

Mustang JV girls beat Tigers



Lynan Bingham powers one in for the Mustangs. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

A 31-12 advantage in the first and fourth quarters helped the Heppner Mustang JV girls end the season with a 41-24 win over the visiting Stanfield Tigers on Friday, Feb. 11. The Mustangs, who finished the year 10 and 7, were coached by Chris Rauch and consisted of juniors Heather Yocom and Lynan Bingham; sophomores, Regi Seitz and Mahaley Huddleston and freshmen Whitney Matthews, Cyde Coil, Katie Kilkenny, Kelsie Fox, Kylie Doherty, Taylor Kempas, Jenna Bowman, Aftan Betsinger and Baillie Keithley.

Seitz had five points and Matthews and Coil each hit 3-pointers as the Mustangs took a 15-4 lead after one, but the Tigers came back to trail just 19-13 at the half. Coil had four points in the third as they pushed the lead to 25-16 after three and Matthews had five points in the fourth, including a long 3-pointer at the buzzer as the Mustangs coasted to the win.

Coil led the Mustangs with 11 points and

had six steals, with Matthews adding eight points, five rebounds and four steals. Kilkenny had six points, seven rebounds and two assists, Seitz had five points, three steals and two assists, Betsinger had six rebounds and two steals, Kempas had three steals and two assists, Fox had five rebounds, Bowman had three steals, Yocom had two assists and Bingham had two steals.

Heppner 15 4 6 16-41

Stanfield 4 9 3 8-24
Heppner- Cyde Coil 5 0-0 11, Whitney Matthews 2 2-2 8, Katie Kilkenny 3 0-2 6, Regi Seitz 2 1-2 5, Taylor Kempas 1 2-3 4, Lynan Bingham 1 1-2 3, Kylie Doherty 1 0-3 2, Kelsie Fox 1 0-3 2, Aftan Betsinger 0 0-2 0, Heather Yocom, Mahaley Huddleston, Baillie Keithley and Jenna Bowman. Team: 16 6-19 41. 3-pts: Matthews 2 and Coil.

Stanfield- Caldera 4 1-4 9, Rodriguez 2 2-9 6, Blackburn 2 0-2 4, Walchi 0 3-4 3, Rojas 1 0-0 2 and Hendrix. Team: 9 6-19 24. 3-pts: none.

Lady Cards defeat Echo

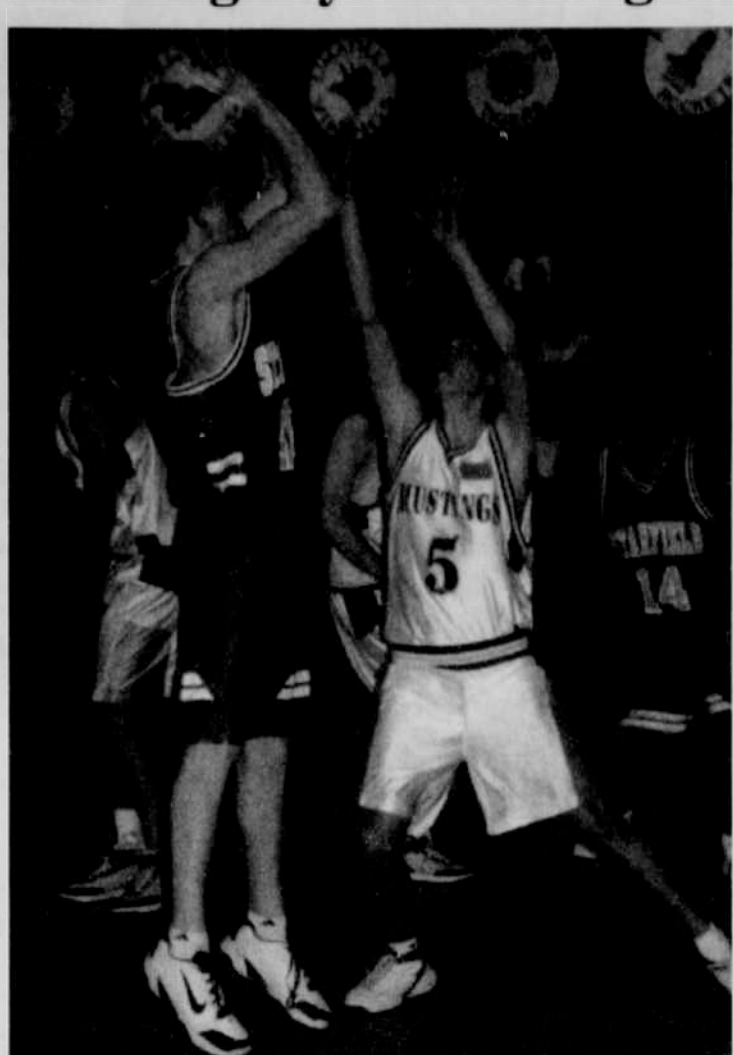
The Ione Lady Cardinals got back on the winning track last Tuesday night, Feb. 8 defeating the visiting Echo Cougars 41-28.

