

Cardinals log two wins and one loss

The lone Cardinals boys' varsity had a tough Tuesday but a brighter weekend, logging a loss and two wins over the past week. The Cards record now stands at 8-4 in league, 12-8 overall.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, Ione hosted Nixyaawii, falling to the quick-moving visitors 73-48. The ever improving Golden Eagles jumped out to an early lead and the Cardinals were never able to respond, trailing 21-8 after one quarter, 36-22 at the half and 53-38 after three.

The Cards suffered another cold shooting night, connecting on just 16 of 69 shots for 23 percent, while also notching an uncharacteristically high number of turnovers. Nixyaawii also held a significant rebounding edge, 41-27.

Tyler Brown led the Cardinals in scoring with 12 points, followed by Tony Bolin with 11 and Kelly Thompson with 10 points. Brown was the leading rebounder for the Cards with six, while Thompson led the team with four steals. Paul Hams and Bolin each had two assists.

"Once again we didn't seem focused," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We struggled from the start and it continued the whole game." He was quick to note, however, that Nixyaawii put together a great game.

On Friday, Feb. 3, the Cards visited Arlington where they logged a solid 57-36 win. Ione led 31-14 at the half and strung together a good second half, using a good variety of player combinations to grab the win.

Bolin led all scorers with 20 points. Dan Long

had 13 points, including two three-pointers from the baseline and Thompson had 11 points.

Ione ruled the boards with a 52-25 rebounding advantage. Brown, Long and Nik Kamp each had 10 rebounds. Brown also dished out five assists and Bolin had three steals to pace the team.

"This was a good solid win for us," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We needed this win to start turning things around. The bench got to play some minutes which only helps us later on."

Dufur came to town on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 4, looking to knock off the Cardinals. A slow first quarter ended with the Cards leading 9-4, but Ione got rolling in the second period, outscoring the Rangers 23-13 to take a 32-17 halftime lead. The Rangers heated up at the end of the third quarter and into the fourth to pull within six midway through the final period, but the Cards fought them off for the 57-46 win.

Brown led all scorers with 21 points. Also in double figures for Ione was Thompson with 13 and Bolin with 11.

The Cards held a slight 38-34 rebounding edge, led by Bolin's 10 boards. Brown and Thompson each had five assists. Kamp had four blocked shots.

"This was a great win for the team," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We have had a difficult time as of late and are trying to rebuild by taking small steps at a time." He noted that Tyler Brown had a strong game and that Kelly Thompson did a terrific job shutting down Dufur's best player, holding him scoreless in the first half.

Grant workshop scheduled

Blue Mountain Community College has scheduled a one-day workshop entitled, "Getting a Grant," for Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the Morrow County Extension Office in Heppner. The class will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants should bring their own lunch. The cost of the workshop is \$20 and pre-registration is required.

This one-day seminar will introduce participants to the basics of getting a grant and then what to do once a grant has been received. Topics covered include: Demystifying the grant-seeking process; Identifying funding sources; Framing the project; Elements of the proposal; and What to do once you get a grant.

Susan Plass, BMCC's Director of Grants, will present the workshop. Plass has over 20 years experience in the field of grants and proposals.

Participants should bring their own lunch. Pre-registration is required and may be done by contacting Anne Morter, BMCC Coordinator for South Morrow County, at 422-7040.

Mustang boys pull away to beat Knights

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity boys broke open a tight game in the third and carried it into the fourth to beat the visiting Irrigon Knights 64-29 on Saturday, Feb. 4 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs, 8-4 in the CBC and 10-6 overall, will finish out the regular season at Stanfield on Friday, Feb. 10.

Matt Kenny completed a three-point play to open the scoring, but the Knights came back with four straight before Rory Kilkenny scored off a drive to make it 5-4. Kenny hit two free throws, Matt McCabe hit a baseline jumper and RJ Farrens hit a 3-pointer, but the Knights came back with five straight including a long 3-pointer at the buzzer to cut the lead to 12-11 at the end of the first quarter.

