

Mustang JV girls roll past Rockets

By Rick Paullus



Kylie Doherty and Kelsie Fox play hard against the Rockets. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

A 29-7 advantage in the second and third quarters carried the Heppner Mustang JV girls to a 46-20 win over the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, Jan. 14 in Pilot Rock. The Mustangs, now 5 and 5 on the year, will be at home against Weston-McEwen on Friday, Jan. 21 and at Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 22 as their game against Culver at home on Saturday was cancelled due to weather.

Cyde Coil scored four points in the first quarter as the Mustangs took an 8-6 lead after one. A 3-pointer in the second from Coil, to go along with four points from Regi Seitz, extended their lead to 23-10 at the half. Coil hit another

3-pointer and Lynan Bingham had three points as the Mustangs put the game away, taking a 37-13 lead after three and they coasted through the fourth for their second win in a row.

Coil had eight points, five rebounds and two steals to lead the Mustangs. Katie Kilkenny added seven points and Seitz had six points and two steals. Aftan Betsinger had four steals, Heather Yocom had three steals, Kelsie Fox had two steals and Whitney Matthews had two assists.

The Mustangs helped themselves by hitting eight of 11 from the free throw line.

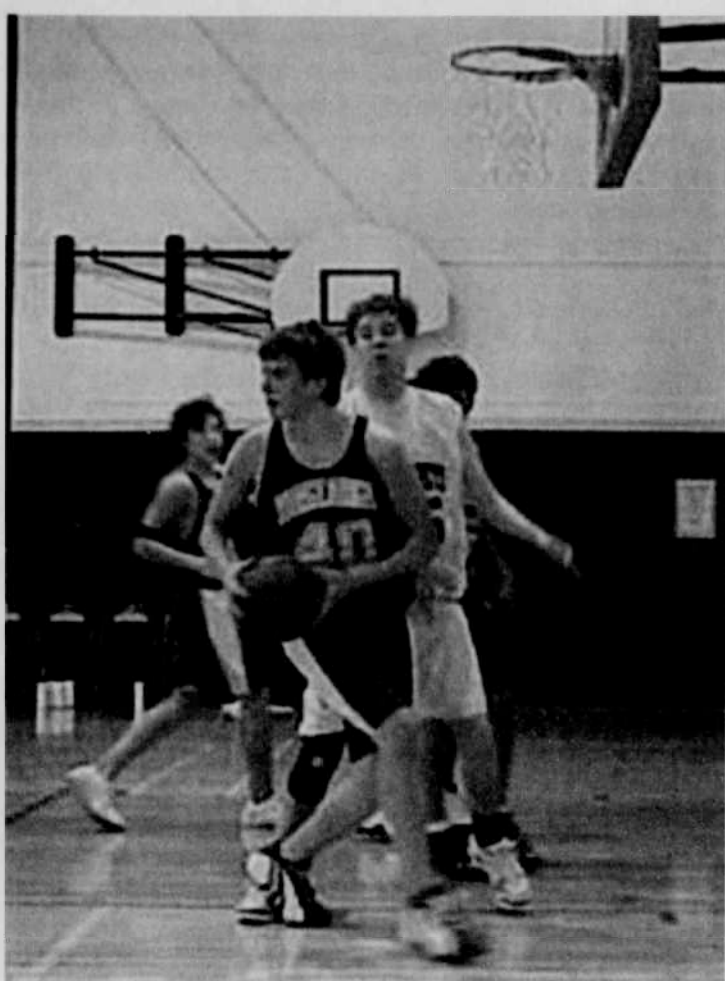
Heppner 8 15 14 9-46
Pilot Rock 6 4 3 7-20

Heppner- Cyde Coil 4 0-2 8, Katie Kilkenny 3 1-2 7, Regi Seitz 3 0-0 6, Lynan Bingham 2 1-1 5, Aftan Betsinger 1 2-2 4, Taylor Kempas 1 2-2 4, Heather Yocom 1 0-0 2, Kelsie Fox 1 0-0 2, Mahaley Huddleston 1 0-0 2, Whitney Matthews 1 0-0 2, Kylie Doherty 0 2-2 2, Baillie Keithley and Jenna Bowman. Team: 20 8-11 46. 3-pts: Coil 2.

Pilot Rock- McLaren 4 3-4 11, Kannard 3 0-2 6, Benson 1 0-0 2, Hall 0 1-2 1, Westburg 0 0-4 0, Schiller 0 0-2 0, Winnett 0 0-2 0 and Mills 0 0-1 0. Team: 8 4-17 20. 3-pts: none.

Mustang JV boys rally for win over Rockets

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Andre Rauch looks for help against the Rockets. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

The Heppner Mustang JV boys fell behind by as many as 11 points late in the third before rallying for a 49-46 win over the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, Jan. 14 in Pilot Rock. The Mustangs improved to 5-3 on the year and after having their game on Saturday against Culver cancelled due to weather, they will be at home on Friday, Jan. 21 against Weston-McEwen and at Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 22.

The Mustangs fell behind after one, 13-6, despite four points, including a 3-pointer, from Matt McCabe, but they came back to get within 22-18 at the half, getting four second quarter points from Nacho Elguezabal.

The Mustangs trailed 35-27 before beginning their comeback, finally getting a lead as McCabe hit back-to-back 3-pointers to make the score 43-42 with 2:30 left. McCabe hit another 3-pointer with 1:15 left to make it 46-42 and scored off a drive with 40 seconds left to make it 48-42. The Mustangs hit just one of six free throws down the stretch, but were able to hang on for the win.

