

## Mustangs overcome slow start to beat Eagles

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity boys overcame a sluggish start, outscoring Wahtonka, 43-18, in the second and third quarters, to beat the Eagles, 76-44, at The Dalles on Friday, Jan. 11. The sixth-ranked Mustangs improved their Columbia Basin Conference record to 3-0 and their overall record to 10-1.

Stefan Matheny hit a three-pointer in the first quarter as the Mustangs struggled to an 11-8 lead. Chuy Elguezabal scored 10 points and David Norton scored seven in the second as the Mustangs took a 34-17 lead into halftime.

The Mustangs kept up the pressure in the third, extending their lead to 54-26 with the help of Norton's six points, Matheny's five, including another three-pointer, and Brian Rust's three points, including a

three-pointer. Rust added nine points and Michael McCabe, six, as the Mustangs coasted through the fourth, taking the 76-44 win.

Norton led five Mustangs in double figures with 17 points and eight rebounds. Rust added 16 points and eight rebounds. Elguezabal had 14 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Matheny had 12 points and four assists. McCabe had 10 points, six rebounds and four assists. Brad Adams pulled down 14 rebounds and Kevin Drake had 11 rebounds.

**Statistics**  
Heppner: 11 23 10 22 - 76  
Wahtonka: 8 9 9 18 - 44  
Heppner-David Norton 7 3-5 17, Brian Rust 7 0-2 16, Chuy Elguezabal 4 6-8 14, Stefan Matheny 5 0-0 12, Michael McCabe 3 4-4 10, Brad Adams 2 1-4 5, Kevin Drake 0 2-2 2, Josh Winters 28 16-25 76. Three-pointers: Matheny (2), Rust (2).

Wahtonka: Foster 10 0-0 23, Evans 5 0-0 10, Campos 2 1-4 5, Velador 1 0-0 2, Ruggles 1 0-0 2, Young 0 2-2 2, Gray 19 3-6 44. Three-pointers: Foster (3).

## Heppner JV girls win two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls got two big wins last weekend, traveling to The Dalles and beating the Wahtonka Eagles handily, 47-11, on Friday, Jan. 11, and beating the Culver Bulldogs, 39-21, on Saturday, Jan. 12, in Heppner. Their record is now 7-2 on the year. The Mustangs will play Weston-McEwen at home on Friday, Jan. 18, and travel to Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 19.

Linsey Mitchell scored four first-quarter points to help the Mustangs to an 8-3 lead after one in Wahtonka. Stefanie Hanson had five points in the second quarter as the Mustangs extended their lead to 18-7. Mitchell added eight points in the third to make it 31-9 going into the fourth. Marcy Miller had six points in the fourth as the Mustangs left no doubt as to the outcome.

Mitchell led the Mustangs with 15 points and 10 rebounds, with Madison Bailey adding nine points, eight steals, four assists and three rebounds. Miller had six points and six rebounds; Chelsea Britt had four rebounds and three steals; and Tiffany Piper had four steals.

**Statistics**  
Heppner: 8 10 13 16 - 47  
Wahtonka: 3 4 2 2 - 11  
Heppner-Linsey Mitchell 7 1-1 15,

Madison Bailey 3 3-4 9, Marcy Miller 3 0-2 6, Stefanie Hanson 2 1-7 5, Tiffany Piper 2 0-0 4, Chantea Macaulay 1 1-5 3, Nikki Sisk 0 2-3 2, Blair Keithley 1 0-0 2, Brooke Rust 0 1-2 1, Chelsea Britt 0 0-4 0, 19 9-28 47. Three-pointers: none.

Wahtonka: Lacy 2 0-0 4, Campos 1 1-6 3, Aguirre 1 0-0 2, Harmon 0 1-4 1, Washington 0 1-2 1, Terrell 0 0-2 0, Gonzales 0 0-2 0, 4 3-16 11. Three-pointers: none.

