

Mustang JV girls lose to Vikings in second half

By Rick Paullus

A bad second half doomed the Heppner Mustang JV girls in a low scoring game against the visiting Umatilla Vikings as they lost by a score of 16-11 on Friday, Jan. 16. The Mustangs fell to 3 and 5 on the year and will be at home against Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 23, before getting on the road to Culver on Saturday.

The teams were tied at 2-2 after one, but the Mustangs shut out the Vikings in the second quarter to take a 6-2 lead at the half. The Vikings rallied in the third taking a 10-9 lead and held on for the win.

Sarah Price led the Mustangs with four points, six rebounds and three steals. Heather Yocom had three points. Lyndi Patton had six rebounds and three steals. Regi Seitz had five rebounds and Ashley Zimmerman had two steals.

Heppner- Sarah Price 2 0-0 4, Heather Yocom 1 1-2 3, Lyndi Patton 1 0-2 2, Lynan Bingham 1 0-2 2, Regi Seitz 0 0-2 0, Blair Keithley 0 0-1 0, Sandra Krotzek and Ashley Zimmerman. Team: 5 1-9 11. 3-pts: none

Mustang JV boys beat Vikings

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustangs JV boys opened up an early lead and ran past the visiting Umatilla Vikings 68-37 on Friday, Jan. 16. The Mustangs improved to 8 and 1 on the year and will play Pilot Rock at home on Friday, Jan. 23 before making the trip to Culver on Saturday.

Matthew VanCleave had five points and Rory Kilkenny and Kory Paullus each had four as the Mustangs took a 15-7 lead after one. Paullus and Josh Gutierrez each had four points in the second as the Mustangs increased their lead to 29-11 at the half. VanCleave had eight points, Gutierrez six and Paullus four as they built their lead to 54-27 in a high scoring third quarter and VanCleave added four points and Kilkenny three as the Mustangs coasted to the easy win.

VanCleave led the Mustangs with 17 points with Paullus added 14 points, Gutierrez 12 points and Kilkenny nine.

Heppner 15 14 25 14-68

Umatilla 7 4 16 10-37

Heppner- Matthew VanCleave 8 1-5 17, Kory Paullus 7 0-0 14, Josh Gutierrez 6 0-1 12, Rory Kilkenny 4 1-2 9, Mikel Britt 3 0-2 6, Dan Basile 2 0-0 4, Kyle Huddleston 1 0-0 2, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2, Robert McElligott 0 2-4 2, Roy Proctor 0 0-2 0 and Kyle Carlson. Team: 32 4-16 68. 3-pts: none

Umatilla- Evans 4 0-2 9, White 3 0-2 8, Barajas 3 1-2 7, Wilson 2 0-5 4, Navarro 0 3-4 3, Wyland 1 0-0 2, Taylor 1 0-0 2, Uruela 1 0-0 2. Team: 15 4-15 37. 3-pts: White 2 and Evans.

Mustang JV boys blow out Huskies

By Rick Paullus

A 25-1 advantage in the second quarter carried the Heppner Mustang JV boys to an 81-30 win over the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, Jan. 17 in Moro. The Mustangs improved to 9 and 1 on the year and will be at home against Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 23 and will travel to Culver on Saturday, Jan. 24.

The Mustangs took a 19-14 lead after one getting six points from Josh Gutierrez and five each from Kory Paullus and Matthew VanCleave and increased it to 44-15 at the half getting six points each from Gutierrez and VanCleave and four from Dan Basile.

Mikel Britt had eight points and VanCleave four as the Mustangs took a 58-27 lead after three and got six points from Rory Kilkenny, five each from Britt and Roy Proctor and four from Gutierrez as they coasted through the fourth for the easy win.

VanCleave led four Mustangs in double figures with 17 points. Gutierrez added 16 points, Britt 15 and Kilkenny added 12 points.

