

Mustang girls run past Tigers in third

By Rick Paullus
A 9-0 advantage in the third quarter propelled the Heppner Mustang girls' varsity to a 51-37 win over the Stanfield Tigers in Stanfield on Saturday, Feb. 8, in Columbia Basin Conference play.

The Mustangs, 7-3 in the CBC and 11-9 overall, will play at home against Umatilla on Friday, Feb. 14 before traveling to the eighth-ranked Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, Feb. 15, in Moro.

The Mustangs did not suffer a let down from their big win over Weston-McEwen the night before as they came out hot in the first quarter taking a 17-15 lead getting seven points from Stephanie Hanson and six from Tylynn Smith. Hanson had seven more points in the second quarter as the Mustangs increased their lead to 28-23 at the half.

The Mustangs hit five of six free throws in the decisive third quarter and got six points from Lacey Matteson and four from Chelsea Britt as they held on through the fourth. They hit 10

of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter and 19 of 26 for the game.

Hanson, who hit six of eight shots in the first half, finished with 16 points and eight rebounds. Matteson added 10 points, four assists and four rebounds. Jesse Kempas had 11 rebounds and two steals, Susan Southworth had seven rebounds and two steal and Britt had seven rebounds. Linsey Mitchell had five rebounds and Nikki Sisk had two steals.

Heppner 17 11 9 14-51
Stanfield 15 8 0 14-37

Heppner: Stefanie Hanson 6 4-8 16, Lacey Matteson 3 4-6 10, Tylynn Smith 3 1-2 7, Chelsea Britt 1 4-4 6, Jesse Kempas 0 4-4 4, Brooke Rust 2 0-0 4, Susan Southworth 1 0-0 2, Linsey Mitchell 0 2-0 2 and Nikki Sisk. Team: 16 19-26 51 **3-pt.:** none

Stanfield: Kim Davis 6 0-0 16, Kyle Mills 5 0-0 11, D. Weatherman 1 3-4 5, Nicole Mills 1 0-2 2, Catherine Zielke 1 0-0 2, Kelli Davis 0 1-10 1 and Nancy Sandoval. Team: 14 4-16 37 **3-pt.:** Kim Davis 4 and Kyle Mills.

Mustang JV boys drop two

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang JV boys suffered through a tough weekend as they lost to the visiting Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 42-34 on Friday, Feb. 7 and lost 53-42 at Stanfield on Saturday, Feb. 8. The Mustangs now, 15-3 on the year, will try to get back on track as they face Umatilla at home on Friday, Feb. 14 and go on the road to Moro to face Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Against the Tigerscots, the teams were tied after one at 12-12 as Josh Gutierrez hit a 3-pointer and the Mustangs lead 19-17 at the half as Zach Skaggs had three points in the second.

Kyler Lovgren had three points in the third but the Tigerscots opened up a 30-26 lead after three. Gutierrez had another 3-pointer in the fourth but the Mustangs could not overcome the deficit.

Lovgren and Skaggs each had seven points with Gutierrez and Brian Haguewood each scoring six points.

At Stanfield, the Tigers jumped out to a quick lead but Gutierrez had 1- points in the first, including two 3-pointers to get the Mustangs to within 19-16 after one. Skaggs had four points in the second but the Tigers took a 28-23 lead into the half.

The Tigers took a 43-31 lead after three and held the lead through the fourth to take the win.

Gutierrez lead the Mustangs with 12 points, Skaggs had five points with Haguewood, Aaron Griffith and Gus Torres each scoring four points.

Weston-McEwen 12 5 13 12-42

Heppner 12 7 7 8-34

Weston-McEwen: Greenwalt 6 1-2 13, Hausner 2 4-6 8, Watts 3 0-0 6, Froese 0 3-6 3, Williams 0 2-4 2, Watson 0 2-2 2, Duke 1 0-0 2, Peterson 1 0-0 2, Sheard 0 2-6 2, Johnston 1 0-0 2, Clark, Freston, Todd and Sparks. Team: 14 14-26 42 **3-pt.:** none

Heppner: Kyler Lovgren 3 1-1 7, Zach Skaggs 3 1-3 7, Brian Haguewood 3 0-0 6, Josh Gutierrez 2 0-0 6, Cody Walton 1 1-6 3, Aaron Griffith 1 0-0 2, Gus Torres 1 0-0 2, Judd Lemmon 0 1-2 1, Tyler Boyer, Eric Torres, Matt Young and Matthew VanCleave. Team 14 4-12 34 **3-pt.:** Gutierrez 2.

