

Mustang JV girls fall to Pirates

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls fell behind early and could not catch up as they lost to the Riverside Pirates 40-32 on Friday, Jan. 3 in Boardman. The Mustangs will play at Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 10 and will play at home against Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 11.

The Pirates led 12-4 after one but the Mustangs came back in the second getting six points from Terra Wilson and three from Laurie Murray to get within 18-13 at the half.

The Pirates extended their lead to 30-20 after three but the Mustangs rallied in the fourth getting to within 36-32 getting four points each from Wilson, Blair Keithley and Lindsey Mitchell, but could not get closer finally losing by eight.

Wilson and Keithley each had 10 points, eight rebounds and two assists. Murray had five points and six rebounds, Mitchell had five rebounds and two assists and Tiffany Piper had two assists.

Riverside 12 6 12 10-40

Heppner 4 9 7 12-32

Riverside: Slover 5 3-5 13, McNamee 3 0-1 6, Mason 3 0-0 6, Juacez 2 0-1 4, Dirks 1 1-2 3, Baumgart 1 0-1 2, Close 1 0-1 2, Buschke 1 0-0 2, Leon 0 2-3 2, Weseman and Mayzlett. Team: 17 6-14 40 3-pt.: none

Heppner: Terra Wilson 2 6-8 10, Blair Keithley 2 6-9 10, Laurie Murray 2 1-2 5, Lindsey Mitchell 2 0-0 4, Tiffany Piper 1 0-0 2, Katie Britt 0 1-2 1, Lynan Bingham 0 0-2 0, Heather Yocom, Krista Hendricks, Krystal Nairns and Chelsey Betsinger. Team: 9 14-23 32 3-pt.: none

Mustang JV boys start slow, finish fast to beat Pirates

By Rick Paullus

After a slow start the Heppner Mustang JV boys turned it on taking a 57-27 win over the Riverside Pirate on Friday, Jan. 3 in Boardman to remain unbeaten at 7-0 on the year.

The Pirates led 8-0 before the Mustangs' Brian Smith hit a jumper with 1:24 left in the first to get them on the board. The Pirates led 11-6 after one but the Mustangs finally took the lead with 5:30 left in the second and didn't stop until they led 26-14 at the half. Brandon Seitz had eight points in the quarter with Eric Torres and Aaron Griffith adding four points each, the last two coming at the buzzer.

The Mustangs kept up the pressure in the third extending their lead to 42-20 getting four points each from Brian Haguewood and Matt Young and coasted through the fourth getting two 3-pointers, the second at the buzzer, from Torres to take the win.

Seitz finished with 10 points, four rebounds, two blocked shots and two steals. Torres had 10 points and four rebounds. Tyler Lovgren had seven points, six rebounds and two steals and Smith had six points, five rebounds and four blocked shots. Haguewood had six rebounds and two blocked shots, Josh Gutierrez had three steals and Cody Walton had two assists.

Heppner 6 20 16 15-57

Riverside 11 3 6 7-27

Heppner: Eric Torres 4 0-3 10, Brandon Seitz 4 2-3 10, Tyler Lovgren 3 1-2 7, Brian Smith 3 0-0 6, Josh Gutierrez 2 0-0 5, Judd Lemmon 2 1-1 5, Brian Haguewood 2 0-2 4, Aaron Griffith 2 0-0 2, Matt Young 1 2-3 4, Cody Walton 1 0-0 2, Jode Coil and Tyler Boyer. Team: 24 6-14 57 3-pt.: Torres 2 and Gutierrez.

Riverside: Pritchard 3 3-10, 9, Johnson 1 1-4 4, Swindler 2 0-0 4, Parker 2 0-2 4, Young 1 0-0 2, Dirksen 1 0-0 2, Griffin 0 2-2 2, Imus 0 0-2 0, Wedding and Sorenson. Team: 10 6-20 27 3-pt.: Johnson.

Mustangs dropped by Pirates

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity fell behind by 10 after one and were dropped by the Riverside Pirates 63-49 in Boardman on Friday, Jan. 3 to drop their non-league record to 6-3 on the year.

The Mustangs got six points from Luke Murray but still trailed 21-11 after one and trailed 34-24 at the half getting seven second-quarter points from Brad Adams.

The Mustangs rallied in the third going on a 17-5 run, getting five points each from Murray and Chuy Elguezabal and four points from Brandon Seitz, to take a brief 41-39 lead but the Pirates came back to take a 48-41 lead after three. The Pirates outscored the Mustangs 15-8 in the fourth to coast to the win.

Murray led the Mustangs with 13 points and had two steals and hit six of nine shots. Adams scored 12 points and grabbed six rebounds. Justin Botefuhr had seven points, six rebounds and three assists, while Elguezabal had seven points and four rebounds and Brian Haguewood had five rebounds.

