# Mustang JV girls win two

**By Rick Paullus**

The Heppner Mustang JV girls got their first two wins of the season beating DeSales 25-23 on Monday, Dec. 22 in Heppner, then making the long trip to John Day, they beat the Grant Union Prospectors 38-31 on Tuesday, Dec. 23. The Mustangs, now 2 and 3 on the season, play at home on Saturday, Jan. 3 against Riverside then travel to Hermiston on Monday, Jan. 5 to play the Bulldog Frosh.

Against the Irish, the Mustangs got three first quarter points from Lynan Bingham and six points from Katie Britt in the second, but trailed 17-14 at halftime. Bingham scored three points in the third as the Mustangs got within 19-17 after three then got five points from Lyndi Patton and three from Sarah Price in the fourth to pull out the narrow win.

Bingham and Britt each had six points to lead the Mustangs, with Patton adding five points, seven rebounds and six steals. Regi Seitz had eight rebounds and six steals, Heather Yocom had four rebounds and two steals and Price had four rebounds.

The Prospectors took a 14-9 lead after one, but the Mustangs came back to take a 27-17 lead at the half getting seven points from Terra Wilson, five from Britt and four from Price. Price had five more points in the fourth as the Mustangs coasted to the win.

Price led the Mustangs with 15 points, five rebounds and three steals. Seitz had eight rebounds, eight steals and two assists. Patton had six steals and four rebounds, Yocom had three steals and two assists and Britt had two steals.

Heppner 25, DeSales 23

Heppner 7 7 3 8-25
DeSales 8 9 2 4-23

Heppner- Lynan Bingham 2 2-3 6, Katie Britt 0 6-7 6, Lyndi Patton 1 3-6 5, Sarah Price 1 1-3 3, Regi Seitz 1 0-1 2, Mahaley Huddleston 1 0-0 2, Blair Keithley 0 1-2 1, Sandra Krotzek 0 0-2 0, Heather Yocom, Chelsea Betsinger, Ashley Zimmerman and Brittney Herbison. Team: 6 13-24 25. 3-pts: none

Heppner 38, Grant Union 31

Heppner 9 18 4 7-38
Grant Union 14 3 4 10-31

Heppner- Price 6 3-9 15, Terra Wilson 3 1-2 7, Patton 3 1-6 7, Britt 1 3-4 5, Bingham 0 2-3 2, Seitz 1 0-4 2, Krotzek, Keithley, Yocom, Huddleston and Zimmerman. Team: 14 10-28 38. 3-pts: none

Grant Union- Moore 3 0-0 6, Leas 2 2-5 6, Lemeke 1 3-7 5, Holliday 2 0-0 4, Ferguson 1 1-2 3, Myers 1 0-0 2, Allen 1 0-0 2, Andrews 1 0-0 2, Dowdy 0 1-3 1, Krause 0 0-2 0, Hueckman and Tirico. Team: 12 7-17 31. 3-pts: none

# Mustang JV girls shut down Panthers

**By Rick Paullus**

The Heppner Mustang JV girls win their third straight game completely shutting down the visiting Imbler Panthers 41-8 on Saturday, Dec. 27. The Mustangs evened their record at 3 and 3 on the season, with the win and will play at Riverside at home on Saturday and will be at Hermiston on Monday, Jan. 5.

The Mustangs got four points each from Sarah Price and Lyndi Patton in the first quarter to take a 10-2 lead and got four more from Patton in the second to increase their lead to 22-6 at the half.

The Mustangs shut out the Panthers in the third as Price and Patton each had four points and increased their lead to 35-6 after three and coasted through the fourth for the easy win.

Price finished with 12 points, five steals and four rebounds. Patton also finished with 12 points, along with five rebounds and two steals. Lynan Bingham had six points and six rebounds, Heather Yocom had three rebounds and three steals, Mahaley Huddleston had five rebounds, Sandra Krotzek had four steals and Ashley Zimmerman grabbed four rebounds.

