

## Mustang C team wins two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' "C" team won two games last week to improve to 10-2 on the year with their final home game of the year on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m., against Grant Union. The Mustangs finish the season on the road at Riverside on Monday, Feb. 10 and at Weston-McEwen on Thursday, Feb. 13.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28 the Mustangs hung on to beat the visiting Condon Blue Devils, 40-37, then outscored the visiting Riverside Pirates 54-32 on Thursday, Jan. 30.

The Mustangs got five points from Kyle Carlson in the first quarter as they were tied with the Blue Devils at 8-8 after one and got five points from Matthew VanCleave and four from Dan Basile in the second to take a 22-15 halftime lead.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 33-20 after three getting five points, including a 3-pointer, from Kory Paullus and then hung on in the fourth as the Blue Devils cut the lead to three.

Paullus and VanCleave each scored eight points to lead the Mustangs with Carlson and Rory Kilkenny each scoring seven points.

Against the Pirates, the Mustangs got off to a fast start taking a 19-13 lead after one getting seven points each from Paullus and VanCleave and increased it to 35-19 at the half getting four points each from Kilkenny and Robert McElligott and a 3-pointer from Basile in the second quarter.

Josh Lankford had six points in the third quarter as the Mustangs led 43-29 going into

the fourth and got four points from Mikel Britt as they coasted to the win.

Paullus led the Mustangs with nine points, while Lankford, VanCleave and Kilkenny each scored eight points. Roy Proctor, Britt and McElligott each added four points.

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Condon: M. Potter 4 4-12, Campbell 2 2-4 6, M. Street 2 2-4 6, J. Potter 1 2-6 5, Perry 1 1-2 3, Bednar 0 1-8 1, J. Street 0 0-3 0, Anderson 0 0-1 0, Kamerrer and a Heppner player 1 0-0 2. Team: 11 12-32 37 3-pt.: M. Potter 2 and J. Potter.

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## Mustang girls beat Bulldogs

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The short-handed Heppner Mustang girls' varsity hung on to beat the visiting Culver Bulldogs 40-33 on Saturday, Feb. 1 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs rested leading scorer Lacey Matteson because of a sore knee and lost Stefanie Hanson in the third quarter due to a knee injury. They improved to 5-3 in the CBC and 9-9 overall. The Mustangs will host league-leading Weston-McEwen on Friday, Feb. 7 before traveling to Stanfield on Saturday, Feb. 8.

The Mustangs jumped out to an 8-2 lead getting a free throw from Madison Bailey, baskets from Hanson and Tylynn Smith and a 3-pointer from Jesse Kempas eventually leading 10-4 after one.

Susan Southworth scored off a rebound and Bailey hit one of two free throws to make it 13-4. Nikki Sisk hit a 3-pointer and Brooke Rust scored off a rebound to make it 20-11 and Kempas hit a jumper as the Mustangs took a 22-17 lead at the half.

Smith scored twice inside and hit one of two free throws and Hanson made a lay-in to open the third, giving the Mustangs a 29-17 lead. Chelsea Britt made one of two free throws and Sisk made two to give the Mustangs a 32-22 lead after three.

Southworth scored off a rebound to open the fourth and Kempas scored off a drive to make it 36-26, the Bulldogs got to within 36-30, but Rust hit a jumper and fed Smith for a lay-in to put the game out of reach.

Smith had 10 points and four rebounds, with Kempas



#5 Stefanie Hanson goes up for the shot as she's guarded by a Culver player.</