Heppner 19 25 14 23-81

Sherman County 14 1 12 3-30

Heppner- Matthew VanCleave 7 3-4 17, Josh Gutierrez 7 2-2 16, Mikel Britt 6 3-5 15, Rory Kilkenny 6 0-1 12, Kory Paullus 3 1-1 7, Roy Proctor 1 2-2 5, Dan Basile 2 0-0 4, Kyle Carlson 1 0-0 2, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2, Robert McElligott 0 1-1 1 and Kyle Huddleston 0 0-1 0. Team: 34 12-17 81. 3-pts: Proctor.

Sherman County- Danielson 3 2-6 8, Thompson 2 2-4 6, Wallace 1 3-3 5, Kaseberg 2 0-1 4, Shafer 1 0-0 2, Myers 2 0-0 4, Guzman 0 1-1 1, Read, Bird, King, Francis and Walker. Team: 11 8-15 30. 3-pts: none

Mustangs rout Bulldogs

By Rick Paullus

The long lay-off brought about by the inclement weather didn't seem to bother the Heppner Mustangs as they routed the visiting Culver Bulldogs 78-37 on Tuesday, Jan. 13 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs improved to 3 and 0 in the CBC and 10 and 1 overall and face Pilot Rock at home on Friday, Jan. 23 in a key CBC game.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 20-7 lead after one, getting six points each from Brian Smith and Luke Murray and four points from Justin Botefuhr. They increased it to 41-16 at the half getting five points from Kyler Lovgren, four each from Smith and Murray and a 3-pointer from Gus Torres.

Smith had eight points and Brandon Seitz five as the Mustangs increased their lead to 58-20 after three and Matt VanCleave had 12 points and Brian Haguewood four as they coasted through the fourth for the easy win.

Smith finished with 18 points, VanCleave 13 and Murray 10 to lead the Mustangs. Lovgren, Torres and Seitz each had seven points.

Heppner 20 21 17 20-78

Culver 7 9 4 17-37

Heppner- Brian Smith 9 0-1 18, Matthew VanCleave 6 1-2 13, Luke Murray 5 0-2 10, Kyler Lovgren 3 1-2 7, Gus Torres 3 0-0 7, Brandon Seitz 3 1-4 7, Brian Haguewood 3 0-1

6, Aaron Griffith 2 0-1 4, Justin Botefuhr 2 0-0 4, Chuy Elguezabal 1 0-0 2 and Cody Walton. Team: 37 3-13 78. 3-pts: Torres.

Culver- Nate Lewis 4 3-4 14, Kyle Blood 3 8-12 14, Casey Boyd 2 1-4 5, Josh O'Gorman 1 1-2 4, Alex Towell 0 0-4 0, Justin Symons 0 0-2 0, Jerred Roen, Andy Hanson, DelRay Rohan and Chris Cooper. Team: 10 13-28 37. 3-pts: Lewis and O'Gorman.

Mustang boys roll past Vikings

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity built an 18-6 lead in the first quarter and rolled to a 57-29 win over the visiting Umatilla Vikings in Columbia Basin Conference play on Friday, Jan. 16. The Mustangs improved to 4 and 0 in the CBC and 11 and 1 overall and are looking to a big game with Pilot Rock at home on Friday, Jan. 23 before making the long trip to Culver on Saturday, Jan. 24.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 6-2 lead early on a jumper by Luke Murray and lay-ins by Justin Botefuhr and Brandon Seitz on passes from Chuy Elguezabal. They increased it to 15-4 on a Murray jumper, a three-point play on a rebound basketball by Brian Smith, another rebound basket by Smith and a jumper by Seitz. Kyler Lovgren hit a long 3-pointer at the buzzer and the Mustangs led 18-6 after one.

The Vikings got to within 18-11 to open the second, but a jumper by Smith, a rebound basket by Seitz and a 3-pointer by Elguezabal increased the lead to 25-11 with the Mustangs eventually taking a 27-16 lead at the half.

Smith and Murray scored to open the third to push the lead to 31-16. Smith scored on a pass from Botefuhr, then Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer, Murray hit a jumper and Seitz made one of two free throws as the Mustangs took a 39-24 lead after three.

