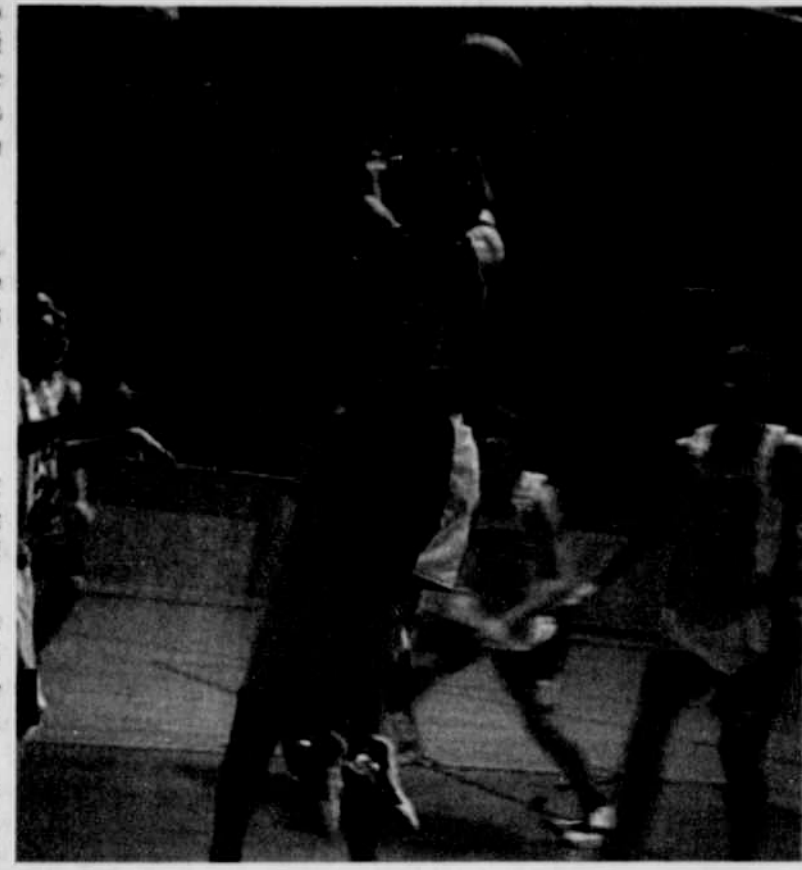


Mustang JV boys win two



#15 Tyler Boyer makes a shot against Culver photo by Teresa Hughes

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang JV boys had to blow-out wins over the weekend beating Wahtonka at home 60-24 and winning at Culver 77-19 on Saturday to improve to 11-1 on the year. The Mustangs will be at Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 24 and will be at home on Saturday, Jan. 25 next up on their schedule.

Against the Eagles the Mustangs took a 14-4 lead after one and got four second quarter points from Zach Skaggs in taking a 28-10 halftime lead.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 41-19 after three getting three points from Brian Haguewood and coasted through the fourth getting six points from Gus Torres to get the easy win.

Skaggs and Torres led a balanced scoring effort with eight points each with Haguewood adding seven points and Judd Lemmon and Josh Gutierrez adding six points each as everybody scored at least two points.

The Mustangs had a much easier time of it in Culver as they jumped to a 27-3 lead after one getting six points each from Torres and Aaron Griffith, four points from Haguewood and three points each from Cody Walton and Jode Coil. They didn't let up in the second as Walton and Tyler Lovgren each scored four points as the Mustangs built their lead to 47-6 at the half.

Torres hit two 3-pointers and Matthew VanCleave scored six points as the Mustangs took

a 64-10 lead after three and got four more points each from Torres and VanCleave in the fourth as they coasted to the easy win.

Torres had 16 points with VanCleave adding 12 points, Griffith nine points, Walton eight points and Lovgren seven points as all the Mustangs scored at least two points again.