Britt had six first quarter points against Culver to help the Mustangs to a 10-7 lead after one. Rust and Piper had four points each in the second as they extended their lead to 20-9 at halftime. Rust added four more points in the third and Miller added four points in the fourth as the Mustangs didn't let up, taking the 39-21 win.

Britt finished with 13 points, nine rebounds and four steals, with Rust adding 10 points, five rebounds, three assists and three steals. Hanson had six points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals. Macaulay had six rebounds, Miller grabbed four rebounds and Bailey had three assists.

**Statistics**  
Culver: 7 2 5 7 - 21  
Heppner: 10 10 9 10 - 39  
Culver-McWilliams 3 2-8 8, Alley 1 2-20 4, Fox 1 2-2 4, Kenyon 1 0-0 2, Norris 1 0-0 2, Lytle 0 1-3 1, Miller 0 0-4 0, 7 7-27 21. Three-pointers: none.  
Heppner-Britt 6 1-2 13, Rust 4 2-2 10, Hanson 3 0-2 6, Piper 2 0-0 4, Miller 1 2-2 4, Bailey 0 2-2 2, Macaulay 0 0-2 0, Sisk, Mitchell, 16 7-13 39. Three-pointers: none.

## Early lead carries Mustangs to win

By Rick Paullus

A 19-5 lead after one helped carry the Heppner Mustang varsity girls to a 57-31 win over the visiting Culver Bulldogs on Saturday, Jan. 12. The win improves the Mustangs' Columbia Basin Conference record to 3-1 and their overall record to 7-5. The Mustangs host Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 18, and travel to Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 19, for their next games.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 7-1 lead, getting lay-ins from Shanna Rietmann, Brett Barber and Lacey Matteson, plus a free throw from Meghan Bailey. Tylynn Smith scored on a pass from Matteson, Rietmann scored, then Matteson scored off a pass from Barber. Matteson also hit a short jumper and scored off a rebound to make it 17-3. Matteson scored to end the first quarter then made a lay-in to open the second. Kelsey Greenup hit a short jumper off a drive to make it 23-5.

Barber hit a running jumper and Bailey hit a short jumper to make it 27-7, but the Bulldogs went on an 11-0 run before Greenup hit a baseline jumper to end the first half with the Mustangs leading 29-18.

The Bulldogs scored to open the third quarter to narrow the gap to 29-20, but that was as close as they would get. Barber hit a jumper, then fed Matteson for a lay-in. Bailey hit a short jumper, Barber scored off a rebound, Jesse Kempas hit a three-pointer and Barber hit a lay-in to end the third quarter with the Mustangs leading 42-20.

Matteson opened the fourth scoring eight straight points before the Bulldogs hit a three-pointer to make it 50-23. Kempas

answered with another three-pointer, Barber scored and Brooke Rust scored off a rebound to make it 57-23. The Bulldogs scored the game's last eight points to make the final 57-31.

Matteson hit 11 of 18 shots and finished with 22 points, seven rebounds and three assists. Barber hit six of 11 shots for 12 points, two assists and two steals. Rietmann had six rebounds and three steals; Smith had six rebounds and two steals; and Greenup had five rebounds.

**Statistics**  
Culver: 5 13 2 11 - 31  
Heppner: 19 10 13 15 - 57  
Culver-Allen 4 2-5 10, Giocos 4 1-4 9, Miller 2 0-5 5, Alley 1 3-4 5, Hagman 0 1-2 1, Fox 0 1-2 1, 11 8-17 31. Three-pointers: Miller.  
Heppner-Lacey Matteson 11 0-0 22, Brett Barber 6 0-0 12, Jesse Kempas 2 0-2 6, Meghan Bailey 2 1-2 5, Kelsey Greenup 2 0-0 4, Shanna Rietmann 2 0-0 4, Tylynn Smith 1 0-0 2, Brooke Rust 1 0-0 2, Jodie Carlson, Stefanie Hanson, Nikki Sisk, 27 1-4 57. Three-pointers: Kempas (2).

