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The Heppner Mustang girls varsity fell behind early, but rallied to beat the visiting Imbler Panthers 46-38 on Saturday, Dec. 27. The win improves the Mustangs score to 3 and 6 on the year, as they have non-league games at home against Riverside on Saturday, Jan. 3 and at Hermiston JV on Monday, Jan. 5, before getting into CBC play the following weekend.

Stefanie Hanson hit one of two free throws and Brooke Rust hit two, but the Panthers took a 6-3 lead midway through the first quarter. Linsey Mitchell and Katie Britt hit jumpers and Hanson scored off a pass from Shanna Rietmann to give the Mustangs a 9-6 lead, but the Panthers scored twice late to take a 10-9 lead after one.

Madison Bailey hit a 3-pointer and Rietmann scored off a rebound to open the second, then Rust got a steal and lay-in to make it 16-12, but the Panthers came back to take an 18-16 lead. Terra Wilson hit two free throws and Rust got a rebound basket and after the Panthers tied it at 20-20, Britt hit a long jumper and one of two free throws. Rust hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give the Mustangs a 26-20 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, Hanson hit a short jumper to make it 28-22, then Britt hit a

3-pointer. Rust scored inside off a pass from Mitchell and Rietmann scored to make it 35-26. The Panthers wouldn't go away though scoring six straight before Wilson scored off a pass from Rietmann and after an Imbler score the Mustangs lead was cut to 37-34 after three.

Susan Southworth hit two of four free throws and Wilson hit a jumper to open the fourth and increase the lead to 41-34. Rust hit a short jumper to make it 43-36, then Rietmann scored off a pass from Chelsea Britt with 40 seconds left to make it 45-38 and wrap up the win.

Rust led the Mustangs with 13 points, four rebounds and four steals. Katie Britt added eight points. Rietmann had six rebounds, three steals and three assists. Southworth had seven rebounds and Hanson had three assists.

Heppner 9 17 11 9-46

Imbler 10 10 14 4-38
Heppner- Brooke Rust 5 2-2 13, Katie Britt 3 1-2 8, Shanna Rietmann 3 0-0 6, Terra Wilson 2 2-2 6, Stefanie Hanson 2 1-7 5, Madison Bailey 1 1-2 4, Susan Southworth 0 2-4 2, Chelsea Britt 0 0-2 0 and Blair Keithley. Team: 16 9-19 46. 3-pts: Rust, Bailey and K. Britt.

Imbler- Ritter 5 4-4 14, Hall 5 0-0 10, Hill 3 0-2 6, Kline 2 0-0 4, Griffith 1 0-0 2 and Clinkenbread 1 0-0 2. Team: 17 4-4 38. 3-pts: none.

Mustangs earn win over Panthers

By Rick Paullus
A short-handed Heppner Mustang boys varsity team earned a hard-fought win over the number five ranked Imbler Panthers by a score of 50-42 on Saturday, Dec. 27 in Heppner to run their record to 8 and 1 on the year. The Mustangs have another non-league game at the Hermiston JV on Monday, Jan. 5 before getting back to Columbia Basin Conference play at Wahtonka on Friday, Jan. 9 and at home against Culver on Saturday, Jan. 10.

The Mustangs jumped out to an early lead as Chuy Elguezabal hit a jumper, fed Luke Murray for a lay-in on the fast break and hit two free throws for a quick 6-0 lead. Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer, Murray scored off a drive and Kyler Lovgren fed Brian Smith for a lay-in to make it 13-4. Murray then scored off a rebound, but the Panthers got to within 15-11 after one.

The Panthers then went on a 13-4 run to start the second as Murray scored twice for the Mustangs. Justin Botefuhr scored inside and Murray scored off a rebound, but the Panthers took a 26-23 lead into the halftime break.

The Panthers scored first to open the third, but the Mustangs came right back with a Gus Torres jumper and a Botefuhr rebound basket. Torres then scored inside off a pass from Murray, then hit a 3-pointer to make it 32-28. After a Panther basket, Torres scored twice inside to give the Mustangs a 36-30 lead after three.

