

# Mustang Boys Split at Harrisburg Tournament

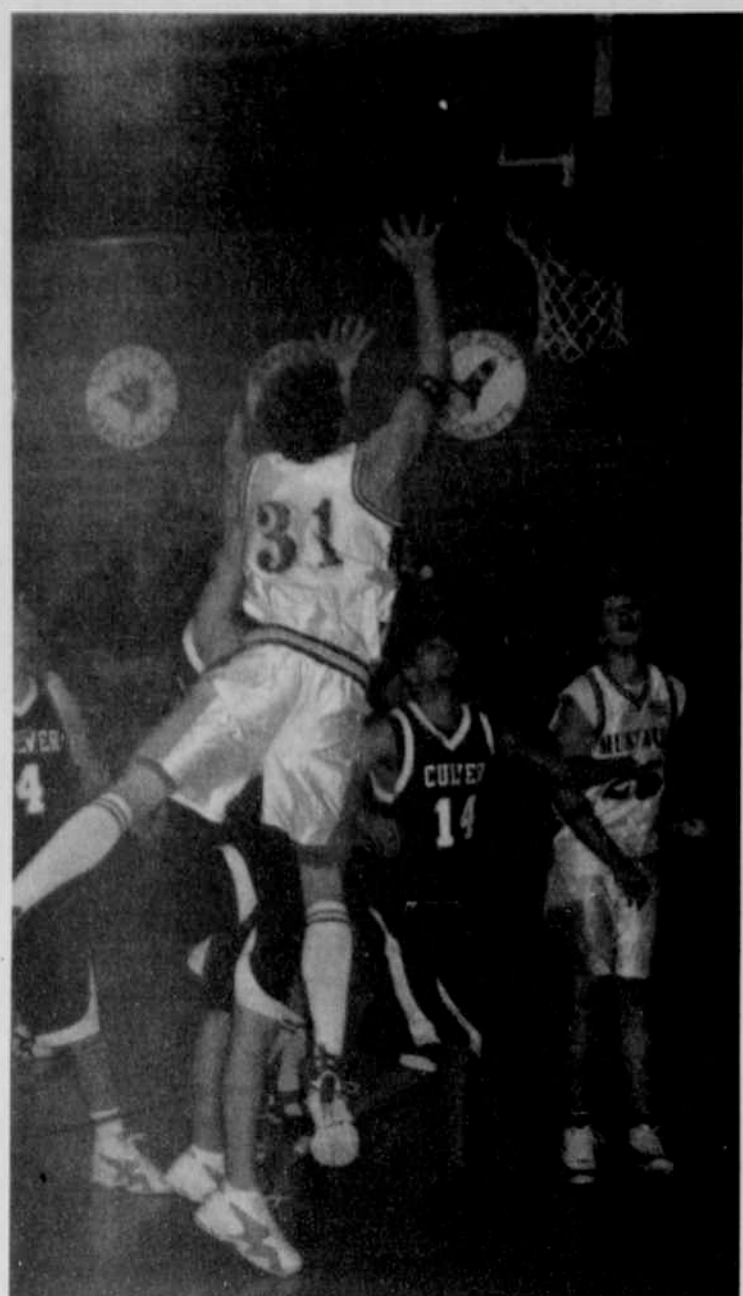


photo by Sandy Matthews  
Matt Van Cleave goes over the top of the Bulldogs in a close match with Heppner coming out ahead at the buzzer 56-53.

## Mustangs start CBC with two wins

The Heppner Mustang boys got off to a good start to the Columbia Basin Conference by winning their first two games on Friday, December 16, and Saturday, December 17.

On Friday, they won at Irrigon, 73-20, and came home on Saturday taking a narrow, 56-53, win over the Culver Bulldogs. The Mustangs will be at the Camas, WA, tournament on Wednesday, December 28, and Thursday, December 29, before getting back into CBC play the following weekend.

The Mustangs fell behind the Knights, 6-0, before Rory Kilkenny, with a little over four minutes left in the first quarter, finally got them on the board. Matt McCabe scored off a drive, Kilkenny scored six more and Matt Kenny scored off a steal to give them a 12-8 lead after one.

