

## Mustang girls fall to Bulldogs

**By Rick Paullus**  
The short-handed Heppner Mustang varsity girls fell behind early and couldn't make up the ground as they lost to the Hermiston Bulldog JV's, 37-22 on Monday, Jan. 6 in Hermiston to wrap up their non-league schedule with a 4-6 record.

The Bulldogs took a 15-4 lead after one, but the Mustangs got a 3-pointer from Nikki Sisk in the second to get within 17-10 at the half.

Madison Bailey hit a 3-pointer in the third but the Bulldogs pulled away to a 30-16 lead and coasted to the win.

Bailey led the Mustangs with six points, five steals and four rebounds. Chelsea Britt added

five points, six rebounds and two steals. Susan Southworth and Linsey Mitchell each had four rebounds and Sisk had two steals.

Hermiston 15 2 13 7-37  
Heppner 4 6 6 6-22

**Hermiston:** Burrows 4 1-2 9, Perez 4 0-1 8, Walchli 2 2-2 6, Emerick 2 0-0 4, Barnett 2 0-1 4, Douglass 1 1-2 3, Wilson 1 0-0 2, Bothum 0 1-2 1 and Royer. Team: 16 5-10 37 3-pt.: none

**Heppner:** Madison Bailey 2 1-2 6, Chelsea Britt 1 3-4 5, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 3, Tylynn Smith 0 3-4 3, Brooke Rust 1 0-0 2, Stefanie Hanson 0 2-2 2, Susan Southworth 0 1-2 1, Linsey Mitchell and Tiffany Piper. Team: 5 10-14 22 3-pt.: Sisk and Bailey.

## Mustang JV boys rebound for split

**By Rick Paullus**  
After suffering their first loss of the season at Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 10, the Heppner Mustang JV boys rebounded for a hard fought 76-63 win at home over the Stanfield Tigers on Saturday, Jan. 11. The Mustangs (9-1) will be at home, Friday, Jan. 17 against Wahtonka before taking to the road at Culver on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Tigerscots took a 10-10 lead after one despite four points from the Mustangs Brian Smith and led 27-22 at the half despite five points, including a 3-pointer from Cody Walton and a 3-pointer from Jode Coil. The Tigerscots increased their lead to 38-31 after three but the Mustangs rallied in the fourth getting six points from Zach Skaggs, four points from Tyler Lovgren and a 3-pointer from Josh Gutierrez, but they couldn't get over the hump as they fell 49-46.

Skaggs led the Mustangs with 10 points, hitting six of eight free throws, with Smith adding seven points. Lovgren finished with six points, with Walton, Coil and Gutierrez each adding five points.

The Mustangs came out running in the first quarter against Stanfield getting five points from Matt Young, four each from Aaron Griffith and Gutierrez and three from Haguewood taking a 21-15 lead. They kept up the pressure in the second getting four points each from Skaggs, Walton and Eric Torres as they took a 43-28 halftime lead. The Mustangs hit 11 of 18 free throws in the first half.

Skaggs scored six points, hitting all four of his free throws in the third as the Mustangs took a comfortable 60-41 lead after three. The Tigers rallied in the fourth but the Mustangs held them off with

Torres hitting five of six free throws to take the win.

Skaggs hit eight of 10 free throws scoring 12 points, with Torres hitting six of eight free throws and also scoring 12 points. Young had nine points, with Tyler Boyer, Griffith and Gutierrez each adding eight points.

The Mustangs hit 32 of 53 free throws as the teams combined for 55 fouls for the game.

Weston-McEwen 12 15 11 11-49

**Heppner:** 10 12 9 15-46  
**Weston-McEwen:** Watts 6 0-0 14, Peterson 3 2-4 9, Parish 3 1-5 7, Hausner 2 2-2 6, Duke 1 2-2 4, Greenwalt 1 0-0 2, Freston 1 0-0 2, Todd 1 0-0 2, Watson 1 0-0 2, Williams 0 1-2 1, Clark, Johnston and Froese. Team: 19 8-15 49 3-pt.: Watts 2 and Peterson.

**Heppner:** Zach Skaggs 2 6-8 10, Brian Smith 3 1-2 7, Tyler Lovgren 3 0-1 6, Cody Walton 2 0-0 5, Josh Gutierrez 2 0-2 5, Jode Coil 1 2-2 5, Aaron Griffith 1 0-0 2, Judd Lemmon 1 0-0 2, Eric Torres 1 0-0 2, Brian Haguewood 1 0-0 2, Tyler Boyer and Matt Young. Team: 17 9-15 46 3-pt.: Gutierrez, Coil and Walton.

