

## Mustang girls pull away from Huskies

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity rebounded from a disappointing loss the night before to Umatilla to outscore the Sherman County Huskies in every quarter and pull away for a 46-32 win on Saturday, Jan. 8 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs improved to 2-1 in the CBC and 10-2 overall and will be at Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 14 and will be back at home on Saturday, Jan. 15.

The Huskies jumped out to a 6-1 lead early, before Susan Southworth hit a running jumper. Megan Orr then fed Lyndi Patton and Shanna Rietmann for lay-ins to cut the lead to 8-7. Southworth scored off a rebound and hit two free throws and Rietmann scored off a pass from Orr to give the Mustangs a 13-10 lead after one.

Rietmann fed Orr for a lay-in and scored off a drive to open the second and Terra Wilson scored inside to end the quarter with the Mustangs taking a 19-14 lead into the locker room.

The Huskies came out with a vengeance, taking a 21-19 lead, but Southworth scored inside and Rietmann scored off a rebound to make it 23-21. After the Huskies tied it, Southworth hit two free throws, Rietmann converted a three-point play, Orr scored off a pass from Regi Seitz and Lyndi Patton scored off a pass from Rietmann to give the

## Mustang boys fall short against Huskies

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After jumping out to a 14-0 lead to start the game, the Sherman County Huskies held off the Heppner Mustangs 56-48 on Saturday, Jan. 8 in Heppner in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 1-2 in the CBC and 4-6 overall, will try to get back in the winning mode at Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 14 before being back home on Saturday, Jan. 15 against the Culver Bulldogs.

Brandon Seitz finally got the Mustangs on the board hitting one of two free throws then Matthew VanCleave scored off a rebound to cut the lead to 14-3. Seitz scored inside off a pass from Gus Torres, Mikel Britt hit a baseline jumper and VanCleave hit one of two free throws to cut the lead to 18-8 at the end of one.

Torres and Josh Gutierrez hit back-to-back 3-pointers to cut the lead to 21-15 and Britt scored off a pass from Torres, but the Huskies increased their lead to 31-17 at the half.

Seitz scored off a drive to open the third, then VanCleave and Seitz scored off rebounds to cut the lead to 33-23. After four straight free throws from the Huskies, Seitz scored off a rebound, converted a three-point play and Torres hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 37-31, but the Huskies came back to take a 41-31 lead after three.

The Huskies pushed their lead to 45-32 before VanCleave scored off a drive

## HHS Class of 1965 to hold organizational meeting

The Heppner High School Class of 1965 will be holding an organizational meeting to discuss plans for their 40th class reunion. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Jan. 19 at John's Place in Heppner.

Mustangs a 32-23 lead after three.

Orr converted a three-point play to open the fourth, Seitz scored off a pass from Rietmann and Orr hit two free throws to make it 39-25. Rietmann scored off a drive to make it 41-27, Wilson scored off a drive and Southworth scored off a pass from Sarah Price to make it 45-29 and put the game away.

The Mustangs, who hit 18 of 40 from the field and 10 of 14 from the line, were led by Rietmann who hit six of 10 shots scoring 13 points, grabbed five rebounds, had four steals and four assists. Southworth hit four of six finishing with 12 points and eight rebounds. Orr scored 10 points and grabbed six rebounds, six steals and two assists and Price and Patton each had two assists.

Heppner 13 6 13 14-46

Sherman 10 4 9 9-32  
Heppner- Shanna Rietmann 6 1-1 13, Susan Southworth 4 4-5 12, Meagan Orr 3 4-6 10, Terra Wilson 2 1-2 5, Lyndi Patton 2 0-0 4, Regi Seitz 1 0-0 2, Sarah Price, Linsey Mitchell, Heather Yocom, Lynan Bingham, Madison Bailey and Mahaley Huddleston. Team: 18 10-14 46. 3-pts: none.

