

Mustang JV girls nip Eagles to end season

By Rick Paullus

A late run helped the Heppner Mustang JV girls to a 31-30 win over the visiting Wahtonka Eagles on Friday, Feb. 13 in their final game of the season. The Mustangs ended the year with a 10-8 record and were coached by Chris Rauch.

Members of the team were junior Sandra Krotzek, sophomores Lynan Bingham, Laurie Murray, Chelsey Betsinger, Britney Herbison, Heather Yocom and Ashley Zimmerman and freshmen Lyndi Patton, Regi Seitz, Sarah Price and Mahaley Huddleston.

The Mustangs fell behind 8-5 after one and trailed 17-11 at the half, despite four second-quarter points from Price. Seitz had four points in the third as they came back to tie it at 19-19 going into the fourth. Betsinger had five points in the fourth and Price hit three of four free throws including two with 20 seconds left to give the Mustangs a 31-30 lead and they held on for the win.

Price had seven points, four rebounds and three steals. Seitz had six points, four rebounds and two steals. Patton had six assists. Murray had four rebounds and four steals and Krotzek had three assists and three steals.

Heppner 5 6 8 12- 31
Wahtonka 8 9 2 11-

Heppner- Sarah Price 2 3-4 7, Regi Seitz 3 0-0 6,

Chelsey Betsinger 2 1-2 5, Lynan Bingham 2 1-2 5, Laurie Murray 1 2-2 4, Lyndi Patton 2 0-2 4, Heather Yocom 0 0-1 0, Sandra Krotzek, Britney Herbison and Ashley Zimmerman. Team: 12 7-13 31. 3-pts: none.

Wahtonka- Gannon 8 4-10 20, Rocha 2 0-0 4, Prentice 1 0-2 2, Seabourn 1 0-0 2, Hilbun 0 1-2 1, Pincock 0 1-2 1, Holland, Green and Helver. Team: 12 6-16 30. 3-pts: none.

Mustang JV boys fly past Eagles to end season

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV boys ended their season by easily beating the visiting Wahtonka Eagles 74-20 on Friday, Feb. 13. The Mustangs, coached by Chuck Matteson, ended the year with an 18 and 2 record.

The team consisted of juniors Josh Gutierrez, Kyle Huddleston, Robert McElligott and Kory Paullus; sophomores Roy Proctor, Kyle Carlson, Dan Basile, Matt Kenny, Matthew VanCleave, Mikel Britt and Rory Kilkenny, with freshman Justin Delveaux floating up from the C-team the last couple of weeks.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 16-3 lead after one, getting six points from Paullus and four from Britt. They extended the lead to 33-8 at the half, getting six second-quarter points from VanCleave. Britt had six points, Gutierrez, Paullus and VanCleave each had four points and Proctor hit a 3-pointer as they increased their lead to 56-18 after three.

Huddleston had eight points, Britt six and Proctor four, including another 3-pointer, as they coasted to the easy win.

Britt led four Mustangs in double figures with 19 points. VanCleave added 14 points and Huddleston and Paullus each added 10. Gutierrez had eight points and Proctor seven.

Heppner 16 17 23 20- 74
Wahtonka 3 5 10 2-

Heppner- Mikel Britt 9 1-1 19, Matt VanCleave 7 0-0 14, Kyle Huddleston 5 0-0 10, Kory Paullus 5 0-0 10, Josh Gutierrez 4 0-2 8, Roy Proctor 2 1-2 7, Dan Basile 1 0-0 2, Robert McElligott 1 0-0 2, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2, Kyle Carlson and Justin Delveaux. Team: 35 2-5 74. 3-pts: Proctor 2.

Wahtonka- Median 2 0-1 4, Jones 2 0-0 4, Smith 1 2-3 4, Rocha 1 0-0 2, Lick 1 0-0 2, Herrigues 1 0-0 2, Perez 1 0-0 2, Enriquez, Stock, Turner, Despain, Cyphers and Torres. Team: 9 2-4 20. 3-pts: none.

Mustang girls beat Rockets

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity beat a stubborn Pilot Rock Rockets team 53-39 on Tuesday, Feb. 10 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs improved to 6 and 7 in the CBC and 8 and 13 overall and had one game remaining before facing the Rockets again on Friday, Feb. 20 in Pendleton at the district tournament.

The Mustangs took an early 3-0 lead on a free throw from Chelsea Britt and a short jumper by Shanna Rietmann. Then after the Rockets had tied it, Rietmann scored inside and Britt scored

off a rebound to make it 7-3. Stefanie Hanson made a lay-in, Linsey Mitchell scored off a rebound to make it 11-5. Brooke Rust scored off a drive to make it 13-7 then fed Hanson for a lay-in to give the Mustangs a 15-11 lead after one.

Hanson hit a running jumper to open the second, but the Rockets narrowed the gap to 18-16 before Britt converted a three-point play and Rietmann scored twice inside to make it 25-16. Laurie Murray hit two free throws and Britt scored off a rebound to make it 29-20 at the half.