Heppner 14 14 13 19-60

Wahtonka 4 6 9 5-24

Heppner: Zach Skaggs 4 0-0 8, Gus Torres 4 0-0 8, Brian Haguewood 3 1-4 7, Judd Lemmon 3 0-0 6, Josh Gutierrez 3 0-0 6, Matthew VanCleave 2 1-4 5, Tyler Lovgren 2 0-2 4, Aaron Griffith 2 0-0 4, Jode Coil 2 0-2 4, Tyler Boyer 2 0-0 4, Cody Walton 0 2-4 2 and Eric Torres 1 0-0 2. Team: 28 4-16 60 3-pt.: none

Wahtonka: Smith 4 0-0 8, Torres 2 0-0 5, J.J. Despain 2 0-0 4, LaDaceur 1 1-2 4, Connelly 1 1-3 3, Perez 0 0-2 0, T. Despain, Dahlberg and Vintz. Team: 10 2-7 24 3-pt.: Torres and LaDaceur.

Heppner 27 20 17 13-77

Culver 3 3 4 9-19

Heppner: G. Torres 7 0-0 16, VanCleave 5 2-2 12, Griffith 4 1-2 9, Walton 3 2-3 8, Lovgren 3 1-4 7, Haguewood 3 0-0 6, Coil 2 1-2 5, Boyer 2 0-2 4, E. Torres 2 0-0 4, Skaggs 1 0-0 2, Lemmon 1 0-0 2 and Gutierrez 1 0-0 2. Team: 34 7-15 77 3-pt.: G. Torres 2.

Culver: Roen 5 5-11 15, Towell 1 0-0 2, Symons 1 0-0 2, O'Gorman 0 0-4 0, Rhoan, Chavez and Bedell. Team: 75-15 19 3-pt.: none

Burright and McElligott selected area athletes of the year

Brad Burright and Diana McElligott both from Lone were selected by the East Oregonian as the areas athletes of the year for 2002.

Brad Burright's athletic accomplishments this past year included winning four titles at the state track and field championships. While participating in this meet he broke four school records and three state records. He participated in the 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles, the long jump and the triple jump. In the triple jump he was just 1/4" away from breaking the meet record. He was named to the Class 1A all-state first team basketball team. At the state East West All Star Football Game he was named defensive player for the east and the most valuable player of the game. He is the punter for the Eastern Oregon University football team this past fall.

Diana McElligott competed at the state track and field championships winning the 100-meters for the third consecutive year, the 200 meters for the second year in a row and ran the anchor leg on the 400 relay team and third place in the 400-meters. She is known by her coaches as talented, confident and willing to listen. On the Cardinal volleyball team she was instrumental in their making it to the state playoffs and taking home the 3rd place trophy. She received first-team Big Sky East volleyball recognition and was also named to the first-team all-tournament squad at the state tournament.



Brad Burright



Diana McElligott

Mustang boys use big first quarter to cruise past Bulldogs



#23 Brian Smith takes the shot

photo by Teresa Hughes

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity jumped out to a 19-5 lead after one and cruised to a 68-49 win over the Culver Bulldogs in Culver on Saturday, Jan. 18, to improve their Columbia Basin Conference record to 3-1 and their overall record to 10-4.

The Mustangs will be at Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 24 and at home against Sherman County on Saturday, Jan. 25.

Luke Murray got the Mustangs off to their quick start scoring six first quarter points with Brian Smith adding five points and Brad Adams and

Chuy Elguezabal each adding four points. Adams hit a 3-pointer in the second as the Mustangs took a 32-16 halftime lead.

Smith and Elguezabal each had five points in the third quarter, but the Bulldogs came back to get within 45-32 after three. The Mustangs pulled away in the fourth getting 10 points from Adams, four each from Murray and Smith and three points from Josh Winters to win by nineteen.

The Mustangs hit seven of nine free throws in the fourth quarter and hit 13 of 16 for the game.

Adams led four Mustangs in double figures with 18 points, hitting seven of nine free throws, grabbed 15 rebounds and had two assists. Smith hit seven of 10 shots for 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, six of them offensive. Murray hit six of 12 shots for 12 points, had four rebounds and two steals. Elguezabal had 11 points, two assists and two steals. Justin Botefuhr had five rebounds, Winters had three steals, Brandon Seitz blocked three shots and Tanner Britt had two steals.

Heppner 19 13 13 23-68

Culver 5 11 16 17-49

Heppner: Brad Adams 5 7-9 18, Brian Smith 7 2-2 16, Luke Murray 6 0-0 12, Chuy Elguezabal 5 1-1 11, Josh Winters 2 1-2 5, Justin Botefuhr 1 2-2 4, Tanner Britt 1 0-0 2, Brandon Seitz, Donald Adams, Doug Orwick and Brian Haguewood. Team: 27 13-16 68 3-pt.: B. Adams.