McCabe finished with 17 points to lead the Mustangs with Quinn Peck scoring 12 points, including seven in the fourth to help with the comeback.

Heppner 6 12 9 22-49
Pilot Rock 13 9 13 11-46
Heppner- Matt McCabe 6 3-6 17, Quinn Peck 3 3-4 12, Nacho Elguezabal 3 0-1 6, Andre Rauch 2 0-2 4, Casey Maben 2 0-0 4, RJ Farrans 1 1-4 3, Justin Delveaux 1 0-0 2, Tony Haguewood 1 0-0 2, Nathan Kennedy and Lane Bailey. Team: 19 7-17 49. 3-pts: McCabe 4.
Pilot Rock- Humphreys 7 0-0 16, Doss 5 0-0 10, Howard 2 2-4 6, King 1 2-2 4, Christensen 2 0-0 4, Murray 2 0-0 4 and Hunt 0 2-2 2. Team: 19 6-8 46. 3-pts: Humphreys 2.

Ione's "A" team boys take Helix

The Ione Middle School boys' "A" team hosted the Helix Grizzlies on Jan. 8 and came away with a solid 38-26 win.

This was the boys' first game after the Christmas break, but they came ready to play after being snowed out in their game the day before. They quickly burst into the lead in the first quarter, 11-5. Although in the second quarter, only one point was scored for the Cardinals and Helix caught up, scoring 13 points. By halftime, the Grizzlies had scored 18 and the Cardinals had scored 12. At the end of the third quarter, the Cardinals had the lead again, 30-22. This lead was just too hard to catch up to for the Grizzlies and Ione finished strong, 38-26.

Clay Morter lead the scoring with 21 points, Cory Peterson pitched in six, Matt Hams added five, Stormy Hendricks added four and Matt Coleman added two.

"The team played very well defensively and I was happy with the improvements on offense," said Coach Mike Garrett.

Writers in Winter comes to HES

Young writers in grades 3-6 are invited to attend a morning writing workshop at Heppner Elementary on Friday, Feb. 18. The morning's events will begin from 8:15-8:30 a.m., with registration in the entrance of HES. Writers will put their pencils away at noon.

While the workshop is held at HES, it is open to all students in grades 3-6 from neighboring schools. Letters of invitation have been sent to Morrow County School District schools as well as Condon, Fossil, Ione, Spray, Echo, Stanfield and Arlington.

Writers in Winter classes will be taught by staff members of HES, with assistance from Heppner Junior and High School students. All of the lessons and projects revolve around a winter theme and activities range from poetry writing to personification.

There is no cost for the workshop and a mid-morning snack will be provided. "This is just a wonderful opportunity for young people to practice their skills and meet others who are also interested in writing," said Jannie Allen, coordinator for the event.

For further information, contact your school or call Jannie Allen at 676-9128, ext. 2629.

Mustang girls get defensive against Rockets

By Rick Paullus



Megan Orr reaches for a high pass to complete the play in Pilot Rock. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

The Heppner Mustang girls' varsity turned up their defense on Friday, Jan. 14 at Pilot Rock holding the Rockets to nine of 55 shooting in taking a 39-22 win in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 3 and 1 in the CBC and 11 and 2 overall, who had their game on Saturday against Culver postponed due to weather, will be at home on Friday, Jan. 21 and at Stanfield on Saturday, Jan. 22.

The Mustangs jumped out to a quick lead against the Rockets as Shanna Rietmann hit a jumper to open the game and Linsey Mitchell converted a three-point play and hit one of two free throws for a quick 6-0 lead. Sarah Price converted a three-point play and Rietmann scored on a pass from Mitchell to make it 11-2 and they eventually took an 11-6 lead after one.

Lyndi Patton scored off a pass from Rietmann, Price hit one of two free throws and Terra Wilson scored off a steal to make it 16-9. Price then hit two jumpers and Regi Seitz hit a turnaround jumper to make it 22-11. Price hit two free throws to end the second, giving the Mustangs a 24-14 lead at the half.

Susan Southworth hit three of four free throws and Mitchell hit one of two during a slow third quarter as the Mustangs took a 28-18 lead into the fourth. Megan Orr hit a jumper to open the fourth, Mitchell scored off a pass from Rietmann, Orr hit one of two free throws and Wilson hit four of four free throws to make it 37-20 and put the Rockets away. Lynan Bingham and Heather Yocom each hit one of two

free throws to close out the scoring.

Price led the Mustang with 10 points and six rebounds, with Mitchell scoring seven points, getting three steals and two assists. Southworth had seven rebounds, Seitz had five rebounds, Wilson had four steals, Orr had two steals and two assists and Rietmann had two assists.

Heppner 11 13 4 11-39
Pilot Rock 6 8 4 4-22

Heppner- Sarah Price 3 4-7 10, Linsey Mitchell 2 3-5 7, Terra Wilson 1 4-4 6, Shanna Rietmann 2 0-0 4, Susan Southworth 0 3-4 3, Megan Orr 1 1-2 3, Lyndi Patton 1 0-0 2, Regi Seitz 1 0-2 0, Heather Yocom 0 1-4 1, Lynan Bingham 0 1-2 1, Madison Bailey and Mahaley Huddleston. Team: 11-45 17-30 39. 3-pts: none.

Pilot Rock- Kirk 3 0-2 6, Sampson 1 2-2 4, Barkley 1 1-4 3, Ulrich 1 1-2 3, Walker 1 0-0 2, Kannard 1 0-0 2 and Minthorn 1 0-0 2. Team: 9-55 4-10 22. 3-pts: none.

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