Murray scored off a drive and Botefuhr hit two free

throws to open the fourth, then Smith scored twice inside for a 44-32 lead. After a Panther basket, Torres hit a 3-pointer and after five points by the Panthers, he hit another to seal the win.

Torres led the Mustangs with 17 points, five steals and four rebounds. Murray added 14 points and six rebounds. Smith had nine blocked shots and seven rebounds. Botefuhr had eight rebounds and two blocked shots, Elguezabal had four rebounds and three assists and Lovgren had three rebounds and two assists.

Heppner 15 8 13 14-50

Imbler 11 15 4 12-42
Heppner- Gus Torres 7 0-0 17, Luke Murray 7 0-0 14, Chuy Elguezabal 2 2-2 7, Justin Botefuhr 2 2-2 6, Brian Smith 3 0-0 6, Kyler Lovgren 0 0-3 0 and Matt Kenny. Team: 21 4-4 50. 3-pts: Torres 3 and Elguezabal.

Imbler- Tanner McIntosh 9 0-0 20, Allan McDonald 3 0-0 7, Travis Hoskins 3 0-0 6, Trevor Crow 2 0-0 5, Jayce Hewitt 2 0-0 4 and Max Nilsson. Team: 19 0-0 42. 3-pts: McIntosh 2, McDonald and Crow.

Mustang JV boys hang on to beat Prospectors

By Rick Paullus
The Heppner Mustang JV boys built a comfortable lead then held on to beat the Grant Union Prospectors 51-48 in John Day on Tuesday, Dec. 23 to improve to 5 and 1 on the year.

The teams were tied at 14-14 after one as Matthew VanCleave and Rory Kilkenny each had four points. The Mustangs then took a 27-24 lead at the half getting five points from Josh Gutierrez and four each from Matt Kenny and VanCleave in the second quarter. Kenny had four points in the third as the Mustangs increased their lead to 40-33 after three.

Mikel Britt scored on a pass from Gutierrez to give the Mustangs a 48-42 lead and Kenny hit one of two free throws with two minutes left to make it 49-42. The Prospectors didn't quit though, scoring six straight to get within 49-48 with 14.8 second left.

Kenny hit two of four free throws in the closing seconds as the Mustangs held on for the win.

Kenny led the Mustangs with 13 points, with Britt and Kilkenny each scoring nine points. VanCleave finished with eight points.

Heppner 14 13 13 11-51

Grant Union 14 10 9 15-48

Heppner- Matt Kenny 4 5-11 13, Mikel Britt 4 1-2 9, Rory Kilkenny 4 1-2 9, Matthew VanCleave 4 0-2 8, Josh Gutierrez 2 1-2 5, Dan Basile 2 0-0 4, Kyle Huddleston 1 0-0 2, Kory Paullus 0 1-2 1 and Kyle Carlson. Team: 21 9-23 51. 3-pts: none.

Grant Union- Heiple 6 0-0 17, Coxen 4 5-6 13, Mascall 4 2-2 10, Ferguson 3 0-0 6, Herrera 1 0-0 2, Reed 1 0-0 2, Johns 0 0-2 0, Sprouffske and Page. Team: 19 7-10 48. 3-pts: Heiple 5.

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Rietmann hit a jumper and a 3-pointer and Bailey got a steal and lay-in to get the Mustangs within 47-35 and Bailey hit one of two free throws and Brooke Rust hit two with 1:45 left to get them within 49-38. Rietmann, Bailey and Southworth each hit jumpers to get them within 55-44 and Rust hit a 3-pointer as the clock ran out.

Bailey led the Mustangs with 14 points, seven rebounds, two steals and two assists. Rietmann added 11 points and six rebounds. Southworth had eight points, seven rebounds and two steals. Chelsea Britt had six rebounds, three steals and two assists. Stefanie Hanson and Katie Britt each had two steals and Rust had two assists.

