

Mustangs lose to Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The Pilot Rock Rockets enjoyed a 27 of 37 to a 3 of 7 advantage at the free throw line in the second half and used it to beat the Heppner Mustangs boys' varsity 68-51 on Friday, Jan. 31 in Pilot Rock. The Mustangs Columbia Basin Conference record fell to 4-3 and their overall record dropped to 11-5 with the loss.

The Mustangs took a 12-10 lead after one, getting four points each from Brad Adams and Chuy Elguezabal, but trailed 25-24 at the half despite four more points each from Adams and Elguezabal in the second quarter. Luke Murray had five points in the third quarter but the Rockets outscored the Mustangs 17-9 to take a 42-33 lead after three. Josh Winters had five points, including a 3-pointer, Brandon Seitz and Justin Botefuhr each had four and Donald Adams hit a 3-pointer, but the Rockets hit 20 of 26 free throws in the fourth, to win going away.

Brad Adams had 10 points and 11 rebounds, with Elguezabal also finishing with 10 points. Murray had nine points and three steals, Seitz had eight points and eight rebounds and Winters had seven points and five rebounds.

Pilot Rock 10 15 17 26-68
Heppner 12 19 18-51

Pilot Rock: Erik Stelk 2 12-16 17, Jake Perry 4 7-10 15, Troy Sampson 2 7-8 11, Jimmy Doherty 1 5-6 7, Mitch Byrnes 2 2-5 6, Bobby Christensen 2 0-0 5, Josh Wallis 2 0-0 4, Michel Krosting 1 0-0 3, Nolen Mills, Kolby Golden



#13 Brad Adams while being guarded by Pilot Rock

and Phillip Perrine. Team: 16 33-45 68 **3-pt.:** Christensen, Stelk and Krosting.

Heppner: Brad Adams 5 0-3 10, Chuy Elguezabal 4 2-2 10, Luke Murray 4 1-5 9, Brandon Seitz 4 0-0 8, Josh Winters 3 0-0 7, Justin Botefuhr 1 2-2 4, Donald Adams 1 0-0 3, Tanner Britt 0 0-1 0, Brian Smith, Conor Kilkenny, Doug Orwick and Brian Hagewood. Team: 22 5-13 51 **3-pt.:** Winters and D. Adams.

Mustang girls fall short at Pilot Rock



#14 Lacey Matteson handles the ball as she's guarded by #33 Becca Perrine.

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The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity played three solid quarters at Pilot Rock but a bad third quarter let the Rockets take a 50-45 win on Friday, Jan. 31 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs dropped to 4-3 in the CBC and 8-9 overall.

The Mustangs got a 3-pointer from Jesse Kempas as they took a 7-6 lead after one and got eight points from Lacey Matteson as they took a 21-14

halftime lead. Matteson had six points in the third, but the Rockets outscored the Mustangs 23-11 to take a 37-32 lead. Matteson had seven points, including a 3-pointer, in the fourth but the Mustangs could not regain the lead.

Matteson had 21 points, nine rebounds, six steals, three blocked shots and two assists. Stefanie Hanson scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds. Kempas had six steals, Madison Bailey had three assists, Chelsea

Britt had three rebounds and Nikki Sisk and Tylynn Smith each had three steals.

Pilot Rock 6 8 23 13-50
Heppner 7 11 11 13-45

Pilot Rock: Kylie Branson 7 4-4 18, A.J. Doherty 5 2-4 15, Ally Robles 2 6-8 10, Jen Ulrich 0 3-4 3, Sorrel Ward 0 3-6 3, Becca Perrine 0 1-4 1, Hannah Kirk and Christina

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 7 6-8 21, Stefanie Hanson 3 2-4 8, Susan Southworth 2 1-3 5, Jesse Kempas 1 0-0 3, Madison Bailey 1 1-2 3, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 2, Brooke Rust 1 0-0 2, Tylynn Smith 0 1-2 1, Chelsea Britt and Linsey Mitchell. Team: 16 11-19 45 **3-pt.:** Matteson and Kempas.

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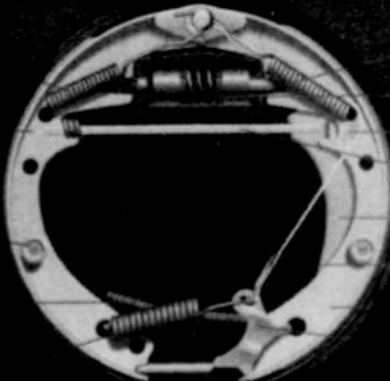
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