

Mustang JV girls split over weekend

By Rick Paullus

After a tough 36-27 loss at Pilot Rock on Friday, Feb. 3, the Heppner Mustang JV girls bounced back with a 41-26 win over the Irrigon Knights on Saturday at Heppner. The Mustangs, now 11-10 on the year, will finish out their season at Stanfield on Friday, Feb. 10.

The Mustangs fell behind 16-4 after one against the Rockets, but came back in the second getting two 3-pointers from Whitney Matthews and four points from Stephanie Cutsforth and trailed 22-14 at the half. They got to within 27-20 after three and couldn't quite close the gap despite another 3-pointer from Matthews.

Matthews led the Mustangs with nine points with Cutsforth and Mercedes Garrett each adding four.

It was a difference story on Saturday as the Mustangs jumped out to the early lead, getting four points from Kylie Doherty in taking a 9-0 lead after one. Baillie Keithley and Kelsey Fox each scored four points as they increased their lead to 20-5 at the half. Sarah Milner scored four points in the third as the Mustangs increased their lead to 34-11 after three and coasted to the win.

Doherty led a balanced scoring effort for the Mustangs with six points and three rebounds with

Milner adding six points and two steals. Cutsforth had four rebounds and four steals, Melissa West had five steals and three rebounds, Maggie Armato and Garrett each had four rebounds and two steals, Fox had four rebounds and Keithley had two assists.

Pilot Rock 36, Heppner 27

Heppner 4 10 6 7-27
Pilot Rock 16 6 5 9-36

Heppner- Whitney Matthews 3 0-0 9, Stephanie Cutsforth 2 0-2 4, Mercedes Garrett 2 0-0 4, Kaylee Helfrecht 1 0-0 2, Sarah Milner 0 2-2 2, Baillie Keithley 1 0-0 2, Kassie Wilson 1 0-0 2, Maggie Armato 1 0-0 2, Kelsey Fox 0 0-2 0, Melissa West 0 0-2 0, Kylie Doherty, Chelsey Hedman, Lynnell Bowie and Vickie Koch. Team: 11 2-8 27. 3-pts: Matthews 3.

Heppner 41, Irrigon 26

Heppner 9 11 14 7-41
Irrigon 0 5 6 15-26

Heppner- Doherty 22-26, Milner 3 0-0 6, Keithley 2 0-0 4, Armato 2 0-0 4, Cutsforth 2 0-4 4, Fox 2 0-2 4, Garrett 2 0-3 4, Hedman 1 1-2 3, West 1 1-2 3, Wilson 1 0-0 2, Koch 0 1-2 1, Bowie, Helfrecht and Matthews. Team: 18 5-17 41. 3-pts: none.

Irrigon- Taylor 5 2-6 12, Reeves 3 1-6 7, Francis 1 0-0 2, Montes 1 0-0 2, Guardado 0 2-4 2, Tolar 0 1-2 1, DeBoose 0 0-2 0 and Compos 0 0-2 0. Team: 10 6-22 26. 3-pts: none.

four, but the Rockets held on for the win.

Orr finished with 16 points, with Betsinger adding 13 points and Patton six.

Heppner 14 3 19 11-47

Pilot Rock 11 18 7 14-50

Heppner- Megan Orr 5 4-8 16, Aftan Betsinger 5 3-7 13, Lyndi Patton 3 0-0 6, Taylor Kempas 1 3-4 5, Katie Kilkenny 1 1-2 3, Regi Seitz 1 0-2 2, Sheryl Peck 1 0-2 2, Whitney Matthews and Kylie Doherty. Team: 17 11-25 47. 3-pts: Orr 2.

Pilot Rock Barkley 6 1-2 19, Waite 5 5-10 15, Kannard 3 4-6 10, Walker 1 0-0 3, Winnett 1 0-1 2 and Benson 0 1-2 1. Team: 16 11-21 50. 3-pts: Barkley 6 and Walker.

Mustang girls lose late at Pilot Rock

By Rick Paullus

The Pilot Rock Rockets hit nine of 11 free throws in the fourth quarter to pull out a win over the visiting Heppner Mustang varsity girls, 50-47, on Friday, Feb. 3 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs 5-5 in the CBC and 7-11 overall, finish out the regular season at Stanfield on Friday, Feb. 10.

The Mustangs held a 14-11 lead after one, getting three points each from Katie Kilkenny and Taylor Kempas, but the Rockets had a huge second quarter and took a 29-17 lead at the half. The Mustangs came back in the third, getting seven points from Aftan Betsinger, six, including a 3-pointer, from Megan Orr and four from Lyndi Patton, to tie it at 36-36 after three. Orr had five points and Betsinger

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The next shoot will be Sunday, Feb. 12 at 12 noon. Bring your shotgun.

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Morrow County Gun Club news

Nine shooters enjoyed a nice day at the Morrow County Gun Club on Sunday, Feb. 5.

In singles, Steven Crum had 20 out of 25. Roger Mortimer and Dennis Peck had 19 out of 25. Harvey Childers and Dick Goodhead had 18 out of 25.