Riverside 21 13 14 15-63

Heppner 11 13 17 8-49

Riverside: Brandon Beatty 5 4-8 14, Brice Studer 5 3-4 13, Joe Reese 4 0-2 10, Bryon Richards 4 1-2 10, Joel Strebin 4 0-0 8, Brandon Wedding 2 0-2 6, Josh Young 0 2-2 2, Dustin Swindler, Shawn Dirksen and Andrew Parker. Team: 24 10-20 63 3-pt.: Wedding 2, Reese 2 and Richards.

Heppner: Luke Murray 6 0-0 13, Brad Adams 5 2-3 12, Chuy Elguezabal 2 3-6 7, Justin Botefuhr 3 1-2 7, Brandon Seitz 2 2-2 6, Donald Adams 1 0-0 2, Tanner Britt 1 0-0 2, Josh Winters, Brian Haguewood, Brian Smith and Doug Orwick. Team: 20 8-13 49 3-pt.: Murray.

Mustang boys rally to outlast Eagles in two overtimes

By Rick Paullus

Trailing by seven points with less than 20 seconds left, the Heppner Mustang boys' varsity rallied to tie it at 44-44 at the buzzer and outlasted the Hood River Valley Eagles eventually winning 61-60 in two overtimes. The Mustangs finished up the non-league portion of their schedule with a 7-3 record and will start Columbia Basin Conference play at Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 10 and will be home against Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 11.

The Eagles led off the game with a 3-pointer but the Mustangs came back getting four points from Brandon Seitz and a Luke Murray lay-in made it 6-3. The lead was short-lived however as the Eagles outscored the Mustangs 11-2 to end the first quarter with a 14-8 lead.

The Mustangs scored the first five points of the second quarter with Chuy Elguezabal hitting one of two free throws, Brad Adams scored off a drive and Murray hit a rebound basket but the Eagles went on a 9-3 run to take a 23-16 lead late in the quarter. The Mustangs came back though as Adams hit two free throws, Seitz hit a jumper, Elguezabal made one free throw and missed the second but Justin Botefuhr grabbed the rebound

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and put it back in at the buzzer to tie it at 23-23 at halftime. Neither team could get anything going in the third quarter as the Eagles took the lead but Elguezabal hit a turn-around jumper to tie it and after the Eagles hit two free throws, Brian Smith had a tip-in at the buzzer to tie it again at 27-27 after three. The Eagles took an early lead in the fourth but Seitz hit a short jumper to make it 29-28. The Eagles came back with four straight points. Brad Adams hit two free throws, and after another four points from the Eagles, Donald Adams scored inside. The Eagles came back with four more points to make it 40-33. Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer but the Eagles hit three of eight free throws to take a 43-36 lead but Botefuhr hit a 3-pointer with 18 seconds left to make it 43-39. After two missed free throws, Murray hit a 3-pointer to get the Mustangs within one with 7.8 seconds left. The Eagles made one of two free throws with 6.6 seconds left and Elguezabal took the ball the length of the court and scored and was fouled at the buzzer but missed the free throw and the game went to overtime tied at 44-44. The Eagles had hit just seven of 16 free throws in the fourth quarter to help the Mustangs get back into the game.

Those persons interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or becoming an exchange student should call toll free: 1-800-733-2773.

JV boys score another win over Eagles

By Rick Paullus

For the second time in a week, the Heppner Mustang JV boys easily defeated the Hood River Valley Eagle frosh 71-42 in Heppner on Saturday, Jan. 4 to improve to 8-0 on the year. The Mustangs play next at Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 10 and play at home against Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 11.

The Mustangs took a 13-7 lead after one, getting six points from Aaron Griffith and got their running game going in the second quarter getting 13 points from Brandon Seitz and six points from Josh Gutierrez to take a 38-18 lead at halftime.

Brian Smith had eight points in the third as the Mustangs took a 48-25 lead after three and got seven points from Jode Coil and four each from Brian Haguewood and Judd Lemmon, as they coasted through the fourth to the easy 71-42 win.

Seitz had all of his 13 points in the second quarter to lead the Mustangs in points, with Griffith adding 12 points and Smith was also in double figures with 10 points. Coil had seven points and Gutierrez and Eric Torres each had six points.

Heppner 13 25 10 23-71
Hood River Valley 7 11 7 17-42

Heppner: Brandon Seitz 6 1-1 13, Aaron Griffith 5 1-1 12, Brian Smith 5 0-1 10, Jode Coil 3 1-4 7, Josh Gutierrez 2 2-2 6, Eric Torres 3 0-0 6, Tyler Lovgren 2 1-2 5, Judd Lemmon 2 0-0 4, Brian Haguewood 2 0-2 4, Matt Young 1 0-0 2, Tyler Boyer 1 0-0 2 and Cody Walton. Team: 32 6-13 71 3-pt.: Griffith.

Hood River Valley: Chance 5 4-6 15, Moore 3 5-11 11, Oppenheimer 1 3-4 6, Bello 0 4-7 4, Shyphert 2 0-0 4, Jimenez 1 0-2 2, Byrne 0 0-1 0, Martinez and Forbes. Team: 12 16-31 42 3-pt.: Chance and Oppenheimer.