**Heppner:** 21 22 17 16-76  
**Stanfield:** 15 13 13 22-63

**Heppner:** Zach Skaggs 2 8-10 12, Eric Torres 3 6-8 12, Matt Young 3 3-4 9, Josh Gutierrez 3 2-3 8, Aaron Griffith 3 2-2 8, Tyler Boyer 2 4-6 8, Brian Haguewood 2 1-2 5, Cody Lovgren 2 0-4 4, Tyler Lovgren 1 2-5 4, Jode Coil 1 1-2 3 and Judd Lemmon 0 3-7 3. Team: 22 32-52 76 3-pt.: none  
**Stanfield:** Gabriel 8 0-0 18, Flemmer 3 5-8 11, Dick 5 1-3 11, Sobotta 3 4-7 10, Baros 3 0-0 6, Ramos 1 0-0 2, Dorran 1 0-0 2, Zielke 0 1-4 1, Blackburn, Ibarra, Challis, and a Heppner player scored in wrong basket giving Stanfield 2. Team: 25 11-22 63 3-pt.: Gabriel 2.

## Mustang girls suffer loss to Tigerscots

**By Rick Paullus**  
The short-handed Heppner Mustang varsity girls stayed with eighth-ranked Weston-McEwen for a half, but the Tigerscots pulled away in the second half for a 45-21 win to begin the Columbia Basin Conference season. The Mustangs fell to 4-7 on the year and were playing their second straight game without leading scorer Lacey Matteson who re-injured her knee the week prior to the game.

Madison Bailey hit a 3-pointer in the first quarter as the Mustangs trailed just 9-7 after one and 14-9 at the half but the Tigerscots outscored the Mustangs 31-12 in the second half to get the win.

Chelsea Britt led the Mustangs with four points, Linsey Mitchell had six rebounds and Susan Southworth had five rebounds and three steals. Brooke Rust had four rebounds

and two steals, Nikki Sisk had two steals and two assists and Jesse Kempas had four rebounds and two assists. Tylynn Smith had four rebounds and Stefanie Hanson had three rebounds and an assist.

Weston-McEwen 9 5 18 13-45

**Heppner:** 7 2 3 9-21  
**Weston-McEwen:** Kayla Johnson 3 3-4 10, Kayle Paredes 2 5-8 9, Katie Todd 3 1-3 7, Kendra Winn 2 2-2 6, Darcy Thompson 3 0-0 6, Darlene Thompson 2 0-1 4, Molly Tucker 0 2-2 2, Kati Bennett 0 1-3 1, Ashley Peterson 0 0-2 0 and Shellie Schoonover. Team: 15 14-25 45 3-pt.: Johnson

**Heppner:** Chelsea Britt 2 0-0 4, Madison Bailey 1 0-0 3, Tylynn Smith 1 1-2 3, Nikki Sisk 0 2-2 2, Stefanie Hanson 1 0-0 2, Linsey Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Tiffany Piper 1 0-0 2, Susan Southworth 1 0-2 2, Brook Rust 0 1-2 1 and Jesse Kempas. Team: 8 4-8 21 3-pt.: Bailey.

## Mustangs' rally falls short against Tigerscots

**By Rick Paullus**  
The Heppner Mustangs trailed by 18 points in the fourth quarter but rallied to within four points twice in the last minute but couldn't get all the way back losing to the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 69-63 in Athena on Friday, Jan. 10. The Mustangs in dropping their first Columbia Basin Conference game saw their record fall to 7-4 on the year.

The Mustangs jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead on lay-ins by Brad Adams but the Tigerscots scored six straight to take a 6-4 lead. Brian Smith hit one of two free throws and a short jumper and Adams converted a three-point play but the Tigerscots still led 11-10. Smith scored off a rebound but the Tigerscots scored the final five points of the quarter to take a 16-12 lead after one.

Adams scored twice inside in the second quarter but the Tigerscots extended their lead to 28-17 at halftime.

The Tigerscots opened the third with a basket to go up by thirteen, Adams scored off a baseline drive and lay-in. The Tigerscots scored four straight, Brandon Seitz and Adams both scored off rebounds and Luke Murray hit a baseline jumper but the Tigerscots hit three consecutive 3-pointers to go up 43-25. Chuy Elguezabal hit two of three free throws, Smith scored off a rebound, Adams scored off a drive and hit two free throws but the Tigerscots took a 48-33 lead into the fourth quarter.

