

Mustangs rally beat Huskies

By Rick Paullus

It didn't take long for the Heppner Mustang varsity girls to get over their disappointing loss to Umatilla the night before as they rallied from a 12-6 deficit after the first quarter to beat the Sherman County Huskies, 50-38, in Moro, on Saturday, Jan. 5.

A 16-4 run in the second quarter helped give the Mustangs their first win at Sherman County in a number of years, evening their Columbia Basin Conference record at 1-1 and their overall record at 5-5. The Mustangs will travel to Wahatnoka on Friday, Jan. 11, and come home to play Culver on Saturday, Jan. 12, in their next games.

Two free throws by Lacey Matteson were all the Mustangs could muster as they fell behind 8-2 midway through the first quarter. A lay-in by Kelsey Greenup on a nice pass from Meghan Bailey and a short jumper from Jodie Carlson were all the offense the Mustangs could get through one quarter.

Tylynn Smith got a steal and lay-in and Matteson hit two more free throws to cut the lead to 12-10 in the second. A three point play by Shanna Rietmann and free throw from Smith tied it at the 5:00 minute mark. Rietmann scored on a nice pass from Brett Barber to give the Mustangs their first lead of the game and Barber scored the last five points of the quarter to increase the lead to 22-16 at the half.

The Huskies came out and scored four quick points to open the third,

but Matteson hit a short jumper to make it 24-20. Bailey hit two free throws and Matteson hit a jumper to make it 28-22. Smith hit a short jumper off a pass from Matteson and hit one of two free throws while Barber scored off a drive to make it 33-26. Matteson got a steal and lay-in, then fed Stefanie Hanson for a basket at the end of the third to make it 37-30.

Greenup hit two free throws and, after a Husky basket, Rietmann hit one of two and Smith hit three of four to make it 43-32. The Huskies came back to cut it to 44-36. The Mustangs put the Huskies away as Matteson hit Bailey on a long pass for a lay-in, then scored on a lay-in to make it 48-36. Bailey scored on a nice pass from Rietmann to end the game, 50-38.

Matteson led the Mustangs with 13 points, pulled down five rebounds, three assists and two steals. Smith came off the bench and scored nine points, and grabbed 11 rebounds, seven of them offensive. Barber had seven points, four rebounds and an assist. Rietmann had six points, 10 rebounds and an assist.

Statistics
 Heppner: 6 16 15 13 - 50
 Sherman County: 12 4 14 8 - 38
 Heppner-Lacey Matteson 45-1113, Tylynn Smith 25-89, Brett Barber 31-17, Shanna Rietmann 23-57, Meghan Bailey 22-26, Kelsey Greenup 12-24, Jodie Carlson 10-02, Stefanie Hanson 10-22, 16 18-34 50. Three-pointers: none.
 Sherman County-Olsen 6 4-4 16, Danielson 4 2-2 10, MacNab 3 2-2 8, Hill 10-12, Stroud 0 2-2 2, Bird 0 0-0 14 10-14 38. Three-pointers: none.

Ione varsity men handed double overtime loss

Ione Cardinal varsity men were handed a tough loss on Saturday, Jan. 5, in double overtime against Condon.

The Cardinals had a 12-0 lead before Condon finally put their team on the board in the first quarter. Ione's varsity squad displayed exemplary teamwork in the first quarter. Billy Gates canned two attempts from the three-point area while Brad Burright, Adam Neiffer and Adam McCabe all donated to the Cardinal score to lead the Blue Devils, 21-11 at the end of the first quarter.

Ione continued to play tough defensively but were able to score only nine points in the second quarter while Condon dumped in 16 points to close the lead within three points at the half.

The Cardinal men let down a little in the third quarter, creating several turnovers. The Blue Devils continued to apply the heat and by the end of the quarter, Condon had a 37-40 lead on Ione. The Cardinals outscored Condon in the fourth quarter to tie the game at 53 to take the game into overtime.

Adam Neiffer and Brad Burright each donated two points at the free-throw line, along with a basket by Adam McCabe to tie the game at 59, forcing an additional overtime situation. The game was tied at 63 points, when Brad Burright drew a foul and sank one of one attempt at the line to have a one point lead. Condon hit three attempts at the foul line and had a two point lead, 64-66. With 10 seconds on the clock, Karl Morgan scored a basket to tie the score at 66 but Condon launched a missile at the buzzer to claim the victory, defeating Ione 66-68.

Brad Burright scored a game time high of 35 points, delivered five assists, led the team with 28 rebounds, blocked two shot attempts and swiped one Devil possession. Adam McCabe added 10 points, captured five rebounds, four steals and delivered two assists. Billy Gates hit three attempts from the three-point range for a total of nine points. Adam Neiffer scored eight points, handed out one assist, and grabbed nine rebounds and four steals. Karl Morgan added four points and two rebounds to the team effort. Ashley Roberts aided the Ione squad with four assists, six rebounds and three steals.

