

Mustang boys get big win over Vikings



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#5 Josh Winters making a 3 point shot against Umatilla

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs boys' varsity got a big win over the first place Umatilla Vikings, 47-43, on Friday, Feb. 14 in Heppner to move one game behind the leaders in the Columbia Basin Conference. The Mustangs improved to 8-3 in the CBC and 15-6 overall.

The Mustangs fell behind 4-0 early but came back on two baskets from Brad Adams and a running jumper from Josh Winters to take a 6-4 lead. The Vikings came back to take the lead, but Brian Smith hit two free throws to tie it up at 8-8. After a Viking basket, Chuy Elguezabal made one of two free throws and hit a running jumper to give the Mustangs an 11-10 lead after one.

Smith hit a rebound basket and Adams scored off a pass from Elguezabal to open the second, but the Vikings went on a 10-3 run, Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer, to take a 20-18 lead at the half.

Brandon Seitz hit a baseline jumper and after another Umatilla basket, Winters scored off a drive to make it 25-24. The Vikings scored to up their lead to there again, but Elguezabal scored on a lay-in after a Seitz blocked shot. After a Viking free throw, the Mustangs went on a 7-0 run to close the third. Luke Murray hit one of two free throws, Adams and Seitz scored off rebounds and Adams hit a jumper to give the Mustangs a 33-28 lead after three.

Murray scored off a drive to open the fourth, then Vikings hit a 3-pointer and Murray fed Smith for a lay-in. The Vikings hit another 3-pointer and Winters hit a rebound basket. The Vikings then hit two free throws, but Smith scored off a pass from Murray and made one of two free throws to make it 42-36.

The Vikings came back with a 3-pointer and two free throws to get within one with 2:34 left, Tanner Britt scored on a tip-in, but the Vikings got to within one at 44-43 with 1:17 left. It stayed that way until Elguezabal hit two free throws with 7.9 seconds left, to make it 46-43. After the Vikings missed on the front end of a one and one, Adams hit one of two free throws with 4 seconds left to take the win.

Adams finished with 13 points, seven rebounds and two steals. Elguezabal added 10 points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals. Smith had a strong game off the bench scoring nine points, grabbing four rebounds and blocking three shots. Winter had four rebounds and three steals and Murray had two assists.

Heppner 11 7 15 14-47
Umatilla 10 10 8 15-43
Heppner: Brad Adams 6 1-2 13, Chuy Elguezabal 3 1-3 10, Brian Smith 3 3-4 9, Josh Winters 3 0-0 6, Brandon Seitz 2 0-0 4, Luke Murray 1 1-2 3, Tanner Britt 1 0-0 2, Justin Botefuhr and Donald Adams. Team: 19 6-11 49 **3-pt.:** Elguezabal.

Umatilla: Tony Villanueva 4 6-8 15, Brian Littrell 5 2-2 12, Andre Pharr 3 0-0 8, Chris Wyland 3 0-1 6 and Daniel Adams 1 0-0 2. Team: 15 8-11 43 **3-pt.:** Wyland 2, Pharr 2 and Villanueva.

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Mustang girls beat Vikings



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#5 Stefanie Hansen is going for the lay in shot.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity beat the visiting Umatilla Vikings, 40-33, in Columbia Basin Conference action on Friday, Feb. 14, to improve to 8-3 in the CBC and 12-9 overall.

The Mustangs got six points from Chelsea Britt in the first as they took a 9-2 lead after one and eight points from Lacey Matteson, including two 3-pointers, in the second as they took a 19-18 lead at the half.

Tylynn Smith and Stefanie Hanson each had four points in the third as the Mustangs increased their lead to 29-22 after three.

They pushed it to 33-22 as Britt scored on a pass from Nikki Sisk and Matteson hit a short jumper and extended it to 40-26 on a Sisk jumper, Smith free throw, and two free throws from Matteson a lay-in by Smith on a pass from Jesse Kempas. The Vikings scored the final seven

points, but it was too little, too late.

Matteson had 13 points, 13 rebounds and three assists. Britt added 10 points and two steals. Smith had seven points, seven rebounds and four steals. Kempas had four rebounds, three assists and three steals and Sisk had two assists and two steals.

Heppner 9 10 10 11-40
Umatilla 2 16 4 11-33

Heppner: Lacey Matteson 4 3-4 13, Chelsea Britt 3 4-4 10, Tylynn Smith 3 1-2 7, Stefanie Hanson 3 0-3 6, Jesse Kempas 1 0-0 2, Nikki Sisk 1 0-0 2, Brooke Rust 0 0-2 0, Linsey Mitchell and Susan Southworth. Team: 15 8-15 40 **3-pt.:** Matteson 2.

Umatilla: Campos 5 0-0 13, S. Harvey 3 0-3 6, Borden 2 1-2 5, A. Harvey 2 0-4 4, Meede 1 1-4 3, Forcshe 1 0-0 2 and Henry. Team: 14 2-13 33 **3-pt.:** Campos 3.

Mustang C-team boys run past Riverside in second quarter

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang C-team boys used a 23-2 advantage in the second quarter to run past the Riverside Pirates, 68-29, on Monday, Feb. 10 in Boardman.