Sherman- Funkouser 4 0-2 8, Sharp 4 0-0 8, Hill 3 3-6 9, Moore 1 2-2 4, W. Nogle 1 0-0 2, B. Nogle 0 2-2 2, Bird, Weedman and Meizer. Team: 13 7-12 33. 3-pts: none.

and Gutierrez hit two of three free throws. Matt Kenny then scored off a pass from Torres to make it 46-38. Gutierrez hit one of two free throws and a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 48-42 with just over a minute left, then Torres hit a 3-pointer to make it 51-45. VanCleave converted a three-point play with 19.4 seconds left to cut the lead to 52-48, but the Huskies hit four straight free throws to close out the game and preserve the win.

Seitz led the Mustangs with 13 points, six rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots. VanCleave followed adding 11 points and 11 rebounds. Torres had nine points, four assists and three steals and Gutierrez had nine points, three steals and two assists. Britt had eight rebounds and Kenny had four rebounds.

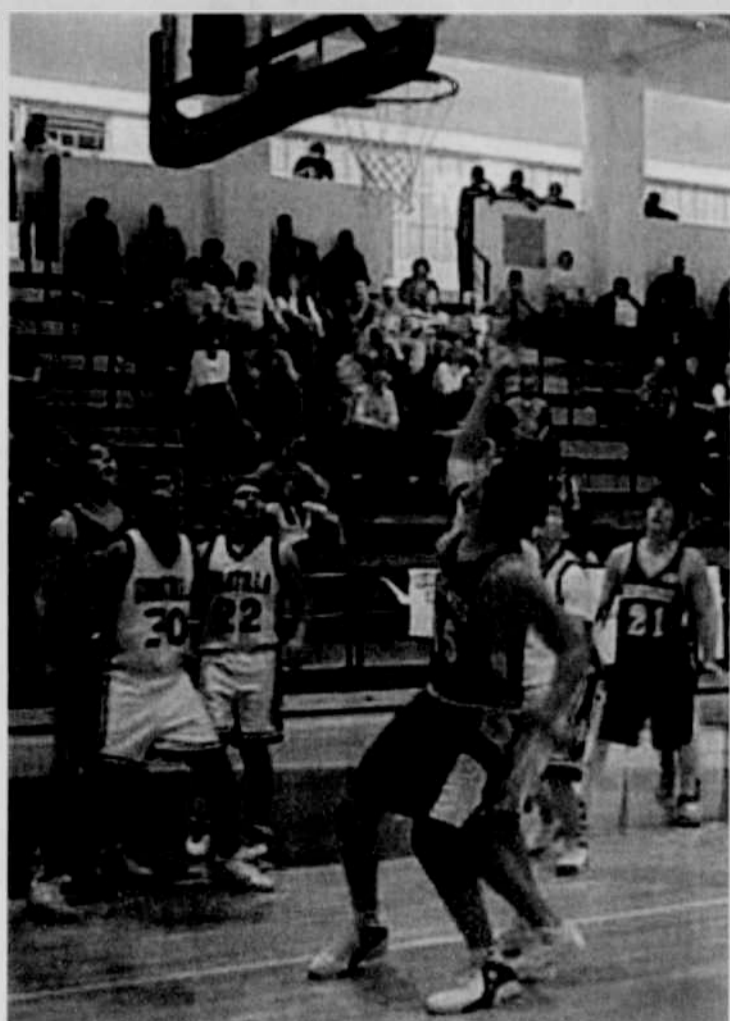
Heppner 8 9 14 17-48

Sherman 18 13 10 15-56  
Heppner- Brandon Seitz 5 3-6 13, Matthew VanCleave 4 3-5 11, Gus Torres 3 0-0 9, Josh Gutierrez 2 3-7 9, Mikel Britt 2 0-0 4, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2, Kyle Huddleston, Quinn Peck and Matt McCabe. Team: 17 9-18 48. 3-pts: Torres 3 and Gutierrez 2.