Ione varsity girls handed loss

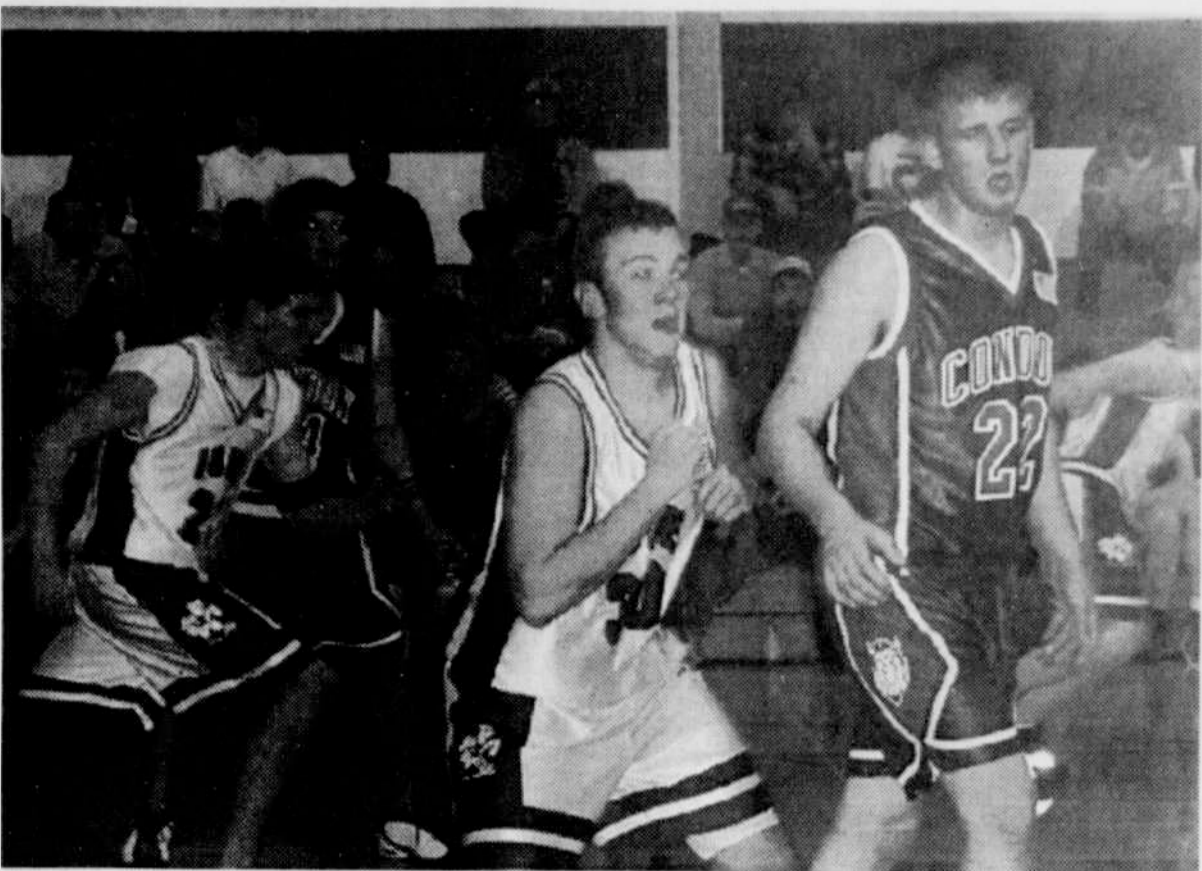
Ione varsity women were handed a 25-49 loss on Saturday, Dec. 29 against Pilot Rock. The Rockets came out strong in the game to outscore Ione in the first three quarters. Ione dumped in 10 points and held Pilot Rock to six points in the fourth quarter but it was not enough to catch the Rockets.

Amelia Peck led the Cardinal women with six points, six rebounds, four steals and one assist. Diana McElligott also contributed six points, brought down two rebounds and absconded four steals. Natalie McElligott scored four points, seized one rebound, four steals and delivered four assists. Salli McElligott canned a three-point shot, grabbed two rebounds and distributed one assist.

Tracy Griffith did an outstanding job of coming off the bench to donate two points, two rebounds and one steal to her team's effort. Cyndi Heagy scored two points, apprehended three rebounds and one Rocket possession. Kristina Powell also donated two points, led the team on the board with eight rebounds, blocked two Rocket shot attempts, grabbed two steals and delivered one assist. The Cardinal women fielded 47 percent of the rebounds, and had a total of 16 steals for the game.

five rebounds, five steals and delivered two assists. Salli McElligott launched a missile from three-point range for three points, seized two rebounds and three steals.