Kilkenny broke a 13-13 tie early in the second with two rebound baskets and McCabe hit two free throws then he hit a short jumper and one of two free throws to make it 22-15. Justin Delveaux hit a 3-pointer to close out the second with the Mustangs leading 25-17.

The Mustangs came out hot in the second half, with Kenny hitting a short jumper, Farrens hitting a 3-pointer and Matt Van Cleave scoring inside to make it 32-17. McCabe hit a jumper, Kenny scored off a pass from Farrens, Van Cleave scored off a rebound and Mikel Britt scored off a pass from Lane Bailey to make it 40-21.

Ponies split with Sunridge

By Sarah Kendrick

On Feb. 2, the Heppner Ponies traveled to Pendleton to play the Sunridge Broncos. The Heppner B team had a good start with six points in the first quarter, but in the second and third quarters, they only scored four points. The Broncos won with a final score of 21-16. Lindsay Cutsforth led the team with six points and Brooke Thompson, Cassi Day and Natalie Rauch also scored for the Ponies.

In the second game, the A team came out with a strong start. They held the Broncos scoreless in the first quarter while putting up 11 points themselves. At the

Willow Creek Singers seeking new members

The Willow Creek Singers have begun rehearsing for their spring concert and they are seeking new members. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m., at the Heppner Elementary School band room. The spring concerts will be held in April and the songs include arrangements of "Follow Me, My Love," "Go Ye into All the World" and "Danny

Kilkenny scored twice off rebounds to end the third with the Mustangs leading 44-21.

Van Cleave scored inside, Farrens hit another 3-pointer, Bailey scored off a drive and Nacho Elguezabal scored off a rebound to make it 53-23. Quinn Peck then scored six straight and Andre Rauch scored off a pass from Bailey to make it 61-25, then Nathan Van Cleave hit one of two free throws and Delveaux hit a baseline jumper to close out the scoring.

The Mustangs, who hit 31 of 60 shots for the game, were led by Kilkenny with 13 points and 10 rebounds, with Farrens adding nine points, five assists and four steals. Kenny had nine points, Peck had five steals and four rebounds and Bailey had five steals and two assists.

Heppner 12 13 19 20-64

Irrigon 11 6 4 8-29

Heppner- Rory Kilkenny 6 1-5 13, Matt Kenny 3 3-3 9, RJ Farrens 3 0-0 9, Matt Van Cleave 3 1-2 7, Quinn Peck 3 0-0 6, Matt McCabe 2 2-2 6, Justin Delveaux 2 0-0 5, Mikel Britt 1 0-2 2, Lane Bailey 1 0-0 2, Nacho Elguezabal 1 0-0 2, Andre Rauch 1 0-0 2 and Nathan Van Cleave 0 1-2 1. Team: 26 8-16 64. 3-pts: Farrens 3 and Delveaux.

Irrigon- Nunn 5 4-4 15, Griffin 4 0-0 8, Anthony 3 0-4 6, Burnett and Rivera. Team: 12 4-8 29. 3-pts: Nunn.

half, the score was Ponies 18, Broncos 4. In the third quarter, the Ponies were sloppy and only scored three points - all on free throws. However, the Ponies got their offense going in the fourth quarter with fast break assists from Brandi Hong and Erin Price. The final score was Ponies 29, Broncos 13.

Catherine McElligott led the Ponies with 11 points and Torri Lovgren added six points.

Coach Melissa Coiner was pleased with the way that the Ponies passed the ball in the open court. "We handled their press very well and got some easy baskets," she said.

Boy."

The Willow Creek Singers include approximately 20 adults and youth from Morrow and Umatilla counties and the director is R. Lee Friese of Athena. The only requirement for joining the group is a love for music. Interested persons may call Myrna Van Cleave at 676-5448 for more information, or simply show up at the next rehearsal.

Mustang boys use big second half to beat Rockets



Quinn Peck hustles to keep the ball. Photo by Sandy Matthews.

