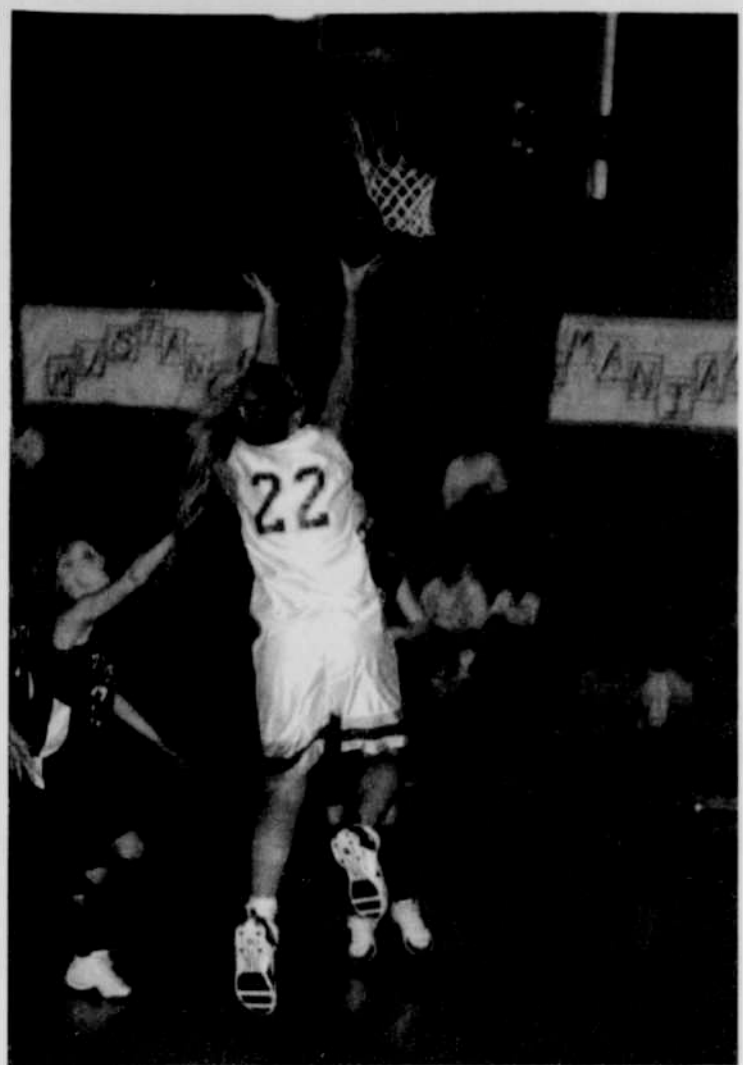


## Mustang girls fly past Outlaws



Katie Kilkenny, No. 22, takes a shot against Enterprise Friday night in Heppner. The Heppner Mustangs dominated Enterprise with a 58-21 win. - Photo by Sandi Matthews

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls built a 30-13 lead at the half and cruised to an easy 58-21 win over the visiting Enterprise Outlaws on Friday, January 26, in Blue Mountain Conference play. The Mustangs, 9-0 in the BMC and 15-2 overall, will be at Union on Friday, February 2, at home against second place Weston-McEwen on Saturday, and at Irrigon on Tuesday, February 6, in BMC play.

Lyndi Patton had seven points in the first as the Mustangs took a 16-7 lead.

Aftan Betsinger had six points and Patton and Katie Kilkenny each had four as they built their halftime lead. Kilkenny and Taylor Kempas each had four points in the third as they extended their lead to 46-17 after three. Betsinger and Jessica Hughes each had four points in the fourth as they cruised to the easy win.

Betsinger had 14 points, nine rebounds, and

two steals. Patton added 11 points and two steals. Kilkenny had eight points and three assists, and Sherilyn Peck had four rebounds, three assists, and two steals.

Megan Orr had six assists and four steals, Amber Patton had six assists, and Kylie Doherty had three steals.

Enterprise 76 44-21  
Heppner 16 14 16  
12-58

Enterprise- Foster 6  
1-2 13, DeSpain 1 0-0 2,  
Neil 0 2-2 2, O'Leary 1 0-0  
2, Maasdean 1 0-0 2. 9 3-4  
21. Three-pointer - none.

Heppner- Aftan  
Betsinger 4 6-8 14, Lyndi  
Patton 4 2-3 11, Katie  
Kilkenny 4 0-1 8, Taylor  
Kempas 2 3-4 7, Amber  
Patton 1 4-4 6, Megan Orr 1  
2-2 4, Jessica Hughes 2 0-0  
4, Regi Seitz 0 2-2 2,  
Sherilyn Peck 0 1-2 1,  
Kristen Van Cleave 0 1-2 1,  
Sarah Price, Kylie Doherty.  
18 21-28 58. Three-pointers  
- L. Patton.

