

## Mustang boys beat Tigerscots in first half

By Rick Paullus

A 34-22 lead at the half carried the Heppner Mustang boys' varsity to a 68-54 win over the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Friday, Jan. 30 in Athena. The Columbia Basin Conference win improved the Mustangs to 8 and 1 and 15 and 2 overall. There will be CBC games at Umatilla on Friday, Feb. 6 and at home against Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Mustangs took a 15-9 lead after one getting three points each from Luke Murray and Brandon Seitz and a 3-pointer from Gus Torres. They increased their lead getting five points from Zach Skaggs, three from Aaron Griffith and a 3-pointer from Kyler Lovgren in the second quarter.

Torres had five points, including a 3-pointer, and Justin Botefuhr, Skaggs and Murray each added four points as the Mustangs increased their lead to 53-35 after three and Seitz had four points in the fourth as they coasted to the win.

Torres led a balanced scoring effort with 12 points. Skaggs added 11 points and Seitz added nine.

Heppner 15 19 19 15-68

Weston-McEwen 9 13 13 19-54

Heppner- Gus Torres 4 2-2 12, Zach Skaggs 5 1-3 11, Brandon Seitz 3 3-5 9, Luke Murray 2 3-4 7, Justin Botefuhr 2 2-2 6, Aaron Griffith 2 1-1 5, Chuy Elguezabal 2 0-1 4, Brian Haguewood 2 0-0 4, Kyler Lovgren 1 0-0 3, Brian Smith 3 0-0 6, Cody Walton 0 1-4 1, and Josh Gutierrez. Team: 26 13-22 68. 3-pts: Torres 2 and Lovgren.

Weston-McEwen- Jimmy King 6 3-8 15, Hasselbank 3 3-8 9, Ben Greenwalt 3 1-2 8, Scott Peterson 2 1-2 6, Alec Shard 2 1-5 6, Epi Brito 2 0-0 4, Jeff Duke 0 4-4 4, Cory Williams 1 0-0 2 and Tony Todd. Team: 19 13-31 54. 3-pts: Sheard, Peterson and Greenwalt.

## Mustang boys blow past Tigers

By Rick Paullus

After a close first quarter, the Heppner Mustang varsity boys blew past the visiting Stanfield Tigers on Saturday, Jan. 31, 71-43 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs improved to 9 and 1 in the CBC and 16 and 2 overall. They will be games at Umatilla on Friday, Feb. 6 and at home against Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Mustangs had a 15-14 lead after one as Luke Murray had seven points, including a 3-pointer, and Brandon Seitz had four points, but they increased it to 33-21 at the half, getting five points from Brian Smith, four each from Seitz and Chuy Elguezabal and another 3-pointer from Murray in the second quarter.

They kept up the pace in the third as Seitz had eight points and Murray four to increase the lead to 49-27. Smith and Aaron Griffith each had four points, Smith, Brian Haguewood, Zach Skaggs and Josh Gutierrez each had three points and Gus Torres hit a 3-pointer.

Seitz led the way with 16 points, with Murray adding 14 points and Smith 13 points.

Heppner 15 18 16 22-71

Stanfield 14 7 6 16-43

Heppner- Brandon Seitz 6 4-5 16, Luke Murray 5 2-2 14, Brian Smith 6 1-2 13, Chuy Elguezabal 3 0-0 6, Zach Skaggs 2 1-2 5, Aaron Griffith 2 0-0 4, Brian Haguewood 0 3-4 3, Gus Torres 1 0-0 3, Josh Gutierrez 1 1-2 3, Justin Botefuhr 0 2-2 2, Cody Walton 0 2-2 2 and Kyler Lovgren 0 0-2 0. Team: 26 16-23 71. 3-pts: Murray 2 and Torres.

Stanfield- Jason Flemmer 3 3-4 10, Aaron Abercrombie 2 4-8 8, Kyle Sobotta 3 0-0 6, Jason Sperr 1 2-2 5, Mike Sobotta 2 0-0 5, Jarrod Little 0 3-4 3, Tyler Gabriel 1 0-0 3, Ricky Perches 1 0-0 2, Emi Ramos 0 1-2 1, Tyler Watson and Hershel Zielke. Team: 13 13-20 43. 3-pts: Sperr, Flemmer, Gabriel and M. Sobotta.

