

Mustang girls rally past Eagles

By Rick Paullus
After falling behind in the first quarter, the Heppner Mustang girls' varsity exploded past the Hood River Valley Eagles JV girls 61-37 on Saturday, Dec. 28 to improve to 3-5 on the year. The Mustangs outscored the Eagles 42-19 in the second and third quarters using their press to frustrate the Eagles into numerous turnovers. The Mustangs have two non-league games remaining before beginning the Columbia Basin Conference at Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 10 and at home against Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Stefanie Hanson scored first for the Mustangs on a pass from Lacey Matteson but the Eagles came back to take a 6-2 lead. Matteson tied on a lay-in on a pass from Madison Bailey and two free throws. The Eagles came back with two free throws but the Mustangs came back to take a 10-8 lead after one, on a free throw from Chelsea Britt and a three-point play by Matteson.

After Matteson hit a short jumper to open the second quarter the Eagles got to within 12-11 but the Mustangs came back with a 20-4 run to end the half with a 32-15 lead. Matteson scored off a drive, Bailey made a free throw and a rebound basket. Jesse Kempas hit a 3-pointer, Nikki Sisk made a free throw and Matteson hit two free throws and two lay-ins and Kempas hit another 3-pointer to end the quarter.

The Mustangs didn't let up in the third as Tylenn Smith hit a jumper, Kempas hit a long jumper, Smith scored off a

rebound and hit a lay-in on a pass from Kempas, Hanson made a lay-in and Kempas hit another 3-pointer to make it 45-19. Britt scored off a pass from Sisk and hit two free throws and Smith hit a long 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Mustangs a comfortable 52-27 lead going into the fourth.

Smith scored off a rebound, Hanson hit two free throws, Matteson hit a jumper and Britt made a free throw and scored at the buzzer to make the final 61-37.

Matteson led the Mustangs with 21 points, five rebounds, four steals and two assists. Kempas had 11 points, five rebounds and two assists. Smith had 11 points and six rebounds. Britt had eight points and four rebounds and Hanson had six points, four steals and two assists. Bailey had five rebounds, four steals and two assists, while Susan Southworth had five rebounds and Sisk had four rebounds.

Heppner 10 22 20 9-61
Hood River 8 7 12 10-37

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 8 5-7 21, Jesse Kempas 4 0-0 11, Tylenn Smith 5 0-5 11, Chelsea Britt 2 4-7 8, Stefanie Hanson 2 2-3 6, Madison Bailey 1 1-2 3, Nikki Sisk 0 1-3 1 and Susan Southworth. Team: 22 13-27 61
3-pt.: Kempas 3 and Smith.

Hood River Valley: Drapes 8 2-2 18, Flem 4 1-2 9, Delepine 2 0-2 4, Monahan 0 2-2 2, Munoz 1 0-0 2, Flory 1 0-0 2, Herman 0 0-2 0, Elliott 0 0-1 0 and Pritchett. Team: 16 5-11 37
3-pt.: none

Mustang JV girls rally to beat Cardinals

By Rick Paullus
Trailing 11-6 after the first quarter, the Heppner Mustang JV girls outscored Ione 25-10 in the second and third quarters to beat the Cardinals 37-31 on Thursday, Dec. 19 in Ione. The Mustangs, now 3-2 on the year will play Riverside in Boardman on Friday, Jan. 3 at 3 p.m. and against the Hermiston Frosh on Monday, Jan. 6.

The Mustangs got four points from Blair Keithley in the first but still trailed 11-6. However, they outscored the Cardinals 12-2 in the second getting six points from Lindsey Mitchell to take an 18-13 halftime lead.

Mitchell and Lyman Bingham each had four points in the third as the Mustangs extended their lead to 31-21 after three and got four points from Laurie Murray in the fourth as they held off the Cardinals.

