

Mustangs hang on to beat Tigers

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys improved to 6-0 in the CBC by hanging on in the third quarter, then making enough plays in the fourth to take a hard-fought 65-55 win over the Stanfield Tigers in Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 19. Next up on the schedule for the sixth-ranked Mustangs, who improved to 13-1 on the year, will be a home game against Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 25, and a road game at Culver on Saturday, Jan. 26.

David Norton scored inside and Michael McCabe hit a three-pointer to get the Mustangs out to a 5-0 lead. Stefan Matheny then scored off a pass from McCabe, Brad Adams hit a jumper, then fed McCabe for a fast break lay-in to make it 11-4. The Tigers got to within 11-9, but Matheny hit two three-pointers to end the first with the Mustangs up, 17-9.

McCabe scored off a rebound and a lay-in to open the second, then scored off a pass from Chuy Elguezabal and a baseline drive and lay-in to make it 25-12. The Tigers got to within 25-19, but Norton hit a jumper, Elguezabal drove the lane for a lay-in, Norton hit another short jumper and Matheny hit another three-pointer to make it 34-24. Elguezabal hit a short jumper to end the first half with the Mustangs leading 36-26.

Norton hit three of four free throws and a short jumper as the Mustangs held a 41-32 lead midway through the third, but the Tigers went on an 8-0 run to get within 41-40. Brian Rust hit a

rebound basket and Norton hit a free throw to end the third with the Mustangs clinging to a 44-40 lead.

Matheny drove the lane for a lay-in, but a three point play by the Tigers got them to within 46-45. That was as close as they got. Matheny had another drive to the basket for a lay-in and a running jumper. Elguezabal got a rebound basket to make it 53-46. Norton hit a turnaround jumper and Elguezabal got a steal and lay-in to make it 57-48. Matheny also got a steal and a lay-in, making the score 59-50, but the Tigers came right back to score. Adams scored off a rebound with 1:15 left, then McCabe hit two free throws and Norton, one, to put the game away.

Matheny hit eight of 15 shots, including three of three from three-point range, finishing with 20 points, plus he had two steals. Norton scored 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds. McCabe scored 13 points, grabbed seven rebounds and had two steals. Elguezabal went four for four from the field for eight points, had seven steals and dished out two assists. Adams had seven rebounds.

Statistics
Heppner: 17 19 8 21 - 65
Stanfield: 9 17 14 15 - 55
Heppner-Stefan Matheny 8 1-3 20,
David Norton 5 5-9 15, Michael McCabe 5 3-4 13, Chuy Elguezabal 4 0-0 8, Brian Rust 2 0-0 5, Brad Adams 2 0-0 4, Kevin Drake 2 6 9 16 65. Three-pointers: Matheny (3), Rust.
Stanfield-Veliz 7 0-4 14, Sherrett 5 1-2 11, Haines 3 0-0 8, Perches 3 0-0 7, Cearns 3 1-1 7, Flemmer 1 3-4 5, Abercrombie 1 0-0 3. 23 5-11 55. Three-pointers: Haines (2), Perches, Abercrombie.

Mustang JV boys split

By Rick Paullus

After suffering their first loss in two years on Friday, Jan. 18, to the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots, 40-39, the Mustangs JV boys rebounded with a 42-33 win at Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 19, to up their record to 9-1 on the year. The Mustangs will host Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 25, before traveling to Culver on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Josh Winters hit a three-pointer in the first quarter, but the Mustangs found themselves down 11-7 after one. Donald Adams scored six points and Brian Smith, four, as the Mustangs came back to tie it up at 19-19 at halftime.

Justin Botefuhr had four points in the third, but the Tigerscots took a 33-31 lead into the fourth. Conor Kilkenny scored to tie it and Adams scored on a lay-in to put the Mustangs up 35-33. Winters had a steal and lay-in to put the Mustangs up 37-36 with 1:40 left. Brandon Seitz scored off a nice pass from Adams to make it 39-36 with 1:10 left. The Tigerscots got to within one with 15 seconds left and took the lead with :02.4 left to steal the win.