Matt Van Cleave scored four points, Lane Bailey scored off a steal, Kenny hit a short jumper and Mikel Britt scored four straight to make it 24-10. Kilkenny scored inside, Bailey hit a long jumper, Justin Delveaux hit a three-pointer, Nacho Elguezabal hit a short jumper, Quinn Peck hit a three-pointer and scored of an assist from RJ Farrens. Van Cleave scored to close out the first half with the Mustangs leading, 40-11.

The Mustangs didn't slow down in the third as Britt had eight points and seven, including another three-pointer as they increased their lead to 62-12 after three.

Bailey scored inside, Nathan Van Cleave hit a short jumper, Elguezabal scored four straight and Peck hit another three-pointer as they coasted through the fourth.

Peck finished with 15 points with Kilkenny adding 12 points and six rebounds and Britt had 12 points. Matt Van Cleave had eight points and four rebounds.

**Heppner 12 28 22 11-73**  
**Irrigon 8 3 1 8-20**

**Heppner**-Quinn Peck 6 0-0 15, Mike Britt 5 2-3 12, Rory Kilkenny 5 -23-12, Matt Van Cleave 4 0-0 8, Lane Bailey 3 0-0 6, Nacho Elguezabal 2 2-2 6 Matt Kenny 2 0-0 4, Justin Delveaux 1 0-0 3, RJ Farrens 1 0-0 3, Nathan Van Cleave 1 0-3 2, Matt McCabe 1 0-0 2, 31 6-11-73.

**Irrigon**-Nunn 3 1-2 7, Griffin 2 0-0 4, Anthony 2 0-04, Rivera 0 3-4 3, White 0 2-3 2, Barnett, McKeon, 7 6-9 20.

It was a whole different story on Saturday as the Bulldogs took a 14-13 lead after one, despite seven points from Matt Van Cleave and four from Matt Kenny, but Peck hit two three-pointers and Farrens, one, as the Mustangs came back to take a 33-31 lead at intermission.

Van Cleave had six points and Bailey, five, as they built their lead to 46-40 after three and the Mustangs hung on for the win as a last second three-point attempt bounced off the rim.

Van Cleave had 17 points, Kilkenny had 10 points and 12 rebounds, Peck had nine points, Kenny, eight, and Farrens had eight assists.

**Culver 14 17 9 13-53**  
**Heppner 13 20 13 10-56**

**Culver**- Blood 7 5-6 23, Lewis 4 2-2 11, Gibson 3 0-0 6, Roen 2 1-2 5, Chavez 2 0-0 4, Bode 2 0-0 4, 20 8-10 53. 3 pt- Blood 4, Lewis

**Heppner**-M. Van Cleave 7 3-5 17, Kilkenny 5 0-2 10, Peck 3 1-1-9, Kenny 2 4-4 8, Bailey 2 0-0 5, Farrens 1 0-03, McCabe 10 0-1 2, Elguezabal 1 0-0 2, Delveaux, 22 8-13 56. 3pt-Peck 2, Farrens, Bailey.

By Rick Paullus

After just two practices due to the long run on the football play-offs, the Heppner Mustang varsity boys went to the Harrisburg tournament and split two games taking third place on Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10. On Friday they ran into a very good Santiam Christian team and lost 70-44 but came back on Saturday taking a 40-34 win over Reedsport.

The Mustangs fell behind 11-4 after one and 29-15 at the half but got 12 points from Matt VanCleave in the third to get within ten at 45-35 but the Eagles ran away in the fourth taking the win.

Rory Kilkenny led the Mustangs with 16 points with VanCleave adding 12 points and Mikel Britt adding seven.

**Heppner 4 11 20 11-44**  
**Santiam C. 11 18 16 25-70**

**Heppner**- Rory Kilkenny 6 4-7 16, Matt VanCleave 5 2-4 12, Mikel Britt 3 1-2 7, Matt Kenny 2 0-2 4, Lane Bailey 1 0-0 3, Matt McCabe 1 0-0 2, Nacho Elguezabal 0 0-10, Quinn Peck, RJ Farrens, Justin Delveaux, Nathan VanCleave, 18 7-16 44. 3pt.-Bailey.