Sherman- Olsen 6 10-14 24, Ev. Kaseberg 6 5-6 19, Moore 4 1-2 9, Justesen 1 2-2 4, M. Kaseberg 0 0-1 0, El. Kaseberg and Wood. Team: 17 18-25 56. 3-pts: Ev. Kaseberg 2 and Olsen 2.

## Mustangs come up short at Umatilla

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Mikel Britt blocks out for a rebound against the Vikings. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

The Heppner Mustang boys' varsity played hard, but came up short at Umatilla as the Vikings pulled out a 44-41 win on Friday, Jan. 7 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, who dropped to 1-1 in the CBC and 4-5 overall, will try to get back on track at Pilot Rock on Friday, Jan. 14 before coming home to take on Culver on Saturday, Jan. 15.

Everything looked good for the Mustangs at the start as Brandon Seitz hit a jumper and scored inside off a pass from Gus Torres and they led 7-3 after a Torres 3-pointer. They kept pouring it on as Matthew VanCleave hit one of two free throws, Torres hit another 3-pointer, Seitz hit two jumpers and Josh Gutierrez hit a 3-pointer to make it 18-5 and the Mustangs settled for an 18-7 lead after one.

The Vikings came back in the second to get with 22-18 at the half as all the Mustangs could get in the second were a Gutierrez rebound basketball and a VanCleave lay-in off a drive.

The Vikings again came out hot in the third as they took a 29-22 lead, before VanCleave hit one of two free throws and scored off a drive and Matt Kenny hit a jumper to make it 29-27. VanCleave hit a short jumper and Torres hit two free throws to tie it at 31-31, but the Vikings ended up taking a 33-32 lead after

## Board offers John Turner position as BMCC President

At the Blue Mountain Community College Board of Education meeting on Wednesday evening, Jan. 5, the Board voted unanimously to offer the position of BMCC President to John Turner effective July 1, 2005.

Interim President Turner thanked the board and said he would be interested in pursuing a contractual agreement with the College.

In other business: The Board appointed Sally Anderson-Hansell (Morrow County), Roderick Davis (Hermiston/Stanfield/Echo/Umatilla) and Doug Moramarco (Baker County) to serve on the College Budget Committee. The Heppner/Ione position remains unfilled. Interested parties are asked to contact the president's office.

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Mikel Britt scored off a drive and Gutierrez scored off a steal to open the fourth and after the Vikings came back to take a 40-36 lead, VanCleave scored off a rebound to cut the lead to 40-38. It was 42-38 before Britt converted a three-point play with 41.4 seconds left to cut the lead to 42-41, the Vikings came back with two free throws with 6.6 seconds left and took the win as a Torres 3-pointer at the buzzer bounded in and out.

VanCleave led the Mustangs with 13 point and six rebounds. Torres followed with eight points, seven rebounds, five steals and four assists. Seitz had eight points and three steals, Gutierrez had four steals and two assists, Britt had four rebounds and Kenny had four assists.

Heppner 18 4 10 9-41

Umatilla 7 11 15 11-44

Heppner- Matthew VanCleave 5 3-4 13, Brandon Seitz 4 0-1 8, Gus Torres 2 2-2 8, Josh Gutierrez 2 0-0 5, Mikel Britt 2 1-4 5, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2, Kyle Huddleston, Matt McCabe and RJ Farrens. Team: 16 6-11 41. 3-pts: Torres 2 and Gutierrez.

Umatilla- Jensen 8 4-5 20, Marzaloni 4 1-2 9, Olvera 2 3-4 7, White 1 4-4 6, Campos 1 0-1 2 and Palamino. Team: 15 12-16 44. 3-pts: none.

