

Mustangs take down Tigers 59-46

By Rick Paullus

The sixth-ranked Heppner Mustang boys led from start to finish as they downed the visiting Stanfield Tigers, 59-46, on Saturday, Feb. 9. The win kept the Mustangs in first place in the Columbia Basin Conference with a one-game lead over the Umatilla Vikings at 11 and one, with their overall record going to 18 and two. The Mustangs will play their final home game on Friday, Feb. 15, against the Wahtonka Eagles.

The Mustangs got going early as Michael McCabe hit a running jumper, David Norton hit a long jumper and Stefan Matheny hit a three-pointer to make it 7-2. Brad Adams hit two free throws and Norton hit a short jumper off a drive, but the Tigers hit a three-pointer to get within 11-8. The Mustangs closed the first with a flourish though, as McCabe hit a short jumper, Matheny completed a three-point play and Norton scored off a pass from Josh Winters to make it 18-8.

Norton started the second by converting a three-point play off a steal and Matheny hit a long jumper, but the Tigers scored seven straight points to make it 23-15. Matheny scored off a drive and reverse lay-in, but the Tigers scored five more to make it 25-20. Norton hit two short jumpers off passes from Adams and Matheny hit a running jumper to make it 31-22. Matheny hit one of two free throws and McCabe hit a running jumper to end the half with the Mustangs leading 34-24.

Matheny scored off a baseline drive and McCabe hit a lay-in on an inbounds play from Brian Rust to make it 38-27. After a three-pointer by the Tigers, Norton hit a long jumper on the

baseline, but the Tigers came back with five straight points to get within 40-35. Rust hit a three-pointer but the Tigers scored to end the third to trail 43-27 going into the fourth.

Norton and McCabe each hit two free throws to open the fourth and, after a Tiger free throw, the Mustangs put the game away as Matheny hit a three-pointer from the corner and Kevin Drake hit a long three-pointer and two free throws to make it 55-38. Drake hit two more free throws and Winters hit two. The Tigers hit two late three-pointers to make the final 59-46.

Matheny led the Mustangs with 18 points, five rebounds and two steals. Norton hit eight of 17 shots for 17 points, had seven rebounds, five of them offensive, and three steals. McCabe hit four of seven shots for 10 points and grabbed five rebounds. Adams had 11 rebounds, five offensive, and had two assists. Rust had two steals.

The Mustangs had another good game from the line, hitting 15 of 21 free throws.

Statistics
Stanfield: 8 16 13 9 - 46
Heppner: 18 14 9 16 - 59

Stanfield-Veliz 5 2-2 15, Haines 3 1-2 7, Sherritt 3 1-2 7, C. Perches 2 1-2 7, Flemmer 2 0-0 4, Abercrombie 1 0-0 3, R. Perches 1 0-0 3, 17-5-8-46. Three-pointers: Veliz (3), C. Perches (2), Abercrombie, R. Perches.

Heppner-Stefan Matheny 7 2-6 18, David Norton 7 3-3 17, Michael McCabe 4 2-2 10, Kevin Drake 1 4-4 7, Brian Rust 1 0-0 3, Brad Adams 0 2-2 2, Josh Winters 0 2-2 2, Luke Murray 0 0-0 2, Sam VanLiew, Donald Adams. 20 15-21 59. Three-pointers: Matheny (2), Rust, Drake.

Mustang JV boys rebound for split

By Rick Paullus

After another close, disappointing loss to the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots, the Heppner Mustang JV boys rebounded for a 60-40 win over the Stanfield Tigers. The Mustangs lost, 63-51, in overtime in Athena on Friday, Feb. 8, for only their second loss in two seasons, both of them to the Tigerscots, but led from the start against the Tigers in Heppner on Saturday, Feb. 9, to run their record to 14 and 2 on the year.