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity boys used a 43-23 advantage in the second half to come back and beat the Pilot Rock Rockets 65-52 in Columbia Basin Conference play on Friday, Feb. 3 in Pilot Rock. With the win, the Mustangs, now 7-4 in the CBC and 9-6 overall, moved ahead of the Rockets into third place in the conference and will close out the regular season at second place Stanfield on Friday, Feb. 10.

The Mustangs led 13-11 after one getting five points from Matt Van Cleave, but the Rockets came back to take a 29-22 lead at the half, despite four points from Van Cleave and a 3-pointer from Lane Bailey.

The Rockets still led 46-41 after three despite seven points each from Rory Kilkenny and Matt McCabe, including a 3-pointer at the buzzer. The Mustangs went on an eight points run to open the fourth to take control of the game and went on to hit nine of 11 shots and pull away for the win. RJ Farrens scored 10 points,

Red and Gena Leonard Foundation scholarships available

The Red and Gena Leonard Foundation is accepting scholarship applications from students who will graduate this year or have graduated in the past or obtained a GED from Arlington, Boardman, Condon, Echo, Fossil, Heppner, Hermiston, Ione, Irrigon, Monument, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Spray, Stanfield, Ukiah or Umatilla high schools. Students must attend an accredited college, university, community college, vocational, trade or technical program based in Oregon; exceptions will be made only if the training they seek is not offered in Oregon.

It is the intent of the Red and Gena Leonard Foundation to benefit average students of good character with poor financial circumstances who have a desire to seek further educational opportunities, but due to their lack of scholastic performance, their ability to receive scholarships may be limited. In the selection process, priority will be given to

including a 3-pointer, Kilkenny had six points, Matt Kenny hit a three and Van Cleave had a dunk to help them get the win.

Farrens finished with 15 points and five assists, Kilkenny had 13 points and 11 rebounds and Van Cleave had 11 points and two steals. McCabe had nine points, two steals and two assists, Kenny had seven rebounds, Mikel Britt had five rebounds and Bailey had two assists.

Heppner 13 9 19 24-65

Pilot Rock 11 18 17 6-52

Heppner- RJ Farrens 4 6-9 15, Rory Kilkenny 5 3-7 13, Matt Van Cleave 5 1-2 11, Matt McCabe 4 0-2 9, Matt Kenny 2 0-0 5, Lane Bailey 2 0-0 5, Quinn Peck 1 2-2 4, Mikel Britt 1 0-2 2, Justin Delveaux 1 0-0 2, Nacho Elguezabal and Andre Rauch. Team: 25 12-24 66. 3-pts: Farrens, Bailey, McCabe and Kenny.

Pilot Rock- Byrnes 21, Howard 8, Hoover 8, Graham 7, Doss 6, Norquist 2, Humphreys, Bronson, King and Murray. 3-pts: Hoover 2 and Howard.

students who: are not at the top academically; have limited financial resources; show the ability to be or become upstanding citizens; have an interest in a blue-collar trade. Applicants do not have to be current high school graduates. The Foundation has a strong interest in helping adults return to school for education or additional training to better their position in the workplace and the community.

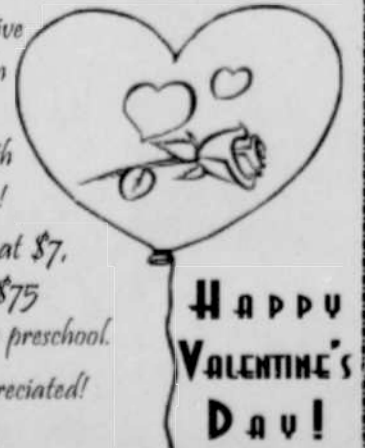
Applications may be obtained from high school counselors, at BMCC, or by contacting Tracy Gammell at (541) 564-9177. Deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, March 15. For more information, contact Tracy Gammell, Executive Director, P.O. Box 1024, Hermiston, OR 97838, or (541) 564-9177.

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