

Mustang JV girls beat Vikings

By Rick Paullus



Aftan Betsinger makes a basket. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

The Heppner Mustang JV girls used a good start to beat the visiting Umatilla Vikings 25-17 in a defensive struggle on Friday, Jan. 28. The Mustangs improved to 7 and 6 on the year and will be at home against Pilot Rock on Friday, Feb. 4 and at Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Regi Seitz had five points, including a 3-pointer, and Cyde Coil four as the Mustangs took a 9-4 lead after one and held a 17-7 lead at the half.

The Mustangs still led 18-13 after three and Coil hit a 3-pointer and Katie Kilkenny scored three points in the fourth as they pulled away for the 25-17 win.

Coil finished with eight points, with Seitz adding seven points, three rebounds and two steals. Kilkenny had five points and nine rebounds, Lyan Bingham had three rebounds and two assists, Aftan Betsinger and Baillie Keithley each had three rebounds and Taylor Kempas had two assists.

Heppner 9 3 6 7-25

Umatilla 4 3 6 4-17

Heppner- Cyde Coil 3 1-2 8, Seitz 2 2-4 7, Katie Kilkenny 2 1-3 5, Heather Yocom 1 0-0 2, Lyan Bingham 1 0-0 2, Aftan Betsinger 0 1-2 1, Baillie Keithley 0 0-2 0, Kylie Doherty, Jenna Bowman, Whitney Matthews, Kelsie Fox and Taylor Kempas. Team: 9 5-13 25. 3-pts: Coil and Seitz.

Umatilla- Villanueva 1 3-6 5, Chavez 2 0-0 4, Lacher 2 0-2 4, Campos 1 0-0 2, Dahlin 1 0-4 2, Manning 0 0-1 0, Mateson 0 0-1 0 and Lougee. Team: 7 3-14 17. 3-pts: none.

Lady Cards take win from Cougars

It was no cakewalk, but the Ione Lady Cardinals recorded the win over Echo last Tuesday, Jan. 25 in Echo.

The Lady Cards struggled a bit on offense against Echo, but stepped up their defense to withstand the challenge. Ione led 10-4

after one quarter and 19-11 at the half. The Cougars hung tough in the third quarter, but the Cards were able to finally put the game away for good in the fourth, winning 38-23.

Amber Patton had an outstanding effort, racking up 22 points and 14 rebounds to lead the team. Sara Peck added seven, Jenny Griffith had six, Kylee Svetich had two and Emily Rietmann scored one.

"This was a good win for us on the road. We struggled a bit on offense but Amber had a huge game and with the pressure we put on them that was the difference," said Head Coach Ryan Rudolf. "Everyone has really worked hard to make our defense better and sometimes that helps when your offense struggles."

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Mustang JV boys beat Vikings in third

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Lane Bailey looks to make a pass. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

An 18-10 advantage in the third quarter carried the Heppner Mustang JV boys to a 48-38 win over the visiting Umatilla Vikings on Friday, Jan. 28. The Mustangs, now 6 and 5 on the year, will be at home on Friday, Feb. 4 against Pilot Rock before going to Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The two teams were tied at 7-7 after one as the Mustangs got four points from Matt McCabe. The Mustangs took a slim 21-20 lead at the half as Quinn Peck scored four points, Justin Delveaux hit a 3-pointer and Nacho Elguezabal had three points in the second quarter.

Peck and Elguezabal each had four points during the third quarter run and Peck added four more points and Lane Bailey hit a 3-pointer in the fourth as the Mustangs held on for the 10-point win.

Peck led the Mustangs with 12 points, with Elguezabal adding nine points and McCabe finishing with eight points.

Heppner 7 14 18 9-48

Umatilla 7 13 10 8-38

Heppner- Quinn Peck 5 2-3 12, Nacho Elguezabal 3 3-4 9, Matt McCabe 4 0-2 8, Lane Bailey 2 0-2 5, Casey Maben 2 0-0 4, Justin Delveaux 1 0-0 3, Brendan McElligott 1 1-2 3, Andre Rauch 1 0-0 2 and Tony Haguewood 1 0-0 2. Team: 20 6-13 48. 3-pts: Delveaux and Bailey.