In handicap, Peck had 22 out of 25, Goodhead had 21 out of 25 and Crum had 18 out of 25.

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A bad second half cost the Heppner Mustang JV boys as they lost at Pilot Rock 51-44 on Friday, Feb. 3, but they bounced back with a convincing 76-20 win over the Irrigon Knights on Saturday in Heppner. The Mustangs, now 11 and 4 on the year, will finish out the year at Stanfield on Friday, Feb. 10.

The Mustangs led 14-11 at Pilot Rock after one getting four points from Andre Rauch and Nacho Elguezabal and increased it to 33-25 at the half getting two 3-pointers from Justin Delveaux, four points each from Rauch and Nathan Van Cleave and a 3-pointer from Nathan Kennedy.

The Rockets came back outscoring the Mustangs 15-5 in the third, all five from Delveaux, and continued their run in the fourth despite four points from Aaron Allstott.

Delveaux led the Mustangs with 13 points with Rauch adding eight.

On Saturday, the Mustangs jumped out to a 19-0 lead after one getting eight points from Nacho Elguezabal, five from Tony Haguewood and four from Rauch and increased it to 33-10 at the half, getting five points from Van Cleave and four from Kennedy in the second quarter.

The Mustangs put the Knights away in the third, getting nine points from Elguezabal, four from Van Cleave and three from Jason Houweling taking a 55-15 lead going into the fourth.

Dalton Wellman had five points, including a 3-pointer, Allstott four and Brendan McElligott hit a 3-pointer as they coasted

Baseball camp to be held

Grays Harbor Community College and Heppner High School's coaching staff will be conducting a baseball camp in Heppner on Feb. 25 and 26. Veteran instructors Shon Sreiber, head coach, and Chuck Jacobs, pitching coach, along with six players from their squad will be addressing all aspects of the game.

Students in grades 4-12 are invited to attend. The cost is \$10 per player. Grades 4-8 will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Saturday and Sunday. Grades 9-12 will meet Saturday, 12- 4 p.m. and

through the fourth for the easy win.

Elguezabal led a balanced scoring effort with 17 points with Van Cleave adding 11 points and Haguewood also in double figures with 10 points.

Pilot Rock 51, Heppner 44

Heppner 14 19 5 6-44

Pilot Rock 11 14 15 11-51

Heppner- Justin Delveaux 5 0-0 13, Andre Rauch 3 2-2 8, Nathan Van Cleave 3 0-0 6, Tony Haguewood 2 0-0 4, Aaron Allstott 2 0-0 4, Nacho Elguezabal 1 2-2 4, Nathan Kennedy 1 0-0 3, Lane Bailey 1 0-0 2, Dalton Wellman, Jason Houweling, Brendan McElligott and Sam King. Team: 18 4-4 44. 3-pts: Delveaux 3 and Kennedy.

Pilot Rock- King 3 6-8 12, Mitchell 4 0-0 11, Woods 4 1-2 9, Hulce 2 2-2 6, Allen 3 0-0 6, Bandy 2 0-0 4, Snodgrass 1 1-2 3, Bronson and Low. Team: 19 10-14 51. 3-pts: Mitchell 3.

Heppner 76, Irrigon 20

Heppner 19 14 22 21-76

Irrigon 0 10 5 5-20

Heppner- Elguezabal 7 3-4 17, Van Cleave 5 1-2 11, Haguewood 4 2-4 10, Rauch 4 0-1 8, Kennedy 3 0-0 6, McElligott 2 1-1 6, Wellman 2 0-0 5, Bailey 1 2-2 4, Allstott 2 0-0 4, Houweling 1 1-1 3 and Delveaux 0 2-2 2. Team: 31 12-17 76. 3-pts: McElligott and Wellman.

Irrigon- Hottel 3 1-3 9, White 2 1-2 6, Isaguirre 1 0-0 3, Braun 1 0-0 2 and Barran. Team: 7 2-5 20. 3-pts: Hottel 2, White and Isaguirre.

There will be a coaching clinic by the Grays Harbor staff for all baseball coaches in Heppner on Saturday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost for attending the clinic.

For more information, contact Terry Gentry or Greg Grant at Heppner High School, 676-9138 or Rick Johnston at 676-5562.

Forms can be picked up at the TV office in Heppner or at either Heppner school.

Forms and registration fee need to be returned by Wednesday, Feb. 22.

St. Patrick's Senior Center news

Valby and Hope Lutheran churches are providing volunteers for the Feb. 15 noon meal at the senior center. The menu, provided by John Gochbauer, is buttered cod, green salad with cucumbers and tomatoes, Texas toast with garlic butter, pudding and fruit juice.

Heppner Housing Authority met Jan. 31 in regular session. At that time, Kathy Turner was hired as co-manager with Doug Gunderson. Turner is now an ex-officio member of the senior board of directors.

The senior board meets Feb. 15, in regular session, at 12:30 p.m., in the center office. Turner will be introduced in her new capacity and the board will discuss, among other things, a joint meeting with the Heppner Housing Authority, Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m., in the common room at the center. Residents of the apartments as well as the public are invited to the meeting.