The Mustangs put the game away early in the fourth when Murray hit a jumper, Smith made two free throws, Seitz hit one of two free throws, Elguezabal hit a 3-pointer and then fed Murray for a lay-in and Zack Skaggs hit one of two free throws to make it 50-24. Cody Walton and Aaron Griffith scored off rebounds and Walton hit a 3-pointer to make the final 57-29.

Smith led the Mustangs with 15 points, five rebounds, two blocked shots and two steals. Murray added 10 points and three assists. Elguezabal had nine points, five assists and five steals. Seitz had eight points, five rebounds, five steals, two blocked shots and two assists. Botefuhr had four rebounds and four assists and Brian Haguewood had two steals.

Heppner 18 9 12 18-58

Umatilla 6 10 8 5-29

Heppner- Brian Smith 6 3-3 15, Luke Murray 5 0-0 10, Chuy Elguezabal 3 0-2 9, Brandon Seitz 3 2-4 8, Cody Walton 2 0-2 5, Justin Botefuhr 1 2-2 4, Kyler Lovgren 1 0-0 3, Aaron Griffith 1 0-1 2, Zack Skaggs 0 0-1 2, Gus Torres 0 0-2 0, Brian Haguewood 0 0-10 and Matt Kenny. Team: 22 8-19 57. 3-pts: Elguezabal 3, Lovgren and Walton.

Umatilla- David Adams 5 2-4 12, Trevor Jensen 3 2-5 8, Andre Pharr 2 0-0 4, Vince Strong 1 0-0 2, Justin Bissonette 1 0-0 2, Michael Palimino 0 0-1 0, David White, Andrew Marzahino, Erik Ortega, Leonard Rouston and Jose Navarro. Team: 12 4-10 29. 3pts- Andrews.

Mustang JV girls beat Huskies in the first half

By Rick Paullus

A big first half carried the Heppner Mustang JV girls to a 43-19 win over the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, Jan. 17 in Moro. The Mustangs improved to 4 and 5 on the year and will be at home on Friday, Jan. 23 and will be at Culver on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Lyndi Patton had six points, including a 3-pointer, and Heather Yocom had four points as the Mustangs took a 14-2 lead after one. Sarah Price then added six points and Yocom four more in the second as the Mustangs took a 26-6 lead into the half.

Patton had six points and Price four as the Mustangs increased their lead to 36-12 after three and they coasted through the fourth to the easy win.

Patton led the Mustangs with 14 points and five rebounds. Price added 12 points on six of 11 shooting and had two steals. Yocom had eight points, seven rebounds and two steals. Regi Seitz had six rebounds and two assists. Lynan Bingham had two steals and two assists. Sandra Krotzek had five assists and Blair Keithley and Mahaley Huddleston each had four rebounds.

Heppner 14 12 10 7-43

Sherman County 2 4 6 7-19

Heppner- Lyndi Patton 6 1-2 14, Sarah Price 6 0-1 12, Heather Yocom 3 2-3 8, Lynan Bingham 1 3-5 5, Regi Seitz 2 0-1 4, Sandra Krotzek 0 0-2 0, Blair Keithley 0 0-1 0, Mahaley Huddleston and Ashley Zimmerman. Team: 18 6-15 43. 3-pts: Patton.

Sherman County- S. Bird 1 2-2 4, Weedman 2 0-0 4, Olsen 1 1-2 3, Read 1 0-0 2, Mabe 0 2-2 2, E. Bird 0 2-2 2, Gray 1 0-0 2, Vonborstel 0 0-2 0, Melzer, Biddy, Riehelderfer and Mirsey. Team: 6 7-10 19. 3-pts: none

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Heppner Christian Church volunteers are the hosts for the Wednesday, Jan. 28 congregate meal at the St. Patrick's Senior Center, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The menu for that day is chicken casserole, rice, broccoli, fruit salad, rolls and brownies.

The legal information meeting has been postponed. Bill Kuhn's return to Heppner has been delayed. As soon as a new time is arranged it will be advertised on the Heppner TV Bulletin Board (channel 3), as well as by other timely means. Both Kuhn and David Allen are pleased to be doing the presentation; both have expressed the importance of being aware of risks and ways to be self protective in sensible ways, and helpful to each other.