Seitz scored off a drive to open the first overtime and after the Eagles tied it. Botefuhr scored off a pass from Adams and Murray scored off a drive to make it 50-46. The Eagles hit three of four free throws, but Brad Adams hit a baseline jumper to make it 52-49, however, the Eagles came back with five points to take a 54-52 lead with 18.7 seconds left. Botefuhr hit two free throws with 17.7 left to tie it up and send the game to a second overtime.

Botefuhr hit one of two free throws and Elguezabal hit a jumper but the Eagles led 59-57 until Botefuhr hit two free throws to tie it with 1:46 left. The Eagles hit one of two free throws but Botefuhr came back with a jumper to give the Mustangs a 61-60 lead with 46 seconds left. The Mustangs got the ball on a jump ball with 18 seconds left and were able to run out the clock and take the win.

Botefuhr hit five of nine shots and led the Mustangs with 16 points and 10 rebounds, seven offensive, with Elguezabal scoring 11 points and getting three assists. Brad Adams had 10 points and 10 rebounds, with two assists. Seitz hit five of seven shots scoring 10 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, Murray had nine

OSU to offer sheep training program

An educational program offered by the Oregon State University Extension Service will provide area sheep producers the opportunity to be trained and certified for the recently developed Sheep Safety & Quality Assurance (SSQA) program. The training program will be offered at four locations throughout northeastern Oregon, as follows:

Hermiston - OSU Hermiston Agriculture Research & Extension Center Conference Room, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m.

Enterprise - Cloverleaf Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1 p.m.

LaGrande - Misner Room, 1001 4th St., Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7 p.m.

Baker City - Extension Building, Thursday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m.

Dr. James Thompson, OSU Extension Service Extension Sheep Specialist will present the program. The registration fee is \$10 per person (payable at the door) which covers the SSQA manual and Level I certification for participants.

The mission of the SSQA program is to maximize consumer confidence in and acceptance of sheep products by using research and education to improve management during the production of safe and high quality sheep products.

Consumers are concerned about the safety of the food they eat, as well as about the quality of the products they buy. Consumer concerns have prompted those in every sector of the livestock industry to take a careful look at the products they market. As a result, the US livestock industry has developed these education and certification programs to assure the consumer is receiving a safe, wholesome, high-quality product. These meetings will provide producer education and the Level I certification required to be a participant in this program recently developed by the American sheep industry.

For additional information regarding these programs, please contact your local office of the OSU Extension Service.

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points and Donald Adams grabbed five rebounds.

Neither team helped themselves from the line as the Mustangs hit just 12 of 32 free throws and the Eagles hit just 19 of 40.

Heppner 8 15 4 17 10 7-61

Hood River 14 9 4 17 10 6-60

Heppner: Justin Botefuhr 5 5-6 16, Chuy Elguezabal 4 2-9 11, Brad Adams 3 4-4 10, Brandon Seitz 5 0-0 10, Luke Murray 4 0-6 9, Donald Adams 1 0-1 2, Brian Smith 1 0-2 2, Conor Kilkenny 0 1-4 1, Brian Haguewood, Tanner Britt and Josh Winters. Team: 23 12-32 61 3-pt.: Botefuhr, Elguezabal and Murray.

Hood River: Belcher 3 6-10 12, Chance 3 2-2 8, Price 3 0-3 8, Crosswhite 2 3-6 7, Krizman 2 2-3 6, Williams 2 2-4 6, Klien 2 0-3 4, Lozano 1 1-3 4, Michimoto 0 3-4 3, Methran 1 0-0 2, Wooten 0 0-2 0, Chang and Dietrick. Team: 19 19-40 60 3-pt.: Price 2 and Lozano.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) reports handling the following business:

Dec. 4: MCSO received a report from Washington County that Lloyd Arthur Costello, 37, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Parole Violation/Attempt to Elude, DUII, Failure to Perform Duties of a Driver, False Information, Reckless Endangerment of Highway Worker, and on local charges. He was lodged at the Washington County Jail with a hold placed for Morrow County.

MCSO received a report from Klamath County that Craig M. Scott, 19, (date of birth 5/31/83) was arrested on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Illegal Possession of Fireworks. He was lodged at the Klamath County Jail then released due to overcrowding.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that 4-5 male subjects were throwing bottles at the Miller building.

Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Juan Manuel Zuniga, 52, for Driving Uninsured.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner regarding a vandalized vehicle.

MCSO received a report from The Dalles that Kimberly Ann Hixson, 36, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Possession of a Controlled Substance, Manufacture/Delivery of a Controlled Substance, Giving False Information to a Police Officer and another charge and was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Driving while License Suspended, Failure to Pay Fine/Theft II. She was lodged at NORCOR.

MCSO received a request for a background check from Federal Investigations Processing Center on a male subject.

MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that her father went to do errands yesterday and hadn't returned. The male subject was found and was not missing.

Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Todd Holeman, 39, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 46 mph in a 30 mph zone.

MCSO received a report from the Hermiston Police Dept. that Sheryl Lynn Duran, 44, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/DUII.

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