After a Rocket 3-pointer to open the third, Mitchell scored off a pass from Terra Wilson then the teams traded baskets as Britt scored twice inside and Rietmann hit a jumper as the Mustangs took a 37-29 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The Rockets got to within 37-32, but Mitchell hit a jumper and Hanson hit two free throws and scored off a steal and Rust scored off a drive, then hit two free throws to make it 47-33. Rietmann hit a turn around jumper, Rust scored off a pass from Mitchell and Wilson hit two free throws to put the game away.

Britt had 12 points and eight rebounds. Rietmann had 12 points, five rebounds and two assists. Hanson had 10 points, seven rebounds and two steals. Rust had nine points, two assists and two steals and Katie Britt had two steals.

Heppner 15 14 8 16- 53
Pilot Rock 11 9 9 10-

Heppner- Chelsey Britt 5 2-3 12, Shanna Rietmann 6 0-0 12, Stefanie Hanson 4 2-2 10, Brooke Rust

3 3-4 9, Linsey Mitchell 4 0-0 8, Terra Wilson 0 2-2 2, Laurie Murray 0 2-2 2, Katie Britt 0 0-2 0 and Blair Keithley. Team: 21 11-15 53. 3-pts: none.

Pilot Rock- Hannah Kirk 5 3-5 13, Kelsey Walker 4 1-2 9, Christina Barkley 2 0-2 5, Jennifer Ulrich 1 2-2 4, Stefka Waite 1 2-2 4, Cassie Eickstaedt 1 0-0 2, Jessie Westberg 0 2-4 2, Valerie Hall and Becky Schiller. Team: 14 10-17 39. 3-pts: Barkley.

Mustang girls fly past Eagles

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity built a 10 point lead in the first half and flew past the visiting Wahtonka Eagles 56-32 on Friday, Feb. 13 on senior night. The game marked the final home game for seniors Stefanie Hanson and Brooke Rust. The win improved the Mustangs record to 7 and 7 in the CBC and 9 and 13 overall heading into the District 7 2A tournament in Pendleton on Friday, Feb. 20 and Saturday, Feb. 21.

The Mustangs took an 18-8 lead after one, getting six points from Shanna Rietmann, four points from Rust and a 3-pointer from Katie Britt. Hanson had five points, including a 3-pointer, and Britt hit another 3-pointer as they took a 34-24 lead into the half.

The Mustangs led 40-28 after three and got six points from Rietmann, four from Rust and a 3-pointer from Britt as they coasted through the fourth for the win.

Rietmann led the Mustangs with 15 points, six rebounds, three steals and two assists. Rust added 10 points, 12 rebounds and two assists. Hanson had 10 points and two

steals and Katie Britt had nine points, four steals and four rebounds. Chelsea Britt had four rebounds and Blair Keithley had four rebounds.

Heppner 18 16 6 16- 32
Wahtonka 8 16 2 6-

Heppner- Shanna Rietmann 5 5-6 15, Stefanie Hanson 4 1-2 10, Brooke Rust 5 0-2 10, Katie Britt 3 0-0 9, Terra Wilson 3 1-3 7, Chelsea Britt 1 0-2 2, Blair Keithley 0 1-4 1, Laurie Murray and Lyndi Patton. Team: 22 8-19 56. 3-pts: Katie Britt 3 and Hanson. Wahtonka- Lacey Lick 4 3-4 11, S. Herman 3 0-0 8, Lindsey Lick 3 0-2 6, L. Campos 1 3-4 5, S. Hilburn 1 0-0 2, M. Padilla and A. Zabel. Team: 12 6-10 32. 3-pts: Herman 2.

Mustang boys down Eagles

By Rick Paullus

In the final regular season home game, the Heppner Mustang boys' varsity beat the visiting Wahtonka Eagles 66-46 on Friday, Feb. 13 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs improved to 13 and 1 in the CBC and 20 and 2 overall in seniors Chuy Elguezabal, Justin Botefuhr, Tyler Lovgren, Brian Smith, Aaron Griffith, Zach Skaggs, Brian Haguewood, Luke Murray and Cody Walton's last regular season home game.

The Mustangs head into the District 7 2A tournament as the number one seed and will play the winner of Pilot Rock-Umatilla on Saturday night, Feb. 21 for the district championship and the

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ALL THE WAY TO STATE HEPPNER MUSTANGS!



Heppner Mustangs Varsity Girls (L-R): back row-Tiffany Piper, Chelsea Britt, Brooke Rust, Head Coach Ron Brisbois, Susan Southworth, Stefanie Hanson, Terra Wilson; front row-Blair Keithley, Katie Britt, Shanna Rietmann, Madison Bailey. Not pictured: Linsey Mitchell.



Heppner Mustangs Varsity Boys (L-R): back row-Brian Smith, Matt VanCleave, Zach Skaggs, Head Coach Forrest McKinnis, Justin Botefuhr, Luke Murray, Brandon Seitz; front row-Brian Haguewood, Gus Torres, Tyler Lovgren, Cody Walton, Chuy Elguezabal, Aaron Griffith.

HEPPNER MUSTANGS

vs.

PILOT ROCK ROCKETS
Pendleton Convention Center
Friday, February 20 at 7 p.m.

HEPPNER MUSTANGS

vs.

UMATILLA or PILOT ROCK
Pendleton Convention Center
Saturday, February 21 at 8:30 p.m.

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