

## Mustangs roll to tournament championship

By Rick Paullus

In what they hope is a preview of things to come in the first week of March, the Heppner Mustang boys rolled to the championship of the Oregon Trail Classic at the Convention Center in Pendleton, beating Condon, 57-38, on Friday, Dec. 28, and Enterprise, 58-32, on Saturday, Dec. 29. The eighth-ranked Mustangs improved to 7-1 on the year and opened Columbia Basin Conference play at home against Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 4, then traveled to Sherman County on Saturday, Dec. 5.

Brad Adams got the Mustangs going with a tip-in and Michael McCabe hit a jumper. After a Blue Devil three-pointer, McCabe scored on a nice pass from Chuy Elguezabal and Stefan Matheny scored off a steal to make it 8-3. The Blue Devils came back to take a 9-8 lead, but Matheny hit a lay-in off a drive and Kevin Drake hit a three-pointer to give the Mustangs a 13-9 lead after one.

McCabe scored off a drive, but the Blue Devils came back to tie it at 15-15 before McCabe hit a short jumper and Elguezabal scored off a rebound to make it 19-15. Adams scored off a drive and McCabe hit another short jumper to make it 23-17. The Mustangs took a 25-19 halftime lead as McCabe got a steal and fed Elguezabal for a lay-in.

Four straight free throws by McCabe to open the third increased the lead to 29-19, then the Mustangs went on a roll, getting a running jumper from Matheny, a long jump shot from McCabe, a free throw from Adams, two short jumpers from McCabe and a lay-in by Josh Winters on a nice pass from Elguezabal to make it 40-21.

Taking a 40-25 lead into the fourth, Adams scored off a nice pass from McCabe. After a basket by Condon, the Mustangs went on another roll to put the game away. Matheny hit two jumpers; Adams converted a three point play off a pass from McCabe. Elguezabal fed McCabe twice for lay-ins and McCabe hit a jumper to make it 55-27. The Blue Devils came back with nine straight points before McCabe scored on a lay-in while Condon scored to end the game with the Mustangs taking a 57-38 win.

McCabe led all scorers with 28 points, hitting 12 of 14 shots, and had three rebounds and three steals. Adams had 10 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Matheny hit five of nine shots for 10 points with two steals and two assists. Brian Rust had five steals and four rebounds. Elguezabal had four assists and three rebounds.

Enterprise stayed with the Mustangs early as McCabe scored

on a drive, then fed Elguezabal for a lay-in. Matheny hit a short jumper, but the Savages still led 7-6. The Mustangs got their running going as McCabe hit a jumper, Matheny scored off a nice pass from Elguezabal who then fed McCabe twice for lay-ins off the fast break to make it 15-7. McCabe scored on a tip-in and a lay-in off a drive to end the first quarter with a 19-9 Mustang lead.

Matheny scored off a rebound and Adams hit a short jumper to open the second. Elguezabal hit a rebound basket and Matheny hit a three-pointer to end the first half with the Mustangs taking a 28-12 lead.

Rust converted a three point play, Adams completed a three point play off a rebound put-back and Elguezabal scored off the fast break on a nice pass from Matheny to make it 36-14. Rust and McCabe scored off drives to make it 40-16, then McCabe scored off a pass from Matheny and hit two free throws to increase the lead 44-18. Winters scored off a rebound and McCabe hit a tip-in at the buzzer to make it 48-20 going into the fourth quarter.

Matheny scored off a drive and Winters hit a short jumper off a pass from McCabe to make it 53-22. McCabe hit a running jumper and Winters hit a baseline jumper to make it 57-27. The final score was 58-32.

McCabe led the Mustangs with 22 points, hitting 10 of 18 shots, pulled down seven rebounds and had two steals and two assists. Matheny added 12 points, three assists and two steals. Elguezabal added eight points, four steals and three assists; Adams had seven rebounds; Winters had four rebounds and three steals; and Rust had four rebounds.

McCabe was named Most Valuable Player for the tournament and, with Matheny and Adams, named to the All-Tournament Team. Randy Carmine of Condon and Kevin Gomes of Enterprise were also named.