Mitchell led the Mustangs with 10 points and had three

assists while Murray added seven points and five rebounds. Keithley had six points, seven rebounds and two assists, Terra Wilson had four rebounds, two assists and two steals, Katie Britt had three assists and two steals and Heather Yocom had two steals and two assists.

Heppner 6 12 13 6-37
Ione 11 2 8 10-31

Heppner: Lindsey Mitchell 5 0-0 10, Laurie Murray 3 1-2 7, Blair Keithley 3 0-1 6, Lyman Bingham 2 0-1 4, Terra Wilson 1 1-4 3, Heather Yocom 1 1-1 3, Tiffany Piper 1 0-0 2, Katie Britt 1 0-0 2, Krystal Nairns, Amy Jepsen, Krista Hendricks and Chelsey Betsinger. Team: 17 3-8 37
3-pt.: none

Ione: Grams 6 2-7 14, Griffith 2 0-0 5, Rietmann 2 0-2 4, Key 1 0-0 2, Chitty 1 0-0 2, Morris 1 0-2 2, Baker 1 0-0 2, Bailey and Emery. Team: 14 2-11 31
3-pt.: Griffith.

Mustang girls take third

By Rick Paullus
After a heart-breaking loss on a last second bucket to the Klickitat Vandals on Friday, Dec. 20, the Heppner Mustang girls' varsity came back with a convincing 53-36 win over the lone Cardinals on Saturday, Dec. 21 to take third place in the South Morrow County Tournament in Heppner. The Mustangs (2-5) will play in Riverside on Friday, Jan. 3, and at Hermiston on Monday, Jan. 6 to wrap up the non-league portion of their schedule.

On Friday night the Mustangs jumped out to a 7-2 lead on two jump shots by Lacey Matteson, along with a Stefanie Hanson free throw and a lay-in, on a pass from Madison Bailey, from Tylenn Smith, but the Vandals came back to take a 9-7 lead. Brooke Rust hit two free throws and Matteson had a steal and a lay-in but the Vandals tied it at 11-11 after one.

Matteson hit two jumpers and Rust made a free throw but the Vandals still led 19-16 but Nikki Sisk tied it with a 3-pointer midway through the second quarter. Rust fed Hanson for a lay-in and Matteson hit a 3-pointer but the Vandals came back to lead 25-24 at halftime.

The Mustangs came out hot in the third as Smith and Hanson scored off rebounds, Matteson scored five straight and Smith hit a short jumper to lead 35-28, but the Vandals closed to within one at the end of three.

The Vandals took an early lead but Chelsea Britt converted a three-point play and Hanson scored off a nice pass from Bailey to give the Mustangs a 40-36 lead. The Vandals came back with six straight before Jesse Kempas hit a 3-pointer to give the Mustangs a 43-42 lead. The Vandals made it 47-43 but Rust scored on a rebound then scored off a nice pass from Matteson who then fed Britt for a lay-in to give the Mustangs a 49-47 lead with less than two minutes left. The Vandals tied with two free throws with a minute left and scored the game winner with 10 seconds left. The Mustangs had a chance to tie but turned the ball over as time expired.

Matteson led the Mustangs with 18 points, 10 rebounds and two assists with Hanson and Rust each had seven points. Smith had six points, Kempas had three steals and Bailey had two assists.

The Mustangs got off to a good start against Ione with Hanson scoring the first six points and Matteson had a steal and a lay-in to make it 8-4 eventually taking a 9-6 lead after one.

They kept up the pressure in the second as Britt scored off a rebound and Bailey hit a free throw and a lay-in on a pass from Hanson to up their lead

to 14-7. Matteson fed Britt for a lay-in and made two free throws to make it 18-9 but the Cardinals came back with seven straight before Susan Southworth scored off a rebound. The Cardinals got to within one but Matteson scored to give the Mustangs a 22-19 lead at halftime.

