

## Mustang girls dropped by Blue Devils

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity had their pre-season record evened at 1-1 by dropping a 59-40 decision to the Condon Blue Devils on Friday, Dec. 6 in Condon. The Mustangs will try to get back on the winning track against Riverside at Heppner on Friday, Dec. 13 and will play at Mac-Hi on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The Blue Devils took a 16-9 lead after one, helped by hitting nine of 15 free throws in the first and six of 10 free throws in the second quarter to extend their lead to 28-19 at halftime despite 11 points, including three three-pointers from Lacey Matteson.

Chelsea Britt scored five points in the third but the Blue Devils took a 38-26 lead after three and coasted to the win by hitting 13 of 18 free throws in the fourth despite 11 points from Matteson who hit all eight of her free throws in the quarter.

Matteson led scorers with 24 points, 13 rebounds and had two steals. Britt added seven points and nine rebounds while Brooke Rust had four rebounds and a steal. Nikki Sisk had three rebounds and a steal and Madison Bailey had two steals.

The Blue Devils hit 29 of 47 free throws for the game compared to the Mustangs 16 of 24.

Heppner 9 10 7 14-40  
Condon 16 12 10 21-59

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 6-8-8 24, Chelsea Britt 2-3-6 7, Tylynn Smith 1-1-2 3, Nikki Sisk 1-0-1 2, Stefanie Hanson 0-2-3 2, Jesse

Kempas 0-2-2 2, Brooke Rust 0-0-2 0, Madison Bailey, Shanna Rietmann, Susan Southworth, Linsey Mitchell and Tiffany Piper. 10 16-24 40 3-pt.: Matteson 4.

Condon: Jessica Snyder 7 1-2 15, Haylee Farrar 3 6-8 14, Angela Anderson 2-9-13 13, Katee Humphrey 2 6-10 10, Janet McElligott 0 3-4 3, Norie Winters 0 3-4 3, Sharon Hawk 0 1-4 1 and Kristin Aamodt 0 0-2 0. 14 29-47 59 3-pt.: Farrar 2.

## Mustang JV girls beat Blue Devils

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls opened their season with a 29-19 win at Condon over the Blue Devils on Friday, Dec. 6 using a 15-4 advantage in the third quarter and then hanging on for the win.

The Mustangs will be in action again at home against Riverside on Friday, Dec. 13 before playing at Mac-Hi on Saturday, Dec. 14.

The Mustangs struggled in a tight first quarter trailing 5-4 after one but rallied in the second to take a 10-6 lead at halftime. Blair Keithley and Terra Wilson each scored three points in the third quarter helping the Mustangs to a 25-10 lead going into the fourth quarter. The Blue Devils outscored the Mustangs 9-4 in the fourth but it wasn't enough as the Mustangs held on for the win.

Keithley led a balanced scoring attack with five points and seven rebounds with Tiffany Piper scoring four points and getting three steals. Krystal Nairns and Heather Yocom each scored four points. Laurie Murray grabbed seven

## Mustangs score over Condon

By Rick Paullus

Using a 20-point advantage at the free throw line, the Heppner Mustang boys' varsity moved to 2-0 on the year by beating the Condon Blue Devils 52-45 in Condon on Friday, Dec. 6.

The Mustangs will be back in action on Friday, Dec. 13 with their first home game of the year against Riverside and will be back on the road on Saturday, Dec. 14 at Mac-Hi.

The Mustangs jumped out to an 11-4 lead after one

getting five points from Brad Adams and extended it to 27-16 at the half getting six more from Adams and Brian Haguewood hit five of six free throws in the second.

The Blue Devils came back in the third but the Mustangs hit eight of 14 free throws to take a 37-31 lead into the fourth. The Mustangs got four points each from Justin Botefuhr and Adams and three from Luke Murray and as a team they hit nine of 14 free throws to hold off the Blue Devils and take the win.

Brad Adams led the Mustangs with 18 points and 17 rebounds, 10 of them offensive. Chuy Elguezabal and Luke Murray each scored seven points and Haguewood finished with six points and grabbed three rebounds. Donald Adams scored six points and grabbed four rebounds, while Botefuhr pulled down six rebounds.

The Mustangs hit 26 of 42 free throws from the game compared to six of 14 for the Blue Devils.