The Pirates led 12-8 in the first quarter before the Mustangs rallied to take a 16-12 lead after one as Kory Paullus, Rory Kilkenny and Mikel Britt each scored four points. In the Mustangs big second quarter, Josh Lankford had five points, including a 3-pointer, and Paullus, Britt and Matthew VanCleave each scored four points to give them a 39-14 lead at the half.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 51-23 after three getting four more points from Paullus and coasted through the fourth getting four points from Dan Basile, three from Kilkenny and a 3-pointer from Matt Kenny.

Paullus had 14 points, with Britt adding 12 points and Kilkenny 10. VanCleave had six points and Lankford and Kyle

Carlson each had five, as all the Mustangs scored.

Heppner 16 23 12 17-68

Riverside 12 2 9 6-29

Heppner: Kory Paullus 7 0-1 14, Mikel Britt 6 0-0 12, Rory Kilkenny 3 4-8 10, Matthew VanCleave 2 2-4 6, Josh Lankford 2 0-0 5, Kyle Carlson 2 1-2 5, Riley Wight 2 0-0 4, Dan Basile 2 0-1 4, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 3, Roy Proctor 0 2-5 2, Robert McElligott 1 0-1 2 and Kyle Huddleston 0 1-2 1. Team: 28 10-24 68 **3-pt.:** Lankford and Kenny.

Riverside: Jones 4 0-3 8, Kogler 3 0-0 7, Martinez 2 0-2 4, Krick 1 2-2 4, Nailor 2 0-2 4, Martin 1 0-0 2, Wright, Neal, Groce and Montez. Team: 13 2-9 29 **3-pt.:** Kogler.

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Mustang boys cruise past Huskies in first half



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#2 Chuy Elguezabal Making a nice lay in a good game against the Husky's

By Rick Paullus

A 41-19 run in the first half, fueled by Chuy Elguezabal's 20 points, carried the Heppner Mustangs boys' varsity to a 75-59 win over the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, Feb. 15 in Moro in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs improved to 8-3 in the CBC and 16-6 overall. The team will finish the regular season at Wahtonka on Friday, Feb. 21 and depending on what happens in the final week, they could have a tie-breaker game on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The Mustangs fell behind early, 8-4, to the Huskies managing just a short jumper from Brandon Seitz and a Luke Murray rebound basket, but went on a 15-2 run to close out the first quarter. Brad Adams made two free throws, Josh Winters hit a short jumper on a pass from Murray, Brian Smith hit a rebound basket and Chuy Elguezabal hit two free throws, drove twice for lay-ins and converted a three-point play to make it 19-10 after one.

Tanner Britt scored off a pass from Elguezabal who then drove the key for another lay-in and Adams scored on a move inside to open the second quarter and push the lead to 25-10. Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer and Murray hit two free throws to make it 30-15, then, the Mustangs went on another run as Elguezabal scored twice on the fast break and fed Britt for a jumper. Adams made one of two free throws, Elguezabal hit two free throws and Justin Botefuhr hit two free throws to make it 41-19 at the half.

The Mustangs didn't let up in third as Murray scored off a drive, Elguezabal hit a short jumper and Winters and Seitz scored off rebounds to make it 49-23. Murray hit two free throws, Seitz hit a long jumper on the baseline, Murray scored off a rebound and a lay-in on a pass from Adams, Seitz hit another long jumper on the baseline and Elguezabal hit one of two free throws to end the third with the Mustangs leading 60-34.

Murray scored inside and Adams hit a short jumper on a pass from Elguezabal to make it 64-36 and after a 6-0

run by the Huskies, Britt hit two free throws to make it 66-42. The Huskies went on an 8-0 run until Botefuhr hit one of two free throws, Conor Kilkenny scored off a rebound and Donald Adams hit one of two free throws to make it 70-52. Winters hit three of four free throws and Britt two more to close out the scoring with the Mustangs cruising to the win.

Elguezabal led the Mustangs with 23 points, hitting nine of 11 shots, had four assists and two steals. Murray added 14 points, of five of eight shooting and two steals. Seitz hit four of seven shots for eight points and had five rebounds. Brad Adams had eight rebounds, two assists and two steals, Smith had four rebounds and two steals and Kilkenny had five rebounds.

The Mustangs hit 14 of 23 shots in the first half and finished with 25 of 52 for the game and hit 24 of 30 free throws.

Heppner 19 22 19 15-75

Sherman County 10 9 15 25-59

Heppner: Chuy Elguezabal 8 6-7 23, Luke Murray 5 4-0 14, Tanner Britt 2 4-4 8, Brandon Seitz 4 0-0 8, Brad Adams 2 3-5 7, Josh Winters 2 3-4 7, Justin Botefuhr 0 3-4 3, Conor Kilkenny 1 0-0 2, Brian Smith 1 0-0 2, Donald Adams 0 1-2 1, Doug Orwick and Brian Haguewood. Team: 25 24-30 75 **3-pt.:** Elguezabal.

Sherman County: Willy Reeves 7 6-6 20, Bryce Olsen 5 7-9 17, Jose Sanchez 2 0-0 7, Kit Hill 2 0-0 5, Keegan Kock 2 0-0 4, Chad King 1 1-1 3, Jeff Hall 0 3-4 3 and Clint Moore. Team: 18 17-20 59 **3-pt.:** Hill and Sanchez.

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