The Mustangs took an 11-6 lead after one against the Tigerscots, getting four points from Conor Kilkenny and three from Luke Murray. They extended their lead to 27-20 at halftime, getting five points each from Brandon Seitz and Justin Botefuhr, and still led 35-28 going into the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs held a 49-43 lead with 1:40 left but the Tigerscots whittled it down and finally tied it at 51-51 by making two free throws with :06 left. The Tigerscots made eight of 11 free throws in the overtime period while the Mustangs were held scoreless.

Murray and Botefuhr each scored 10 points to lead the Mustangs in scoring with Kilkenny adding eight points and Seitz, seven. Tanner Britt and Josh Winters scored five points each.

Statistics
Heppner: 11 16 8 16 0 - 51
Weston-McEwen 6 14 8 23 12 - 63

Heppner-Luke Murray 2 6-9 10, Justin Botefuhr 4 2-4 10, Conor Kilkenny 3 2-2 8, Brandon Seitz 2 3-3 7, Josh Winters 2 1-2 5, Tanner Britt 1 3-6 5, Brian Smith 1 2-8 4, Donald Adams 1 0-0 2, Kyler Lovgren 0 0-2 0, Brian Haguwood, Doug Orwick. 16 19-36 51. Three-pointers: none.

Mustang girls fall to Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus

A 20-point deficit at the free throw line was too much for the Heppner Mustang girls to overcome as they fell to the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots, 64-57, on Friday, Feb. 8, in Athena. The Tigerscots hit 27 of 35 from the line compared to the Mustangs' seven of 13. The Mustangs remained one game ahead of the Tigerscots in the Columbia Basin Conference at six and five, in fourth place, with their overall record falling to 10 and nine for the year.

Meghan Bailey got the Mustangs off to a good start by nailing a three-pointer, and two jumpers from Jodie Carlson made it 7-6 midway through the first. A lay-in by Tylynn Smith on a nice pass from Jesse Kempas and two free throws from Bailey gave the Mustangs an 11-9 lead, but the Tigerscots scored the last five points of the quarter to take a 14-11 lead after one.

Smith opened the second by scoring off a drive, then Carlson hit a jumper off an assist from Brett Barber to give the Mustangs a 15-14 lead. Madison Bailey scored off a drive to make it 17-16. Meghan Bailey scored off a nice pass from Brooke Rust, then returned the favor by feeding Rust for a lay-in to make it 21-18. The Tigerscots came back to take a 22-21 lead, but Madison Bailey scored off a baseline drive and lay-in to make it 23-22, and Kelsey Greenup hit a running jumper to make it 25-24. The Tigerscots scored six straight points before Madison Bailey made two free throws to cut the lead to 30-27 at halftime.

The Tigerscots extended their lead to 34-27 to open the third, but Shanna Rietmann hit a rebound basket and Barber scored off a drive to cut the lead to 34-31. Two free throws and a three-pointer by the Tigerscots made it 39-31 before Carlson scored off a rebound. Another basket by the Tigerscots made it 41-33, but Smith scored inside and Stefanie Hanson scored off an assist from Barber to cut the lead to 41-37. Barber hit a three-pointer and Rietmann made one of two free

throws to cut the lead to 43-41, but the Tigerscots extended their lead to 45-41 after three.

Greenup converted a three point play to open the fourth and cut the lead to one. After four straight points by the Tigerscots, Rietmann converted a three-point play and Smith scored off a rebound to tie the game at 49-49 with 3:20 left. Four free throws and a basket by the Tigerscots gave them a 55-49 lead, but Meghan Bailey hit a long three-pointer to make it 55-52 with 1:50 left.

The Tigerscots made three of four free throws, Carlson hit a rebound basket, and two more free throws by the Tigerscots made it 60-54. Madison Bailey came back with a three-pointer to make it 60-57 with :40 left. The Tigerscots made four of six free throws down the stretch to close out the scoring.