## Central to offer cooking classes

Central Market in Heppner will offer monthly cooking classes starting in February in the market deli department. Mike and Kim Armato will demonstrate cooking techniques, ideas and recipes to class participants.

The Armatos will offer their first class on antipastos, fried olives and meat and cheese platters. Appropriate wine selection and sampling will be a part of the class also.

The class will be held on Thursday, Feb. 28, from 7-9 p.m. Contact Central Market Deli Department to reserve a place in the class. Cost is \$15 per person with a maximum of 10 people.

## Second half surge carries Mustangs to win over Bulldogs

By Rick Paullus

The sixth-ranked Heppner Mustang varsity boys needed a 38-21 advantage in the second half to pull away from the scrappy Culver Bulldogs and eventually took the win, 57-39, on Saturday, Jan. 12, in Heppner. The win improves the Mustangs' CBC record to 4-0 and their overall record to 11-1. The Mustangs will host Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 18, and will travel to Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 19, for their next games.

Brian Rust hit a short jumper and Michael McCabe hit two free throws to give the Mustangs a 4-1 lead, but the Bulldogs came back to take a 5-4 lead. McCabe hit a free throw to tie it up and

Stefan Matheny hit two free throws to again tie it at 7-7 after one quarter.

Brad Adams hit a free throw to open the second quarter and, after the Bulldogs came back to tie it again, Matheny hit a three-pointer to start a run. Chuy Elguezabal scored on a pass from David Norton who then scored off a steal by Kevin Drake. Matheny made a free throw to make it 16-8 but the Bulldogs made a run themselves to get within 16-14. Adams made a free throw and McCabe scored to make it 19-14, but back came the Bulldogs to cut it to 19-18 at halftime.

Elguezabal hit a running jumper and McCabe scored off an inbounds play to open the

third quarter. Norton then hit two short jumpers. Matheny hit a jumper and Elguezabal scored to make it 31-20. Adams hit a jumper and Matheny hit a free throw as the Mustangs took a 34-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

Norton scored off a drive to open the fourth. The Bulldogs hit a three-pointer, then Matheny hit a short jumper and Norton scored off a rebound to make it 40-27. Culver came back with another three-pointer. Norton hit a rebound basket and McCabe got a steal and a lay-in but the Bulldogs cut the lead to 44-34. Matheny hit a short jumper off a drive. Rust hit a free throw and McCabe had another steal and lay-in. The Bulldogs got within 50-39, but that was the end of

their scoring as Matheny hit four of five free throws, Norton hit one and McCabe scored off a rebound to end the game.

Matheny hit nine of 13 free throws and finished with 18 points, three steals and three rebounds. Norton hit six of 11 shots for 13 points and had five rebounds and two steals. McCabe had 13 points, four rebounds and two steals; Adams had five rebounds and Elguezabal had three assists.

**Statistics**  
Culver: 7 11 6 15 - 39  
Heppner: 7 12 15 23 - 57  
Culver-Lewis 5 4-6 15, Whitaker 4 2-2 12, Herman 3 0-1 6, Cloud 1 0-0 2, Ricketts 1 0-0 2, Dix 1 0-0 2, 15 6-11 39.  
Three-pointers: Whitaker (2), Lewis.  
Heppner: Stefan Matheny 4 9-13 18, David Norton 6 1-2 13, Michael McCabe 5 3-4 13, Chuy Elguezabal 3 0-0 6, Brad Adams 1 2-4 4, Brian Rust 1 1-3 3, Kevin Drake, Josh Winters, 20 16-26 57. Three-pointers: Matheny.

## Ione JV men stun Stanfield



Mike Radie guards Stanfield player

photo by Debbie Radie

Ione junior varsity men stunned Stanfield by handing them a 40-34 loss on Jan. 8.

