

## Mustang boys beat Umatilla to get second seed

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys went on a 25-0 run in the first quarter and early in the second and carried it to a 52-38 win over the Umatilla Vikings on Saturday, Feb. 22 in Hermiston. The win gave the Mustangs the second seed in the Columbia Basin Conference district tournament as the two teams ended the CBC season tied at 11-3. The Mustangs improved to 19-6 on the year.

The Vikings lead early 4-0 but the Mustangs got their running game going getting six points from Justin Botefuhr, five points, including a 3-pointer, from Chuy Elguezabal; and three points from Luke Murray to take a 20-4 lead after one.

Brian Smith had four points in the second as the Mustangs took a 27-7 lead, but the Vikings came back to cut the lead to 31-17 at the half.

Brad Adams had five points, including a 3-pointer, and Brandon Seitz four points as the Mustangs built their lead to 44-27 after three and coasted through the fourth to the win.

Adams led a balanced scoring attack with 10 points, 13 rebounds and two assists. Elguezabal scored nine points, dishing out six assists and getting six steals. Smith had eight points and 10 rebounds and Seitz hit four of five shots for eight points and grabbed four rebounds. Murray had four rebounds and three steals and Tanner Britt had three steals.

Heppner 20 11 13 8-52

Umatilla 4 13 10 11-38

**Heppner:** Brad Adams 4 1-4 10, Chuy Elguezabal 4 0-0 9, Brian



photo by Teresa Hughes

**Brad Adams attempts a shot**

Smith 3 2-2 8, Brandon Seitz 4 0-2 8, Justin Botefuhr 3 0-0 6, Tanner Britt 2 0-0 4, Luke Murray 1 1-3 5, Donald Adams 1 0-0 2, Doug Orwick, Aaron Griffith and Brian Haguewood. Team: 23 4-11 52 **3-pt.:** Elguezabal and B. Adams.

**Umatilla:** Brian Littrell 6 0-2 12, Daniel Adams 4 0-0 9, Chris Wyland 3 0-0 9, Tony Villanueva 1 4-7 7, Brandon Fig 0 1-2 1, Andre Pharr 0 0-1 0, David White, Erik Ortega, Fay Bursell, Justin Bissonette and Hector Olvera. Team: 14 5-12 38 **3-pt.:** Wyland 3, Adams and Villanueva.

## Mustangs lose to Vikings in overtime to end season

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The Heppner Mustang boys' basketball team saw their season end in a disappointing 58-50 overtime loss to the Umatilla Vikings at the Convention Center in Pendleton on Friday, Feb. 28 in the Columbia Basin Conference district tournament.

The Mustangs, coached by Ken Eckman and assisted by Shane Matheny, ended the year with a 20-7 record and will be losing seniors, Brad Adams, Donald Adams, Josh Winters, Doug Orwick and Conor Kilkenny.

The Vikings took an early 3-0 lead, but the Mustangs come back with a jumper by Brad Adams and a 3-pointer from Luke Murray to take a 5-3 lead. The Vikings scored four straight, but Brandon Seitz hit two long jumpers from the baseline to make it 9-7. The Vikings came back to take an 11-10 lead. Tanner Britt hit a 3-pointer to five the Mustangs back the lead, but the Vikings tied it at 13-13 after one.

Chuy Elguezabal hit one of two free throws and Adams hit a jumper to open the second. The Vikings came back with a 7-0 run, but Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer at the end of the second to cut the lead to 20-19 at the half.

Seitz scored off a rebound to open the third and after the Vikings hit two of three free throws, Josh Winters hit a 3-pointer to make it 24-22. After a basket by the Vikings, Murray hit a 3-pointer. The Vikings then scored three straight points, but Elguezabal hit back-to-back 3-pointers, the last one a long one at the

buzzer to end the third with the Mustangs leading 33-27.

Justin Botefuhr hit a 3-pointer to open the fourth, giving the Mustangs a 36-27 lead, but the Vikings scored five straight to make it 36-32.

The two teams tossed points back and forth as Adams hit a long jumper and the Vikings scored four straight; then, Adams completed a three-point play and the Vikings hit two free throws. Ending the round, Adams fed Seitz for a lay-in to make it 43-38.

The Vikings went on to score eight straight points before Murray scored off a drive to cut the lead to 46-45 with 15 seconds left. The Vikings missed two free throws with 8.8 seconds left, but got rebound and the Mustangs were forced to foul. The Vikings hit two free throws with 7.2 second left to take a 48-45 lead, but Elguezabal hit Adams who launched a 25-foot shot at the buzzer that hit nothing but net to send the game to overtime.