## Mustang girls hang on to beat Tigers

By Rick Paullus

After building a big lead after three, the Heppner Mustang varsity girls hung on to beat the visiting Stanfield Tigers 42-39 on Saturday, Jan. 31 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs even their CBC record at 5 and 5 and improved their overall record to 7 and 11. They will have games at Umatilla on Friday, Feb. 6 and at home against first place Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Mustangs took a 7-6 lead after one, but extended their lead to 18-9 at the half, getting four points from Stefanie Hanson and three from Madison Bailey. Hanson added five points, including a 3-pointer, and Shanna Rietmann added four as they built a 33-19 lead after three. The Tigers outscored the Mustangs 20-9 in the fourth, but it wasn't enough as they hung on for the win.

Hanson led the Mustangs with 11 points and five rebounds with Rietmann adding nine points, eight rebounds and three assists. Chelsea Britt had seven rebounds and two steals, Bailey had five rebounds and three steals and Brooke Rust had three steals. Laurie Murray had five rebounds and Linsey Mitchell had two steals and two assists.

Heppner 7 11 15 9-42

Stanfield 6 3 10 20-39

Heppner- Stefanie Hanson 5 0-0 11, Shanna Rietmann 4 1-4 9, Madison Bailey 2 2-8 6, Brooke Rust 2 1-2 5, Chelsea Britt 2 1-2 5, Linsey Mitchell 1 0-0 2, Katie Britt 1 0-0 2, Laurie Murray 1 0-0 2, Terra Wilson and Blair Keithley. Team: 18 5-16 42. 3-pts: Hanson.

Stanfield- Kammerzell 7 1-4 15, Mills 4 1-2 10, Surber 3 1-3 7, Sandoval 0 3-4 3, Zielke 0 2-2 2, Packard 0 2-2 2, Bautista, Davis and Erwert. Team: 14 10-17 39. 3-pts: Mills.

## Mustang girls fall at Weston-McEwen

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity girls fell behind early and never could recover as they lost at Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 30 by a score of 47-30 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The loss dropped the Mustangs to 4 and 5 in the CBC and 6 and 11 overall with games at Umatilla on Friday, Feb. 6 and at home against first place Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The Mustangs trailed 12-2 after one, but came back in the second getting four points from Terra Wilson and a 3-pointer from Katie Britt to get within 20-13 at the half. The Tigerscots increased their lead to 30-19 after three quarter and won it in the fourth by hitting nine of 11 free throws in the quarter despite four more points from Wilson and another 3-pointer from Britt.

Britt had eight points and two steals with Wilson also finishing with eight points. Shanna Rietmann had six points and six rebounds. Chelsea Britt had five rebounds and Madison Bailey had two steals.

Heppner 2 11 6 11-30

Weston-McEwen 12 8 10 17-47

Heppner- Terra Wilson 4 0-3 8, Katie Britt 3 0-0 8, Shanna Rietmann 3 0-0 6, Brooke Rust 2 0-3 4, Stefanie Hanson 20-24, Chelsea Britt, Madison Bailey, Linsey Mitchell and Blair Keithley. Team: 14 0-8 30. 3-pts: K. Britt 2.

Weston-McEwen- Johnson 6 7-9 19, Paredes 4 5-8 13, Thompson 3 0-2 6, Bennett 1 2-2 5, Todd 1 0-1 2, Baker 0 0-1 0, Bonifer, Froese, Turner, Tucker and Miller. Team: 15 14-23 47. 3-pts: Bennett.

## Mustang JV girls nipped by Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls lost a close game to the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 37-35 on Friday, Jan. 30 in Athena in their only game of the weekend. The Mustangs dropped to 7 and 7 on the year and will be at Umatilla on Friday, Feb. 6 and at home against Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The two teams were tied at 8-8 after one as Lyndi Patton hit a 3-pointer and Regi Seitz had three points. The Mustangs took a 16-13 lead at the half as Lyan Bingham had four points and Terra Wilson three points in the second quarter.

Patton had five more points in the third as the Mustangs kept a 25-22 lead, but the Tigerscots came back to steal the win despite six points from Bingham.

Bingham led the Mustangs with 12 points and four rebounds. Patton added eight points and three steals. Sandra Krotzek had five rebounds and two steals and Seitz and Sarah Price each had two steals.