Statistics  
Game One  
Condon: 9 10 6 13 - 38  
Heppner: 13 12 15 17 - 57  
... Condon-Shaffer 5 0-0 12, Carmine 4 0-0 8, Lanis 4 0-0 8, Bednar 3 0-0 6, Anderson 1 0-1 2, Smith 1 0-0 2, 18 0-1 38. Three-pointers: Shaffer (2).  
Heppner-Michael McCabe 12 4-4 28, Stefan Matheny 5 0-0 10, Brad Adams 4 2-3 10, Chuy Elguezabal 2 0-0 4, Kevin Drake 1 0-0 3, Josh Winters 1 0-0 2, Brian Rust 0 0-0 2, Donald Adams 25 6-9 58. Three-pointer: Drake.

Game Two  
Heppner: 19 9 20 10 - 58  
Enterprise: 9 3 8 12 - 32  
Heppner-McCabe 10 2-2 22, Matheny 5 1-2 12, Elguezabal 3 2-4 8, Winters 3 0-0 6, Rust 2 1-1 5, B. Adams 2 1-1 5, D. Adams 0 0-1 0, Drake 25 7-11 58. Three-pointer: Matheny.  
Enterprise-Gilbert 6 2-3 14, Gomes 2 0-0 5, Crawford 2 0-0 4, Stangel 1 0-0 3, Lukens 1 0-2 2, Freels 1 0-0 2, Marcum 1 0-1 2, Kiser 0 0-2 0, 14 2-8 32. Three-pointers: Gomes, Stangel.

## Ione varsity men lose

Ione Cardinal varsity men were unable to keep up with the Heppner Mustangs on Friday, Dec. 21, losing to the Heppner team, 55-77.

The Mustangs commanded the lead early in the quarter and had a 4-0 lead over Ione with only two minutes off the clock. Ione made a hearty attempt to keep up with the Mustangs and, at the end of the first quarter, were down by four points, 11-15. By half time, the Cardinals had a 19-39 deficit and couldn't make it up.

Brad Burright led the team with 16 points, 13 rebounds, one assist, one steal and blocked two Mustang

point attempts. Adam Neiffer pumped in 13 points, grabbed six rebounds, delivered four assists and blocked one shot. Ashley Roberts scored 10 points, grabbed two rebounds and handed off four assists. Karl Morgan scored seven points, brought down three rebounds, passed out one assist and seized one Mustang possession. Andrew Rietmann scored four points and overturned one Heppner possession. Helping the Cardinals on the boards were Adam McCabe with four rebounds, Nick Christman with two rebounds and Cayle Krebs with one rebound.

## Ione varsity girls overwhelmed by Rockets

The Pilot Rock Rockets overwhelmed the Ione varsity girls on Saturday, Dec. 22. Pilot Rock played tight defense and used a full court press the entire game to devour the Cardinals, handing the Cardinal women a 31-56 loss.

Diana McElligott led the team with 10 points, four rebounds, two steals and one assist. Amelia Peck added nine points, brought down

six rebounds, seized three steals and delivered two assists. Cyndi Heagy scored six points and led the Ione women on the board with 12 rebounds. Tracy Griffith and Salli McElligott each scored two points. Kristina Powell scored two points, grabbed five rebounds, blocked five shot attempts and delivered four assists.

## Lady cardinals surprise Heppner 37-26

The Lady Cardinal varsity girls surprised the Mustangs on Friday, Dec. 21, by claiming a 37-26 victory.

The score was tied at eight points with 1:30 remaining in the first quarter when Natalie McElligott connected with one basket at the free throw line to lead 9-8 at the end of the quarter. The Cardinal women had several steals and some checked balls to lead the Mustangs 17-13 at the half. The Cardinals maintained the lead the remainder of the game.

Diana McElligott led the Cardinals on the scoreboard with 12 points. McElligott also provided five rebounds, one blocked shot, four steals and three assists to her team's

endeavor. Natalie McElligott scored seven points, brought down two rebounds, blocked one shot nabbed two steals and delivered three assists. Kristina Powell scored six points, apprehended five rebounds and led the team in blocked shots by swatting three Mustang point attempts.

Amelia Peck scored five points, and was a force to reckon with on the boards by grabbing 11 rebounds, pilfering three Mustang possessions, and delivering one assist. Cyndi Heagy scored four points at the free throw line and seized three rebounds. Salli McElligott scored three points, launching a missile from three-point territory at the end of the third quarter.

## Ione varsity men surprised by Rockets

Pilot Rock surprised the Ione varsity men early in their game on Saturday, Dec. 22. Pilot Rock had a 0-4 lead in the first 15 seconds. Billy Gates canned a three-point bucket to close the gap 3-4. Brad Burright followed up with an additional three-point bucket to lead the Rockets by two, 6-4. The Rockets added 21 points in the fourth quarter in an attempt to tighten the gap but the Cardinal men maintained their lead to hand Pilot Rock a 74-65 loss.