Meghan Bailey and Carlson each finished with 10 points to lead a balanced scoring effort by the Mustangs. Bailey grabbed five rebounds and had two assists, while Carlson grabbed five rebounds. Madison Bailey chipped in nine points and had two assists. Smith had eight points and four rebounds. Rietmann had six points and six rebounds in limited playing time due to foul trouble. Kempas had four rebounds and two assists and Barber had two assists.

Statistics
Heppner: 11 16 14 16 - 57
Weston-McEwen: 14 16 15 19 - 64

Heppner-Meghan Bailey 3 2-2 10, Jodie Carlson 5 0-3 10, Madison Bailey 3 2-2 9, Tylynn Smith 4 0-2 8, Shanna Rietmann 2 2-3 6, Brett Barber 2 0-0 5, Kelsey Greenup 2 1-1 5, Brooke Rust 1 0-0 2, Stefanie Hanson 1 0-0 2, Jesse Kempas, Nikki Sisk. 23 7-13 57. Three-pointers: Me. Bailey (2), Barber, Ma. Bailey.

Weston-McEwen-Johnson 5 12-15 23, Bennett 5 5-9 15, Paredes 4 4-5 12, Winn 3 0-0 6, Schoonover 1 0-0 2, Todd 0 2-2 2, Darcy Thompson 0 2-2 2, Darlene Thompson 0 2-2 18 27-35 64. Three-pointer: Johnson.

Mustangs jump on Tigerscots early for win

By Rick Paullus

The sixth-ranked Heppner Mustang boys' varsity held a 30-6 advantage early in the second quarter and carried it to a 69-47 win over the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Friday, Feb. 8, in Athena. The win kept the Mustangs in first place in the Columbia Basin Conference with a 10 and 1 record and improved their overall record to 17 and two.

The Mustangs scored early and often in the first as Michael McCabe hit a long jumper and Stefan Matheny hit a baseline jumper. After a three-point play by the Tigerscots, McCabe hit two free throws and Matheny scored off a drive and hit a long jumper to make it 10-3. Matheny hit two three-pointers and David Norton hit a baseline jumper for an 18-4 lead. Matheny hit a three-pointer from about 35 feet at the buzzer for a 21-6 lead after one. Matheny hit six of six shots in the first for 15 points.

Kevin Drake opened the second by making two free throws and hitting a three-pointer. Matheny hit a running jumper and McCabe made two free throws to make it 30-6 early in the second. The Tigerscots outscored the Mustangs, 14-2, before Matheny hit a three-pointer and Norton hit a short jumper to make it 37-20. The Tigerscots wouldn't quit though, scoring the last seven points of the second to get within 37-26 at halftime.

The Tigerscots scored the first four points of the third before Brian Rust and Brad Adams each made a free throw. A three-point play by the Tigerscots made it 39-33. Matheny hit two free

throws, the Tigerscots answered, then Rust hit two three-pointers to make it 47-35. Matheny scored off a fast break to end the third with the Mustangs leading 49-37.

McCabe scored off a drive then converted a three-point play to make it 54-38. McCabe then made two of three free throws, Rust, one of two, and Norton, two of two, to extend the lead to 59-39. McCabe scored on a rebound, Josh Winters hit a three-pointer and Sam VanLiew hit a jumper to make it 66-41. Winters made a free throw and Norton made two to close out the scoring to make the final 69-47.

Matheny hit nine of 13 shots, eight for eight in the first half, to finish with 25 points and had seven rebounds. McCabe hit four of eight shots and seven of eight free throws for 15 points, four rebounds and three steals. Norton had nine points and five rebounds. Rust had eight points. Drake had six rebounds and VanLiew had three blocked shots.

The Mustangs hit 21 of 33 free throws as a team.

Statistics
Heppner: 21 16 12 20 - 69
Weston-McEwen: 6 20 11 10 - 47

Heppner-Stefan Matheny 9 3-7 25, Michael McCabe 4 7-8 15, David Norton 2 5-6 9, Brian Rust 2 2-4 8, Kevin Drake 1 2-2 5, Josh Winters 1 1-4 4, Sam VanLiew 1 0-0 2, Brad Adams 0 1-2 1, Donald Adams, Luke Murray. 20 21-33 69. Three-pointers: Matheny (4), Rust (2), Drake, Winters.