Culver: Nate Lewis 10 3-5 27, Chris Dix 2 2-2 7, Nick Hagman 3 1-5 7, Grant Putnam 1 0-0 2, Cory Boyd 0 2-2 2, Maury Rhoan, Josh O'Gorman and Jared Roen. Team: 16 8-14 49 3-pt.: Lewis 4 and Dix.

Ione JV boys score victory over Cougars

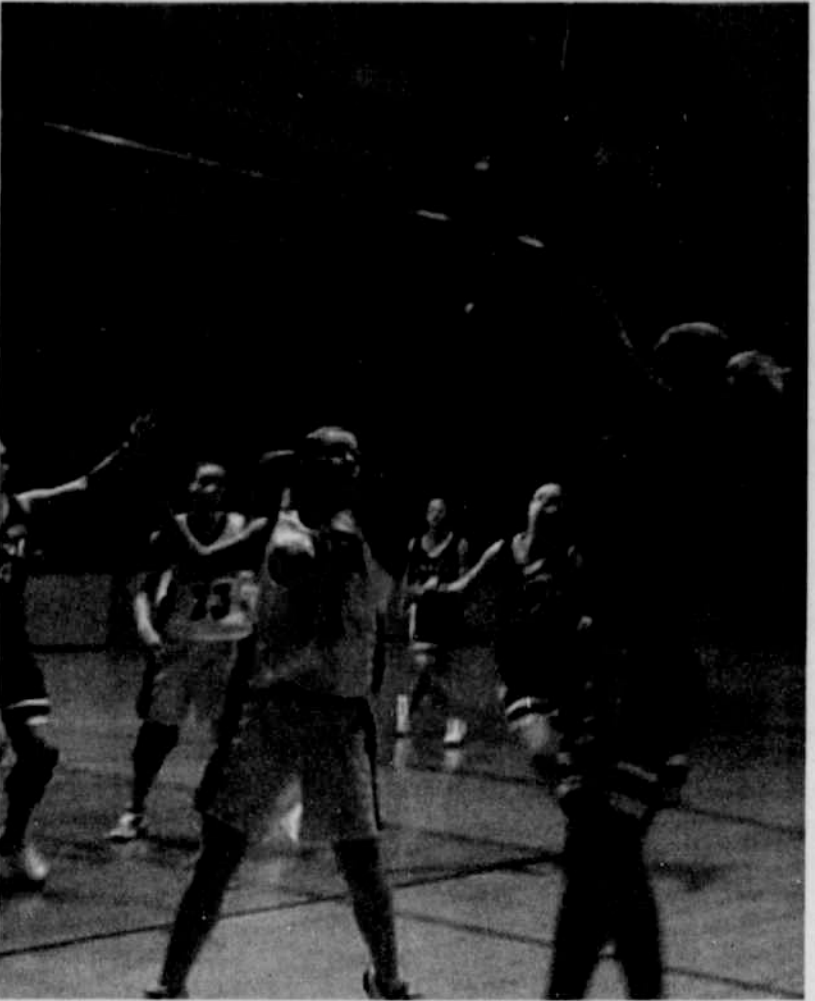
The Ione boys' JV played three quarters of basketball against the Echo boys' JV team and managed to outscore the Cougars 25-18 despite not scoring in the second quarter.

Coach Swanson commented that the Cardinals

played "excellent defense" and that is why they won the game.

Dan Satterly hit two 3-pointers on his way to 13 points. Kelly Thompson had six points, Curtis Thompson had four and Arthur Ekstrom added two points.

Mustang girls beat Bulldogs



Madison Bailey attempts a shot

photo by Teresa Hughes

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity built a 19-point lead after three quarters and coasted to a 49-36 win at Culver on Saturday, Jan. 18 to improve to a 3-1 in the Columbia Basin Conference and 7-7 overall. The Mustangs will be at Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 24 and will host Sherman County on Saturday, Jan. 25.

The Mustangs started slow eventually taking a 10-6 lead after one getting four points from Lacey Matteson and built the lead to 20-12 at the half getting four points each from Matteson and Stefanie Hanson.

Tylynn Smith scored nine points in the third and Madison Bailey hit a 3-pointer as the Mustangs built their lead to 39-20 and coasted through the fourth to the 13-point win.