Brad Burright led the team's scoring with 27 points. Burright also led the team with 14 rebounds and delivered three assists and overturned two Rocket possessions. Ashley

Roberts scored 16 points, apprehended six rebounds, three steals and distributed five assists. Andrew Rietmann added seven points to the score, brought down seven rebounds, delivered two assists and swiped two steals. Adam McCabe scored seven points and seized two rebounds.

Adam Neiffer added six points and three rebounds to his team's effort. Billy Gates canned two three-point shots for a total of six points, led the team with eight assists, grabbed one rebound and three steals. Karl Morgan donated five points, three rebounds, one assist and one steal.

## Mustang 'C' team wins triple overtime thriller

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The Heppner Mustang "C" team boys outlasted the visiting Riverside Pirates, winning 70-69 in three overtimes on Thursday, Jan. 3.

The Mustangs took a 14-10 lead after one, getting a three-pointer from Josh Gutierrez, four points from Judd Lemmon and a three-pointer from Darin Skaggs. Gutierrez scored four more in the second, but Riverside closed to within 24-22 at halftime.

Lemmon scored seven points in the third, along with Gutierrez's four, to give the Mustangs a 41-35 lead after three. The Pirates then went on a 14-0 run in the first four minutes of the fourth to take a 49-41 lead. The Mustangs battled back though and Gutierrez hit three free throws with 6.3 seconds left to tie the game at 53-53 and send it to overtime.

The Pirates hit a three-pointer to take an early lead, but Lemmon came back with two jump shots and two free throws to give the Mustangs a 59-56 lead. The Pirates came back to tie, hitting one of two free throws with 8.2 seconds left to tie it at 59-59

and send it to a second overtime.

Kiel Nairns hit a three-pointer with 28 seconds left in the second overtime to give the Mustangs a 66-64 lead, but the Pirates came back to tie it up again, hitting an off-balance shot in the final seconds to force yet another overtime.

Lemmon hit two free throws with a minute left in the third overtime to give the Mustangs a 70-69 lead and they made it stand up, finally taking the win.

Lemmon led all scorers with 29 points, including nine for 12 from the free throws line, with Gutierrez adding 19 points. Tyler Boyer and Kyle Huddleston each had six points.

Statistics  
Riverside: 10 12 13 18 6 7 3 - 69  
Heppner: 14 10 17 12 6 7 4 - 70  
Riverside-Parker 7 0-0 14, Wedding 4 2-4 11, Jake Johnson 5 0-5 10, Pritchard 4 0-0 8, Orozco 3 0-2 8, Calvillin 2 0-1 5, Imus 2 1-3 5, James Johnson 1 2-2 4, Carranza 2 0-0 4, Griffin, Knick, 30 5-17 69. Three-pointers: Orozco (2), Wedding, Calvillin.  
Heppner-Judd Lemmon 10 9-12 29, Josh Gutierrez 7 4-7 19, Tyler Boyer 2 2-3 6, Kyle Huddleston 1 4-10 6, Kiel Nairns 1 0-5 3, Adam Wight 1 1-4 3, Darin Skaggs 1 0-0 3, Aaron Delveaux 0 1-2 1, Matt Young, Robert McElligott, 23 21-43 70. Three-pointers: Skaggs, Nairns, Gutierrez.

## Ione JV girls defeated

Ione junior varsity women were no match for Pilot Rock on Saturday, Dec. 22. Ione was handed a 23-44 defeat by the Rockets. Pilot Rock proved to be a tough defensive team. The Cardinal women, however, were not discouraged as they never gave up trying during the game.

Barbara Holland was the leading point producer for the young Cards with 13 points. Holland also led the team with eight rebounds and blocked one shot. Megan E. McCabe scored four points, apprehended four rebounds and one steal. Sara Peck played aggressively, scored two points, grabbed two rebounds one

steal and blocked one shot attempt. Caitlin Orem scored two points, grabbed four rebounds, and delivered two assists.

Emily Key scored one point at the free throw line in the second quarter. Key brought down one rebound, handed out three assists, blocked one shot and seized three steals. Meghan M. McCabe connected with one basket from the free throw line in the second quarter while donating four rebounds and one steal to her team's cause. Also helping the Cardinal women on the boards were Missy Baker with two rebounds and Alyssa Rietmann with three rebounds.