Kristina Powell scored three points, led the team on the boards with eight rebounds, captured two steals and delivered one assist. Barbara Holland scored two points, blocked one shot attempt and snared two rebounds. Emily Key connected with one basket at the free throw line and grabbed one rebound.



Karl Morgan (30) defends Condon player

photo by Debbie Radie

Mustang girls drop two at tourney

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls suffered two hard-fought losses at the Oregon Trail Classic basketball tournament in Pendleton at the Convention Center on Dec. 28-29, and had their pre-season record drop to 4-4.

The Mustangs lost 55-41 to Condon Friday and 57-51 to the fourth-ranked Enterprise Savages on Saturday.

The Columbia Basin Conference season began for the Mustangs with a home game against Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 4, and an away game against Sherman County on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Condon took a 9-4 lead after one and 23-12 halftime lead as the Mustangs found themselves in foul trouble. The Mustangs stayed with the Blue Devils in the third, getting five points from Brett Barber, a three-pointer from Lacy Matteson, and nine points from Shanna Rietmann in the fourth quarter, but couldn't close the gap.

Rietmann led the Mustangs with 12 points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals, with Matteson adding eight points and three rebounds. Stefanie Hanson had six points and two steals, with Barber grabbing five rebounds and getting two steals. Jodie Carlson and Kelsey Greenup each grabbed four rebounds and Meghan Bailey grabbed three.

Nicole Jamieson of Condon led all scorers with 29 points, hitting 13 of 14 free throws.

The Mustangs stayed with Enterprise in the first quarter, getting a basket by Barber, three free throws from Matteson, a free throw from Bailey, a basket from Hanson and a steal and lay-in from Nikki Sisk to end the quarter tied at 10-10.

Matteson put the Mustangs up 12-10 to open the second, but the Savages came back to take a 19-13 lead. Matteson made three of four free throws, but the Savages took a 21-16 lead into halftime.

Bailey hit a jumper, then a three-pointer to pull the Mustangs even, then Barber made a free throw to put the Mustangs ahead, but the Savages came back with four straight before Greenup completed a three point play to tie it up at 25-25. The Savages came back with 10 straight points to close out the third quarter with a 35-25 lead and extended it to 40-25 to open the fourth.

Bailey scored five straight to get the Mustangs within 10. Matteson hit two free throws and Rietmann scored to make it 44-35. Enterprise extended the lead to 48-35 before Bailey scored, then Matteson hit three of four free throws to make it 50-40. The Mustangs got to within 54-47 on three points from Rietmann and a basket from Matteson. Hanson scored to make it 56-49 and Barber scored to get within five, but time ran out with the Savages hanging on for the 57-51 win.

Matteson hit 11 of 15 free throws and finished with 17 points, pulled down seven rebounds and had three steals. Bailey finished with 14 points and had six rebounds. Greenup led

the Mustangs with eight rebounds. Barber had six rebounds and three steals. Rietmann had five rebounds and two assists.

Matteson was named to the All-Tournament Team along with Condon's Nicole Jamieson and Jessica Snyder, Kazzie Dawson of Enterprise and Erin Plots of Santiam, who was also named Most Valuable Player.

The Mustangs received some bad news before the tournament: senior Shelley Rietmann will be lost for the season due to a torn ACL (ligament) in her knee which will require surgery.

Statistics
 Game One

Condon: 9 14 16 16 - 55
 Heppner: 4 9 14 15 - 41

Condon-Jamieson 8 13-14 29, Jes. Snyder 2 4-4 8, Farrar 1 6-7 8, Humphrey 2 1-2 5, Kennedy 1 1-2 3, Jen. Snyder 1 0-0 2 15 25-29 55. Three-pointers: none.

Heppner-Shanna Rietmann 5 2-3 12, Lacey Matteson 3 0-0 8, Stefanie Hanson 2 2-2 6, Jodie Carlson 1 3-4 5, Brett Barber 1 2-2 5, Tylynn Smith 2 0-0 4, Brooke Rust 0 1-2 1, Kelsey Greenup 0 0-2 0, Meghan Bailey 0 0-1 0, Nikki Sisk 14 10-16 41. Three-pointers: Matteson (2), Barber

Game Two
 Enterprise: 10 11 14 22 - 57
 Heppner: 10 6 9 26 - 51
 Enterprise-Dawson 7 1-2 16, Anderson 5 0-0 10, Daris 2 4-9 8, Nobles 1 6-10 8, Gardner 2 0-0 6, Morgan 1 1-2 3, Harvey 1 0-0 2, Williams 0 2-2 2, Conrad 0 1-2 1, Baird 0 0-2 0, Christensen 0 1-2 1, 19 16-31 57. Three-pointers: Gardner (2), Dawson.
 Heppner Matteson 3 11-15 17, Bailey 4 5-10 14, Barber 2 1-2 5, Hanson 2 1-3 5, Rietmann 2 1-3 5, Greenup 1 1-1 3, Sisk 1 0-0 2, Smith 0 0-1 0, Carlson, Rust 15 20-35 51. Three-pointer: Bailey

Lady Cardinals burned by Blue Devils



Natalie McElligott against Condon

photo by Debbie Radie

The Ione Lady Cardinals varsity squad was burned by Condon, losing to the Blue Devils, 36-67, on Saturday, Jan. 5.

