

Mustang JV boys hold off Mustang JV girls end season with loss to Tigers

By Rick Paullus

A 15-6 advantage in the first quarter helped the Heppner Mustang JV boys to a 53-45 win over the visiting Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The Mustangs improved to 12-4 on the year with the win.

Nacho Elguezabal scored eight points and Justin Delveaux hit a 3-pointer in the Mustangs' big first quarter. Andre Rauch had seven points and Nathan Van Cleave and Aaron Allstott each had four points in the second as they increased their lead to 34-22 at the half.

Elguezabal had four points in the third, but the Tigerscots closed the gap to 40-33 after three, but Van Cleave had six points and the Mustangs hit seven of eight free throws in the fourth as they held on for the win.

Mustang JV girls nipped by Tigerscots

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The Heppner Mustang JV girls couldn't hold on to a narrow halftime lead as they were nipped in the end by the visiting Weston-McEwen Tigerscots, 27-23, on Tuesday, Feb. 7. The Mustangs dropped to 12 and 12 on the year with the loss.

The Mustangs trailed 6-5 after one, but came back to lead 9-8 in a low scoring first half. Sarah Milner scored four points in the third, but the Tigerscots took a 16-15 lead after three and pulled away in the fourth despite a 3-pointer from Whitney Matthews.

Matthews led the Mustangs with five points and two steals with Milner adding four points, seven rebounds, two steals and two assists. Kylie Doherty had three points, six rebounds

Mustang JV boys end season with win

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The Heppner Mustang JV boys, under first year coach Ken Grieb, ended their season on a high note by beating the Stanfield Tigers, 53-32, on Friday, Feb. 10 in Stanfield. The Mustangs ended the year with a 13 and 4 record.

The Mustangs jumped out to a 16-8 lead after one, getting six points from Justin Delveaux and four from Aaron Allstott and still led 25-16 at the half as Delveaux hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer. They put the game away in the third outscoring the Tigers 19-5, getting six points each from Lane Bailey and Andre Rauch and five from Nathan Van Cleave, taking a 44-21 lead into the fourth. Nacho Elguezabal had six points as the Mustangs coasted to the easy win.

Delveaux led a balanced scoring attack with 12 points, with Van Cleave adding 10 points and Bailey

Elguezabal finished with 15 points, with Rauch adding 11 points and Van Cleave 10 points.

Heppner 15 19 6 13-53
Weston-McEwen 6 16 11 12-45

Heppner- Nacho Elguezabal 6 3-5 15, Andre Rauch 4 3-3 11, Nathan Van Cleave 5 0-0 10, Aaron Allstott 2 0-0 4, Lane Bailey 1 2-2 4, Justin Delveaux 1 0-0 3, Tony Haguwood 1 0-0 2, Brendan McElligott 0 2-2 2, Spencer Palmer 1 0-0 2, Nathan Kennedy, Sean Murray and Jason Houweling. Team: 21 10-12 53. 3-pts: Delveaux.

Weston-McEwen- Duke 6 1-1 13, Aldrich 4 0-19, Giger 3 3-5 9, Fairbanks 2 1-2 5, Alford 1 1-7 3, Story 1 0-0 2, Huntsman 0 2-4 2, Brown 0 1-2 1 and Webb 0 1-2 1. Team: 17 10-24 45. 3-pts: Aldrich.

and two assists, Kelsie Fox had four points and three rebounds and Stephanie Cutsforth had three rebounds and Kaylee Helfrecht had four points.

Heppner- 5 4 6 8-23
Weston-McEwen 6 2 8 11-27

Heppner- Whitney Matthews 2 0-0 5, Kylie Doherty 1 1-2 3, Kaylee Helfrecht 2 0-0 4, Sarah Milner 2 0-5 4, Kelsey Fox 2 0-2 4, Baillie Keithley 1 0-0 2, Stephanie Cutsforth 0 1-2 1, Chelsey Hedman, Kassie Wilson, Melissa West, Vickie Koch and Maggie Armato. Team: 10 2-11 23. 3-pts: Matthews.

Weston-McEwen- Thul 2 4-8 8, Thompson 1 4-4 6, Dobbs 2 1-2 5, Sampson 2 1-3 5, Griggs 0 2-2 2, Ramirez 0 1-4 1, Cam 0 0-2 0 and Zeller 0 0-2 0. Team: 7 13-27 27. 3-pts: none.

Men's Christian breakfast rescheduled

The Men's Christian breakfast will be held on Sunday, Feb. 19 at the Heppner Nazarene Church at 8 a.m. All men and sons are invited to attend.