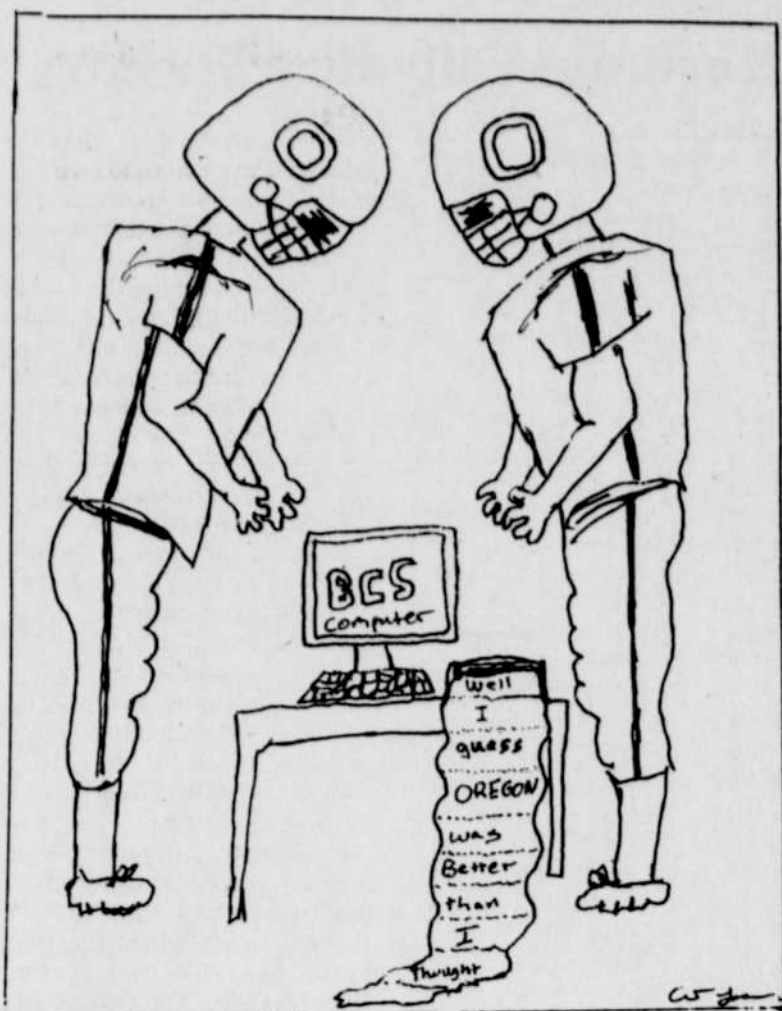
## Ione varsity men take victory over Rockets

Ione Cardinal varsity men commanded a 23-17 lead in the first quarter and continued to outscore the Pilot Rock Rockets for an 80-69 victory on Dec. 29.

Brad Burright was the leading point producer with 29 points. Burright also led the team with 17 rebounds and handed out two assists. Adam Neiffer scored 21 points, seized eight rebounds, four steals and delivered three assists. Ashley

Roberts contributed 13 points, grabbed one rebound, led the team with seven assists and nabbed three steals.

Andrew Rietmann scored six points, grabbed 10 rebounds, one steal and delivered four assists. Adam McCabe scored two points, apprehended four rebounds and delivered three assists. Karl Morgan grabbed one rebound and delivered two assists. Tyler Raible aided the team larceny with one steal.



## Cardinal JVs lose to Heppner

The Ione Cardinal junior varsity women closed their game against Heppner with a 30-45 deficit on Dec. 21.

Sara Peck exhibited aggressive play, blocking several Mustang shot attempts.

Ione scored only four points in the first quarter and had several turnovers on account of weak passes

early in the second quarter. The Cardinals were down nine points when Meghan McCabe made a hook shot to close the score to a seven-point spread. Emily Key made a bucket from the three-point region and the score at the end of the third quarter was 24-33. Ione could not make up the deficit, losing 30-45.

## Cardinal JV men lose

Ione Cardinal junior varsity men were down 0-6 against Heppner and two minutes into the first quarter before Nick Christman put Ione on the scoreboard, on Dec. 21. Ione lost the game, 64-27.

Cayle Krebs had an outstanding game, leading the team on the boards with 12 rebounds and five steals. Krebs also scored four points for the Cardinal squad. Mike Radie led the team with 11 points, grabbed five rebounds, delivered two assists and nabbed one steal. Nick Christman scored four points, brought down three rebounds,

handed out one assist and apprehended three steals. Jeff Hunt scored two points, snatched three rebounds, one steal and rendered one assist. Hunt also tied up the ball in the second quarter for an Ione possession.