Ione trailed by three points at the end of the first quarter, gained a two-point lead by the half and then trailed by five points at the end of the third quarter. The Cardinals stepped up their level of play and dumped in 17 points in the fourth quarter to take the win.

Mike Radie led the Ione squad on the scoreboard with 13 points. Radie also contributed three rebounds, and two assists. Nick Christman scored eight points, shot 100 percent at the free throw line, grabbed five rebounds and pilfered one Tiger

possession. Karl Morgan bucketed eight points, seized a team-high of nine rebounds, delivered two assists, swiped one steal and blocked one Stanfield attempt for two points. Cayle Krebs added four points, four rebounds and one steal.

Johnny Collin hit a three-point bucket in the fourth quarter and captured two rebounds. Curtis Thompson scored two points and seized two rebounds. Arthur Ekstrom scored two points and apprehended one rebound. Aiding the Cardinals on the boards were Til Tullis, Jeff Hunt, Tim Doherty, Taylor McElligott, Tyler Raible and Cody Bergstrom.

## Mustang girls nip Eagles

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity girls outscored the Wahtonka Eagles, 6-4, in overtime, to take a 38-36 win at The Dalles on Friday, Jan. 11.

The Mustangs took an 8-2 lead after one but scored just two points in the second quarter as the Eagles took a 12-10 lead at halftime.

Shanna Rietmann scored four points and Meghan Bailey, three, to help the Mustangs regain the lead at 21-20 after three. Bailey scored six points and Rietmann, three, in the fourth, but the Eagles tied the game at 32-32 at the end of regulation. Bailey scored four points and Lacey Matteson made two free throws as the Mustangs escaped with the two-point win.

Bailey led the Mustangs with 15 points and eight rebounds, five of them offensive. Rietmann added seven points, 10 rebounds

and three assists. Tylynn Smith grabbed six rebounds, Kelsey Greenup had five rebounds and Jesse Kempas and Brett Barber each had two steals.

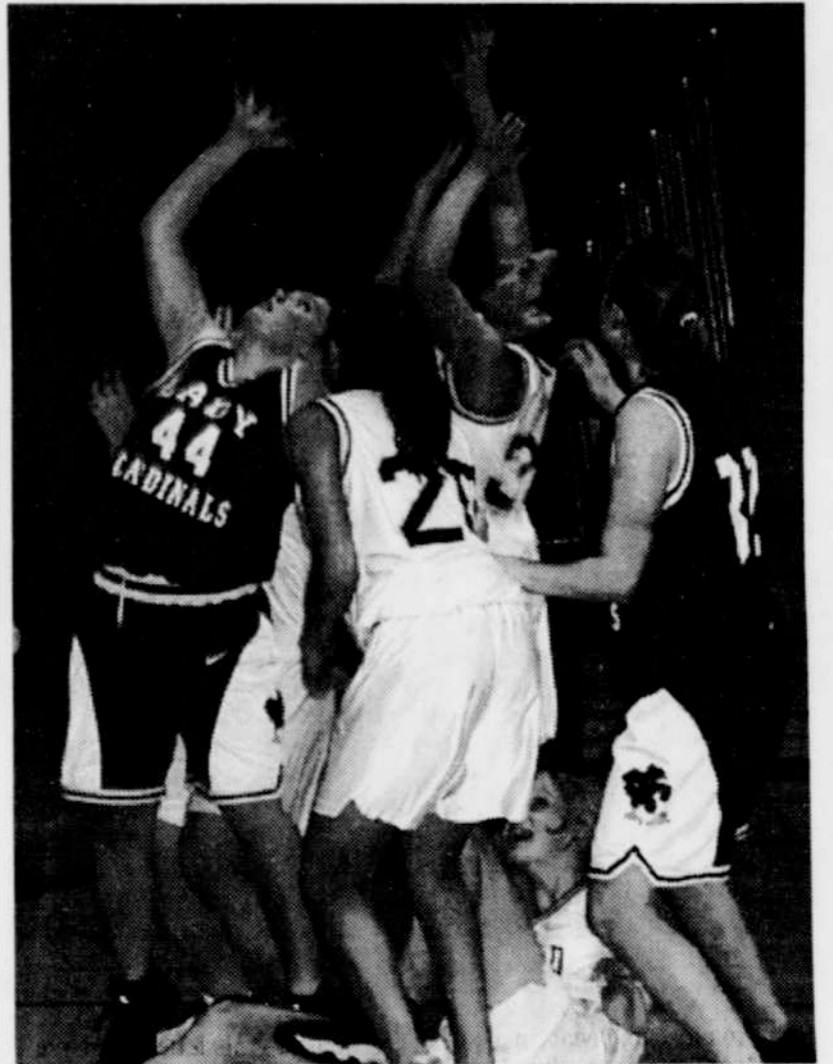
**Statistics**  
Heppner: 8 2 11 11 6 - 38  
Wahtonka: 2 10 8 12 4 - 36  
Heppner-Meghan Bailey 5 5-8 15, Shanna Rietmann 2 3-4 7, Brett Barber 2 1-4 5, Lacey Matteson 1 2-4 4, Tylynn Smith 2 0-0 4, Jesse Kempas 0 2-2 2, Kelsey Greenup 0 1-3 1, Jodie Carlson 12 14-25 38. Three-pointers: none.  
Wahtonka: West 4 7-8 15, Lick 3 1-3 7, Eagy 3 0-0 6, Gonzales 1 1-2 3, Schulz 1 0-0 2, Lewis 0 2-2 2, Aguire 0 1-2 1, 12 12-17 36. Three-pointers: none.

