

Jr. High team places third in tournament



(back row L-R): Cyde Coil, Taylor Kempas, Mahaley Huddleston, Whitney Matthews, Regi Seitz, Lyndi Patton, Megan Orr and Aftan Betsinger; (front row L-R): Coach Chris Rauch, Katie Kilkenny and Natalie Rauch, manager. Not pictured: Chelsey Foster, scorekeeper.

The Heppner Junior High "A" team placed third in tournament games in the "Sisters Shoot Out," Jan. 11-12. They were matched against teams from Sisters, Bend, LaPine, Redmond and Lakeview.

Cardinal Booster Club honors businesses



Representatives of Dobyn's Pest Control, The Office Café and Sunflower Junction were among those honored by the Cardinal Booster Club

Friday, Jan. 24, the Lone Cardinal Booster Club recognized the following businesses for their support this past year: Red Lion Hotels, Bi-Mart, Oxford Inn & Suites, Simplot, The Office Cafe, Dobyn's Pest Control and

Sunflower Junction. Each business has been active in supporting the lone Schools.

Lady Cards take the win from South Wasco County

For the second night in a row the lone girls' varsity would have to comeback from a poor third quarter performance in

order to gain the win 52-51, Saturday, Jan. 25.

With only seconds left on the clock Natalie McElligott drove to the hole, but found

herself surrounded by RedSides. McElligott, then leapt up made an across court pass to freshman Ashly Grams who banked in the shoot for the win.

"I wasn't going to shoot but when I heard everyone screaming I just laid it up," said Grams.

Diana McElligott led the Cardinals with 20 points, 12 of which where from a 100 percent performance from the free throw line. Emily Key added 10 points, Natalie McElligott had nine, Ashly Grams had five, Sara Peck had four and Barbara Holland and Eva Chitty added two apiece.

Ione girls' JV crush South Wasco County

The Ione Girls Junior Varsity bounced back from their Friday loss to crush the South Wasco County JV 51-31, Saturday, Jan. 25.

The Cardinals never trailed in the game, stealing the ball 30 times and grabbing 39 rebounds.

Eva Chitty had a good game going for 12 points and 10 steals. Ashly Grams had 13 points and five steals. Alyssa Rietmann grabbed eight rebounds and added seven points, while Jenny Griffith had five steals, four assists and six points. Caitlin Orem had six points and four steals, Kim Morris chipped in four points and brought down seven rebounds and Abby Key added two points.



Sara Peck, Natalie McElligott and Traci Griffith defend the basket for the lone Cardinals's.

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Ione's tradition of Pee Wee basketball lives on



Ione's tradition of Pee Wee basketball lives on in this years athletes playing during the halftime of the varisty game. Teammates pictured include: Evan Rietmann, Sky Kindrick, Gus Perterson, Jason Thompson, Shaow Dendrick, Loren Garrett, Rita McElligott, Hanah Padberg, Emily Holland, Blake Greenup, Zane King, Jaquiline Juarez.

Mustang JV boys rally twice

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV boys had to rally twice for wins over the Umatilla Vikings and the Sherman County Huskies to improve to 13-1 on the year. The Mustangs trailed, 12-5, after one at Umatilla before winning 37-33 on Friday, Jan. 24 and fell behind, 9-3, after one at home against the Huskies before rallying for a 52-43 win on Saturday, Jan. 25. The Mustangs play at Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 31 and will be at home against Culver on Saturday, Feb. 1.

At Umatilla, the Mustangs got five points, including a 3-pointer from Aaron Griffith in the second quarter but still trailed, 21-16, at the half. Griffith had four more points in the third as the Mustangs outscored the Vikings 10-0 to take a 26-21 lead after three and got five points from Kyler Lovgren in the fourth as they hung on for the win.

Griffith led the Mustangs with 11 points, with Lovgren adding nine points.

After their dismal first quarter against the Huskies, the Mustangs got five points, including a 3-points from Griffith and a 3-pointer from Josh Gutierrez to take a 22-17 halftime lead. Griffith had six more points in the third, including a 3-pointer and five from Gus Torres including a 3-pointer, to extend their lead to 35-25 after three. Torres had four points in the fourth and Gutierrez had three as the Mustangs held on for the win.

Griffith again led the Mustangs with 11 points, with Torres adding nine points. Gutierrez and Cody Walton each had six points.

Heppner 5 11 10 11-37 Umatilla 12 9 0 12-33

Heppner: Aaron Griffith 4-2-3 11, Kyler Lovgren 4 1-3 9, Matthew VanCleave 1 2-5 4, Jode Coil 1 1-4 3, Judd Lemmon 1 0-2 0, Cody Walton 1 0-0 2, Zach Skaggs 0 2-2 2, Gus Torres 0 2-2 2, Matt Young 0 2-2 2, Brian Haguewood, Eric Torres, Tyler Boyer and Josh Gutierrez. Team: 12 12-23 37-3-pt.: Griffith.

Umatilla: Ortega 4 3-12 12, Olivera 3 1-2 7, white 2 2-4 6, Bissonette 2 0-2 4, Phipps 0 2-7 2, Bow 1 0-0 2, Rouston 0 0-2 0 and Bursell. Team: 12 8-29 33 3-pt.: Ortega.