Stanfield 19 9 15 10-53

Heppner 16 7 8 11-42

Stanfield: Little 6 6-10 18, Gabriel 6 2-6 17, Sobotta 3 1-1 8, Flemmer 2 2-4 6, Zielke 1 0-2 2, Dick 1 0-0 2, Baros and Ramos. Team: 19 11-23 53 **3-pt.:** Gabriel 3 and Sobotta.

Heppner: Gutierrez 4 2-2 12, Skaggs 2 1-2 5, Haguewood 1 2-2 4, Griffith 2 0-2 4, G. Torres 2 0-0 4, Walton 1 1-4 3, Lovgren 1 0-0 2, Boyer 1 0-0 2, Lemmon 1 0-0 2, Young 1 0-0 2, VanCleave 1 0-0 2 and E. Torres. Team: 17 6-12 42 **3-pt.:** Gutierrez 2.

Mustang boys outscore Tigers

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity outscored the Stanfield Tigers in each quarter in taking a 62-56 win in Stanfield on Saturday, Feb. 8 in Columbia Basin Conference action.

The Mustangs, 7-3 in CBC and 14-6 overall, will play at home against Umatilla in a key CBC game on Friday, Feb. 14, before going on the road to Moro to face the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, Feb. 15.

The Mustangs led 16-14 after one getting five points from Brad Adams, five points from Chuy Elguezabal, including a 3-pointer, and four points from Luke Murray, including a 3-pointer.

Adams had five more points and Murray hit another 3-pointer in the second and Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Mustangs a 28-25 lead at halftime.

The Tigers scored first to open the third and after Elguezabal hit a jumper, they scored four straight to take a 31-30 lead. Brandon Seitz hit one of two free throws and Adams converted a three-point play and Seitz scored off a rebound to give the Mustangs a 39-33 lead. Josh Winters hit a long jumper to make it 43-37, the Tigers hit a 3-pointer, Conor Kilkenny scored off a pass from Tanner Britt, the Tigers came back with another 3-pointer, but Elguezabal hit another 3-pointer at the buzzer

Mustang C team runs past Prospectors

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang "C" team jumped out to an 18-4 lead after one and never looked back beating the visiting Grant Union Prospectors 83-44 on Thursday, Feb. 6, to improve their record to 11-2 on the year. The Mustangs play their final game at Weston-McEwen, Thursday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m.

Kory Paullus had nine points in the Mustangs big first quarter with Josh Lankford and Matt Kenny each hitting 3-pointers and Kyle Carlson scoring three points.

Mikel Britt had six points and Matthew VanCleave and Paullus each scored four points in the second as the Mustangs took a 36-23 lead at the half.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 56-33 after three as Lankford had six points, including a 3-pointer, and Britt and Paullus each had four points. They coasted through the fourth getting

to give the Mustangs a 48-43 lead after three.

The Tigers got to within two to open the fourth but Murray scored off a drive and Elguezabal hit a jumper to make it 52-46. The Tigers came back to get within one, but Adams scored twice inside off drives to make it 56-51, the Tigers scored but the Mustangs put the game away as Justin Botefuhr scored off a rebound and Elguezabal and Murray each hit two of two free throws in the final minute to preserve the win.

Elguezabal had 20 points and three assists, with Adams hitting nine of 13 free throws, scoring 19 points and grabbing 14 rebounds and Murray had 11 points, four assists and two steals. Botefuhr had nine rebounds, Winters had five rebounds and two steals and Seitz had six rebounds.

Heppner 16 12 20 14-62

Stanfield 14 11 18 13-56

Heppner: Chuy Elguezabal 7 3-3 20, Brad Adams 5 9-13 19, Luke Murray 3 3-4 11, Brandon Seitz 2 1-3 5, Justin Botefuhr 1 1-2 3, Josh Winters 1 0-0 2, Conor Kilkenny 1 0-0 2, Donald Adams 0 0-2 0 and Tanner Britt 0 0-1 0. Team: 20 17-28 62 **3-pt.:** Elguezabal 3 and Murray 2.

