

Mustang girls lose to Tigers



Lyndi Patton takes control of the ball during the Mustang vs. Stanfield game in Heppner. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

The Stanfield Tigers outscored the Heppner Mustang varsity girls 26-15 to steal a 44-36 win at Heppner on Saturday, Jan. 21 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs dropped to 4 and 4 in the CBC and have two tough league games this weekend as they travel to Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 27 before coming home to face the Sherman County Huskies on Saturday.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 12-7 lead after one, with the help of a 3-pointer from Sherilyn Peck then got five straight points from Regi Seitz to increase their lead to 19-9 early in the second quarter. The Tigers score nine straight before Megan Orr hit a jumper to end the quarter with the Mustangs leading 21-18 at the half.

Lyndi Patton and Aftan Betsinger scored off rebounds to open the third, but went cold from there as the Tigers came back to take a 28-25 lead at the end of three.

The Tigers scored the first four points of the fourth before the Mustangs finally scored as Orr hit a running jumper, Whitney Matthews scored off a rebound and Orr hit a 3-

pointer to tie it at 32-32. The Tigers scored, but Orr hit another 3-pointer and Peck hit one of two free throws to give the Mustangs a 36-34 lead with 2 minutes 30 seconds left. The Tigers would end up scoring the final 10 points of the game to take the win.

Orr finished with 12 points, five rebounds and two steals, with Seitz adding seven points and six rebounds. Patton finished with five rebounds, five assists and three steals, Katie Kilkenny had five rebounds and two assists, Peck had seven rebounds and Betsinger had six rebounds. Heppner 12 9 4 11-36

Stanfield 7 11 10 16-44

Heppner- Megan Orr 4 2-2 12, Regi Seitz 3 1-2 7, Lyndi Patton 2 1-1 5, Aftan Betsinger 2 0-2 4, Sherilyn Peck 1 1-2 4, Katie Kilkenny 1 0-0 2, Whitney Matthews 1 0-0 2, Taylor Kempas and Lynan Bingham. Team: 14 5-9 36. 3-pts: Orr 2 and Peck.

Stanfield- Surber 8 2-3 18, Erwert 4 0-4 8, Walchli 3 2-5 8, Carrillo 2 1-2 5, Madison 1 3-5 5, Rodriguez 0 0-2 0 and Nichols 0 0-1 0. Team: 18 8-22 44. 3-pts: none.

Girls' B team wins two at tournament

The Ponies hosted a tournament on Saturday, Jan. 21 and started the tournament strong with two early victories- the first victories of the season for the B team. Coach Keith Price was impressed with the girls' defensive effort in their first two games.

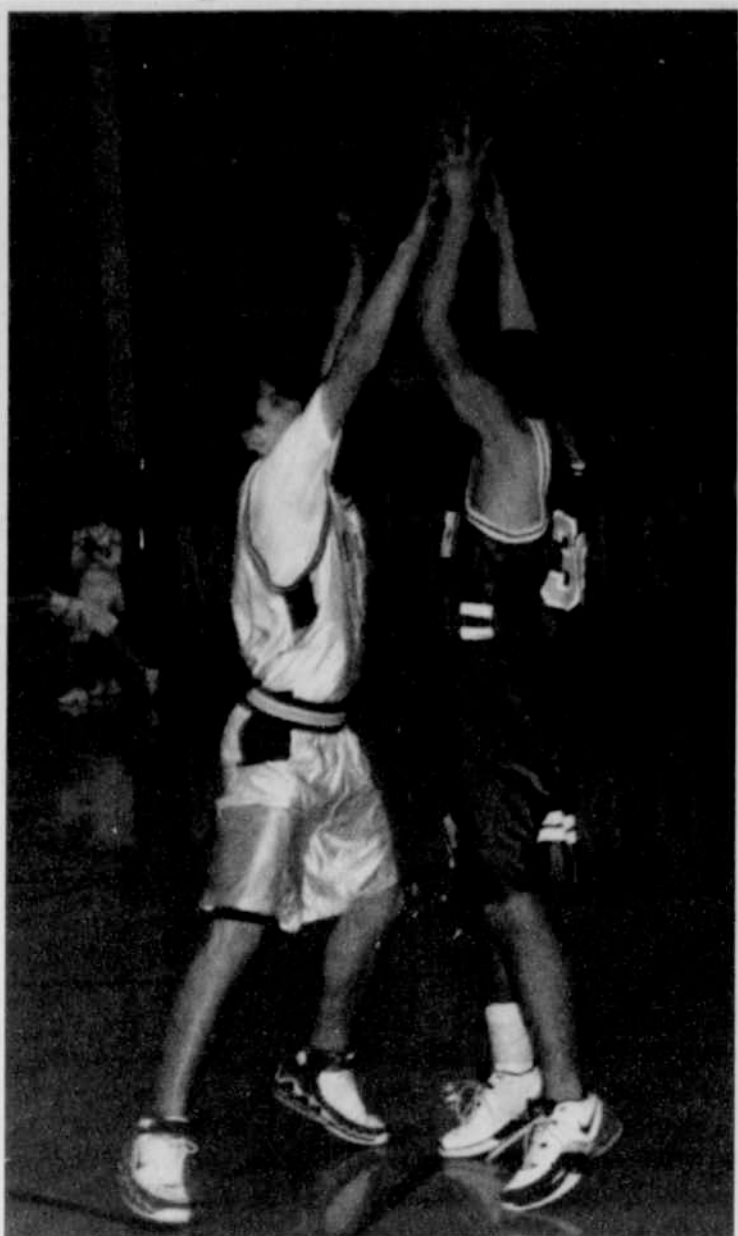
The Ponies beat the Helix Grizzlies 16-9 in their first game. Brooke Thompson and Lindsay Cutsforth led the team with six points apiece.

