

## Cardinal boys 6-2 in league play

The Ione Boy's Varsity notched two more league wins last week, defeating Condon in Ione on Tuesday and downing Arlington on the road on Saturday. The surprising Cardinals now sport a 6-2 league record and are 10-5 overall.

On Tuesday, January 16, the Cardinals hosted Condon-Wheeler in what is always a competitive game. The Cards are training their fans that leaving early is not a good idea as for the fourth time this season, the game came down to the closing seconds and they pulled out a two point victory, 44-42.

The early going was all Ione as the Cardinals jumped out to a 16-4 first quarter lead and maintained a 12 point halftime lead, 29-19. But the Knights never go away easy. Ione's lead was 35-30 after three and Condon-Wheeler battled back to take the lead in the closing minutes. Alan Rietmann hit a huge three

pointer with just over a minute to go to tie the score and Paul Hams stole the ball and hit the lay up to put the Cardinals back in the lead for good.

"The Ione-Condon game is always a competitive game and you have to be ready to play" said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We had a big lead built up early and I thought the kids relaxed a little too much which allowed Condon to get back in the game."

Paul Hams led the Cardinals with 12 points, five rebounds, five steals and two assists. Kip Krebs was also in double figures with ten points along with seven rebounds.

"This was a great win to get," added Coach Stefani. "Once again, the team did what they needed to do to get the win down the stretch."

On Saturday, January 20, Arlington hung tough with the Cardinals through the first half, trailing

just 32-35 at the half. But the Cards ratcheted up the defense in the second half, holding the Honkers to a total of 11 points to take the 63-42 win.

Kip Krebs had an outstanding night, leading all scorers with 19 points. Also in double figures for the Cardinals were Kevin Fowler with 12 and Justin Archer with ten.

Ione held a 36-31 rebounding advantage. Kip Krebs, Kevin Fowler and Clay Morter each had seven boards. Alan Rietmann led the team with three assists and five steals.

"The kids played a really good second half" said Coach Stefani. "Kip has really stepped it up the last few games. This was a good win for us and sets us up for the showdown for first place in the East Division of the Big Sky with Nixyaawii."

The Cardinals are scheduled to play Nixyaawii this Friday, January 26 at Mission.

## Mustang JV boys win two on the road

By Rick Paullus

The Mustang JV boys game away with two wins on their road trip to the Wallowa Mountains taking a 54-29 win over Enterprise on Friday, January 5, and a 66-37 win over Elgin on Saturday, January 6, to improve their record to 8-1 on the year.

In Enterprise, the Mustangs led just 12-10 after one but a 19-2 run in the second gave them a 31-12 lead at the half. They increased their lead to 43-16 after three and they coasted through the fourth for the win.

Braden Britt led the Mustangs with 13 points. Bryan Holland had 12 points and Daulton Wellman added nine points.

In Elgin, the teams were tied at 8-8 after one but Brent Eckman had seven points and Jason Houweling had four points in the second as they took a 29-14 lead at the half. Wellman had seven points in the third to help them increase their lead to 45-26 after three and Sean Murray had six points and Jordan Hatfield and Tim Hauer each had four points in the fourth.

Eckman led the Mustangs with 15 points

with Wellman adding 10 points and Hauer with nine. Heppner 12 19 12 11-54 Enterprise 10 2 4 13-29

Heppner: Braden Britt 6 1-2 13, Bryan Holland 6 0-0 12, Daulton Wellman 3 3-4 9, Brent Eckman 2 0-0 5, Sean Murray 2 1-4 5, Sam King 0 3-6 3, Tim Hauer 1 0-0 2, Chris Lien 0 2-2 2, Jordan Hatfield 1 0-0 2, Jason Houweling 0 1-2 1, Joe Pranger, Grant Smith. 21 11-20 54. Three pt. - Eckman.

Enterprise: Fisher 3 4-6 10, Simpson 3 0-0 7, Girtz 2 1-2 5, Warner 2 0-0 4, Sticka 1 0-0 2, Butterfield 1 0-0 2. 12 5-8 29. Three pt. - Simpson.

Heppner 8 21 16 21-66 Elgin 8 6 12 11-37

Heppner: Eckman 6 1-6 15, Wellman 4 2-4 10, Hauer 4 1-2 9, Murray 3 1-2 7, Britt 2 2-4 6, Houweling 2 0-1 4, Lien 1 2-4 4, Hatfield 2 0-0 4, Holland 1 0-2 2, Smith 1 0-0 2, Pranger 1 0-0 2, King 1 0-0 2. 28 9-25 67. Three pt. - Eckman 2.

Elgin: K. Miller 4 1-1 11, Hardy 3 0-0 9, Predmore 3 1-1 7, C. Miller 2 0-0 5, Whiteman 2 0-0 4, Scott 1 0-0 3. 15 2-2 37. Three pt. - Hardy 3, K. Miller 2, C. Miller, Scott.

## HHS wrestling team takes on Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman

The Heppner wrestling squad hit the snowy trail to "The Pit" in Umatilla to participate in a four-way meet against the Vikings, Knights of Irrigon, and Pirates of Boardman.

In the first match, the Mustangs took on their host, the Vikings. The Vikings scored several pins but there were some matches that went the distance. Chance Day (140) pinned a Viking in the first period. Dillion Lucher (130) stretched his match out to the third period but could not hold out and lost 0-8. Spencer Palmer (160) plowed his way through the match and took a lead into the third, but could not capitalize and lost 8-13. Others participating were Tyler Robinson (125), Tomás Elguezabal (145), and Trent Miles (171).