A 3-pointer by the Tigerscots made it 51-33, Adams scored a rebound basket, Josh Winters hit two free throws and Murray hit a short jumper but the Mustangs still trailed 57-39. Adams scored off a drive, Seitz scored off a rebound, Elguezabal

hit two free throws, Murray hit two free throws, Adams hit one of two free throws, and Seitz hit two free throws to make it 59-50. Seitz hit two more free throws, Justin Botefuhr hit a short jumper and Elguezabal hit a long 3-pointer to make it 63-57 with 1:20 left. Elguezabal hit a long jumper and Seitz hit a short jumper to make it 65-51 with 38 seconds left and after two free throws by the Tigerscots, Seitz hit a short jumper to make it 67-63 with 21 seconds left. The Tigerscots made two of four free throws in the final seconds to get the win.

The Mustangs scored 30 points in the fourth quarter hitting 11 of 14 free throws along the way.

Adams led the Mustangs with 24 points, hitting 10 of 19 shots, and grabbed 15 rebounds, seven of them offensive. Seitz added 12 points and 11 rebounds, eight of which were offensive. Elguezabal had nine points and two assists, Smith hit three of five shots for seven points and four rebounds and Winters and Botefuhr each got two steals.

Weston-McEwen 16 12 20 21-69

**Heppner:** 12 5 16 30-63  
**Weston-McEwen:** T.J. Parrish 10 7-13 34, Zach Johnson 4 4-8 12, Eric Delph 1 6-10 8, Jimmy King 2 2-3 6, Epi Brito 1 0-0 2, Dusty Minthorn 1 0-1 2, Beau Annundson 1 0-0 2, Alec Sheard 0 1-2 1, Dan Tucker 0 1-2 1, Bobby Parrish, Monty Davis and Cole Hausner. Team: 20 22-41 69 3-pt.: Parrish 7.

**Heppner:** Brad Adams 10 4-6 24, Brandon Seitz 4 4-6 12, Chuy Elguezabal 2 4-6 9, Brian Smith 3 1-2 7, Luke Murray 2 2-2 6, Justin Botefuhr 1 0-0 2, Josh Winters 0 2-2 2, Tanner Britt 0 0-1 0, Brian Haguewood 0 1-2 1, Donald Adams, Conor Kilkenny and Doug Orwick. Team: 22 18-28 63 3-pt.: Elguezabal.

## Mustang "C" team beats Blue Devils

**By Rick Paullus**  
The Heppner Mustang "C" team shook off the dust from their long lay-off and beat the Condon Blue Devil JVs on Saturday, Jan. 11 in Condon to improve to 5-1 on the year. The Mustangs will host Umatilla on Thursday, Jan. 16 and Mac-Hi on Tuesday, Jan. 21, with both games beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Josh Lankford hit two 3-pointers in the first quarter to help the Mustangs to a 14-9 lead after one and Matthew VanCleave scored six points in the second quarter as they increased their lead to 26-15 at the half. Matt Kenny hit two 3-pointers and Lankford one as they increased their lead to 39-20 after three and they coasted through the fourth to get the win.

Kenny led the Mustangs with 10 points, with Lankford adding nine points. Rory Kilkenny, Mikel Britt and

VanCleave added six points each.

Heppner 14 12 13 8-47  
Condon 9 6 5 9-29

**Heppner:** Matt Kenny 4 0-0 10, Josh Lankford 3 0-0 9, Rory Kilkenny 3 0-0 6, Matthew VanCleave 3 0-0 6, Mikel Britt 3 0-0 6, Dan Basile 1 0-0 2, Riley Wight 1 0-0 2, Kyle Carlson 2 0-0 4, Roy Proctor 1 0-0 2, Kyle Huddleston, Kory Paullus and Robert McElligott. Team: 21 0-0 47 3-pt.: Lankford 3 and Kenny 2.

**Condon:** M. Potter 3 0-1 7, M. Street 2 0-2 4, Anderson 1 0-1 2, J. Potter 3 0-0 7, J. Street 0 2-2 2, V. Bednar 0 2-4 2, Campbell 1 0-0 2, Griffith 1 0-0 2, Kameron 0 1-2 1 and Perry 0 0-2 0. Team: 11 4-13 29 3-pt.: M. Potter and J. Potter.