Weston-McEwen-Jorgenson 5 5-8 15, Johnson 5 5-7 15, Parrish 1 3-5 6, Sheard 1 0-0 3, King 1 1-1 3, Delph 1 0-0 2, Langford 1 0-0 2, Duncan 0 1-2 1, Allen 0 0-2 0, Tucker. 15 15-25 47. Three-pointers: Parrish, Sheard.

JV girls split over weekend

By Rick Paullus

A huge second quarter propelled the Heppner Mustang JV girls to a 41-25 win over the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Friday, Feb. 8, in Athena, but they fell behind the Stanfield Tigers at home and couldn't quite come back, losing 41-35 on Saturday, Feb. 9. The Mustangs' record now stands at 13 and four on the year, with a home game against Wahtonka on Feb. 15 for their last game of the year.

The Tigerscots took a 4-2 lead after one, but the Mustangs came out firing in the second, getting seven points, including a three-pointer, from Madison Bailey, four points each from Brooke Rust and Chelsea Britt, and a three-pointer from Nikki Sisk to take a 22-11 lead at halftime.

Tiffany Piper scored six points in the third as the Mustangs increased their lead to 30-17 and extended their lead in the fourth, getting five points from Rust and four more from Britt to win 41-25.

Rust finished with nine points, six steals and five rebounds, with Britt scoring eight points and grabbing four rebounds. Bailey had seven points, six steals, five rebounds and three assists. Piper had six points and three steals. Stefanie Hanson had eight steals, Sisk had three steals, and Chantea Macaulay had four rebounds.

Statistics
Heppner: 2 20 8 11 - 41
Weston-McEwen: 4 7 6 8 - 25

Heppner-Brooke Rust 4 1-2 9, Chelsea Britt 4 0-3 8, Madison Bailey 3 0-0 7, Tiffany Piper 3 0-0 6, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 3, Marcy Miller 1 0-0 2, Chantea Macaulay 1 0-0 2, Terra Wilson 1 0-0 2, Stefanie Hanson 1 0-2 2, Blake Allstott, Jessica Woodward. 19 1-7 41. Three-pointers: Bailey, Sisk.

Weston-McEwen-Ranch 3 2-2 8, Miller 2 1-2 5, Todd 1 2-9 4, Thompson 1 1-7 3, Spino 1 1-2 3, McBean 1 0-0 2, Kyles, Froese, Rideout, Britney, Nichols, Richmond. 9 7-22 25. Three-pointers: none.

Hanson had six points and Rust, three, as the Mustangs trailed 10-9 after one, but fell behind 22-14 at halftime. Hanson scored another six points in the third and Rust added three, but the Mustangs still trailed 36-27 going into the fourth. Bailey rallied the Mustangs, hitting a three-pointer to get them within 39-35, but could get no closer as they fell 41-35.

Hanson finished with 12 points and two steals, with Rust adding seven points and 10 rebounds. Bailey had five points and two assists. Linsey Mitchell had six rebounds, Britt, five rebounds, and Sisk had three steals.

Statistics
Stanfield: 10 12 14 5 - 41
Heppner: 9 5 13 8 - 35

Stanfield-Rodriguez 6 1-2 13, Davis 5 0-2 13, Kammerzell 3 2-4 8, Cook 2 1-3 5, Weatherman 1 0-0 2, Vassey. 17 5-11 41. Three-pointers: Davis (3).

Heppner-Hanson 6 0-4 12, Rust 2 3-6 7, Bailey 2 0-0 5, Miller 1 2-2 4, Piper 0 2-2 2, Macaulay 1 0-0 2, Linsey Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Britt 0 1-2 1, Sisk, Blair Keithley. 13 8-16 35. Three-pointer: Bailey.



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