Stanfield: Ricky Perches 5 5-5 16, Jacob Flemmer 5 4-6 15, Chuy Perches 5 2-2 14, Jason Sperr 3 0-0 8, Jason Flemmer 1 1-2 3, Aaron Abercrombie, Tyler Grabiell and Alonso Rivera. Team: 19 12-15 56. **3-pt.:** C. Perches 2, Sperr 2, R. Perches and Jacob Flemmer.

six points from VanCleave, five from Carlson, including a 3-pointer, Roy Proctor brought in a 3-pointer and Paullus had three more points.

Paullus led four Mustangs in double figures with 20 points, with Lankford and Britt each scoring 12 points and VanCleave adding 10 points. Carlson had eight points and Kenny had seven.

Heppner 18 18 20 27-83

Grant Union 4 19 10 11-44

Heppner: Kory Paullus 8 4-5 20, Josh Lankford 4 2-5 12, Mikel Britt 5 2-5 12, Matthew VanCleave 3 4-4 10, Kyle Carlson 3 1-2 8, Matt Kenny 3 0-0 7, Robert McElligott 2 2-2 6, Rory Kilkenny 2 0-0 4, Roy Proctor 1 0-0 3, Kyle Huddleston 0 1-2 1, Riley Wight and Dan Basile. Team: 31 16-25 83 **3-pt.:** Lankford 2, Kenny, Proctor and Carlson.

Grant Union: Page 9 5-6 23, Ashmead 3 0-0 6, Coxen 3 0-4 6, Johns 2 0-0 4, Holland 0 3-4 3, Reed 0 1-2 1, Cary 0 1-2 1, Harrara 0 0-1 0 and Sprouffiska. Team: 17 10-19 44 **3-pt.:** none

Mustangs rally past Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang varsity boys overcame a slow start to rally past the visiting Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 67-56 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs improved to 6-3 in the CBC and 13-6 overall with the win.

The Mustangs led 4-2 early on a Brandon Seitz rebound basket and a Brad Adams drive and lay-in, but the Tigerscots came back to take an 8-5 lead after one.

The Mustangs started fast in the second as Conor Kilkenny hit a 3-pointer, Luke Murray drove the lane for a lay-in and Adams hit three of four free throws for a 13-8 lead, but the Tigerscots came right back with a 10-0 run to take an 18-13 lead. Murray came back with two free throws and a runny jumper and Adams scored off a drive to give the Mustangs a 19-18 lead. Murray scored off a drive and after the Tigerscots tied the game at 21-21, Adams scored twice inside and Chuy Elguezabal completed a three-point play to end the second to give the Mustangs a 28-21 lead at the half.

The Tigerscots scored first to open the third but Seitz scored off a pass from Josh Winters, Adams scored twice inside and Elguezabal scored off the fast break to give the Mustangs a 36-23 lead. The Tigerscots came back with a 12-3 run before Justin Botefuhr hit a 3-pointer to make it 42-35, then the teams traded baskets as Murray hit a running jumper, Botefuhr scored off a pass from Donald Adams and Murray scored off a drive, but the Tigerscots were within 48-45 at the end of the third quarter.

Mustangs upset Tigerscots at buzzer

By Rick Paullus
With the final seconds ticking down, Lacey Matteson fed Brooke Rust inside who calmly sank a short jumper at the buzzer to give the Heppner Mustang varsity girls a 42-40 win over the twelfth-ranked Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Friday, Feb. 7 in Heppner. The Mustangs improved their Columbia Basin Conference record to 6-3 and their overall record to 10-9 with the win.

The Tigerscots jumped out to a 6-1 lead but the Mustangs came back as Matteson fed Stefanie Hanson for a lay-in then hit a jumper and after a Tigerscot bucket, Tylynn Smith drove the lane for a lay-in, Matteson hit a long jumper then hit a long 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Mustangs a 12-8 lead after one.

Madison Bailey drove for a lay-in to make it 14-10 but the Tigerscots went on a 12-2 run to take a 22-16 lead. Smith then hit one of two free throws and scored off a pass from Matteson and Hanson scored off a rebound but the Tigerscots scored the final four points of the quarter to take a 26-21 lead at the half.