By Rick Paullus

A scoring drought in the second and third quarters cost the Heppner Mustang JV girls as they lost their final game of the season to the Stanfield Tigers, 27-23, in Stanfield on Friday, Feb. 10. The Mustangs, coached by Chris Rauch, finished the year at 11 and 12.

After scoring just three points in each of the second and third quarters, the Mustangs, getting four points each from Kylie Doherty and Kassie Wilson, scored 12 points in the fourth, but couldn't quite get caught up.

Mustang boys dig too deep of hole against Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus

A 22-point first half deficit and a 25-point second half deficit were too much for the Heppner Mustang boys as they lost to the visiting Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs fell to 8 and 5 in the CBC and 10 and 7 overall with the loss.

Mikel Britt scored twice inside for the Mustangs early, but the Tigerscots took a 14-4 lead and eventually led 16-6 after one.

Quinn Peck hit a baseline jumper and fed Matt Kenny for a lay-in to cut the lead to 18-10 early in the second, but the Tigerscots went on a 7-0 run. Rory Kilkenny hit a short jumper, but the Tigerscots again went on another run, building their lead to 35-13. Britt scored inside and RJ Farrens fed Matt Van Cleave for a dunk to close out the half with the Tigerscots leading 35-17.

Britt scored twice inside, Van Cleave hit a lay-in on a pass from Farrens and Peck hit a long jumper to cut the lead to 37-25, but the Tigerscots scored 10 straight before Van Cleave converted a three-point play to end the third with the Mustangs trailing 47-28.

A 6-0 run by the Tigerscots to open the fourth was ended by a Kenny rebound basket, a short jumper and a free throw from Kilkenny and a 3-pointer from Lane Bailey made the score 53-36.

Farrens hit two free throws and Kilkenny scored off a pass from Peck, but the Mustangs still trailed 58-40 before Bailey and Matt McCabe hit back-to-back 3-pointers to cut it to 58-46. Kilkenny scored off a rebound, Farrens scored off a drive and hit two free throws and McCabe hit one of two free throws to cut the lead to 63-53. Kilkenny hit two free throws to make it 65-55 with 1:15 left, but the Tigerscots went on a 5-2 run before Farrens hit a 3-pointer and Andre Rauch scored off a steal to end the game.

the Mustangs with six points and six rebounds with Kelsie Fox adding five rebounds and three steals. Baillie Keithley had seven rebounds and Melissa West had two steals.

Heppner- Maggie Armato 3 0-6 6, Kylie Doherty 1 2-2 4, Kassie Wilson 1 2-3 4, Whitney Matthews 0 2-2 2, Stephanie Cutsforth 0 2-4 2, Baillie Keithley 1 0-0 2, Lynnell Bowie 1 0-0 2, Sarah Milner 0 1-2 1, Melissa West 0 1-4 1, Kelsie Fox 0 1-2 1, Chelsey Hedman, Kaylee Helfrecht and Mercedes Garrett. Team: 7 11-25 25. 3-pts: none.

Mustang boys dig too deep of hole against Tigerscots

Kilkenny led the Mustangs with 13 points and nine rebounds with Farrens adding 10 points, five assists and two steals. Britt also was in double figures with 10 points and had four rebounds, three assists and two steals. Peck had five rebounds and two steals, Bailey had seven points and three steals and Van Cleave had seven points and two assists.

Heppner 6 11 11 34-62
Weston-McEwen 16 19 12 23-70

Heppner- Rory Kilkenny 5 3-4 13, RJ Farrens 2 5-9 10, Mikel Britt 5 0-2 10, Matt Van Cleave 3 1-3 7, Lane Bailey 2 1-2 7, Matt McCabe 1 1-2 4, Matt Kenny 2 0-0 4, Quinn Peck 2 0-0 4, Andre Rauch 1 1-2 3, Justin Delveaux and Nacho Elguezabal. Team: 23-59 12-23 62. 3-pts: Bailey 2, Farrens and McCabe.

Weston-McEwen- Broncheau 8 7-9 24, Eastwood 4 6-9 14, Hasenbank 5 3-3 13, Schroeder 2 3-6 7, Lindell 2 1-3 6, Greenwait 1 1-1 3, Jones 1 0-1 2 and Huntsman 0 1-2 1. Team: 23-27 22-34 70. 3-pts: Broncheau and Lindell.

Former Boardman graduate assigned tour of duty in Japan

Marine Corps Lt. Jesus M. Martinez, son of Jose Martinez of Boardman, recently reported for duty with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 262, 1st Marine Air Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

Martinez is a 2000 graduate of Riverside High School and joined the Marine Corps in January 2004.