## GEODC to meet

The Greater Eastern Oregon Development Corporation (GEODC) annual membership and board of directors meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 25, at 10 a.m. at the Stetson's Steakhouse in Pendleton.

Those who wish to attend are asked to RSVP at 276-6745

## Cardinal JVs give Tigers victory



Eva Chitty and Sara Peck fight for rebound against Stanfield

photo by Debbie Radie

The Ione Cardinal junior varsity women had a solid lead through the third quarter during their game against the Stanfield Tigers on Jan. 8, but made only four of 10 attempts at the free throw line in the fourth quarter to give the Tigers a 25-26 victory.

Sara Peck scored the team-high of 12 points, brought down four rebounds and seized four steals. Eva Chitty scored four points, netted three rebounds, took over eight Stanfield possessions and delivered one assist. Megan E. McCabe scored four points, grabbed three rebounds and two steals. Barbara Holland

scored two points and captured one rebound. Meghan M. McCabe added two points, four rebounds, one assist and robbed four steals for the Cardinals.

Macarena Esposito scored one point at the free throw line in the fourth quarter. Alyssa Rietmann captured three rebounds and swiped two steals. Assisting the Ione team on the boards were Missy Baker, Katie Hams, Jamie VandenBrink, Kim Morris and Amanda Emery. Contributing to the team larceny were Emily Key with one steal and Alyssa Rietmann with two steals.

## Ione JV girls outscore Cougars

Ione junior varsity girls came out strong in their game against the Echo Cougars on Jan. 11, outscoring the Cougars, 28-16. The Cardinals played exceptional defense, holding the Cougars to single digits throughout most of the first three quarters.

Leading Ione on the scoreboard was Barbara Holland with 10 points, Emily Key with eight points and Alyssa Rietmann with

four points. Meghan McCabe, Sara Peck and Eva Chitty scored two points each. Sara Peck led her team on the boards with eight rebounds. She also delivered one assist and swiped three Cougar possessions. Assisting on the boards were Emily Key, Alyssa Rietmann and Barbara Holland with four rebounds each. Emily Key led the team larceny with 10 steals.

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