Ione got out to an early 11-2 lead at the end of one quarter, using an effective press and good team defense. By halftime, the Cards led 22-10. Echo pulled to within eight at one point in the second half but the Lady Cards answered and pulled away for the win. Amber Patton had a

big game for Ione, scoring 17 points, pulling down 11 rebounds and grabbing five steals. Jenny Griffith also had a strong effort with eight points and eight rebounds.

"This was a good win for us after the loss to Dufur" said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "We were able to put some pressure on them and we played very good team defense. We shot the ball better than we have in recent games and that is a good sign heading towards the District Tournament.

Mustang boys lose to Tigers



Kyle Huddleston puts up a fight against the Tigers. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

A disappointing season came to an end on Friday, Feb. 11 for the Heppner Mustang varsity boys as they lost to the visiting Stanfield Tigers by a score of 55-31 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs finished the season with a 2-10 record in the CBC and 5-14 record overall.

It also was the last game for seniors Brandon Seitz, Kyle Huddleston, Josh Fox 1 0-3 2, Aftan Betsinger 0 0-2 0, Heather Yocom, Mahaley Huddleston, Baillie Keithley and Jenna Bowman. Team: 13 4-12 31. 3-pts: Torres.

The Mustangs got off to a horrible start as all they could muster offensively was a 3-pointer by Torres that tied it at 3-3 and a rebound basket by Paullus as the Tigers took a 17-5 lead after one.

Torres hit a jumper to make it 19-7 then Huddleston hit one of two free throws and VanCleave scored twice inside to make it 21-12. Kilkenny hit one of two free throws and Paullus scored off a pass from Torres, but the Tigers took a 28-15 lead into the locker room.

The Mustangs went cold again in the third as all they could get was a free throw and lay-in from Paullus and a VanCleave lay-

in on a pass from Farrens as the Tigers increased their lead to 42-20 at the end of three.

Huddleston scored off a rebound to open the fourth. Peck hit one of two free throws and Gutierrez scored off a drive to make it 48-25. Gutierrez and Peck hit short jumpers to make it 50-29 and Kenny scored off a pass from Farrens for the final two points of the year.

Paullus led a balanced scoring attack with seven points and five rebounds, with VanCleave adding six points, six rebounds and five blocked shots. Seitz had five blocked shots and two steals, Huddleston had four rebounds, Farrens had four assists, Gutierrez had two steals and Kenny had two blocked shots.

Heppner 5 8 5 11-31
Stanfield 17 11 14 13-55

Heppner- Kory Paullus 3 1-2 7, Matthew VanCleave 3 0-0 6, Gus Torres 2 0-0 5, Josh Gutierrez 2 0-0 4, Kyle Huddleston 1 1-5 3, Quinn Peck 1 1-2 3, Matt Kenny 1 0-0 2, Rory Kilkenny 0 1-3 1, Brandon Seitz, RJ Farrens and Matt McCabe. Team: 13 4-12 31. 3-pts: Torres.

Stanfield- Sabotta 6 2-5 14, Flemmer 5 2-5 12, Baros 3 2-2 8, Blackburn 3 0-0 6, Gerhke 0 5-6 5, Grogan 1 2-2 4, Mills 1 0-0 2, Zielke 1 0-0 2, Ramos 0 1-2 1 and Ellis 0 1-2 1. Team: 20 15-24 55. 3-pts: none.