Smith hit a short jumper on a pass from Hanson to open the third quarter then Kempas hit a 3-pointer. Matteson had a steal and lay-in and Hanson scored off a pass from Kempas to make it 31-21. Matteson scored twice on lay-ins, Britt scored inside and Smith scored off a pass from Bailey to give the Mustangs a 39-26 lead after three.

Smith hit a short jumper and Southworth converted a three-point play to make it 44-28. Rust hit a short jumper and Britt made a free throw to make it 47-30 and put the game out of reach. The Cardinals scored the next six points but Kempas hit two free throws, Hanson hit two more and Rust scored off a pass from Kempas to end the game with the Mustangs winning 53-36.

Matteson led a balanced scoring effort for the Mustangs with 12 points and three steals with Hanson scoring 10 points, grabbing 10 rebounds, two steals and two assists. Britt had seven points and four rebounds, Southworth had six points and eight rebounds, five offensive, Smith had six points and four rebounds and Kempas had five points, four assists and Bailey had two steals.

Klickitat 11 14 9 17-51
Heppner 11 13 11 14-49

Klickitat: Graeme 11 3-8 26, Ramsey 3 6-9 12, Curtis 2 2-4 6, Huwe 1 0-0 3, Schultz 1 0-0 3, Watlamet 0 1-2 1 and Clack. Team: 18 12-23 51
3-pt.: Graeme, Huwe and Schultz.

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 8 1-5 18, Stefanie Hanson 3 1-2 7, Brooke Rust 2 3-5 7, Tylenn Smith 3 0-1 6, Chelsea Britt 2 1-1 5, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 3, Jesse Kempas 1 0-0 3, Susan Southworth 0 0-2 0 and Madison Bailey. Team: 20 6-16 49
3-pt.: Matteson, Kempas and Sisk.

Heppner 9 13 17 14-53
Ione 6 13 7 10-36

Heppner: Matteson 5 2-2 12, Hanson 3 4-6 10, Britt 3 1-2 7, Smith 3 0-2 6, Southworth 2 2-3 6, Kempas 1 2-2 5, Rust 2 0-0 4, Bailey 1 1-4 3 and Sisk. Team: 20 12-21 53
3-pt.: Kempas.

Ione: Natalie McElligott 4 3-4 12, Barbara Holland 4 1-6 9, Diana McElligott 3 2-4 8, Sara Peck 1 1-4 3, Eva Chitty 1 0-1 2, Jenny Griffith 0 2-4 2, Tracy Griffith 0 0-1 0, Missy Baker, Alyssa Rietmann, Caitlin Orem, Emily Key and Ashly Grams. Team: 13 9-24 36
3-pt.: N. McElligott.

Mustang Boys get slow start but still roll over Eagles

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity took awhile to get going but when they did they got past the Hood River Valley Eagle JVs 63-44 on Saturday, Dec. 28 in Hood River. The Mustangs, now 6-2, have two more non-league games left before beginning Columbia Basin Conference play at Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 10 and at home against Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Donald Adams made one of two free throws to get the Mustangs on the board and it stayed that way until midway through the quarter before Adams scored off a pass from Chuy Elguezabal and Luke Murray made two free throws to make it 5-0 before the Eagles finally scored. Brad Adams hit a running jumper and after the Eagles closed to within one, Tanner Britt scored off a pass from Elguezabal to end the first quarter with the Mustangs leading 9-6.

Justin Botefuhr hit a long jumper to open the second and after a three-point play by the Eagles, Murray scored five straight to make it 16-9. Botefuhr and Conor Kilkenny scored off rebounds but the Eagles were within 20-15 before Elguezabal fed Brandon Seitz for a lay-in and scored off a rebound and Kilkenny hit a long jumper to end the half for a 26-15 lead.

Donald Adams scored to open the second half and after an Eagle bucket, Botefuhr and Adams each hit two free throws, Elguezabal hit a running jumper, Botefuhr scored off a rebound and Britt hit a short jumper to make it 38-17. The Eagles came back with two 3-pointers but Elguezabal answered with a three and after two more buckets by the Eagles, Kilkenny scored off a rebound to end the third with the Mustangs leading 43-27.