Winters led the Mustangs with 11 points, Adams had eight and Botefuhr and Smith each had six points.

The Mustangs hurt themselves by hitting only four of 16 free throws.

Statistics
Weston-McEwen: 11 8 14 7 - 40
Heppner: 7 12 12 8 - 39
Weston-McEwen-Froese 6 0-0 12,
King 6 0-0 12, Brito 1 5-8 7, Greenwalt 1 1-2 3, Watson 1 0-0 2, Allen 1 0-0 2, Sheard 1 0-0 2. 17 6-10 40. Three-pointers: none.
Heppner: Josh Winters 3 2-4 11, Donald Adams 4 0-1 8, Justin Botefuhr 2 2-4 6, Brian Smith 1 0-4 6, Tanner Britt 1 0-1 2, Conor Kilkenny 1 0-2 2, Brandon Seitz 1 0-0 2, Tyler Lovgren 1 0-0 2, Brian Hagewood 1 0-0 2, Doug Orwick 17 4-16 39. Three-pointers: Winters.

The Mustangs fell behind Stanfield, 16-14, after one but held the Tigers to just two second quarter points to take a 20-18 lead at halftime.

Kyler Lovgren had six third quarter points to help the Mustangs to a 32-24 lead going into the fourth. The Tigers got to within two points, but Adams hit

Ione girls' varsity easily beats Cascade Locks

Ione Cardinal girls' varsity squad easily defeated Cascade Locks, 63-20, on Jan. 18.

Natalie McElligott was hot from the three-point territory, hitting three of five attempts and leading the Cardinals with 23 points. McElligott also contributed eight rebounds, six steals and five assists to her team's credentials. Amellia Peck continues to be a consistent factor to the Lady Cardinals, "always giving 150 percent and never giving up." Peck scored 19 points, led the team on the boards with 12 rebounds, grabbed three steals and delivered five assists.

Diana McElligott contributed six points, apprehended two rebounds and three steals. Salli

McElligott scored five points, brought down one rebound, delivered one assist and swiped one Pirate possession. Barb Holland scored four points, captured five rebounds, blocked one shot attempt and made two steals.

Kristina Powell scored four points, acquired six rebounds, blocked two shot attempts, swiped one Pirate possession and delivered one assist. Cyndi Heagy scored two points, seized four rebounds, two steals and delivered one assist. Also helping the team on the boards were Tracy Griffith with five rebounds, Emily Key with three rebounds and Caitlin Orem with two rebounds. Key and Orem each had one steal to aid the Cardinal thievery.

Ione JV boys defeat Dufur

Ione Cardinal JV boys defeated Dufur, 38-31, on Saturday, Jan. 12.

With Ione trailing the Rangers 5-8, Curtis Thompson swiped a Ranger possession with 10 seconds left in the first quarter, passed the ball to Mike Radie who canned a basket to close the lead to one point at the end of the first quarter, 7-8. Ione men let up their defenses in the second quarter allowing the Rangers to lead 14-19 at the half.

Early in the third quarter, Nick Christman grabbed an offensive rebound, put it back up for two points and drew a foul, making one point at the free throw line to close the lead to 17-19.

Mike Radie and Nick Christman led the Cardinal men with seven points each. Radie

also pulled down four rebounds and seized three Ranger possessions. Christman apprehended five rebounds, delivered one assist and accumulated two steals. Jeff Hunt scored five points, brought down six rebounds, handed off one assist and swiped one Dufur possession. Tyler Raible scored four points, captured five rebounds and one steal. Curtis Thompson added four points, one rebound and two steals to his team's effort.

Cayle Krebs scored two points, led the team with seven rebounds, handed out two assists and robbed three Ranger possessions. Arthur Ekstrom scored two points in the second quarter. Also aiding the Cardinal larceny were Til Tullis, Tim Doherty and Cody Bergstrom with one steal each.