The Oregon Attorney General's office has published suggestions for dealing with door-to-door salespersons. Two of them read as follows:

-Ask the salesperson for his/her license to solicit. Insist that person wait outside while you call the agency that issued the license. Look up the number yourself. Do not call a number provided by the "sales person".

-Watch out if you are told that you have been selected to use a product free of charge. Accepting a free item and signing some kind of contract to buy more, may eventually cost you money.

These are suggestions to encourage questions and raise awareness about other and similar subjects when meeting with District Attorney David Allen and Bill Kuhn.

Mary Goheen, who has served on the Senior Center Board of Directors for 10 years, and has been secretary for the board most of those years, has chosen not to be a board candidate in the election on Jan. 21. She will be recognized for her years of service to the board and also for her support of the Meal Site activities before they were consolidated with St. Patrick's operation. She remembers the St. Patrick's weekend as a highlight of each year's activities. Often she was cashier at the early breakfast at the fairgrounds until recent years; then for the potato soup luncheon, staying into the afternoon when pie and coffee were served.

Chamber Chatter

By Claudia Hughes, Exec. Dir.

Congratulations to those receiving the 2003 Chamber awards at last week's annual Town and Country Banquet and to those who took the time to nominate these citizens of the year.

A slow drive to Heppner, this still wintry morning, gave me the opportunity to think about people, what makes them tick, makes them happy, sad, involved or detached. Take the Chamber members, for instance. In many ways we are all so different, with different priorities and focuses, different interests, different occupations, different family backgrounds, different concerns and different religions. As goals and ideas for the Chamber 2004 are discussed, there are members with strong feelings; some listening to learn; some quiet and some loud; some flexible and others not easily swayed. Deep within, we are all much the same: laughing at ourselves, showing respect to other ideas, trying to make a difference, telling it like we think it is and then, hopefully listening in case we got it wrong, being receptive to other ideas, but holding on to our heartfelt beliefs. Our differences help us grow, and indifference is seldom seen.

Indifference accomplishes nothing. Though introverts sometimes prefer to be invisible, no one wishes to be treated with indifference when they share an idea or matters close to their hearts, nor does indifference ever solve problems. I will forever remember when my daughter was tiny. I was busy paying bills and she was chattering away at my elbow. Suddenly I felt a tug on my arm to get my attention and her little voice said, "Mommy, when I'm talking to you, don't say hmmm, like when the soup tastes good, look at me." Out of the mouths of babes, but spoken with such wisdom. Too often in our busy lives, we're going "hmmm" and not really hearing.

Ballots are in your hands for Measure 30. Please vote and while voting, give careful consideration to what the outcome will mean for health care, our schools, and our senior citizens. The Chamber of Commerce, wanting what is best for this community, encourages a Yes vote. This town cannot afford to lose more teachers, medical and senior services. We need to rebuild our economy and not be indifferent to legislative activity. Our voices do make a difference.

As we enter into 2004, Heppner for all seasons, we'll try a little harder to merge ideas, listen to each other, respect diversity in personalities, make some changes, and keep our "hmmms" to a minimum. When we look each other directly in the eye, we see more, we hear more, we learn more. Join us for eye-to-eye contact at noon every Tuesday at John's Place.

Prostate cancer support group to meet

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer among American men, and the second deadliest. This year, an estimated 189,000 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with the disease, and more than 30,000 will die.

To educate area men to the disease, its symptoms, methods of early detection, and treatments available, the American Cancer Society and St. Anthony Hospital will be hosting their monthly Man-to-Man Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support Group. The meeting is set for Monday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Hospital - Cascade Room, in Pendleton.

Keynote speaker for the meeting will be Debby Shampine, physical trainer for the Spirit Program, Round Up Athletic Club.

Every support group meeting is open to all men diagnosed with prostate cancer, their wives and other family members. "The meetings give those involved an opportunity to learn more about the disease, and gives them a way to discuss their concerns and questions in a confidential setting," said a group spokesperson.

For more information on the Feb. 2 meeting, or to learn more about the Man-to-Man Pendleton Prostate Cancer Support Group, call June Miller at (541) 443-6171.

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