Heppner 11 16 10 15-52

Condon 4 12 15 14-45  
Heppner: Brad Adams 6-6-11 18, Luke Murray 3 1-2 7, Chuy Elguezabal 1 5-9 7, Donald Adams 2 2-2 6, Brian Haguewood 0 6-8 6, Justin Botefuhr 1 2-2 4, Connor Kilkenny 0 2-4 2, Brian Smith 0 2-4 2, Josh Winters, Tanner Britt, Doug Orwick and Aaron Griffith. 13 26-42 52 3-pt.: none

Condon: Zack Lantis 6 1-2 13, Riley Anderson 5 1-4 11, Josh Wright 2 0-0 6, Ted Smith 1 2-5 5, Kyle Barnett 1 2-3 4, Andrew Kilgore 1 0-0 2, Trene Humphrey 2 0-0 4, David Bednar, Justin Fennem, Clint Griffith and Jason Watkins. 18 6-14 45 3-pt.: Wright 2, Smith.

## NASS to conduct agriculture census

Farm and ranch operators in Oregon, and across America, are about to participate in the nation's largest, most detailed statistical portrait of U.S. agriculture - the 2002 Census of Agriculture. Conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) every five years, the census provides a comprehensive portrait of agriculture at the county, state and national levels, and is the only source of detailed demographic data on the farm population.

"Farmers and ranchers will receive the 2002 Census of Agriculture forms in late December to collect data for the 2002 calendar year. Factual information is critical for use in farm program development and implementation, and for many other purposes which directly impact the agricultural community. It is important for Oregon producers to return their completed forms by Feb. 3, 2003, as we want to make sure that Oregon agriculture is accurately represented in the final census results," said a spokesperson.

Data provided by individual farmers and ranchers are held strictly confidential by law (Title 7, U.S. Code). Statistical results are totaled and published only in geographical summaries to prevent identification of individual operations.

New questions added for the 2002 census will collect information on multiple operators per farm, production contracts, certified organic acreage, grain storage capacity, computer and Internet use, and the number of bison, deer, elk, llamas, emus and ostriches. Other questions will be similar to those asked in previous censuses and will focus on key information such as acreage and land use, operator characteristics, crop and livestock production and agricultural product sales.

Twenty percent of operators will also be asked about production expenses, fertilizers and chemicals, machinery and equipment, market value of land and buildings, and farm labor. Report forms are tailored by region to make them less burdensome and more relevant to respondents in different parts of the country.

A farm, for census purposes, is any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products were produced and sold or normally would have been sold during the census year. Because a key strength of the census is providing detailed facts about all farms, every response counts whether from a large or very small operation. By responding completely and accurately, farmers and ranchers can make the 2002 Census of Agriculture an effective tool to help chart the future of their industry.

To find results from the 1997 Census of Agriculture, plus a wealth of current statistics on agriculture, visit [www.usda.gov/nass/](http://www.usda.gov/nass/). Results from the 2002 Census of Agriculture will be released on Feb. 3, 2004.

The timetable for the census is: Dec. 16 - over 3.2 million report forms will be mailed across the country. More than 51,000 will be destined for Oregon farmers and ranchers, requesting a reply by Feb. 3. In February and March 2003, anyone who did not reply in time to meet the Feb. 3 due date will be contacted by phone or in person. On Feb. 3, 2004, final results for the 2002 Agricultural Census will be published.

rebounds, Lynan Bingham had six rebounds, Linsey Mitchell had four rebounds and three steal and Wilson had three rebounds and two steals.

Heppner 4 6 15 4-29  
Condon 5 1 4 9-19

Heppner: Blair Keithley 2 1-4 5, Tiffany Piper 2 0-0 4, Krystal Nairns 2 0-0 4, Heather Yocom 2 0-0 4, Terra Wilson 1 1-2 3, Katie Britt 1 0-0 2, Laurie Murray 1 0-0 2, Lynan Bingham 1 0-0 2, Chelsey Betsinger 1 0-0 2, Amy Jepsen and Krista Hendricks. 13 3-8 29 3-pt.: none

Condon: Barnett 1 3-5 5, McCall 1 2-7 4, McElligott 1 2-4 4, Kilgore 0 3-6 3, Harsin 1 0-2 2, Stark 0 1-2 1, Reser and Potter. 4 11-26 19 3-pt.: none



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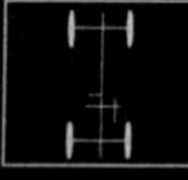
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