**Santiam Christian**- Bittner 5 2-4 13, Mason 4 1-6 9, John 3 2-2 8, Warner 2 3-4 7, Menges 1 4-4 6, Sullivan 2 2-2 6, Richardson 3 0-0 6, Chabis 2 1-2 3, Hart 1 0-0 2, Kubler 1 0-02. 26 15-24 70. 3pt-Bittner.

The Mustangs fell behind 8-5 to Reedsport after one but got 11 points from Kilkenny in the second to get within 21-19 at the half. Bailey had four points in the third as they tied it at 26-26 after three and got five points from Britt as they pulled way fro the win in the fourth.

Kilkenny finished with 13 points with Matt Van Cleave adding 9 points and Bailey 7 points.

**Heppner 5 14 7 14-40**  
**Reedsport 8 13 5 8-34**

**Heppner**- Kilkenny 5 3-8 13, M. VanCleave 3 3-8 9, Bailey 3 0-0 7, Britt 1 3-5 5, Kenny 1 0-0 2, Farrens 1 0-1 2, McCabe 1 0-0 2, Peck Delveaux, Elguezabal, N. Van Cleave 15 9-22 40. 3 pt.-Bailey.

**Reedsport**- Kaufmann 5 4-7 14, Johnson 3 0-0 6, Spuglio 2 1-2 5, Plotz 2 0-04, Horton 1 0-0 3, Fulps 1 0-2 2. 13 4-11 34. 3 pt.-Horton.

## Morrow County Sheriff's office motor vehicle accident report

The stretch of I-84 between mile marker 164 and the 171 and Highway 730 between the 168-mile marker and the 171 was extremely slick due to black ice. Morrow County Sheriff's office received approximately 31 calls for motor vehicle accidents on Dec. 15. The calls were called in on 911 lines, business lines, including one call from On Star. There were countless slide-offs and disabled vehicles that were never reported. Most of the accidents were non-injury, however 13 people were transported to the hospital for various injuries, with over 20 people checked out by the ambulance personnel all together.

Boardman ambulance saw 11 patients, Irrigon ambulance saw four patients; also Umatilla ambulance crew was placed on standby for service between Umatilla and Irrigon areas. Hermiston ambulance were also on

standby but were never used that evening in the county.

The Morrow County 911 center fielded 184 incoming calls: 148 business line calls and 36 911 calls on designated 911 lines. MCSO's call volume increased 53 percent. Additional 911 operators were called in to help with the call load.

The sudden weather change that created the black ice was a contributing factor in this chain of events, according to the Sheriff's office. The other factor was excess speed on unknown road conditions. As the county is expecting more accidents due to weather, all drivers are encouraged to practice safe driving habits over all roads, they said.

Morrow County Sheriff's Office and Oregon State Police will investigate these motor vehicle accidents, Oregon Dept. of Transportation will continue sanding and de-icing the highway.

## Mustang JV girls beat Irrigon

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls built an 18-4 first half lead and eventually won 45-24 over the Irrigon Knights on Friday, Dec. 16 in Irrigon to improve to 4 and 1 on the year. The Mustangs will be at home against Grant Union on Thursday, Dec. 29 before traveling to Walla Walla to face the DeSales Irish on Friday, Dec. 30.

The Mustangs led 10-0 over one against the Knights, getting four points from Kylie Doherty and eventually led 18-4 at the half. Sarah Milner had 7 points in the third as they increased their lead to 34-10 after three and they coasted to the win.

Milner led the Mustangs with 15 points, five rebounds, and four steals, with Doherty adding Sarah Milner had eight points in the 12 points and four steals. Melissa West had eight steals, four rebounds and four assists; Kylie Helfrecht had three steals and two assists; Maggie Armato had six points and two steals, and Stephanie Cutsforth had nine rebounds.

**Heppner: 10 8 16 11 - 45**  
**Irrigon: 0 4 6 14 - 24**

**Heppner**: Sarah Milner 6 3-4 15; Kylie Doherty 5 2-2 12; Maggie Armato 3 0-0 6; Kaylie Helfrecht 2 0-0 4; Melissa West 2 0-0 4; Stephanie Cutsforth 1 0-1 2; Cassie Wilson 1 0-0 2; Mercedes Garrett 0 0-2 0; Lynnell Bowie. 20 5-9 45. Three-pointers: none.