Heppner 10 12 13 6-41

Imbler 2 4 0 2-8

Heppner- Sarah Price 6 0-2 12, Lyndi Patton 6 0-0 12, Lynan Bingham 1 4-4 6, Sandra Krotzek 2 0-0 4, Mahaley Huddleston 1 0-2 2, Blair Keithley 1 0-0 2, Terra Wilson 1 0-0 2, Heather Yocom 0 1-4 1 and Ashley Zimmerman. Team: 18 5-12 41. 3-pts: none

Imbler- Lovins 1 0-0 2, Johnson 1 0-0 2, Clinkenbeard 1 0-0 2, Crew 1 0-0 2, Matthews, Cline and Anderson. Team: 4 0-0 8. 3-pts: none

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# Mustang JV boys roll past Tigers

**By Rick Paullus**

The Heppner Mustang JV boys built a 30-12 lead at the half and rolled past the Stanfield Tigers 58-32 on Saturday, Dec. 20 in Stanfield to improve to 3 and 1 on the year.

Matthew VanCleave and Kory Paullus each had four points as the Mustangs took a 12-5 lead after one and Paullus had four more and Roy Proctor hit a 3-pointer in the second as they extended their lead. Josh Gutierrez scored six points and Rory Kilkenny three as they increased their lead to 43-21 after three. Kyle Carlson had four points in the fourth as the coasted to the win.

Gutierrez and Paullus each had 10 points, with Kilkenny adding nine and VanCleave eight.

Heppner 12 18 13 15-58

Stanfield 5 7 9 11-32

Heppner- Josh Gutierrez 4 2-2 10, Kory Paullus 5 0-0 10, Rory Kilkenny 4 1-1 9, Matthew VanCleave 4 0-0 8, Mikel Britt 3 0-0 6, Kyle Carlson 3 0-2 6, Robert McElligott 2 0-0 4, Roy Proctor 1 0-0 3, Dan Basile 0 1-2 1, Matt Kenny 0 1-2 1 and Kyle Huddleston. Team: 26 5-9 58. 3-pts: Proctor.

# Mustangs outscore Tigers

**By Rick Paullus**

The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity outscored the Stanfield Tigers in all four quarters to beat them 60-43 in Columbia Basin Conference play on Saturday, Dec. 20 in Stanfield. The Mustangs improved to 2 and 0 in the CBC and 5 and 1 overall.

Luke Murray hit a 3-pointer and scored six points in the first quarter as the Mustangs took a 13-11 lead after one. Brian Smith added seven points and Gus Torres four in the second to take a 28-21 lead at the half. Smith had nine points, Chuy Elguezabal five and Murray hit another 3-pointer as they increased their lead to 45-36 after three and Brandon Seitz scored 10 points in the fourth as they coasted to the win.

Smith led the Mustangs with 20 points and 20 rebounds. Murray added 11 points and Seitz 10 points. Elguezabal had nine points and four steals and Torres had eight points and three assists.

Heppner 13 15 17 15-60

Stanfield 11 10 15 7-43

Heppner- Brian Smith 8 4-4 20, Luke Murray 4 1-4 11, Brandon Seitz 4 2-2 10, Chuy Elguezabal 4 1-1 9, Gus Torres 3 2-3 8, Zack Skaggs 0 2-4 2, Justin Botefuhr and Aaron Griffith. Team: 23 12-18 60. 3-pts: Murray 2.

Stanfield- Jason Flemmer 6 4-10 16, Kyle Sobotta 5 0-0 10, Tyler Gabriel 2 2-2 7, Rick Perches 2 0-0 6, Aaron Abercrombie 1 0-1 2, Jerrad Little 1 0-0 2, Jason Sperr and Mike Sobotta. Team: 17 6-13 43. 3-pts: Perches 2 and Gabriel.

# Mustang boys pull away from Irish

**By Rick Paullus**

After jumping out to a big lead, the Heppner Mustang boys varsity used a 14-5 advantage in the fourth quarter to pull away from the visiting DeSales Irish on Monday, Dec. 22, winning by a score of 53-43 to improve to 6 and 1 on the year.

Luke Murray scored off a drive, Chuy Elguezabal and Brian Smith hit short jumper and Murray scored off another drive to make it 8-0 early in the first. Smith scored off a rebound and Brandon Seitz scored off a drive, but the Irish came back to get within 12-11. Smith scored off a rebound and hit one of two free throws and Murray hit a 3-pointer, but the Irish came back to take a 19-18 lead after one.