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## Mustang JV girls earn split over weekend

**By Rick Paullus**  
The Heppner Mustang JV girls dropped a 38-29 decision to the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Friday, Jan. 10, in Athena, but bounced back with a 50-46 win over the visiting Stanfield Tigers on Saturday, Jan. 11.

The Mustangs (5-5) will host Wahtonka on Friday, Jan. 17 and will travel to Culver on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Against the Tigerscots the Mustangs trailed 10-4 after one but got four points from Katie Britt to get within 15-13 at halftime. Susan Southworth had four points in the third but the Tigerscots increased their lead to 26-19 after three and took the win despite five points, including a 3-pointer from Britt and Blair Keithley hitting three of four free throws.

Britt led the Mustangs with nine points with Southworth, Tiffany Piper and Linsey Mitchell each adding four points.

The Mustangs fell behind 11-8 after one against the Tigers despite four points from Laurie Murray but they came back to take a 17-16 lead at the half getting four points from Terra Wilson. The Mustangs exploded in the third getting seven points, including two 3-pointers from Britt and three points from Southworth, to take a 33-24 lead after three. The tigers fought back in the fourth but the

Mustangs got seven points from Britt and six points, including four of four from the free throws line from Piper to hang out for the win.

Britt again led the Mustangs with 16 points, to go with nine steals. Murray added six points, six rebounds and two steals. Piper had six points, three rebounds and two assists, Mitchell had six points and five rebounds and Lyan Bingham had three rebounds.

Weston McEwen 10 5 11 12-38

**Heppner:** 4 9 6 10-29  
**Weston McEwen:** Tucker 6 2-4 14, Froese 2 2-2 4, Miller 1 3-5 5, Alford 1 0-0 2, Peraloza 1 0-0 2, Bonifer 1 0-4 2, McDonald 1 0-0 2, Zeller 1 0-0 2, Smalley 1 0-2 2, Lewis 0 1-2 1, Flory, Huskey and Nichols. Team: 15 8-19 38 3-pt.: none

**Heppner:** Katie Britt 2 4-6 9, Tiffany Piper 2 0-0 4, Susan Southworth 2 0-0 4, Linsey Mitchell 2 0-0 4, Laurie Murray 1 1-8 3, Blair Keithley 0 3-6 3, Terra Wilson 0 2-3 2, Heather Yocom, Chelsey Betsinger, Amy Jepsen, Krista Hendricks and Lyan Bingham. Team: 9 10-23 29 3-pt.: Britt

Heppner 8 9 16 17-50  
Stanfield 11 5 8 22-46

**Heppner:** Britt 5 3-4 16, Piper 1 4-4 6, Murray 3 0-4 6, Mitchell 2 2-4 6, Wilson 1 2-5 4, Southworth 1 1-2 3, Keithley 1 1-4 3, Yocom 1 0-0 2, Betsinger 1 0-0 2, Bingham 0 2-2 2, Jepsen and Hendricks. Team: 16 15-29 50 3-pt.: Britt 3.

## Mustang girls nip Tigers

**By Rick Paullus**  
The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity overcame a slow start to nip the visiting Stanfield Tigers 56-54 to get their first Columbia Basin Conference win of the season. The Mustangs (1-1 in CBC, 5-7 overall) playing their third straight game without leading scorer Lacey Matteson will be at home against Wahtonka on Friday, Jan. 17 and will be on the road to Culver on Saturday, Jan. 18.

The Tigers had things going their way early in the first quarter taking a 9-0 lead before Susan Southworth hit one of two free throws with 5:29 left in the quarter. Nikki Sisk and Jesse Kempas hit 3-pointers to make it 11-7 and Tylynn Smith converted a three-point play to make it 13-10. Smith hit a long jumper, Southworth scored inside and Brooke Rust hit a short jumper but the Mustangs still trailed 21-16 until Kempas drove for a lay-in to end the quarter with the Tigers leading 21-18.

Smith opened the second with a drive and lay-in, and hit one of two free throws, while Madison Bailey hit a 3-pointer to give the Mustangs their first lead 24-23. The Tigers led 29-28 until Rust scored inside and Stefanie Hanson scored off a rebound but the Tigers came back to lead by one but Hanson hit one of two free throws to tie it a 34-34 at the half.