Umatilla- Macias 4 1-1 9, Wilson 4 0-0 8, Navarro 4 0-2 8, Young 1 2-4 4, Apaucio 1 0-0 3, Coleman 1 0-0 3, Wyland 1 0-0 2 and Campos 0 1-2 1. Team: 16 4-9 38. 3-pts: Apaucio and Coleman.

Mustang boys lose to Sherman

By Rick Paullus

After jumping out to a lead in the first quarter, the Heppner Mustang boys' varsity went cold as the Sherman County Huskies came back to take a 61-38 win on Saturday, Jan. 29 at Moro in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 2 and 7 in the CBC and 5 and 11 overall, will be at home on Friday, Feb. 4 against Pilot Rock and at Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, Feb. 8 need to win both games to have a chance at making the district tournament.

The Mustangs took a 17-12 lead after one, getting six points from Matthew VanCleave; five points, including a 3-pointer, from Gus Torres; and four points from Rory Kilkenny. Kory Paullus had four points and Josh Gutierrez hit a 3-pointer in the second, but the Huskies came back to take a 32-26 lead at the half.

Torres hit a 3-pointer in the third, but the Huskies extended their lead to 47-34 after three and VanCleave had all four of the Mustangs' points in the fourth as they couldn't buy a basket.

VanCleave had 11 points, with Torres adding eight points and Kilkenny six.

Heppner 17 9 8 4-38

Sherman 12 20 15 14-61

Heppner- Matthew VanCleave 5 1-2 11, Gus Torres 2 2-2 8, Rory Kilkenny 3 0-1 6, Kory Paullus 2 0-0 4, Matt Kenny 2 0-0 4, Josh Gutierrez 1 0-0 3, Mikel Britt 1 0-0 2, Kyle Huddleston, Quinn Peck, Matt McCabe and R.J. Farness. Team: 16 3-5 38. 3-pts: Torres 2 and Gutierrez.

Sherman- Moore 14 1-2 29, Olsen 4 0-0 10, Justesen 4 0-0 8, Evan Kaseberg 1 2-2 5, Elliott Kaseberg 2 0-0 4, Mobley 1 0-0 3, Wood 1 0-0 2, King and M. Kaseberg. Team: 27 3-4 61. 3-pts: Olsen 2, Mobley and Evan Kaseberg.

Garden Club to meet

The Heppner Garden Club will be meeting on Monday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the St. Patrick's Senior Center. Hosts for the evening will be Bert Johannes and Caroline Keck. The program will include a discussion with Renee Devin on blue birds and wild flowers in the Blue Mountains.

Neighborhood Center of South Morrow County

The generous giving of the communities (organizations and individuals) to help the less fortunate persons this past year has been extraordinary.

Enthusiasm for our projects was excellent, and we wish to express a sincere THANK YOU to each and everyone that made the food drives, and holiday food and gift baskets a great success. Thanks to the Heppner High School kids for the excellent job they did with the coat and dollar drive. It was much appreciated.

The outpouring of donated clothes, food and monetary support has made the Center's work of providing assistance to the community an ongoing realization.

We expressly wish your New Year to be filled with happiness.

Janice Skaggs, Coordinator

Mustang JV boys rout Huskies

By Rick Paullus

Big advantages in the second and fourth quarters helped the Heppner Mustang JV boys to a rout of the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday, Jan. 29 in Moro by a score of 68-42. The win improves the Mustangs' record to 7 and 5 on the year and they will be at home on Friday, Feb. 4 against the Pilot Rock Rockets before going on the road on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Weston-McEwen.

Justin Delveaux hit a 3-pointer in helping the Mustangs into a 12-12 tie with the Huskies after one. Lane Bailey then had six points, Quinn Peck four and Tony Haguewood and Brendan McElligott three each in the second quarter as they took a 34-23 lead into the half.

