

Mustang girls' basketball season begins

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By Rick Paullus

The 2005-06 varsity basketball season for the Heppner Mustang girls started well, with a 44-40 win over the Grant Union Prospectors on Thursday, Dec. 1 in John Day. They came out a little flat the next night at home, dropping a 57-51 decision to the Imbler Panthers. Heppner came back with a 45-38 win over the Riverside Pirates on Tuesday, Dec. 6 in Boardman, but lost two close games at the Harrisburg Tournament: on Friday, Dec. 9, Santiam Christian beat the Mustangs 40-34, and on Saturday, Dec. 10, they gave up a fourth quarter lead and lost 49-41 to Harrisburg.

At Grant Union, The Mustangs jumped out to an 11-4 lead after one, getting five points from Megan Orr, but the Prospectors came back to get within 18-17 at the half. Orr had four more points in the third as the Mustangs increased their lead to 33-28 and Lyndi Patton had four points in the fourth as they held on for the win.

Orr finished with 11 points, six rebounds, five steals and four assists, with Regi Seitz scoring eight points, grabbing 11 rebounds and three steals. Sarah Price had eight points, seven rebounds and three assists; Patton had six points and two steals, and Katie Kilkenny grabbed 10 rebounds.

Heppner 11 7 15 11 - 44
Grant Union 4 13 11 12 - 40

Heppner: Megan Orr 5 0-0 11; Regi Seitz 3 2-7 8; Sarah Price 4 0-1 8; Lyndi Patton 3 0-2 6; Aftan Betsinger 2 0-0 4; Katie Kilkenny 1 1-4 3; Taylor Kempas 1 0-1 2; Sherrilyn Peck 1 0-0 2; Whitney Matthews, Kylie Doherty, 20 3-15 44. Three-pointer: Orr.

Grant Union: Bartlett 5 1-4 13; Day 3 0-0 6; Legg 3 0-0 6; Cary 2 0-0 4; Ashmead 2 0-2 4; Ferguson 1 0-0 3; Humphrey 1 0-2 2; Houpt 0 1-2 1; Weggors 0 1-2 1; Hill, 17 3-12 40. Three-pointers: Bartlett (2); Ferguson.

It was a different story that next night against Imbler as the Panthers took an 18-11 lead after one



Regi Seitz, high scorer with 12 points, makes an easy lay in for the Heppner Mustangs. The Mustangs win against Culver 55-26 in League play.

despite two three-pointers by Orr. The Mustangs cut the lead by one at the half as Peck scored seven points and Patton five in the second. Imbler led 36-30 at the half. The Mustangs stayed even with the Panthers in the second half, but couldn't get over the hump, losing 57-51.

Orr led the way with 16 points, eight assists, five rebounds and three steals, with Patton adding nine points, five rebounds, four steals and three assists. Peck had nine points and nine rebounds; Betsinger had four rebounds and three steals; Kilkenny had six rebounds, and Seitz had five steals.

Imbler: 18 18 9 12 - 57

Heppner: 11 19 9 12 - 51

Imbler: Bigget 5 3-3 16; Westover 4 3-3 11; M. Griffin 3 0-0 9; K. Griffin 3 2-3 9; Eckstein 2 5-5 9; Dewy 2 0-2 4; Bantly 0 1-4 1; Phelps 0 0-2 0; Braslety 0 0-2 0. 19 14-22 57. Three-pointers: M. Griffin (3), K. Griffin, Bigget.

Heppner: Orr 5 3-6 19; Patton 4 0-4 9; Peck 2 5-8 9; Kilkenny 2 2-2 6; Seitz 2 0-0 4; Kempas 1 1-2 4; Betsinger 1 1-2 3;

Matthews, 17 12-24 51. Three-pointers: Orr (3), Patton, Kempas.

The Mustangs fell behind at Riverside, 17-14, after one despite seven points from Orr, but came back to take a 29-21 lead at the half, getting five second quarter points from Orr and a three-pointer from Patton. Betsinger and Peck each scored four points in the third as they took a 39-30 lead after three, and Kilkenny had four points as the Mustang held on through the fourth for the win.