Smith hit a short jumper to begin the third and Hanson scored off a pass from Bailey but the Tigers came back to take a 42-28 lead. Hanson scored off a pass from Rust and hit a 3-pointer to end the third and give the Mustangs a 43-42 lead.

Sisk hit another 3-pointer to open the fourth and after the Tigers came back to tie Rust scored off a pass from

Linsey Mitchell and Smith converted a three-point play to make it 51-48. After the Tigers tied again Chelsey Britt made one of two free throws, the Tigers scored to take the lead with 2:00 left. Mitchell made a free throw to tie it with 1:39 left and the Tigers took the lead at 54-53 with 1:26 left. Kempas fed Rust for a short jumper to give the Mustangs the lead with 1:06 left and both teams missed free throws in the final seconds until Hanson rebounded a missed Tiger shot and passed out to Kempas who was fouled with 9.4 seconds left. Kempas hit one of two free throws and the Tigers had a chance to tie but missed a shot inside at the buzzer as the Mustangs escaped with the win.

Smith led the Mustangs with 13 points, nine rebounds, four assists and two steals. Rust added 11 points and 10 rebounds. Southworth had four points and 20 rebounds, Hanson had 10 points and Sisk had seven points and four rebounds. Kempas had six points, six rebounds and three assists and Bailey had two assists.

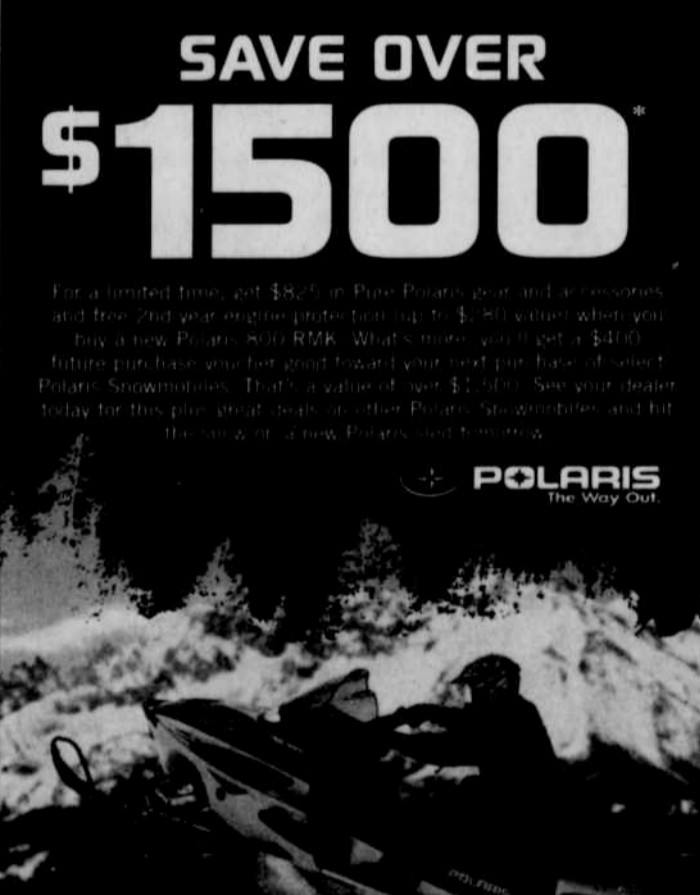
The teams combine for 59 fouls and 82 free throws with Stanfield hitting 21 of 45 and the Mustangs hitting 13 of 37 free throws.

Heppner 18 16 9 13-56  
Stanfield 21 13 8 12-54

**Heppner:** Tylynn Smith 5 3-8 13, Brooke Rust 4 3-4 11, Stefanie Hanson 4 1-2 10, Nikki Sisk 2 1-2 7, Jesse Kempas 2 1-5 6, Susan Southworth 1 2-9 4, Madison Bailey 1 0-3 3, Chelsea Britt 0 1-2 1, Linsey Mitchell 0 1-2 1 and Tiffany Piper. Team: 19 13-37 56 3-pt.: Sisk 2, Kempas, Bailey and Hanson.  
**Stanfield:** Kammerzell 3 7-13 13, Ke. Davis 4 2-2 11, N. Mills 4 0-2 10, K. Mills 2 5-9 9, Weatherman 2 2-8 6, Ki. Davis 0 3-5 3, Ena 0 2-2 2, Zeilke 0 0-4 0 and Sandoval. Team: 15 21-45 54 3-pt.: N. Mills 2 and Ke. Davis.

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