Heppner 8 8 9 10-35

Weston-McEwen- 8 5 9 15-37

Heppner- Lyan Bingham 3 6-6 12, Lyndi Patton 2 3-4 8, Regi Seitz 2 1-1 5, Terra Wilson 1 1-3 3, Laurie Murray 1 0-1 2, Heather Yocom 1 0-1 2, Sarah Price 1 0-0 2, Katie Britt 0 1-2 1, Blair Keithley, Sandra Krotzek and Chelsey Betsinger. Team: 11 12-18 35. 3-pts: Patton.

Weston-McEwen- Alford 7 5-7 19, Bonifer 3 0-0 6, Williams 1 0-6 3, Zeller 1 1-2 3, Turner 0 2-4 2, Tucker 1 0-0 2, Griggs 0 1-2 1, Baker 0 1-2 1 and Hancock. Team: 13 10-23 37. 3-pts: Williams.

## Mustang JV boys romp over Wahtonka

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV boys overwhelmed the Wahtonka Eagles beating them 73-33 in a make-up game in the Dalles. The game was originally scheduled for Jan. 9, but was postponed due to bad roads.

The Mustangs took a 20-10 lead after one, getting four points each from Josh Gutierrez and Mikel Britt. They increased the lead to 40-17 at the half, getting six points from Rory Kilkenny and four each from Gutierrez and Paullus.

Paullus had 10 points and Gutierrez and Kilkenny four each as they increased their lead to 60-23 after three and coasted through the fourth for the easy win.

Paullus led the Mustangs with 19 points. Kilkenny added 17 points, Gutierrez added 12 and Britt added eight points.

Heppner- Kory Paullus 8 3-3 19, Rory Kilkenny 8 1-4 17, Josh Gutierrez 6 0-3 12, Mikel Britt 4 0-0 8, Roy Proctor 2 0-1 5, Kyle Carlson 2 0-0 4, Dan Basile 2 0-2 4, Kyle Huddleston 1 0-2 2, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2 and Robert McElligott. Team: 34 4-15 73. 3-pts: Proctor.

Wahtonka- Smith 3 2-2 8, Lick 2 2-2 7, Herrigues 2 0-0 5, Jones 2 0-0 4, Enriquez 1 1-1 3, Despain 1 0-0 2, Cyphers 1 0-0 2, Rodha 1 0-0 2, Perez, Stuck and Medona. Team: 13 5-5 33. 3-pts: Lick and Herrigues.

## Mustang JV boys win twice

By Rick Paullus

After beating the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 58-38 on Friday, Jan. 30 in Athena, the Heppner Mustang JV boys came home to hold off the Stanfield Tigers by a score of 63-54 on Saturday, Jan. 31. The wins improved the Mustangs record to 14 and 2 on the year, with games at Umatilla on Friday, Feb. 6 and at home against Sherman County on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Against the Tigerscots, the Mustangs took a 13-4 lead after one, getting seven points from Rory Kilkenny and led 26-22 at the half, getting eight points from Mikel Britt in the second quarter. They increased their lead to 46-30 after three, getting 10 points from Josh Gutierrez and six from Britt and

coasted to the win getting four points from Kory Paullus and three each from Britt and Kilkenny in the fourth quarter.

Britt led four Mustangs in double figures with 19 points. Kilkenny added 12 points and Gutierrez and Paullus each scored 10 points.

After an even first quarter against Stanfield, the Mustangs took a 23-19 lead at the half, getting four points each from Gutierrez and Kilkenny in the second quarter. They increased their lead to 44-39 as Gutierrez hit three 3-pointers, Kilkenny had six points and Paullus four points in the third. Gutierrez had eight points, including another 3-pointer, Britt six points and Matthew VanCleave five as the Mustangs held on for the win.

Gutierrez led the way with 21 points. Britt added 13 points, Kilkenny 10 and VanCleave eight.

Heppner 58, Weston-McEwen 38

Heppner 13 13 20 12-58

Weston-McEwen- 4 18 8 8-38

Heppner- Mikel Britt 6 7-9 19, Rory Kilkenny 5 2-6 12, Josh Gutierrez 5 0-0 10, Kory Paullus 5 0-2 10, Matthew VanCleave 2 1-2 5, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2, Kyle Huddleston 0 0-2 0, Roy Proctor 0 0-2 0, Kyle Carlson and Dan Basile. Team: 24 10-23 58. 3-pts: none

Weston-McEwen- Sparks 5 0-1 11, Johnston 2 6-6 10, J. Schroeder 1 1-2 4, D. Schroeder 0 3-4 3, Froses 1 1-1 3, Guardipee 1 0-0 2, McCullough 1 0-0 2, Baker 1 0-0 2, Lindell 0 1-2 1, Greenwalt, Tompkins and Curtis. Team: 12 12-16 38. 3-pts: Sparks and J. Schroeder.