JV boys defeat Cascade Locks

Ione Cardinal junior varsity men defeated Cascade Locks in two quarters on Friday, Jan. 18, 25-12.

Nick Christman led the Cardinals with nine points, four rebounds, one assist and three steals. Cayle Krebs had outstanding play, donating six points, 10 rebounds and two steals. Mike Radie scored three points, handed out one assist and

swiped two Pirate possessions. Tyler Raible scored three points, brought down five rebounds and delivered one assist. Billy Gates dumped in two points, two rebounds and handed off one assist. Karl Morgan scored two points and apprehended four rebounds. Till Tullis donated two rebounds to the Cardinal team effort. Coach Jim Swanson commented that the boys played hard and all members had a good game.

Cardinal JV girls dominate Cascade Locks

Ione Cardinal junior varsity women totally dominated Cascade Locks in two quarters on Friday, Jan. 18. The Cardinals defeated the Pirates, 40-9.

Sara Peck and Barbara Holland each scored eight points to lead the team on the scoreboard. Peck also grabbed three rebounds

and absconded three Pirate possessions. Megan E. McCabe played excellent offense, dumping in six points. Emily Key scored four points, swiped five Pirate possessions and delivered two assists. Meghan M. McCabe scored four points, delivered two assists and captured three rebounds. Caitlin Orem added four points and Tracy Griffith added two points to the Cardinal scoreboard. Eva Chitty scored four points, delivered two assists and robbed three Cascade Locks possessions.

JV men handed tough loss

Ione Cardinal junior varsity men were handed a tough loss on Saturday, Jan. 19. In what was a tight game, Ione succumbed to South Wasco County, 40-41. The Cardinals were ahead, 40-39, with six seconds remaining in the game, when the Redsidies scored two points to take the lead. Ione had possession of the ball with one second remaining but was unable to get Nick Christman's shot to fall.

Christman led the team with 15 points, four rebounds, two assists and two steals. Tyler Raible dumped in nine points, apprehended five rebounds, one steal and handed out two assists. Jeff Hunt scored six points, captured seven rebounds, one steal and one assist. Mike Radie hit a three-point bucket in the first quarter, grabbed two rebounds, two steals and passed out three assists.

Cody Bergstrom also canned a three-point shot in the second quarter, grabbed two rebounds and two steals. Cayle Krebs donated two points, led the team on the boards with eight rebounds, delivered two assists and pilfered one Redside possession. Curtis Thompson scored two points and brought down two rebounds for his team.

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JV girls win two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls had two convincing wins over the weekend, beating the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots, 47-29, on Friday, Jan. 18, in Heppner, and the Stanfield Tigers, 37-18, in Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 19. The wins improved their record to 9-2 on the year. The Mustangs will host Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 25 and will travel to Culver on Saturday, Jan. 26, for their next games.

Madison Bailey hit a three-pointer in the first quarter to help the Mustangs to a 7-7 tie at the end of one against the Tigerscots. Brooke Rust scored six points and Nikki Sisk hit a three-pointer in the second quarter as the Mustangs took a 20-13 lead at halftime.

Chelsea Britt scored four points in the third as the Mustangs kept up the pressure and increased the lead to 30-18 after three. Stefanie Hanson had five fourth quarter points, Britt hit three of four free throws and Blair Keithley had three points as the Mustangs extended their lead and coasted to the win.

Hanson had nine points and nine rebounds, with Britt scoring nine points and grabbing five rebounds. Rust had six points and Bailey had five points and five rebounds.