Botefuhr hit one of two free throws to open the extra period, but the Vikings scored six straight before Seitz hit one of two free throws to get the Mustangs to within 54-51. The Vikings hit four of six free throws in the last 30 seconds to preserve the win and earn the state tournament birth.

Adams led the Mustangs with 13 points and nine rebounds. Elguezabal added 10 points, eight assists and three steals. Seitz had nine points, eight rebounds and seven blocked shots. Murray had eight points, six rebounds and four assists. Brian Smith

had five rebounds and Botefuhr had four rebounds.

The Mustangs hit nine of 21 from the three-point range, but just five of 11 from the free throw line compared to the Vikings 18 of 31 from the line.

Umatilla 13 7 7 21 10-58

Heppner 13 6 14 15 2-50

**Umatilla:** Brian Littrell 9 4-8 22, Tony Villanueva 3 8-10 14, Chris Wyland 3 3-4 12, Andre Pharr 2 0-3 5, Brandon Fig 1 1-3 3, Daniel Adams 0 2-3 2, David White, Erik Ortega, Fay Bursell and Justin Bissonette. Team: 18-50 18-31 58 **3-pt.:** Wyland 3 and Pharr.

**Heppner:** Brad Adams 5 2-3 13, Chuy Elguezabal 3 1-4 10, Brandon Seitz 4 1-2 9, Luke Murray 3 0-0 8, Justin Botefuhr 1 1-2 4, Josh Winters 1 0-0 3, Tanner Britt 1 0-0 3, Donald Adams, Brian Smith, Doug Orwick and Aaron Griffith. Team: 18-56 5-11 50 **3-pt.:** Elguezabal 3, Murray 2, B. Adams, Winters, Britt and Botefuhr.

## Class of '73 to hold meeting

The Heppner High School Class of 1973 will be holding a class reunion meeting, Sunday, March 9. The meeting will be held at GD's in Heppner at 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in helping to plan this year's class reunion is invited to attend. If you cannot make the meeting or have questions, you can call Barb Watkins at 676-9949.

## Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) re-

**Jan. 1:** MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of shots fired near her residence. There were numerous gunshots heard due to New Year's Eve. An officer was unable to locate anyone.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that they heard a gun shot and now have a hole in their ceiling.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited a female juvenile for No Operator's License and No Insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received two hang-up 911 calls from a residence in Boardman. The residents were warned about the misuse of 911.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Boardman of loud music coming from her neighbor's residence.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a fight in progress across from her residence, with 4-5 subjects involved.

-MCSO received a report from Umatilla Police Dept. that Stacie Ann Meeks, 26, was arrested on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Driving while License Suspended. She was cited and released.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner of a suspicious vehicle hanging around Hager Park.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a request for an officer contact from a caller at the Boardman Texaco regarding a man's vehicle window that had been broken.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a 13-year-old at the east-bound Boardman rest area that she was left at the rest area while traveling to Montana. The father was found in Washington and arrangements made for the juvenile to be returned.

-MCSO received a report of dirt bikes tearing up a road and are now at the turkey shoots.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police received a report from a caller on I-84 eastbound of three vehicles traveling together and speeding back and forth between each other.

-MCSO, City of Heppner received a report from a caller in Heppner of a small tan-colored dog that appeared to be abandoned.

-MCSO deputy cited Barry Braff Newman, 31, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 77 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-Boardman Police Dept. officers cited Brent Cooney, 39, for Driving while License Suspended-Misdemeanor. The vehicle was impounded.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police, Boardman Police Dept., Boardman ambulance received a report from a caller at the Boardman westbound rest area of a vehicle with eight male subjects in it; one subject with blood on his face ran into the restroom. The van left traveling westbound on I-84. The vehicle was stopped in Sherman County. It was determined all was okay.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Benito Mohedano Islas, 23, for Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller of two males acting suspiciously; they appeared to be hiding behind a small building just east of the Boardman 76 station.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy contact in Heppner regarding a neighbor's dogs.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Jeffrey Earl Sepulveda, 21, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 59 mph in a 45 mph zone.

**Jan. 2:** MCSO received a report that the flood computer was down; all appropriate personnel were notified.

-MCSO received a report that someone broke into the Irrigon Marina restrooms.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy for a funeral procession in lone across Highway 74.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Janet Lee Cowan, 68, on an Irrigon Justice Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Harassment.