Justin Botefuhr completed a three-point play, Gus Torres hit a 3-pointer, Seitz scored off a rebound, Murray hit a baseline jumper then fed Seitz for a basket to make it 30-27. Seitz scored off a rebound then fed Murray for a lay-in at the buzzer to give the Mustangs a 34-29 lead going into the fourth.

Murray opened the fourth by hitting a short jumper. Torres got a steal and lay-in, Smith scored off a pass from Elguezabal, Murray hit three of four free throws and Smith hit one of two, before the Irish finally scored to make it 51-40. Aaron Griffith scored off a tip-in before the Irish hit a 3-pointer for the final margin.

Murray led the Mustangs with 20 points, seven rebounds and three steals. Smith added 10 points and five rebounds. Seitz had eight points and 10 rebounds. Elguezabal had five assists and Torres had five steals.

Heppner 18 16 7 12-53

DeSales 19 10 9 5-43

Heppner- Luke Murray 8 3-5 20, Brian Smith 4 2-4 10, Brandon Seitz 4 0-1 8, Gus Torres 3 0-3 7, Justin Botefuhr 1 1-1 3, Chuy Elguezabal 1 0-1 2, Aaron Griffith 1 0-0 2, Zack Skaggs 0 1-2 1, Kyler Lovgren, Cody Walton and Brian Haguewood. Team: 22 7-17 53. 3-pts: Murray and Torres.

DeSales- Cesar Lopez 7 2-2 21, Nick Conley 1 4-6 6, Matthew Fazzari 2 0-0 6, Michael Richard 0 4-4 4, Casey Worth 1 0-0 2 and Blake Nelson. Team: 13 10-12 43. 3-pts: Lopez 5 and Fazzari 2.

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# Mustang boys rally to beat Prospectors

**By Rick Paullus**

The Heppner Mustang boys varsity fell behind after one, but rallied to get a hard fought 67-56 win over the Grant Union Prospectors in John Day on Tuesday, Dec. 23 to improve to 7 and 1 overall.

In a fast-paced back and fourth first quarter, Luke Murray scored off a drive, Brandon Seitz hit three of four free throws and Chuy Elguezabal scored twice inside off drives to give the Mustangs a 9-4 lead. Seitz hit two more free throws and Murray hit a long jumper, but the Prospectors came back to get within 13-12. Justin Botefuhr scored off a rebound and Brian Smith scored off a pass from Kyler Lovgren, but the Prospectors hit two 3-pointers at the buzzer to give them an 18-17 lead after one.

Smith hit one of two free throws to tie it then Seitz scored the Mustangs next eight points to make it 26-20 and Elguezabal hit a running jumper, but the Prospectors came back to get within 28-26. Aaron Griffith hit one of two free throws and Murray hit a running jumper to give the Mustangs a 31-27 lead at the half.

After a Grant Union score to open the third, Murray completed a three-point play, Smith hit one of two free throws, then scored off a pass from Griffith and Gus Torres scored off a drive to make it 39-30. Elguezabal hit a running jumper and after the Prospectors went on a 6-0 run, Murray scored twice and Elguezabal hit a lay-in, then Murray scored off a rebound to make it 49-40 after three quarters.

Murray hit one of two free throws, Seitz scored off a rebound and Smith hit two free throws to make it 54-40. Torres scored off a drive, then Murray scored five straight and Brian Haguewood scored off a pass from Elguezabal to make it 63-44. After six straight from the Prospectors, Smith hit two free throws, then Lovgren hit one and Cody Walton hit one for the final margin.

Murray led the Mustangs with 21 points, six rebounds, four steals and three assists, with Seitz adding 15 points, 15 rebounds and four blocked shots. Smith had 10 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots. Elguezabal added eight points, five assists and two steals. Griffith had two steals and two assists.