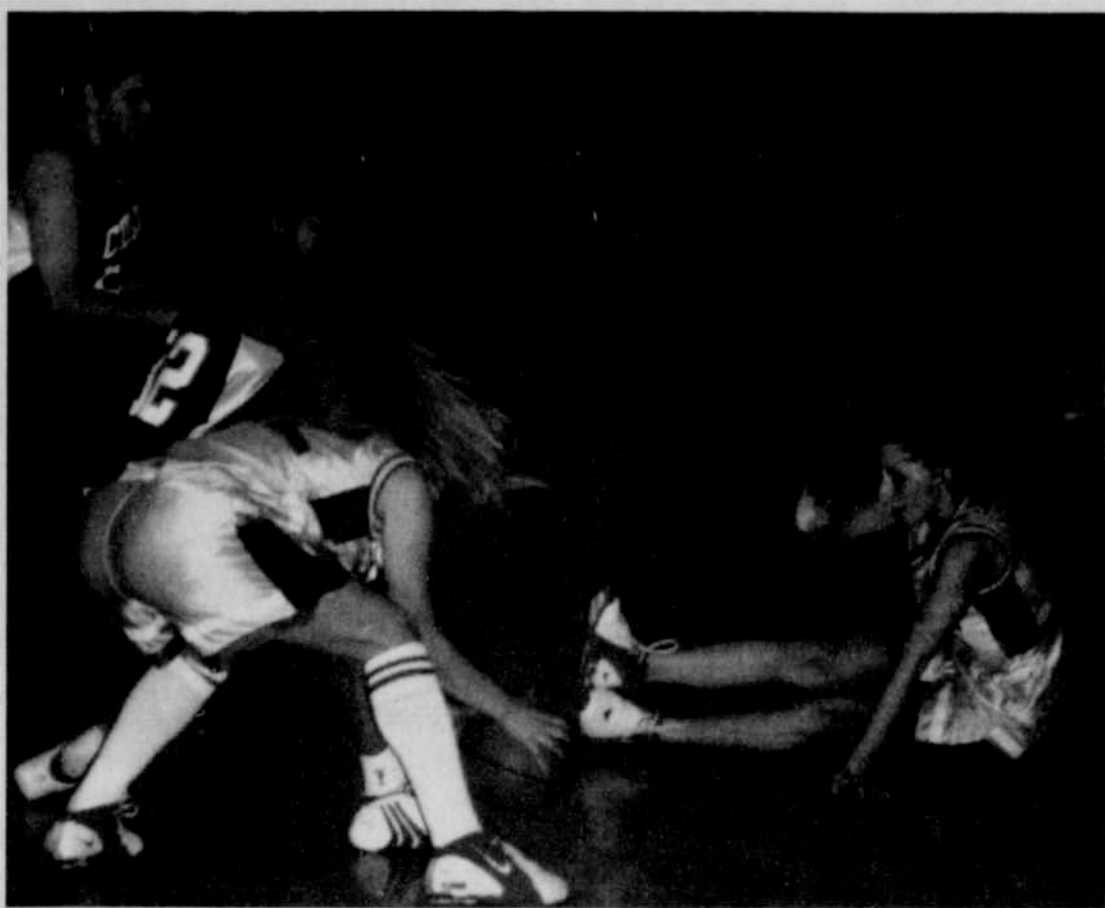
Orr again led the Mustangs with 14 points, 20 rebounds, five steals and four assists, with Seitz getting seven steals, five rebounds and two assists. Matthews had two steals and two assists, while Betsinger had four steals.

Heppner: 14 15 10 6 - 45

Riverside: 17 4 9 8 - 38

Heppner: Orr 5 2-2 14; Patton 2 0-0 6; Kilkenny 3 0-0 6; Peck 3 0-0 6; Matthews 2 0-0 5; Seitz 2 0-0 4; Betsinger 1 2-2 4; Kempas, Doherty, Bingham, 18 4-4 45.

Three-pointers: Orr (2), Patton (2), Matthews. **Riverside:** Lomen 8 1-4 18; Allen 5 0-0 10; A.



Megan Orr saves the ball for the Mustangs against the Culver Bulldogs.

Padilla 1 1-3 3; Wilson 1 1-1 3; Mittlesdorf 1 1-2 3; Pedro 0 1-2 1; Kroske 0 0-2 0; Costello, Pritchard, K. Padilla, 16 5 -12 38. Three-pointer: Lomen.

At Harrisburg, the Mustangs got off to a slow start against Santiam Christian, as the Santiam led 9-4 after one and 18-10 at the half. The Mustangs came back in the third, getting 12 points from Orr and four from Betsinger to cut the lead to 28-27, but Santiam Christian pulled away in the fourth, taking the 40-34 win.

Orr finished with 14 points and six rebounds, with Seitz adding seven points, seven rebounds, four steals and two assists. Kilkenny had nine rebounds; Peck had seven rebounds and two steals, and Patton had four steals.

Santiam Christian: 9 9 10 12 - 40

Heppner: 4 6 17 7 - 34

Santiam Christian: Woals 5 2-3 13; Davis 4 1-3 9; Hellesio 2 4-10 8; Sims 2 2-2 6; Smucker 2 0-0 4; Olsen 0 0-1 0; Sherman, 15 9-19 40. Three-pointer: Woals.