-MCSO deputy cited Sandy Lynn Harlan, 26, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 54 mph in a 35 mph zone.

-MCSO deputy cited J. Santos Serratos Larios, 34, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 76 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO, Heppner ambulance received a request for an ambulance at the Heppner Library for a juvenile female who was having a seizure. No transport was made.

-MCSO received a report from a caller about a subject driving from Irrigon to Boardman; the subject had no license and drives recklessly. The caller was concerned the subject would cause a motor vehicle accident.

-MCSO deputy cited Rafael Calvillo Mendoza, 24, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 78 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a request for a deputy contact in Irrigon regarding questions about a children services issue.

-MCSO received a report of an unknown emergency in Boardman. It was determined to be a family disturbance between a mother and son.

**Jan. 3:** MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon of a loud noise outside her residence, the dog growled, and then she heard a "rig" in front of the residence. Deputies were unable to locate anyone.

-MCSO received a report from the Salem Police Dept. that James Alan Cavan, 22, on a Heppner Justice Court warrant for Failure to Pay Fine/Failure to Appear; he also had a warrant out of state for Parole and Probation. A hold was placed for Morrow County. He was lodged at the Marion County Jail.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer arrested Michelle Lynn Fisher, 28, on a Skagit County warrant for Forgery/Identity Theft. She was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO received a report of lights stolen off a road grater in the last 4-5 days at Patterson Ferry/Highway 730.

-MCSO, Boardman Police Dept. officers arrested Randall Vernon Wright, 40, on a Skagit County warrant for Forgery/Identity Theft. He was lodged at the Umatilla County Jail.

-MCSO and other agencies received a report from a caller in lone of a building on fire that was fully engulfed. It was determined to be a controlled burn but other buildings needed protection.

-MCSO deputy cited Tana Jo Hill, 49, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 79 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report that someone has been cutting fences in Irrigon.

-MCSO received a report from a subject in Irrigon that someone took the sub-

ject's wheelbarrow sometime in the last month.

-MCSO deputy cited Jorge Gamos Sanchez, 30, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 71 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report of an alarm at the Riverside High School in Boardman. It was determined all was okay; a game was going on.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon that Christmas lights had been taken from her porch. The caller called back and said the lights had been found.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Boardman that a female subject was on her property and had been asked to leave. The subject was there regarding a custody/visitation issue. It was unknown if the subject was still at the location.

-MCSO received a request for deputy contact from the above subject regarding feeling threatened and possible child endangerment.

-MCSO deputy cited Ann Marie Murray, 38, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 75 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO received a report of a visitor sign, possibly belonging to the hospital or senior center, was down and left behind the St. Patrick's Senior Center in Heppner.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Irrigon about illegal fireworks going off; the fireworks had been occurring since New Year's.

-MCSO, Looslie's Tow received a report of a vehicle in the ditch on Highway 207 just past the Bombing Range Road. No injuries had occurred.

-MCSO received a report of an assault. The suspect had fled the scene. A Probable Cause for arrest on the suspect for Assault IV/Felony was issued.

-MCSO, Heppner Fire Dept. received a report of railroad ties on fire.

-MCSO deputy cited a subject for No Operator's License.

**Jan. 4:** MCSO received a report from the Eugene Police Dept. that Dellana Irene Ferrell, 23, was arrested on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for Failure to Appear/Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. She was lodged at the Lane County Jail.

-MCSO deputy cited Lisa J. Stevens, 19, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 77 mph in a 55 mph zone.

-MCSO, Oregon State Police, Boardman Police Dept. received a report from a caller in Irrigon that she could hear screaming and yelling coming from a residence; it sounded like fighting.

-MCSO received a report from a caller in Heppner that a male subject was trying to break into a pickup or steal the hitch.

-MCSO received a request for an ambulance from a caller in Irrigon for a 75-year-old female who was dehydrated and having difficulty breathing. The patient was transported to Good Shepherd Medical Center in Hermiston.

-MCSO received a report from a caller at the Lexington Airport that a pickup was left parked on a ramp and not the parking lot. It seemed suspicious.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited Jesse Gilbert Villarreal, 59, for Violation of the Basic Rule, 48 mph in a 30 mph zone.

-MCSO deputy cited a subject for Violation of the Basic Rule, 50 mph in a 35 mph zone.

-Boardman Police Dept. officer cited a subject for No Operator's License.