Ione JV boys split last week's games

By Rick Paullus

The Ione boys' JV team split their two games last week, losing to Nixyaawii on Tuesday, Jan. 31 and defeating Dufur on Saturday, Feb. 4. Both games were played in Ione. The JV team's record now stands at 9-2 in league play.

The Cards played the visiting Golden Eagles close through the first half on Tuesday, leading 13-12 after one quarter and 28-22 at the half. Trouble arrived in the third quarter when Nixyaawii put on a tough press and at the same time, had their shots start to fall. The Golden Eagles outscored the Cards 16-8 in the third quarter but it was the 19-8 margin in the final period that did in the Ione team leading to a final score of 59-44 in favor of Nixyaawii.

Clay Morter led the Cardinals in scoring with 22 points. Also scoring for the Cardinals was Cory Peterson with nine, William Bergstrom with four, Paul Hams with three and Kevin Fowler, Justin Archer and Derek Davidson with two each.

Morter and Fowler each paced the team with seven rebounds and Fowler also led with five assists and five steals. The Cardinals outrebounded the Golden Eagles 25-20.

"We came out very flat in the second half," said Coach Jim Swanson. "I was a little disappointed that we didn't regroup after the third

Lady Cardinals win two, lose one

The Ione girls' varsity logged two wins and one squeaker loss to league-leading Dufur over the past week, running their record to 9-3 in the Big Sky and 12-7 overall.

Clutch free throw shooting down the stretch, with Ione connecting on eight of 12 shots in the fourth quarter secured the 46-39 win against Nixyaawii on Tuesday, Jan. 31. The Cards had to fight off a 21-point effort from Nixyaawii freshman, Mariah Watchman who definitely made things interesting in the late going. Ione built up a seven point lead at the half, 22-15, but the two teams scored dead even in the second half, each scoring 10 in the third and 14 in the fourth.

Amber Patton had a strong outing with 17 points, 10 rebounds and six steals. Ashly Grams kicked in 12 points in the game while Emily Rietmann had six points, 11 rebounds and nine steals.

"This was a good win for us," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "We played good defense all night and that was the key."

The Cardinals traveled to Arlington on Friday, Feb. 3, where they soundly defeated their hosts 41-21. The Lady Cards led 9-2 after one, 17-6 at the half and 30-16 after three. Ione kept Arlington from scoring a field goal until mid-way through the third quarter.

Grams led all scorers with 14 points. She also had eight rebounds, four steals and three assists. Patton scored 10 points, grabbed 10 boards, and had three steals and two assists. Kaylee Palmateer, starting in place of the injured Jenny Griffith had six points.

Coach Ryan Rudolf was pleased with the effort. "We played great defense against them. We controlled the tempo of the game and

quarter and just gave up. Nixyaawii played with a lot of poise and confidence. I know we will learn from this." Swanson did commend the all-around game from Fowler and Morter's 22 points.

Balanced scoring was the story in Saturday's win over Dufur with four Cardinals scoring double figures. Ione rolled from the start, scoring 18 points in the first quarter and 21 in the second, taking a 39-22 lead to the locker room at halftime. The Cards kept up the pressure in the third before coasting home with a 63-50 win.

Davidson, Fowler and Morter each had 15 points and Peterson added 10. Archer also had eight points.

Ione grabbed a small rebounding advantage, 36-32, over the Rangers. Leading the way was Morter with nine, Fowler with seven, Peterson with six and William Wehrli with five.

Four Cards, Archer, Peterson, Morter and Fowler, had four steals each and Matt Coleman came in for two key steals. Davidson led the team with four assists.

"It was great to see the team working together," said Coach Swanson. "We played with a lot of intensity and our press really gave them a lot of trouble. He also noted that Kevin Fowler had a good all-around game and William Wehrli had two great blocked shots.

continue to improve towards the District Tournament."

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Lady Cards took the Lady Rangers of Dufur head on. Dufur is undefeated in the league and currently considered the leading girls team in the Big Sky Conference. Ione led 7-5 at the end of the first quarter but trailed 16-13 at the half. The lead went back and forth and was tied numerous times, including the end of the third quarter, 30-30. Neither team led or trailed by more than three throughout the fourth with the final outcome coming down to the last 20 seconds. Dufur prevailed 43-42 in the end but was lucky to escape with a win.

Patton led all scorers with 21 points. Grams added 16 points. Patton pulled down an incredible 18 rebounds and also recorded nine steals. Emily Rietmann had six rebounds, six assists and six steals in the contest.

"This was a very good game between two good teams," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "We battled all game and I'm very proud of the effort my girls gave. Turnovers hurt us the most but we played great team defense. We showed that we can play with the best team in the Big Sky Conference."

4-H rocket launch planned

By Eric Jepsen

The Blast-Off 4-H Rocket Club is having a rocket launch on Saturday, Feb. 18, at 11 a.m., at the Jepsen farm. The public is invited to attend. Spectators are advised to bring a sack lunch. You may purchase motors from the Blast-Off Rocket Club and launch your own rocket if desired. For more information or directions to the farm, please call the Jepsens at 676-5244 or Pat Struthers at 676-5443 or 676-0989.

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