Ione trailed 19-40 at the end of the quarter but dumped in 17 points in the fourth quarter to close the lead. Ione ladies were weak on the boards, but led the Devils with blocked shots and tied with 18 steals.

Natalie McElligott scored nine points, blocked one shot, swiped five Condon possessions and delivered four assists. Cyndi Heagy scored six points, apprehended one rebound, three steals and passed off

one assist. Kristina Powell also donated six points, captured four rebounds, blocked one shot attempt, led her team with six steals and delivered two assists. Diana McElligott scored five points, snared one rebound and two steals.

Amelia Peck contributed four points, led the team with nine rebounds, seized one steal and handed out one assist. Salli McElligott canned one basket from three-point range to add three points to her team score. Barbara Holland added two points, one rebound and one blocked shot to the Cardinal arsenal.

Ione varsity defeats Grizzlies



Brad Burright waits for rebound

photo by Debbie Radie

Ione varsity basketball teams traveled to Helix on Friday, Jan. 4. The girls varsity team easily defeated the Grizzlies, 48-33. The Cardinals leapt out to a 14-0 lead at the first quarter and by the third quarter had a 44-19 lead.

Natalie McElligott led the Cardinals with 20 points, one rebound, eight steals and seven assists. Amelia Peck added 12 points, six rebounds, three steals and two assists. Diana McElligott scored seven points, apprehended

five rebounds, five steals and delivered two assists. Salli McElligott launched a missile from three-point range for three points, seized two rebounds and three steals.

Kristina Powell scored three points, led the team on the boards with eight rebounds, captured two steals and delivered one assist. Barbara Holland scored two points, blocked one shot attempt and snared two rebounds. Emily Key connected with one basket at the free throw line and grabbed one rebound.

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Ione JV men lose to Rockets

Ione junior varsity men came back from a 13-30 deficit at the half during their game against Pilot Rock on Dec. 22 to nearly tie the Rockets at the end of the third quarter with a score of 36-40.

The beginning of the third quarter started out dry for the Cardinal men but, with four minutes remaining in the quarter, the Ione team started to heat up and added 23 points to the board.

Cayle Krebs had remarkable defensive play. Krebs made a save with two minutes left in the third quarter and then followed with another save that was passed inside, beneath the Ione bucket to Adam McCabe, who scored to close the gap 32-34. The Cardinal men had a difficult time holding onto the ball in the fourth quarter creating several turnovers. With 50 seconds remaining in the game, Ione trailed Pilot Rock, 43-56, when Tim Doherty launched a three-point shot to close the game, 46-56.

Nick Christman led the Cardinal

score with 12 points, one rebound, five steals and two assists. Adam McCabe scored 11 points, grabbed three rebounds, two steals and delivered two assists. Mike Radie scored six points, brought down four rebounds, pilfered one Rocket possession and handed off two assists. Curtis Thompson added four points, one steal and one rebound to the Cardinal cause. Taylor McElligott scored four points, grabbed one rebound and two steals.

Tim Doherty scored three points, grabbed two rebounds and one Rocket possession. Jeff Hunt scored two points, apprehended four rebounds and two steals. Cayle Krebs scored two points, led the team with eight rebounds, delivered one steal and seized three steals. Til Tullis scored one point from the free throw line, delivered one assist, aided the team larceny with one steal and nabbed three rebounds. Johnny Colin hit one bucket from the free throw line, apprehended one rebound and delivered one assist.

Ione JV defeated by Condon

The Ione girls junior varsity trailed Condon, 18-27, at the end of the third quarter in their game on Saturday, Jan. 5, but closed the lead to a 26-32 loss by the end of the game.

Eva Chitty led the team with 11 points, two rebounds, four steals and one assist. Barbara Holland added five points, captured three rebounds, two steals and passed out one assist. Emily Key scored five points, apprehended five rebounds and four steals and delivered one assist. Meghan McCabe scored three points, brought down three rebounds and pilfered two Devil possessions.

Alyssa Rietmann scored two points, captured three rebounds and one steal. Assisting the Cardinals on the boards were Sara Peck with two rebounds, Katie Hams with one rebound, Megan McCabe with two

rebounds, and Jamie VandenBrink and Kim Morris with one rebound each. Megan McCabe swiped two steals and Sara Peck grabbed four Condon possessions

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