Heppner 17 14 18 18-67

Grant Union 18 9 13 16-56

Heppner- Luke Murray 9 3-6 21, Brandon Seitz 5 5-7 15, Chuy Elguezabal 5 0-0 10, Brian Smith 2 6-8 10, Gus Torres 2 0-1 4, Justin Botefuhr 1 0-2 2, Brian Haguewood 1 0-0 2, Cody Walton 0 1-4 1, Kyler Lovgren 0 1-2 1, Aaron Griffith 0 1-2 1 and Matt Kenny. Team: 25 17-31 67. 3-pts: none

Grant Union- Bo Thunell 4 6-6 16, Matt Rose 5 0-2 10, Eli McClure 3 0-0 6, Adam Kowing 3 0-0 6, Cub Carpenter 3 0-0 6, Ty Rawlins 3 1-2 7, BJ Eddy 1 0-0 2, Trey Mascall 0 2-2 2, Nolan Page 0 1-4 1 and Isaac Moore 0 0-2 0. Team: 22 10-18 56. 3-pts: Thunell 2.

# Mustang JV boys beat Irish in second half

**By Rick Paullus**

A 33-15 advantage in the second half carried the Heppner Mustang JV boys to a 62-38 win over the visiting DeSales Irish on Monday, Dec. 22 to improve to 4 and 1 on the year.

DeSales had an 11-10 lead after one despite four points from Matthew VanCleave, but the Mustangs got four points from Matt Kenny in the second to take a 29-23 lead at the half.

Josh Gutierrez had six points and VanCleave three as the Mustangs increased their lead to 44-32 after three. VanCleave had six points and Kenny, Mikel Britt and Rory Kilkenny each had four as they coasted through the fourth to win going away.

VanCleave led three Mustangs in double figures with 15 points. Kenny added 12 points and Britt added 10. Gutierrez finished with eight points.

Heppner 10 19 15 18-62

DeSales 11 12 9 6-38

Heppner- Matthew VanCleave 6 3-4 15, Matt Kenny 3 6-6 12, Mikel Britt 5 0-4 10, Josh Gutierrez 4 0-0 8, Rory Kilkenny 3 0-2 6, Kory Paullus 2 0-0 4, Kyle Carlson 2 0-0 4, Dan Basile 1 0-0 2, Robert McElligott 0 1-2 1 and Kyle Huddleston. Team: 26 10-18 62. 3-pts: none.

DeSales- Moore 8 0-0 16, Ebding 3 0-0 7, Reiff 2 0-0 5, Richard 1 2-4 4, Thomas 1 1-1 3, Duncan 1 0-0 2, Wyjek 0 1-4 1, Zitterkerf, Coding, Wade, Crosby and Wahl. Team: 16 4-9 38. 3-pts: Ebding and Reiff.

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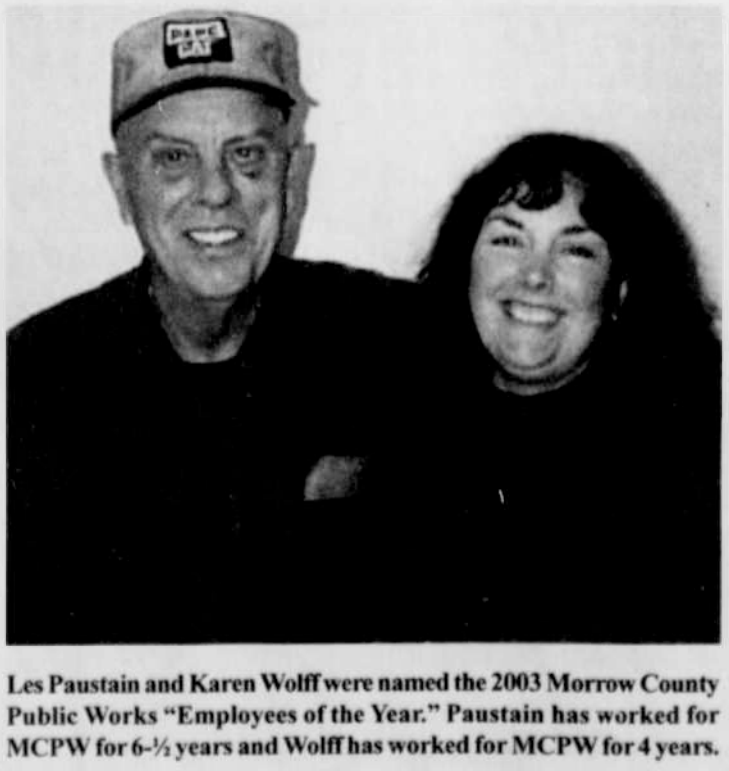

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