Tyler Raible scored two points, seized three rebounds, one steal and gave out one assist. Curtis Thompson scored two points to aid the Cardinals on the scoreboard. Adam McCabe scored two points, captured five rebounds and overtook one Mustang possession. Johnny Colin helped on the boards by grabbing one rebound.

## Ione JV Cards defeated

Ione basketball teams hosted Pilot Rock on Saturday, Dec. 29. Ione junior varsity men lost to the Rockets, 45-65. Ione had a 8-15 deficit at the end of the first quarter and Pilot Rock added 20 points in the second quarter for a 19-point lead.

Nick Christman led the Cardinals with 11 points, one rebound, one assist and two steals. Mike Radie scored 10 points, grabbed three rebounds, one steal and delivered two assists. Karl Morgan added five points in the fourth quarter to the Cardinal cause. Cayle Krebs scored four points, fed the team on the board with 11 rebounds, handed out one

assist and seized one steal. Tyler Raible contributed four points, three rebounds, and one assist. Adam McCabe scored four points, brought down six rebounds and apprehended two Pilot Rock possessions.

Curtis Thompson scored two points, grabbed two rebounds and one steal. Tim Doherty added two points to the Cardinal score. Johnny Colin also added two points and also delivered one assist and led the team thievery with three steals. Jeff Hunt scored two points and grabbed one rebound. Aiding the Cardinal men on the boards were Taylor McElligott with two rebounds and one blocked shot and Til Tullis with four rebounds.

## Ione varsity men take win

The Ione Cardinal varsity men easily achieved a win over Helix on Friday, Jan. 4, downing the Grizzlies, 59-28.

Brad Burright scored the team high of 30 points, led the team on the boards with 15 rebounds, delivered one assist and seized one Grizzly possession. Adam Neiffer scored six points, caught 14 rebounds, apprehended two steals and blocked one Grizzly point attempt. Andrew Rietmann scored six points, delivered two assists, brought down one rebound and swiped one Helix ball.

Ashley Roberts added five points,

two assists, nine rebounds, and one steal to the Cardinal arsenal. Billy Gates canned one three-point bucket, grabbed five rebounds, and delivered five assists for the Ione men. Adam McCabe scored three points, grabbed three rebounds and one steal. Nick Christman scored two points and apprehended two rebounds. Cayle Krebs scored two points, handed out two assists and brought down two rebounds. Mike Radie added two points and snared one rebound. Team members Til Tullis and Tyler Raible aided their team on the boards. Tullis captured one rebound and Raible seized two.

## Town & Country includes programs for producers

Heppner Town and Country 2002, "The Red, White and Blue" will be held Thursday, Jan. 17.

The afternoon program begins at 1:30 p.m. with "Weed," a one-act play characterizing the conflicts of a landowner when he finds an unknown "plant" on his BLM allotment and the struggles he endures as he decides to report it to the BLM office.

The play also shows the danger of losing the Western way of life. All this is done in a lighthearted style to bring the message home and "is a convincing way to see ourselves, evaluate our beliefs and consider the beliefs of others," said an Extension news release.

The remainder of the afternoon

schedule is as follows.  
2:45 p.m.: Rick Woodley, Klamath SWCD - "The Klamath Basin Story - Could it happen to you?"  
3:15 p.m.: Pesticide Use Reporting - Livestock pesticide use too.  
3:35 p.m.: Willow Creek Watershed and SB1010 update.  
3:55 p.m.: EPA/ODA AFO/CAFO inspection update.  
4:15 p.m.: Morrow County Livestock Growers Annual Meeting.  
6 p.m.: No-Host Social Hour  
7 p.m.: Dinner - \$20.  
Dinner tickets may be purchased at Murray's Drug, Bank of Eastern Oregon, Klamath First Federal or Morrow County Grain Growers.

**Dick and Jennie McElligott of Salem announce the birth of their children**  
**TEGAN RICHARD McELLIGOTT (5 lbs. 3 oz, 17 1/4")**  
**and**  
**RAEGAN FAITH McELLIGOTT (5 lbs. 8 oz, 17")**  
**on Sunday, January 6, 2002 in Salem.**  
Grandparents are Bill and Brenda Layton of Salem  
John and Becky Weyandt of LaGrande  
and Dick and Loa McElligott of Ione

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