In their second game, the Ponies again

played strong defense and pulled out a close victory against the Echo Cougars, 16-12. Carrie Haguewood hit a crucial shot down the stretch and finished with four points. Cutsforth also scored four points for the Ponies.

In their final game, the Ponies faced the Ione Cardinals. The Cardinal defensive pressure was too much for the Ponies to handle and they lost the game 4-38. Cutsforth and Thompson scored the only four points for the Ponies.

Mustang boys start slow in loss to Tigers



R.J. Farrens keeps a close guard on the Stanfield Tiger Saturday. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity boys overcame an 18-2 deficit to start the game but couldn't get it down in the end as the visiting Stanfield Tigers took a 64-61 win on Saturday, Jan. 21 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 4 and 4 in the CBC and 6 and 6 overall, will be at Umatilla on Friday, Jan. 27 and will be at home for league leading Sherman County on Saturday, Jan. 28.

The Tigers led 12-0 before Rory Kilkenny scored inside to finally get the Mustangs on the board with 4:40 left in the first. Kilkenny scored inside off a pass from Matt McCabe, but the Tigers led 21-4. Matt Van Cleave scored off a baseline drive, then fed Mikel Britt for a lay-in, making the score 26-8. McCabe hit a 3-pointer and Van Cleave scored off a pass from Matt Kenny to close

out the quarter with the Tigers leading, 26-13.

Van Cleave scored off a pass from R.J. Farrens and Lane Bailey hit a 3-pointer to cut the lead to 28-18, then Kilkenny scored off a pass from Bailey and hit two free throws, while Van Cleave scored twice inside to cut the lead to 30-26. Van Cleave scored inside and Nacho Elguezabal scored twice to tie it at 32-32. Britt hit one of two free throws to give the Mustangs the lead, but the Tigers hit a free throw to tie it at 33-33 at the half.

Van Cleave scored off a drive and Kenny scored twice inside to give the Mustangs a 39-35 lead, and, after the Tigers retook the lead with five straight points, Van Cleave fed Kilkenny for a lay-in then scored off a drive to make it 43-41. Britt scored off a pass from Kilkenny, but the Tigers came back to take a 47-45

Ione JV boys win against Echo

It was a battle under the basket when the Ione Boys' JV team took on Echo on Tuesday, Jan. 17 in Ione but the Cardinals prevailed in the two-quarter contest 28-19.

From the start of the game, the Cards played a fast tempo and fed some great passes into Clay Morter for scores. However, the Cougars had an answer at least in the first period from their own big man underneath who banked in a fair number himself. At the end of the first quarter, the score was 16-14 Cardinals. Playing strongly, the Cardinals were able to open up the lead in the final period, outscoring Echo 12-5 for the final margin.

Clay Morter led all scorers with 14 points. Also scoring for Ione was Kevin Fowler with four and Justin Archer, Dalton Campbell, Derek Davidson, Cory Peterson and William Bergstrom with two each. Morter also led in rebounds

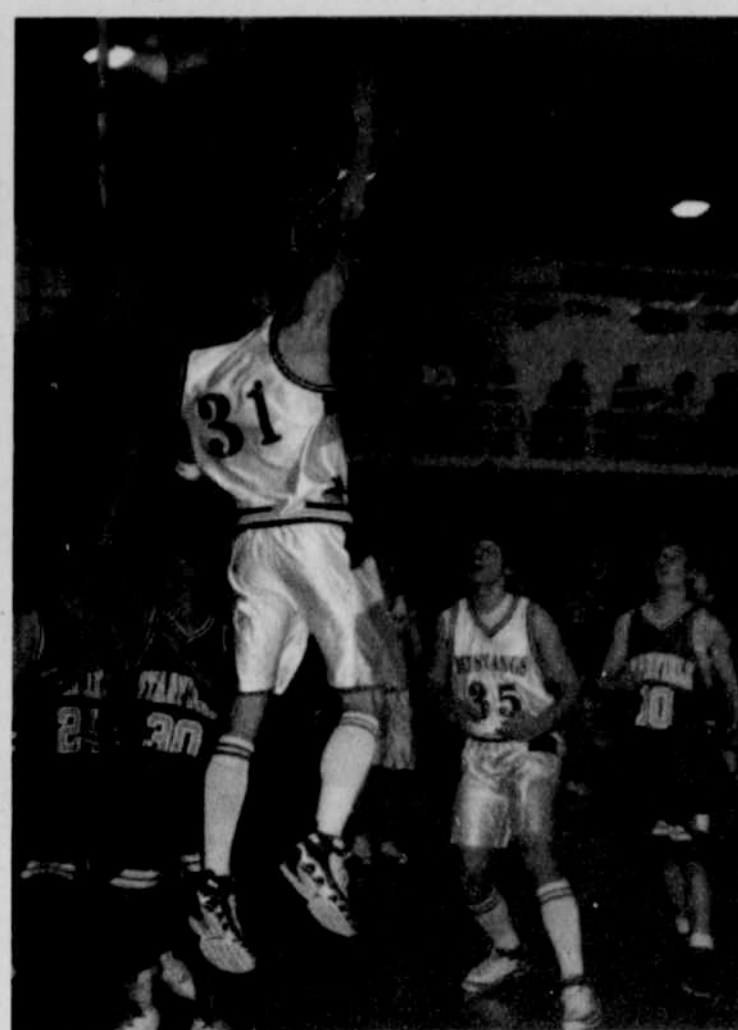
with six followed by Peterson with four. Archer and Davidson each had three assists and Davidson had two steals.