Heppner: Orr 6 0-0 14; Seitz 3 1-6 7; Patton 2 0-2 6; Betsinger 2 0-0 4; Kilkenny 1 1-2 3; Peck, Kempas, Doherty, Matthews, Bingham, 14 2-10 34. Three-pointers: Patton (2), Orr (2).

The Mustangs again fell behind in the first quarter in their game against Harrisburg, as Harrisburg took a 15-11 lead after one

despite four points from Seitz. Heppner came back to tie it at the half at 22-22, getting seven second quarter points from Orr. Kilkenny had six points and Seitz four as the Mustangs grabbed a 34-31 lead after three, but they couldn't hold on as Harrisburg came back to take the win, 49-41.

Orr had 13 points, eight rebounds and two assists, with Seitz adding 11 points and three assists. Kilkenny had 16 rebounds; Betsinger, nine rebounds, and Patton had two assists.

Harrisburg: 15 17 9 17 - 49

Heppner: 11 11 12 7 - 41

Harrisburg: Franconado 7 5-8 23; Fraw 3 2-2 8; Bevas 4 0-2 8; Brown 0 5-6 5; Croucher 1 0-0 2; Schmidt 1 0-0 2; Vaughn 0 1-3 1. 16 13-21 49. Three-pointer: Franconado 4.

Heppner: Orr 6 0-0 13; Seitz 5 0-0 11; Kilkenny 2 2-3 6; Peck 2 0-0 4; Patton 1 0-0 2; Matthews 1 0-0 2; Doherty 1 0-0 2; Betsinger 0 1-2 1; Kempas, Bingham, 18 3-5 41. Three-pointers: Orr, Seitz.

Mustang JV boys win twice

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV boys started the 2005-06 season with two blow-outs, winning at Irrigon, 69-15, on Friday, December 16, and at home against Culver on Saturday, Dec. 17, by a score of 69-42.

They jumped out to a big lead in the first quarter at Irrigon, getting 10 points from Nathan Van Cleave and four each from Nathan Kennedy, Tony Haguewood and Aaron Allstott, taking a 22-1 lead. Van Cleave and Haguewood each had four points and Allstott hit a three-pointer in the second as they increased their lead to 33-3 at the half. Nacho Elguezabal had 10 points in the third as the Mustangs increased their lead to 49-14 and Haguewood and Justin Delveaux each scored six points in the fourth as they cruised to the win.

Van Cleave led the Mustangs with 18 points and eight rebounds with Haguewood adding 14 points, six rebounds and five steals. Elguezabal had 10 pints, Allstott had nine points, Jason Houweling had five steals and four assists, Lane Bailey had six assists and Brendan McElligott had three assists.

Heppner 22 11 16 20-69
Irrigon 1 2 11 1-15

Heppner-Nathan Van Cleave 7 4-5 18, Tony Haguewood 7 0-0 14, Nacho Elguezabal 5 0-2 10, Aaron Allstott 4 0-1 9, Justin Delveaux 3 0-0 6, Nathan Kennedy 2 0-1 4, Jason Houweling 2 0-2 4, Brendan McElligott 2 0-0 4 Lane Bailey, 32-4 11-69.

3 pt Allstott
Irrigon-Je. Thompson 2 0-0 6, McKoon 2 0-0 5, Hottel 0 4-6 4, Jo. Thompson, Richards, Brown, Barron 4 4-6 15.

3 pt. Je. Thompson 2, McKoon.

Against the Bulldogs was much closer through the first half as the Mustangs led just 16-14 after one, getting seven points from Van Cleave and five from Haguewood. They increased it to 29-25 at the half, getting five second-quarter pints fro Bailey and four from Elguezabal. They broke it open in the third as Haguewood had 10 pints, Van Cleave, five, and Allstott, four points to give them a 50-29 lead. Van Cleave had six points and Haguewood, four, as they continued to pull away for the easy win.

Van Cleave again led the Mustangs with 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds with Haguewood added 19 points and 11 rebounds. Allstott had nine points and five assists. Elguezabal had 10 rebounds, Dalton Wellman had four assists and Bailey and Delveaux each had three assists.

Culver 14 11 5 10-42
Heppner 16 13 21 19-69

Culver-Meeks 4 1-2 13, Hansen 3 1-2 9, Decker 2 4-5 8, Ryder 2 0-0 5, Symans 2 0-0 4, Smith 1 0-0 3, 14 6-9 40.
3 pt.-Meeks 4, Hansen 2, Smith, Ryder
Heppner-Van Cleave 8 -58 21, Haguewood 83-8 19, Allstott 4 1-4 9, Elguezabal 3 1-2 7, Bailey 3 1-3 7, Delveaux 1 0-0 2, Houweling 1 0-0 2, McElligott 1 0-2 2, Dalton Wellman, 29 11-27 69.
3 pt.-none

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