The Tigerscots scored first to open the third quarter but

Elguezabal hit a jumper to open the fourth but the Tigerscots got to within two at 50-48, Adams and Murray each hit one of two free throws and after a Tigerscot basket got them within two again, Seitz hit two free throws and scored off a pass from Elguezabal and Botefuhr scored off a rebound to give the Mustangs a 58-50 lead. Seitz hit a baseline jumper, the Tigerscots converted a three-point play, Botefuhr and Adams each hit one of two free throws and the Tigerscots scored to make it 62-56 for their last score. Adams made a free throw and Elguezabal hit four of six free throws down the stretch to put the game away.

Adams finished with 21 points, 16 rebounds, three steals and three assists to lead four Mustangs in double figures. Murray had 14 points, Elguezabal had 11 points and five assists, and Seitz had 10 points and four rebounds. Botefuhr had eight points, Winters had five rebounds and two assists and Brian Smith had two blocked shots.

Heppner 5 23 20 19-67
Weston-McEwen 8 13 24 11-56

Heppner: Brad Adams 7 7-12 21, Luke Murray 5 4-6 14, Chuy Elguezabal 3 5-10 11, Brandon Seitz 4 2-2 10, Justin Botefuhr 3 1-2 8, Conor Kilkenny 1 0-0 3, Donald Adams 0 0-1 0, Josh Winters, Tanner Britt, Doug Orwick, Brian Smith and Brian Haguewood. Team: 23 19-33 67 **3-pt.:** Kilkenny and Botefuhr.

Weston-McEwen: Zach Johnson 8 2-4 18, T.J. Parrish 4 6-6 16, Eric Delph 3 6-10 12, Jimmy King 3 1-2 7, Dan Tucker 1 0-1 2, Alec Sheard 0 1-2 1, Beau Amundson 0 0-1 0, Dusty Minthorn, Riley Allen, Epi Brito and Monty Davis. Team: 19 16-26 56 **3-pt.:** Parrish 2.

would get just one free throw the rest of the way as Matteson fed Chelsea Britt for a lay-in and scored inside off a drive. Smith hit two free throws, Hanson scored inside, Britt scored off a pass from Linsey Mitchell and Rust scored off a pass from Matteson to give the Mustangs a 33-29 lead after three.

The Tigerscots tied it at 33-33 but Matteson hit a running jumper and Britt scored off a rebound to give the Mustangs a 37-33 lead with two minutes left.

The Tigerscots scored to get within two but Smith hit two free throws with 54 seconds left to make it 39-35 but back came the Tigerscots to get within one with 38 second left. Smith hit one of two free throws, but the Tigerscots tied it with 20 second remaining and almost stole the ball with five seconds left but knocked the ball out of bounds to give it back to the Mustangs. On the play, Bailey suffered a bad ankle injury and had to leave the game. Matteson took the inbound pass and drove toward the basket, but when she was surrounded by Tigerscots she passed to Rust who put in the winning shot.

Matteson had 11 points, eight rebounds and five assists. Smith hit seven of 10 free throws for 11 points, grabbed eight rebounds and had two assists. Hanson had seven points and four rebounds and Britt had six points and five rebounds.

Heppner 12 9 12 9-42
Weston-McEwen 8 18 3 11-40

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 5 0-2 11, Tylynn Smith 2 7-10 11, Stefanie Hanson 3 1-6 7, Chelsea Britt 3 0-1 6, Brooke Rust 2 0-0 4, Madison Bailey 1 0-0 2, Susan Southworth 0 1-2 1, Nikki Sisk, Jesse Kempas and Linsey Mitchell. Team: 16 9-21 42 **3-pt.:** Matteson.

Weston-McEwen: Kayla Johnson 6 3-4 15, Kayla Paredes 4 1-2 9, Kendra Winn 3 0-1 6, Katie Todd 2 0-2 4, Darlene Thompson 1 2-3 4, Kati Bennett 0 2-3 2, Ashley Peterson, Shellie Schoonover, Darcy Thompson and Molly Tucker. Team: 16 8-15 40 **3-pt.:** none

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