Up next for the Mustangs were the Knights from Irrigon. The squad struggled through this match with Chance Day taking a win scoring 12-3 and Spencer Palmer came close but was pinned the third.

The Mustangs then tried to upset the Pirates of Riverside. Spencer Palmer got a pin in the third. Chance Day made it to the second period but was pinned.

Up next for the squad is the Dual Meet Championships in Elgin on Saturday, January 27. The

## Mustang girls use big second quarter to beat Rockets



Lyndi Patton shoots over a Rocket Friday night scoring two for the Mustangs. The Heppner Mustangs beat the Rockets 58-50. The Heppner Mustangs lead the BMC conference.

Photo by Sandi Matthews

By Rick Paullus

A 23-11 advantage in the second quarter carried the Heppner Mustang girls to a 58-50 win over the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets in Blue Mountain Conference play on Friday, January 20.

The Mustangs, now 7-0 in the BMC and 13-2 overall, will be at home for two games this weekend as Enterprise comes on Friday and Elgin is here on Saturday.

Regi Seitz had four points in the first but the Rockets took a 13-12 lead after one. The Mustangs came back in the second as Seitz had six points and Aftan Betsinger and Taylor Kempas each had four as they took a 35-24 lead at the half.

Katie Kilkenny and Sarah Price each hit two free throws as the Mustangs took a 39-26 lead early in the third. Lyndi Patton hit a short jumper and Betsinger hit one of two free throws. The Rockets came back to get within six but Seitz scored. Betsinger scored off a pass from Lyndi Patton and Amber Patton scored off a pass from Megan Orr to give them a 48-38 lead at the end of three.

The Rockets scored the first three of points of the fourth but Lyndi Patton hit a three-pointer to make it 51-41. The teams traded baskets as Amber Patton scored off a rebound and Seitz and Kempas each hit one of two free throws.

Then with the Mustangs up 55-48 in the final minute, Seitz hit two of four free throws and Lyndi Patton hit one of two to hold the Rockets off.

Seitz had 15 points and three steals with Amber Patton adding 10 points and five rebounds. Betsinger had eight points and four rebounds, Orr had seven rebounds, seven steals and four assists, Kilkenny had eight rebounds, Sherilyn Peck had three steals and Kylie Doherty had two assists. Pilot Rock 13 11 14 12-50 Heppner 12 23 13 10-58

Pilot Rock: Barkley 4 1-2 11, Doherty 5 1-2 11, Walker 4 2-3 10, Waite 3 2-2 8, Benson 1 2-4 4, Winnett 1 0-4 2, Kannard 1 0-0 2, hall 1 0-1 2. 20 8-18 50. Three pt. - Berkely 2.

Heppner: Regi Seitz 3 7-12 15, Amber Patton 4 1-1 10, Aftan Betsinger 3 2-5 8, Lyndi Patton 2 1-2 6, Megan Orr 2 0-0 5, Taylor Kempas 1 3-4 5, Katie Kilkenny 0 4-6 4, Sarah Price 0 2-2 2, Kylie Doherty 1 0-0 2, Sherilyn Peck 0 1-2 1. 16 21-34 58. Three-pt. Seitz 2, A. Patton, L. Patton, Orr.

## Mustang girls beat Irrigon

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls jumped out to a big lead over the Irrigon Knights and never looked back as they took a 62-11 win on Saturday, January 13, in Blue Mountain Conference play. The Mustangs held on to first place in the BMC with a 6-0 record and improved to 12-2 overall.

The Mustangs got four points from Megan Orr and took a 15-4 lead after one and a 27-7 lead at the half. Kristen Van Cleave had six points, Orr had five points, and Aftan Betsinger had four points in the third as they increased their lead to 50-9 after three. Amber Patton and Van Cleave each had four fourth quarter points as they coasted to the win.

## Blue Mountain Conference basketball tournament to be held Feb. 16-17

The 2007 Blue Mountain Conference Basketball Tournament will be held Friday and Saturday, February 16 and 17 at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Afternoon sessions will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a second game to follow at approximately 3 p.m. Evening sessions will begin at 6 p.m. with the second game to follow at approximately 7:30 p.m. Doors will open and tickets go on sale one hour before game time.

Tickets prices for each session are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students.

Day passes are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

Tournament passes are \$18 for adults and \$12 for students. No other passes will be honored except Oregon Coaches Association Gold.

The Convention Center does not allow balloons or posters in the gym.

All awards will be presented following the last session on Saturday evening.

## Ione JV boys take win

The Ione boy's JV team outscored Arlington 25-14 in the second half to overcome a 20-17 halftime deficit during last Saturday's game in Arlington. The Cardinals held a four-point advantage at the end of the third quarter and stretched it out to take the 42-34 win.

Playing just two quarters, Matt Hams led all scorers with 12 points. RJ Ramos and William Wehrli each added nine. Also scoring for Ione was Clay Morter with six, Gunner Jessen with four, and Dalton Campbell with two.

Stormy Kendrick led a strong effort on the boards with 10 rebounds. William Wehrli and Dalton Campbell logged seven each. Matt Hams and Dalton Campbell each had three steals and Hams and Stormy Kendrick each notched two assists to lead the team.

"It was a good win for us" said JV Coach Jim Swanson. "I have been after them to shoot more and in this game they put up 66 shots." He also noted that RJ Ramos had a good game, especially on defense.

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