The Eagles scored first in the fourth, but the Mustangs came back with a free throw from Murray, a long 3-pointer from Elguezabal, Brad Adams had a rebound basket and Donald Adams made two free throws to make it 51-29. After an Eagle 3-pointer, the Mustangs went on a 10-0 run to put the game away as Brad Adams scored seven straight, Seitz scored off a pass from Murray and Britt made one of two free throws. The Eagles scored twelve straight and Seitz scored at the buzzer to close out the scoring with the Mustangs taking the nineteen-point win.

Brad Adams led a balanced scoring effort for the Mustangs with 11 points hitting five of nine shots and had nine rebounds with Elguezabal adding 10 points and seven assists. Donald Adams had nine points and Botefuhr had eight points, seven rebound and two steals. Murray had eight points, Kilkenny had six points and four rebounds and Josh Winters had four rebounds.

The Mustangs helped themselves hitting nine of 12 free throws in the second half after hitting only four of 12 in the first half.

Heppner 9 17 17 20-63
Hood River 6 9 12 17-44

Heppner: Brad Adams 5 1-2 11, Chuy Elguezabal 4 0-0 10, Donald Adams 2 5-6 9, Luke Murray 2 4-8 8, Justin Botefuhr 3 2-2 8, Conor Kilkenny 3 0-2 6, Tanner Britt 2 1-4 5, Brandon Seitz 3 0-0 6 and Josh Winters. Team: 24 13-24 63
3-pt.: Elguezabal 2.

Hood River Valley: D. Chance 4 0-0 9, B. Crosswhite 4 1-1 9, D. Methvin 3 0-0 8, T. Price 2 0-2 6, Cline 2 0-0 4, B. Ching 0 2-2 2, A. Lorenzo 1 0-0 2, S. Wooten 1 0-0 2 and B. Williams 1 0-0 2. Team: 18 3-5 44
3-pt.: Methvin 2, Price 2 and Chance.

Common School Fund to distribute monies for schools

At the end of December, the Oregon Division of State Lands will distribute nearly \$25 million from the Common SCI Fund, including a one-time supplemental distribution of \$17.7 million for use by K-12 public schools.

The supplemental distribution was ordered earlier this year by the third special session of the legislature. The funds will come from revenue deposited in the Common School Fund during the past 50 years from activities such as waterway leases, permit fees and fines. The remaining \$7.3 million allocation comes from earnings on the CSF. County treasurers will forward the funds to school districts within two weeks of receipt.

DSL distributed \$7.8 million from the CSF for schools in June. By law, the funds are dedicated to "support and maintenance of common schools in each school district." County population ages 4-20 determine each county's share of earnings.

The Oregon Constitution established the State Land Board as trustee of the Common School Fund. DSL is the administrative agency of the State Land Board, composed of the Governor,

Secretary of State and State Treasurer. At statehood, the federal government granted Oregon roughly six percent of the new state's land for the use of schools. The Constitution dedicated the school lands and their mineral, timber and other resources to the Common School Fund.

The State Treasurer and Oregon Investment Council invest the fund. Fund values in recent years have ranged from \$600 million to \$800 million, depending on market conditions. Twice a year, earnings from investments are distributed to counties for the support of schools according to a formula established by the State Land Board.

For more information and a list of distributions for each county you can visit their website at www.oregonstatelands.us.

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Heppner Little League and Youth Baseball Meeting
Heppner Little League will hold a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. at GD's Restaurant, Heppner. The purpose of the meeting is to elect new board members and discuss the upcoming 2003 season. All interested people are welcome to attend. Your help is needed and appreciated.
For more information, call Doug Holland, 676-5067 or Dave Pranger, 676-9767.

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