Mustang girls beat Tigers



Megan Orr tips the ball away from Mazy Madison. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

A 24-13 advantage in the second half helped the Heppner Mustang girls' varsity to a 40-30 win over the Stanfield Tigers on Friday, Feb. 11 in Columbia Basin Conference play on Senior Night. The Mustangs, 8-4 in the CBC and 16-5 overall, ended the regular season tied with the Umatilla Vikings for third and were to have a play-off game on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at Riverside to determine seeding for the District 7 tournament in Pendleton on Friday, Feb. 18 and Saturday, Feb. 19.

It also marked the last regular season game at home for seniors Shanna Rietmann, Susan Southworth, Linsey Mitchell, Terra Wilson, Blair Keithley and Madison Bailey, who is out for the season with a knee injury.

The Tigers scored first, but the Mustangs came back with a Southworth free throw and a Wilson running jumper to take a 3-2 lead. After two free throws by the Tigers, Lyndi Patton hit two free throws with 1.4 seconds left to give them a 7-6 lead after one.

Orr open the second by converting a three-point play then fed Sarah Price for a lay-in to make it 12-8, but the Tigers came back with five straight to take a 13-12 lead. Orr fed Price again for a lay-in and Wilson hit a short jumper, but the Tigers came back to take a 17-16 lead at the half.

Southworth opened the third by converting a three-point play and after the Tigers scored four straight,

she hit two of four free throws and fed Price for a lay-in and Patton hit a 3-pointer to give the Mustangs a 26-21 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The Tigers opened the fourth with a basket and Patton hit another 3-pointer, but the Tigers came back with four straight to cut the lead to 29-27. Southworth hit one of two free throws and Wilson hit a running jumper to make it 32-27. After a Tiger free throw, Orr scored twice off drivers to make it 36-28. After a Tiger score with 1:30 left cut the lead to six, Orr hit three of four free throws and Mitchell hit one of two in the final minute to seal the win.

Orr led the Mustangs with 12 points, four steals and three assists, with Patton adding eight points. Southworth had seven points, five rebounds and two assists. Wilson and Price each had six points, Rietmann had seven rebounds and two assists and Mitchell had four rebounds and two assists.

Heppner- 7 9 10 14-40

Stanfield 6 11 49-30
Heppner- Megan Orr 4 4-5 12, Lyndi Patton 2 2-2 8, Susan Southworth 1 5-9 7, Terra Wilson 3 0-0 6, Sarah Price 3 0-0 6, Linsey Mitchell 0 1-4 1, Shanna Rietmann, Blair Keithley and Regi Seitz. Team: 13 12-20 40. 3-pts: Patton 2.

Stanfield- Walchi 3 2-2 8, Packard 4 0-0 8, Erwert 2 0-0 4, Madison 2 0-0 4, Bautista 1 0-0 3, Davis 1 0-0 2, Sandoval 0 1-2 1. Team: 13 3-3 30. 3-pts: Bautista.

Mustang JV girls lose at Weston-McEwen

By Rick Paullus

Points were hard to come by as the Heppner Mustang JV girls lost to the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 24-17 at Athena on Tuesday, Feb. 8. The Mustangs dropped to 9 and 7 on the year with the loss.

Katie Kilkenny had all four of the Mustangs points as they took a 4-3 lead after one, but trailed 13-11 at the half. The Mustangs could manage only six points in the second half as the Tigerscots pulled away for the win.

Kilkenny had six points, four rebounds, three steals and two assists, with Lynan Bingham adding five points. Aftan Betsinger had four points and two steals, Regi Seitz had four rebounds

and four steals and Cyde Coil had two steals.

Heppner 4 7 4 2-17
Weston-McEwen 3 10 8 3-24

Heppner- Katie Kilkenny 3 0-1 6, Lynan Bingham 2 1-2 5, Aftan Betsinger 2 0-0 4, Regi Seitz 0 1-2 1, Cyde Coil 0 1-3 1, Kelsie Fox 0 0-2 0, Whitney Matthews 0 0-1 0, Mahaley Huddleston 0 0-1 0, Heather Yocom, Taylor Kempas, Kylie Doherty and Jenna Bowman. Team: 7 3-12 17. 3-pts: none.

Weston-McEwen- S. Smalley 2 3-4 7, Thul 2 1-4 5, C. Smalley 2 0-2 4, Penaloza 1 1-2 3, Griggs 1 0-1 2, Lacy Johnston 0 2-4 2, Laura Johnston 0 1-2 1 and Thompson 0 0-2 0. Team: 8 8-22 24. 3-pts: none.

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