Mustang boys lose to Tigers at end

By Rick Paullus

The Stanfield Tigers shocked the Heppner Mustang boys with an 8-0 run to end the game and pull out a 51-48 win at home on Friday, Feb. 10 to end the Columbia Basin Conference regular season. The Mustangs fell to 8 and 6 in the CBC and 10 and 8 overall. The loss dropped the Mustangs into a three-way tie for third with Weston-McEwen and Pilot Rock and because of the tie-breaking process will end up in fifth and will play fourth place Pilot Rock at the district tournament in Pendleton on Friday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

The Mustang started out hot with Matt McCabe scoring off a drive and hitting a 3-pointer and RJ Farrens scoring inside and feeding Matt Van Cleave and Rory Kilkenny and an 11-1 lead. Mikel Britt scored inside, Quinn Peck scored off a pass from Kilkenny and Farrens fed Matt Kenny for a lay-in to make it 17-11 after one.

Britt hit one of two free throws and scored off a pass from Peck, but the Tigers came back to get within 20-18. McCabe hit a long jumper and Peck scored twice inside, but the foul-troubled Mustangs clung to a 26-25 lead at the half.

The teams traded baskets in the third as Van Cleave scored twice and Kenny scored off a pass from Farrens before the Tigers went on a 6-1 run and took a 35-33 lead after three.

Kilkenny hit two free throws and scored off a pass from Kenny and Van Cleave

Mustang girls fall to Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang varsity girls couldn't hang on to a 19-14 lead in the second quarter as the defending state champion Weston-McEwen Tigerscots came back to beat the Heppner Mustang varsity girls 52-42 on Tuesday, Feb. 7 in Heppner in Columbia Basin Conference play. The Mustangs fell to 6 and 7 in the CBC and 9-12 overall with the loss.

The Mustangs got off to a good start as Megan Orr hit a 3-pointer and Aftan Betsinger hit one of two free throws to give them a 6-2 lead, but the Tigerscots came back with seven straight to take the lead. Regi Seitz hit a baseline jumper and after a 3-pointer from Weston-McEwen, Sherilyn Peck converted a three-point play to cut the lead to 12-11 at the end of the first quarter.

Orr hit back-to-back 3-pointers to open the second and Katie Kilkenny scored off a rebound, but the Tigerscots came back to take a 23-19 lead. Betsinger and Lyndi Patton each scored inside to tie it up, but the Tigerscots went on an 8-1

run to end the second with a 31-24 lead. Orr fed Seitz for a lay-in and hit a short jumper, but the Tigerscots again went on a run to end the third with a 46-28 lead. Kilkenny converted a three-point play and Orr hit a long 3-pointer to open the fourth and then she hit one of two free throws and scored off a pass from Kilkenny to cut the lead to 48-37. It wasn't enough though as Orr hit another 3-pointer and Kylie Doherty scored off a steal to close out the scoring.

Orr finished with 20 points, five rebounds and three steals with Kilkenny adding five points and nine rebounds. Seitz had eight rebounds and three assists and Taylor Kempas had two steals.

Heppner 17 9 7 15-48
Stanfield 11 14 10 16-51

Heppner- Matt Van Cleave 5 1-2 11, Rory Kilkenny 3 4-6 10, Matt McCabe 3 0-0 7, Mikel Britt 2 2-4 6, Quinn Peck 3 0-0 6, Matt Kenny 2 0-1 4, RJ Farrens 2 0-1 4, Justin Delveaux and Nacho Elguezabal. Team: 20 7-14 48. 3-pts: McCabe.

Stanfield- Flemmer 12 6-11 30, Sobotta 2 2-5 6, Gerhke 2 1-2 5, Blackburn 2 0-2 4, Ellis 1 0-0 2, Watson 0 1-2 1 and Challis 0 1-2 1. Team: 20 11-24 51. 3-pts: none.

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Weston-McEwen 12 19 15 6-52

Heppner- Megan Orr 7 1-3 20, Aftan Betsinger 2 1-4 5, Katie Kilkenny 2 1-1 5, Regi Seitz 2 0-0 4, Lyndi Patton 1 1-2 3, Sherilyn Peck 1 1-1 3, Kylie Doherty 1 0-0 2, Taylor Kempas and Whitney Matthews. Team: 15-53 5-11 42. 3-pts: Orr 5.

Weston-McEwen- Bonifer 8 3-3 21, Turner 6 1-2 13, Baker 3 1-2 7, Smalley 2 1-2 5, Tucker 2 0-1 4 and Griggs 1 0-0 2. Team: 22-53 6-10 52. 3-pts: Bonifer 2.

Correction

In last week's picture caption of the dancers, Nichole Shaw's name was misspelled. We apologize for the error.

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