**Irrigon**: DeBoise 3 0-0 6; Reeves 3 0-1 6; Krick 2 0-0 4; Campos 2 0-0 4; Tolar 1 0-0 2; Garciloza 1 0-0 2. 12 0-1 24. Three-pointers: none.

The Mustangs opened the year at Grant Union and came away with a 32-26 loss to the Prospectors on Thursday, Dec. 1. Grant Union led 16-11 at the half, 30-22 after three, and hung on from there for the win.

Doherty led the Mustangs with 10 points, with Milner adding four points.

**Heppner: 5 6 11 4 - 26**  
**Grant Union: 9 7 14 2 - 32**

**Heppner**: Doherty 2 6-12 10; Milner 2 0-0 4; Wilson 1 1-2 3; Cutsforth 1 1-2 3; Sherilyn Peck 1 0-4 2; Helfrecht 1 0-0 2; Garrett 1 0-2 2; West 0 0-2 0; Bowie, Armato, Chelsey Hedman, Baillie Keithley, Vickie Koch, Kelsie Fox. 9 8-24 26. Three-pointers: none.

**Grant Union**: Gilliam 4 0-0 8; Hoffman 3 0-5 6; Rutherford 3 0-1 6; Gibbons 2 1-2 5; Waggoner 1 1-4 3; Gill 1 0-2 2; Barry 1 0-2 2; Houdt 0 0-2 0. 15 2-18 32. Three-pointers: none.

Heppner returned home Friday, Dec. 2 to play the Imbler Panthers and came away with a 33-26 win. The Panthers took a 10-7 lead after one, but the Mustangs got four points from Wilson in outscoring Imbler 20-4 in the second quarter to take a 27-14 lead at the half. The Panthers narrowed the gap to 29-20 after three, but the Mustangs hung on from there to take the win.

Wilson led the Mustangs with 12 points, with Doherty adding six points.

The Mustangs traveled to Riverside on Tuesday, Dec. 6 and came away with a 37-35 win over the Pirates. They led 8-0 after one, but the Pirates came back to take a 13-12 lead at the half. Kelsie Fox had three points in the third as the Mustangs tied it at 20-20 and Doherty had six points, and Cutsforth, four, as they pulled out the narrow win.

Doherty led the Mustangs with 12 points, with Baillie Keithley, Helfrecht and Cutsforth each adding four.

**Heppner: 8 4 8 17 - 37**  
**Riverside: 0 13 7 15 - 35**

**Heppner**: Doherty 3 6-10 12; Helfrecht 2 0-2 4; Keithley 1 2-2 4; Cutsforth 2 0-0 4; Fox 1 1-2 3; Milner 0 3-4 3; Wilson 0 2-2 2; West 1 0-4 2; Armato 1 0-0 2; Hedman 0 1-2 1; Koch 0 0-2 0; Bowie, Garrett. 11 15-30 37. Three-pointers: none.

The Mustangs were at home on Monday, Dec. 12 against Mac-Hi and came away with a 27-20 win over the Pioneers. The Mustangs led 10-6 at the half and got four points from West in the third to pull away to a 22-10 lead and hung on from there to take the win.

West led the Mustangs with eight points, with Cutsforth adding six points. Fox and Milner each added four points.

**Mac-Hi: 2 4 4 10 - 20**  
**Heppner: 6 4 12 5 - 27**

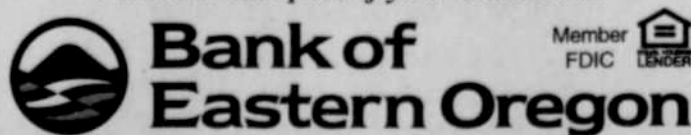
**Mac-Hi**: Tucholke 2 2-2 6; Brown 1 0-0 2; Chapin 1 0-2 2; Sams 1 0-0 2; Shannon 2 0-0 4; Potter 0 2-2 2; Sandoval 1 0-0 2; Granger 0 0-1 0. 8 4-7 10. Three-pointers: none.

**Heppner**: West 4 0-1 8; Cutsforth 3 0-0 6; Fox 2 0-0 4; Milner 2 0-0 4; Helfrecht 1 0-1 2; Wilson 1 0-0 2; Keithley 0 1-3 1; Bowie, Hedman, Koch, Armato, Garrett. 13 1-5 27. Three-pointers: none.



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