Heppner 14 7 7 19-47

DeSales 17 12 15 13-57

Heppner- Madison Bailey 6 1-3 14, Shanna Rietmann 5 0-0 11, Susan Southworth 2 4-7 8, Stefanie Hanson 2 0-0 5, Brooke Rust 1 2-2 5, Tiffany Piper 0 2-2 2, Blair Keithley 0 2-2 2, Chelsea Britt 0 0-2 0, Katie Britt 0 0-3 0 and Terra Wilson. Team: 16 11-21 47. 3-pts: Bailey, Hanson, Rietmann and Rust.

DeSales- Andrea Wright 7 4-5 18, Margot Robison 3 0-0 7, Ashley Cox 1 4-6 6, Nicole Moramarco 2 2-4 6, Sarah Spiess 2 2-2 6, Sarah Rusch 2 0-0 5, Kelly Tuggle 1 3-6 5, Megan Stull 2 0-0 4 and Shannon Wolford. Team: 20 13-23 57. 3-pts: Rusch and Robison.

Mustang JV boys beat Panthers in first half

By Rick Paullus
A 34-14 lead at the half carried the Heppner Mustang JV boys to a 66-31 win over the visiting Imbler Panthers on Saturday, Dec. 27 to improve their record to 6 and 1 on the year. The Mustangs will be at the Hermiston Frosh on Monday, Jan. 5 and at Wahtonka on Friday, Jan. 9 before returning home against Culver on Saturday, Jan. 10.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 17-7 lead after one, getting six points from Matt Kenny and four each from Mikel Britt and Rory Kilkenny. They increased their lead to 20 points at the half, getting nine points from Kory Paullus, four from Kilkenny and three from Britt in the second quarter. Britt had seven points in the third, as the Mustangs led 47-25 after three and Kilkenny had

eight points and Paullus five as they coasted to the easy win.

Kilkenny led the Mustangs with 18 points. Paullus added 16 points and Britt added 14. Dan Basile and Kenny each had six points.

Heppner 17 17 13 19-66

Imbler 7 7 11 6-31
Heppner- Rory Kilkenny 7 4-6 18, Kory Paullus 7 2-4 16, Mikel Britt 6 2-3 14, Matt Kenny 3 0-0 6, Dan Basile 1 4-7 6, Josh Gutierrez 2 0-0 4, Kyle Huddleston 1 0-0 2 and Kyle Carlson. Team: 27 12-20 66. 3-pts: none.

Imbler- Myers 4 0-1 9, Davidson 4 0-0 8, Campbell 2 1-4 6, Cline 2 0-0 4, Hughes 1 0-0 2, Hohnstadt 1 0-0 2, Harder 0 0-2 0, Kemf, Wheeling, Smithe and Fulfer. Team: 14 1-7 31. 3-pts: Campbell and Myers.

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Local student takes third in wrestling competition

Jode Coil, a student at Heppner High School, took third in his weight class in a wrestling tournament in Union on Monday, Dec. 29. Coil wrestles for Riverside High School.

"He has been working really hard," said RHS wrestling coach Dave Boyd. "He is doing lots of good things for us."



Jode Coil

Local hoop shoot competition scheduled

The Heppner Elks Lodge has scheduled this year's local Hoop Shoot competition for Sunday, Jan. 4 at the Lone School gymnasiums. All area youth who are at least eight years of age, but not more than 13 years of age, as of April 1, 2004, are encouraged to attend and compete. Sign-up for both girls and boys will be at 1:30 p.m. Boys competition will be held in one gym, girls in the other.

Local co-chairs of the event are Marc Orem and Dean Robinson. The Elks have sponsored the annual Hoop Shoot affair for many years. All participants will receive a certificate of accomplishment. Local winners in each age group will go on to compete in the District competition in Hermiston later in January. There are no fees to participate.

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