Matteson led the Mustangs with 14 points, nine

rebounds, three assists and two steals. Smith added 11 points, 13 rebounds, and Hanson was also in double figures with 10 points, nine rebounds and two steals. Bailey had seven points and three steals, Nikki Sisk had three steals, two assists and a blocked shot and Chelsea Britt had four rebounds.

Heppner 10 10 19 10-49

Culver 6 6 8 16-36

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 5 4-5 14, Tylynn Smith 5 1-3 11, Stefanie Hanson 5 0-3 10, Madison Bailey 3 0-2 7, Chelsea Britt 2 1-4 5, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 2, Jesse Kempas, Brooke Rust, Linsey Mitchell, and Tiffany Piper. Team: 21 6-17 49 3-pt.: Bailey.

Culver: Lytle 4 1-7 9,

Whitaker 3 0-4 6, Lang 2 2-2 6, McWilliams 2 0-5 4, K. Alley 2 0-0 4, Hagman 2 0-0 4, C. Alley 1 1-2 3. Team: 16 4-20 36 3-pt.: none

Mustang boys outlast Eagles

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity overcame a slow start and outlasted the visiting Wahtonka Eagles 56-45 on Friday, Jan. 17 in a Columbia Basin Conference game. The Mustangs improved to 2-1 in the CBC and 9-4 overall.

Both teams started off slow as Brad Adams hit one of two free throws with 5:06 left in the first quarter for the first points for either team. The Eagles then scored seven straight before Adams hit two more free throws and Luke Murray hit two of four as the Mustangs trailed 7-5 after one.

The Mustangs got to an 11-9 lead early in the second as Chuy Elguezabal hit a short jumper and fed Adams and Murray for lay-ins, but the Eagles came back to take a 15-11 lead. Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer and Josh Winters had a steal and lay-in to give the Mustangs a 16-15 lead, but the Eagles again came back with six straight to regain the lead. Winters hit a fade away jumper and a 3-pointer to end the first half with the teams tied a 21-21.

The teams were tied at 23-23 when Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer, Justin Botefuhr converted a three-point play, and Elguezabal fed Adams and Winters for lay-ins to give the Mustangs a 33-23 lead. The Eagles came back with a run of their own to tie it again, but Adams scored off a rebound and Elguezabal hit two free throws and the Mustangs led 37-35 after three.

The Eagles hit a free throw to get within one but Adams hit two free throws and a long jumper, Winters hit a 3-pointer, Adams scored off a baseline drive and hit a short jumper to make it 48-36 then fed Elguezabal for a lay-in to make it

50-38. Elguezabal fed Brandon Seitz and Adams twice for lay-ins to make it 56-43 and give the Mustangs the win.

Adams hit seven of 10 shots in the second half and finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds with Elguezabal adding 13 points, six assists and two steals. Winters hit five of six shots and finished with 12 points and four steals and Seitz had nine rebounds and two blocked shots.

Heppner 5 16 16 19-56
Wahtonka 7 14 14 10-45

Heppner: Brad Adams 8 5-6 21, Chuy Elguezabal 4 3-5 13, Josh Winters 5 0-0 12, Luke Murray 1 2-4 4, Justin Botefuhr 1 1-2 3, Brandon Seitz 1 1-3 3, Tanner Britt, Brian Smith and Doug Orwick. Team: 20 12-20 56 3-pt.: Winters 2 and Elguezabal 2.

Wahtonka: Ryan Young 9 4-11 22, Austin Crowell 7 0-0 14, Eric Lindbrandt 1 1-2 4, Eli Carter 2 0-0 4 and Oscar Juarez 0 1-2 1. Team: 19 6-15 45 3-pt.: Lindbrandt.

Cardinal JV score a victory over Grizzlies

The Ione girls' JV team beat the Helix girls' JV 61-46 to increase their winning streak to four wins in a row and their record to 7-5, Friday, Jan. 17.

The Cardinals took a 44-17 halftime lead and despite being out scored by the Grizzlies 39-17 in the second half they managed to hold on for the win.

All seven players for Cardinals managed to put some points on the board; Abby Key topped the scoring effort with 14 points, Alyssa Rietmann and Kim Morris combined for 20 points with 10 each, Eva Chitty had nine, Ashley Grams had seven points, Jenny Griffith put up six and Amanda Emery had three points.

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