Heppner 63, Stanfield 54

Heppner 10 13 21 19-63

Stanfield 10 9 19 16-54

Heppner- Gutierrez 7 3-7 21, Britt 6 1-2 13, Kilkenny 5 0-3 10, VanCleave 3 2-5 8, Paullus 2 2-2 6, Kenny 1 1-3 3, Carlson 1 0-0 2, Basile 0 0-2 0, Proctor and Huddleston. Team: 25 9-24 63. 3-pts: Gutierrez 4.

Stanfield- Gehrke 6 4-6 16, Ramos 5 2-5 12, Mills 2 2-3 7, Zielke 2 2-2 7, Watson 3 0-2 6, Baros 2 0-0 5, Dick 0 1-4 1 and Blackburn. Team: 20 11-22 54. 3-pts: Mills, Zielke and Baros.

## February 2004 seatbelt blitz

The State of Oregon ranked number four in the nation for seatbelt usage in 2003 with 90.4 percent. The State of Oregon has made substantial progress in the area of seatbelt usage. This is in large part due to a program called 3-Flags which is a coalition between Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. Since October 1993, the 3-Flags campaign has sought to reduce the number of motor vehicle related deaths and injuries by increasing public awareness of laws regarding safety belt use and other traffic issues including DUII and speed. One of these tools used in this campaign is a safety blitz. The safety blitzes are done during specific time periods in which officers work regular and

overtime shifts enforcing seatbelt laws and other traffic related issues.

Morrow County is going to be involved in a safety blitz that begins on Monday, Feb. 9. This safety blitz will go through Sunday, Feb. 22. Deputies from Morrow County will be out during this time period doing seatbelt enforcement. A survey of Morrow County was done on Jan. 23 of 100 cars. Sixty-six percent of the driver's of those vehicles were wearing their seatbelts. This puts Morrow County well below the state average for seatbelt usage. The goal of the safety blitz is to increase seatbelt usage. If you have any questions regarding the safety blitz, you can contact the Morrow County Sheriff's Department at (541) 676-5317.

## St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Mark March 17 on your calendar. Pat Carroll of the CCB (Construction Contractor's Board) will be present during our congregate meal to speak and take questions about "Construction Fraud." The industry is asking for time and providing the speaker free of charge. The information is of general interest; and especially pertinent for any who might need simple repairs, drastic remodeling or new building. Discussion of fraud protection in dealing with contract persons will be offered. The time of the meeting is from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. More information will be provided at a later date.

Sign-up sheets and requests for St. Patrick's weekend activities will be circulating soon. We do express appreciation for "all-out-efforts" of our members in the past. The time of Heppner's celebration of our Irish history is enjoyable for all who like to be where the action is. We count on you- you have not let us down. Be ready.

A reminder from Ed Baker: the senior bus has regular medical trips to Hermiston on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and to Pendleton and Walla Walla on Tuesday and Thursday. This weekly schedule allows extra passengers as room allows. Anyone needing or interested in the service should call the Center at 676-9030 at least 24 hours prior to the day of need, between the hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Seventh Day Adventist volunteers are hosts for the Feb. 11 noon meal. Valentine's Day will be the emphasis of the day. The menu is: fish with tartar sauce, baked potato, spinach, fruit, cheesy biscuits, cup cakes and milk.

## Inland Northwest to host 2 concerts

Inland Northwest Musicians will present a concert in Wallowa at the high school in the Beth Johnson Room on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m., and on Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Hermiston High School auditorium at 3:15 p.m.

The orchestra will perform Sinfonia Concertante for oboe, clarinet, horn and bassoon. Soloists are Jean Sands (oboe), Fanny

Fitzgerald (clarinet), Phillip Hector (horn) and Jill Jespersen (bassoon). The orchestra will also perform Beethoven's Symphony #4.

These concerts are presented free of charge. Sponsors for this concert are: J.B. Bane and Company, Coleman and Chrisman Insurance, Calpine Corporation and Wallowa High School Music Department.