The Mustangs extended their lead to 49-32 after three, getting four points from Delveaux, three from Matt McCabe and a 3-pointer from Bailey. Nacho Elguezabal had eight points and Andre Rauch six as the Mustangs cruised through the fourth to the easy win.

Elguezabal led three Mustangs in double figures with 14 points, with Bailey adding 13 points and Peck adding 10 points. Delveaux had nine points and Rauch had eight.

Heppner 12 22 14 20-69

Sherman 12 11 9 10-42

Heppner- Nacho Elguezabal 6 2-2 14, Lane Bailey 6 0-0 13, Quinn Peck 5 0-1 10, Justin Delveaux 4 0-0 9, Andre Rauch 4 0-0 8, Brendan McElligott 2 1-1 5, Tony Haguewood 1 2-4 4, Matt McCabe 1 1-2 3 and Casey Maben 1 0-0 2. Team: 30 6-10 68. 3-pts: Delveaux and Bailey.

Sherman- King 5 0-1 11, Mobley 3 2-6 8, Quintano 2 0-0 6, McKinney 2 0-0 5, Walker 2 0-0 4, Ambriz 1 0-0 3, Guzman 1 0-0 2, Shafer 1 0-0 2 and Kilett 0 1-2 1. Team: 17 3-9 42. 3-pts: Quintano 2, Ambriz, McKinney and King.

Mustang girls come back to beat Vikings 34-31

By Rick Paullus



Shanna Rietmann looks for the open Mustang. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

An 11-2 run to close out the game helped the Heppner Mustang varsity girls rally to a 34-31 win over the visiting Umatilla Vikings on Friday, Jan. 28 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 6-2 in the CBC and 14-3 overall, will be back at home on Friday, Feb. 4 against Pilot Rock then at Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, Feb. 8 against the league-leading Tigerscots.

The Mustangs built a 12-9 lead after one, getting six points from Susan Southworth and at the end of a defensive second quarter, Regi Seitz hit a lay-in on a pass from Terra Wilson to give them a 16-13 lead at the half.

Southworth scored off a drive and Megan Orr scored off a pass from Shanna Rietmann to open the second half and give the Mustangs a 20-13 lead. They went cold from there tough as all they could muster was a free throw from Linsey Mitchell and two from Seitz as the Vikings pulled to within 23-21 after three quarters.

The Vikings went on an 8-0 run to take a 29-23 lead until Orr scored off a drive and Madison Bailey hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 29-28 midway through the fourth. Rietmann hit two free throws to give the Mustangs a 30-29 lead with 3:10 left then Bailey and Mitchell each hit one of two to make it 32-29 with 2:12 left. After a Viking basket, Rietmann hit two of four free throws in the final minute to give the Mustangs a 34-31 lead then

blocked a shot in the last seconds, which Mitchell rebounded and held on for the win.

Southworth scored eight points, grabbed seven rebounds and had three assists. Rietmann added six points, 10 rebounds and three assists. Orr also had six points, along with five rebounds and three assists. Mitchell had seven rebounds, Sarah Price had four rebounds, Bailey had two steals and Wilson had two assists.

Heppner 12 4 7 11-34

Umatilla 9 4 8 10-31

Heppner- Susan Southworth 4 0-2 8, Shanna Rietmann 1 4-6 6, Megan Orr 3 0-4 6, Madison Bailey 1 1-2 4, Linsey Mitchell 1 2-4 4, Regi Seitz 1 2-2 4, terra Wilson 1 0-1 2, Blair Keithley, Sarah Price and Lyndi Patton. Team: 12 9-21 34. 3-pts: Bailey.

Umatilla- Henry 6 0-0 12, Landaur 3 0-0 7, Harvey 3 0-3 6, Phillips 1 0-1 2, Adams 0 2-2 2, Bieren 1 0-0 2 and Borden. Team: 14 2-6 31. 3-pts: Landaur.

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