebound, handed off one assist, and blocked one shot. Jeff Hunt scored two points and delivered one assist. Tyler Raible scored two points, grabbed one rebound, two steals, blocked one shot and passed off one assist. Arthur Ekstrom scored two points, snatched four rebounds, passed out two assists and blocked one shot. Also aiding the Cardinals on the boards were Til Tullis with four rebounds and Tim Doherty and Johnny Collin with one rebound each. Taylor McElligott and Cody Bergstrom played tough defense, each blocked one Devil attempt for a basket.



Shanna Rietmann looks for ball against Umatilla

First half carries Mustangs to win over Huskies

By Rick Paullus

A 45-24 halftime lead carried the Heppner Mustangs to a 73-43 win over the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, Jan. 5, in Moro. The win improves the Mustangs' Columbia Basin Conference record to 2-0 and their overall record to 9-1. The Mustangs will be at Wahtonka on Friday, Jan. 11, and at home against Culver on Saturday, for their next games.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 6-0 lead on a basket by Stefan Matheny and two by Michael McCabe. David Norton scored on passes from Matheny and McCabe, then Brian Rust scored after a steal to make it 12-5. The Huskies got to within 12-10, but Norton hit a jumper and McCabe scored on a nice pass from Chuy Elguezabal to boost the score. Kevin Drake and Matheny hit back-to-back three-pointers and Elguezabal scored off a pass from Brad Adams to make it 24-13. Norton then hit a jumper to make it 26-15 after one.

Rust hit two free throws and McCabe hit a jumper as the Mustangs kept up the pressure and increased the lead to 30-17. Matheny hit a three-pointer, McCabe scored off a drive and Norton hit a short jumper to make it 37-19. Norton hit another jumper, Matheny made two free throws and McCabe hit a three-pointer, then scored on a pass from Norton. A three-pointer by the Huskies at the buzzer made it 45-24 at the half.

McCabe opened the third with a lay-in on a baseline drive. Matheny hit a short jumper off a drive. McCabe hit a three-pointer, Rust hit a three-pointer and Elguezabal scored as the Mustangs took a 58-34 lead into the fourth quarter.

Adams scored off a rebound, McCabe hit a jumper and Adams hit a lay-in to make it 64-36. Norton hit a lay-in off a pass from Elguezabal, Adams hit a short jumper, McCabe hit Norton for a lay-in and then scored on a lay-in himself as the Mustangs coasted to the win.

McCabe hit 11 of 15 shots and finished with 23 points plus dished off two assists. Norton also had a good shooting game, hitting eight of 10 for 16 points, pulled down five rebounds, had three assists and three steals. Matheny had 13 points, three assists and three steals. Rust had eight points; Adams pulled down 13 rebounds and Elguezabal dished out four assists.

Statistics
 Heppner: 26 19 13 15 - 73
 Sherman County: 15 9 10 9 - 43
 Heppner-Michael McCabe 11 0-0 23, David Norton 8 0-0 16, Stefan Matheny 4 3-4 13, Brian Rust 2 3-6 8, Brad Adams 3 0-0 6, Chuy Elguezabal 2 0-1 4, Kevin Drake 1 0-0 3, Donald Adams, Josh Winters 3 1 6-11 73. Three-pointers: Matheny (2), McCabe, Rust, Drake.
 Sherman County-Hall 5 0-0 12, Shelton 3 4-7 11, Goodenough 4 0-0 8, King 2 1-3 5, Sanchez 2 0-0 5, Reiten 1 0-0 2, Rhodes, Fish, 17 5-10 43. Three-pointers: Hall (2), Sanchez, Shelton.

Dave Matheny Benefit Pool Tournament and Calcutta Auction

The evening will begin with a BBQ Hamburger Dinner
7:30 p.m. Saturday
January 12th at the Heppner Elks.
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1. It is a fun way to raise money for a benefit.
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