## HHS basketball schedule

Heppner High School has just nine more games before the district tournaments are held. Following is a schedule of games:

**Friday, Jan. 14-** Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB;

**Saturday, Jan. 15-** Culver at Heppner, 1 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB;

**Tuesday, Jan. 18-** Hermiston Frosh at Heppner, 5 p.m., JVG, JVB;

**Friday, Jan. 21-** Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 3 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB;

**Saturday, Jan. 22-** Stanfield and Stanfield, 1 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB;

**Friday, Jan. 28-** Umatilla at Heppner, 3 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB;

**Saturday, Jan. 29-** Sherman County at Sherman County, 11 a.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB;

**Friday, Feb. 4-** Pilot Rock at Heppner, 3 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB;

**Saturday, Feb. 5-** Bye

**Tuesday, Feb. 8-** Weston-McEwen at Weston-McEwen, 3 p.m.;

**Friday, Feb. 11-** Stanfield at Heppner, 3 p.m., JVG, JVB, VG, VB;

**Feb. 18-19-** District Tournament.

The HHS "C" Team boys have only five games left in the season. Their schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, Jan. 20-** Irrigon at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.;

**Monday, Jan. 24-** Pilot Rock at Heppner, 5:30 p.m.;

**Thursday, Jan. 27-** Stanfield at Heppner, 6 p.m.;

**Thursday, Feb. 3-** Irrigon at Heppner, 5 p.m.;

**Monday, Feb. 7-** Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.

## HJHS girls' basketball season schedule announced

The Heppner Junior High girls' basketball season began with two games held Jan. 7 and 8 in Heppner. Following is the schedule for the rest of the season:

**Thursday, Jan. 13-** Mt. Vernon at Heppner, 5 p.m.;

**Friday, Jan. 14-** Pilot Rock at Heppner, 12 p.m.;

**Saturday, Jan. 15-** Riverside at Riverside, 9 a.m.;

**Friday, Jan. 21-** Stanfield at Stanfield, 4 p.m.;

**Saturday, Jan. 22-** Mt. Vernon at Mt. Vernon, 11 a.m.;

**Friday, Jan. 28-** Umatilla at Umatilla, 3 p.m.;

**Saturday, Jan. 29-** Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, 9 a.m.;

**Thursday, Feb. 3:** Echo at Heppner, 4 p.m.;

**Friday, Feb. 4-** Irrigon at Irrigon, 12 p.m.;

**Saturday, Feb. 5-** Athena-Weston at Weston, 9 a.m.;

**Friday, Feb. 11-** Riverside at Heppner, 12 p.m.;

**Saturday, Feb. 12-** B Team Tournament at Umatilla, 9 a.m. and A Team Tournament at Riverside, 9 a.m.

## Ione Youth Group announces annual service award recipient



Barbara Holland (center in blue t-shirt) at the Blanchet House soup kitchen in Portland.

Barbara Holland is the 2005 recipient of the Ione Ecumenical Youth Group Outstanding Service Award.

"The award is the highest honor given by the group and reflects full participation and sincere commitment and service to others throughout high school," noted youth group leader Jeri McElligott.

Holland, a senior at Ione High School, has regularly attended meetings and sold and delivered Christmas trees to make money for group projects. She has helped with the annual food drive to benefit the Heppner Neighborhood Center and sponsored the "Souper Bowl of Caring," collecting donations for a soup kitchen in Portland, as well as collecting soup for the Neighborhood Center. She has made trips to Burnside Street in Portland to serve the poor. She has toured agencies, served in soup kitchens and sorted clothing for the poor of the area. She has participated in worship services, doing follow-up projects to trips and sharing experiences. She has also helped with fundraisers on the 4th of July.

Holland, the daughter of Dale and Karen Holland, attends Valby Lutheran Church.

## HHS softball team to hold fundraiser

The Heppner High School softball team is holding a fundraiser dinner on Friday, Jan. 28 in the HHS cafeteria from 5-7 p.m. The dinner will be homemade posadas, with beans and rice for \$3.50, with extra posadas for \$1.

The meal will be prepared by the Elguezabal Family.

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