Statistics
Weston-McEwen: 7 6 5 11 - 29
Heppner: 7 13 10 17 - 47
Weston-McEwen-Thompson 3 1-2 7,
Todd 3 1-2 7, Miller 3 0-0 6, Rideout 2 0-0 4, Rauch 1 0-1 2, McBean 1 0-0 2, Kyles 0 1-3 1, 13 3-8 29. Three-pointers: none.
Heppner-Stefanie Hanson 3 3-5 9,
Chelsea Britt 3 3-4 9, Brooke Rust 3 0-0 6,
Madison Bailey 2 0-0 5, Marcy Miller 2 0-3 4, Tiffany Piper 2 0-2 4, Linsey Mitchell 2 0-0 4, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 3, Blair Keithley 1 1-2 3, Chantea Macaulay, Cara Kennedy, 19 7-16 47. Three-pointers: Bailey, Sisk.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 7-0 lead at Stanfield, only to have the Tigers come back and take an 8-7 lead midway through the second. The Mustangs came back to take a 15-9 lead at halftime with the help of four points from Bailey. Hanson had four points and Britt, three points in the third as the Mustangs increased their lead to 28-18 after three. Rust went four for four from the line and Miller chipped in four points as the Mustangs blanked the Tigers in the fourth, increasing their lead to 37-18.

In a very balanced scoring effort, Bailey had six points, four steals and three rebounds; Rust had six points and six rebounds; Hanson had six points and four steals; and Miller also had six points. Britt had five points and Keithley had four points and four rebounds.

Statistics
Heppner: 7 8 13 9 - 37
Stanfield: 2 7 9 0 - 18
Heppner-Bailey 3 0-0 6, Rust 1 4-5 6,
Hanson 2 2-9 6, Miller 3 0-0 6, Britt 2 1-2 5, Keithley 1 2-2 4, Piper 1 0-0 2,
Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Sisk, Macaulay, Kennedy, 14 9-18 37. Three-pointers: none.
Stanfield-Davis 3 2-6 8, Rodriguez 3 0-2 6,
Sandoval 2 0-2 4, Blackburn 0 0-3 0,
Weatherman 0 0-2 0, Cook 0 0-1 0,
Kammerzell 0 0-1 0, Vassey, Lemmon, 8 2-17 18. Three-pointers: none.

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Births

Jamie Allen Richardson-a son, Jamie Allen, was born to Elizabeth Guerrero and David Richardson of Irrigon on December 27, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 0 oz.

Alyssa Jean Bert-a daughter, Alyssa Jean, was born to Pamela and Alva Bert of Irrigon on December 28, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz.

Jazlyn Romero-a daughter, Jazlyn, was born to Maria and Jose Romero of Irrigon on December 28, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz.

Johona Yamilet Sepulveda Vieyra-a daughter, Johona Yamilet, was born to Maria and Luis Sepulveda of Boardman on December 29, 2001, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz.

Jillian Alice Rudolf-a daughter, Jillian Alice, was born to Allison and Ryan Rudolf of Ione on January 1, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz.

Calvin Edward Metz-a son, Calvin Edward, was born to Melissa and Daniel Metz of Heppner on January 7, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Bradley David Osborne-a son, Bradley David, was born to Michelle and Dwight Osborne of Irrigon on January 9, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz.

Cristian Alexander Rea-a son, Cristian Alexander, was born to Margarita Villegas and Marcello Rea of Boardman on January 15, 2002, at Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz.

Elks Hoop Shoot planned Jan. 27

The local competition for the 30th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot, the national free throw shooting contest for youth ages eight through 13, will be held at the Heppner High School gym on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 5:30 p.m.

Over three million youth from throughout the country entered last year's competition for boys and girls in age categories eight-nine; 10-11; and 12-13. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop. The boy and girl in each age group with the best scores advance through four tiers of competition to qualify for the national finals.

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4-H News

Picture Perfect 4-H Club
By Miranda Hunt, reporter

On Jan. 11, the Picture Perfect 4-H Photography Club met. Members held the meeting in the art room at Ione Elementary School. Members saw how pictures are developed in a dark room. They even got to try developing them.

The club added new members Ashley and Lynzee Sjurset. Members present were Miranda Hunt, Tiana Camarillo, Jordan Graff, Kim Morris, Kaylee Pal-mateer, Emily Rietmann, Kylee Svetich and Tyree Svetich.

The next meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Krebs' lambing camp.

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