"Clay was a force underneath with 14 points and six rebounds in two quarters," said Coach Jim Swanson. "Kevin and Cory along with Justin and Derek fed the ball to Clay with some incredible passes." Swanson noted that it is difficult to adjust to playing just two quarters but the team performed well and were at their normal fast paced tempo right from the start. "This is a great team to work with," he said, adding that the team has now won five games in a row.

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Matt Van Cleave comes from under the basket to make points for the Mustangs against Stanfield. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

lead after three.

The team traded baskets to open the fourth as Van Cleave scored inside and Kilkenny scored off a drive and hit four of four free throws to tie it at 53-53. The Tigers then scored six straight. McCabe fed Kilkenny for a lay-in and Van Cleave scored off a baseline drive to cut the lead to two. The Tigers extended their lead, but Kilkenny scored off a rebound with a minute left, then Britt scored off a rebound to cut the lead to 63-61 with 16.6 seconds left. The Mustangs had one last chance but couldn't get off a shot and the Tigers hit one of two free throws with less than one second left for the final margin.

Kilkenny hit seven of 10 shots and six of nine free throws for 20 points and had 17 rebounds, while Van Cleave hit 10 of 15 shots for 20 points, six rebounds, two assists and two steals. Britt had seven points and eight rebounds. Kenny had six assists and three steals;

Cardinals defeat Cougars

The Ione Cardinals' boys' varsity knew the challenge they faced when Echo visited on Jan. 17 and it was to control the Cougar's post game. Rising to the challenge, the Cards did an admirable job keeping Echo at bay, winning the game 68-47.

Ione took at 12-4 first-quarter lead and added a 21-point second quarter to take a 33-16 lead to the locker room at the half. Echo fought hard in the second half playing the Cards almost evenly in the third quarter and drawing to within 10 points in the fourth. However, the Cardinals charged on, outscoring the Cougars 21-16 in the final period to take the win.

"We went into this game knowing we had to control Echo's post game," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "I felt we did a good job of doing this. Dan Long, Nik Kamp, Kip Krebs and John Walton all had strong games for us taking care of the middle."

McCabe had four steals and three assists; Quinn Peck had three steals and two assists; Farrens had four assists; and Bailey had two assists.

The Mustangs hit 26 of 48 shots for 54 percent and outrebounded the Tigers 41-18, but had 34 turnovers, and were outshot at the free throw line, 20-45 to 7-12.

Stanfield 26 7 14 17-64

Heppner 13 20 12 16-61

Stanfield: Flemmer 6 3-6 15, Sobotta 5 5-10 15, Challis 2 3-7 9, Gehrke 2 3-6 7, Watson 1 2-6 4, Gabriel 1 1-2 4, Ellis 0 3-4 3, Ibarra 1 0-2 3, Lemmon 1 0-2 2, Mills 1 0-0 2. Team: 20 20-45 64. 3-pointers: Challis (2), Ibarra, Gabriel.

Heppner: Matt Van Cleave 10 0-0 20, Rory Kilkenny 7 6-9 10, Mikel Britt 3 1-2 7, Matt Kenny 2 0-0 4, Nacho Elguezabal 2 0-0 4, Matt McCabe 1 0-0 3, Lane Bailey 1 0-1 3, R.J. Farrens, Quinn Peck. Team: 26 7-12 61. 3-pointers: Bailey, McCabe.

Kelly Thompson was the team's leading scorer with 18 points. Tony Bolin and Kamp were also in double figures with ten each. The Cardinals were dominating on the boards holding a 40-26 rebounding advantage. Kamp led the way with nine boards assisted by Tyler Brown and Long with eight each. olin paced the team with five assists and four steals. The Cardinals made 28 shots of 56 tries from the field for a solid 50 percent shooting average. Echo was 21 of 52 for 40 percent.

Red Hats to hold no-host luncheon

The Red Hat no-host luncheon for February will be at R.J.'s in Lexington, on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 11:45 a.m.

All ladies are welcome to attend. Please call Phyllis Piper, 989-8404, if you have questions.

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