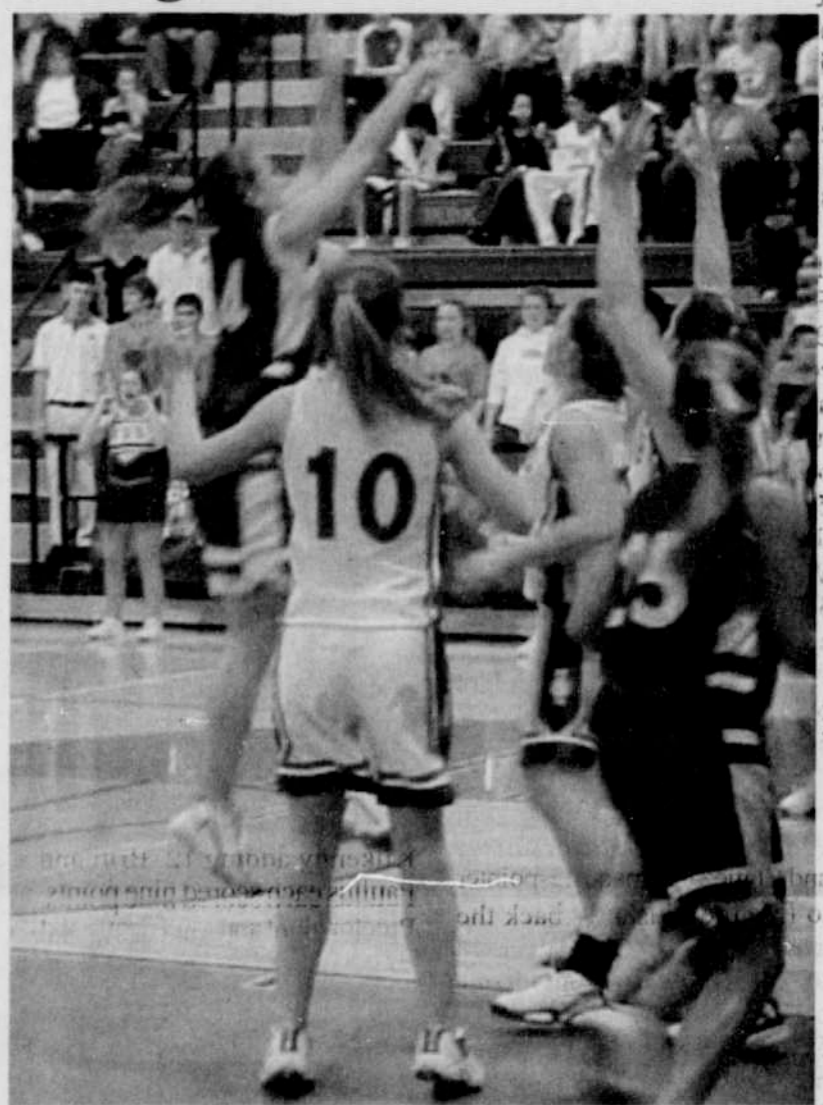
Heppner 3 19 13 17-52 Sherman County 9 8 8 18-43

Heppner: Griffith 4 1-1 11, G. Torres 4 0-0 9, Walton 3 0-0 6, Gutierrez 2 1-2 6, Boyer 2 0-1 4, Coil 1 1-2 3, Haguewood 0 3-4 3, Young 1 1-2 3, Lemmon 0 2-2 2, VanCleave 1 0-2 2, Lovgren 1 0-0 2, Skaggs 0 1-2 1 and E. Torres.

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Mustang girls win by one over Vikings



#14 Lacey Matteson takes a shot

photo by Teresa Hughes

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity outlasted the Umatilla Vikings 32-31 on Friday, Jan. 24 at Umatilla to improve their Columbia Basin Conference record to 4-1 and their overall record to 8-7 on the year.

The Mustangs fell behind, 11-5, after one, but rallied in the second quarter getting six points from Lacey Matteson and a 3-pointer from Stefanie Hanson to tie it at 18-18 at the half.

The Vikings took a 24-22 lead after three, but the Mustangs came back in the fourth getting six points from Susan Southworth to pull out the one-point win.

Matteson led the Mustangs with 10 points and four

rebounds. Tylynn Smith added six points and five rebounds. Southworth had six points and three steals, Hanson had four rebounds and two steal and Nikki Sisk had two steals.

Heppner 5 13 4 10-32 Umatilla 11 7 6 7-31

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 3 4-10 10, Tylynn Smith 3 0-1 6, Susan Southworth 3 0-2 6, Chelsea Britt 2 0-2 4, Stefanie Hanson 1 0-2 3, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 2, Brooke Rust 0 1-2 1, Jesse Kempas, Madison Bailey and Linsey Mitchell. Team: 13 5-18 32 3-pt.: Hanson.

Umatilla: Campos 2 2-3 6, Borden 2 1-4 6, Jarney 2 1-7 5, Dahlin 1 1-2 3, Harvey 1 1-5 3 and Meade 0 2-2 2. Team: 11 9-23 31 3-pt.: none

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