## Cardinal varsity boys win one, lose one

The lone boys' varsity split their games last weekend, suffering a tough loss on the road against Nixyaawii on Friday and coming back to hold off a charging Sherman County team on the lone home floor on Saturday. The Cardinals' league record now stands at 7-3, keeping them in second place behind Nixyaawii in the Western Division of the Big Sky East. Their season record is 11-6.

On Friday, January 26, the host Nixyaawii Golden Eagles got out to an early lead and the Cardinals struggled to get going. Down 8-13 after one quarter, lone fell behind 16-29 by halftime. The Golden Eagles put the Cardinals away in the third quarter outscoring them 25-10 and coasted home for the 73-47 win.

Paul Hams led the Cardinals in scoring with 12 points followed by Kip Krebs with ten. Lone struggled with their shooting, hitting just 29% of their shots from the floor compared to a sizzling 53% for Nixyaawii. The Cardinals also fell short on the boards, giving up a 35-42 advantage to their hosts. In other statistical categories, Kip Krebs led with three assists and Clay Morter had five steals.

"We got caught up in their game and it hurt us" said Coach Dennis Stefani. "It is a hard place to play and we just never got going."

On Saturday night, the Cardinals took the floor looking rejuvenated and ready to play. Lone led 15-14 after one and 29-23 at the half. The Cards opened up a 10-point lead in the third but the Huskies closed in on some hot three point shooting, taking the lead 45-

44 at the end of three. But the Cardinals dug in down the stretch like they have done several times already this season. Paul Hams hit 7 of 8 free throws in the fourth quarter and the team as a whole connected on 17 of 25 from the line for one of their best efforts to date this season. A huge momentum swing happened when a Sherman player was whistled for a technical following a two shot foul late in the fourth. Paul Hams hit three of four to put the Cardinals back in the front. The final score was 64-59 in favor of lone.

Lone had three players in double figures led by Alan Rietmann with 19. Paul Hams added 15 while freshman Matt Hams chipped in with 13. Both teams shot around 35% from the floor.

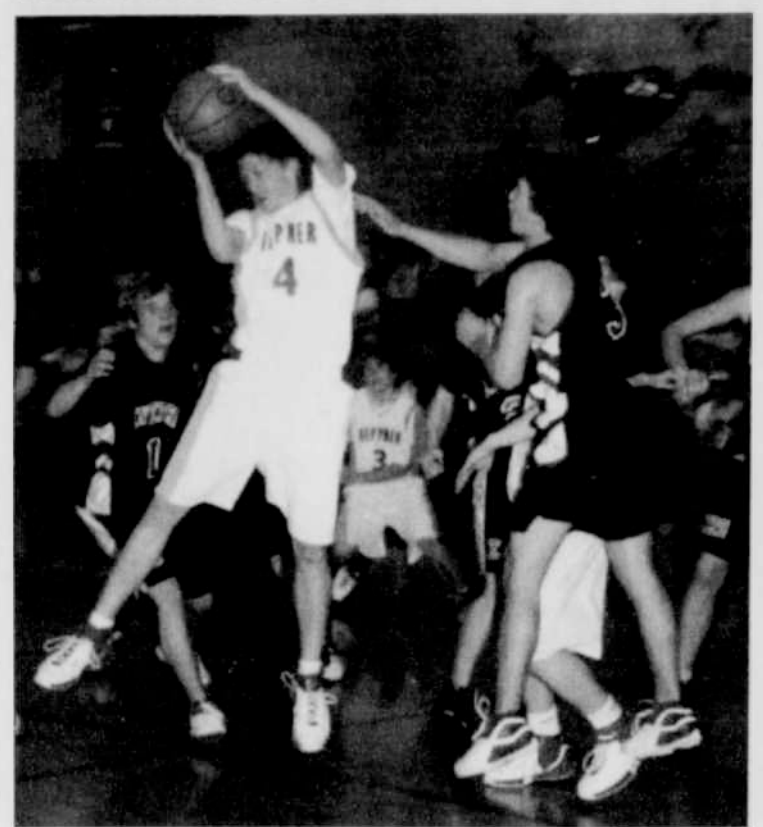
The Cardinals were outrebounded 31-46 in the contest. Kip Krebs led lone's effort with nine followed by Alan Rietmann and Kevin Fowler with six each.

Paul Hams had an outstanding seven steals and five assists and Alan Rietmann also had five assists.

"We came back from a loss on Friday and I thought played very well," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "We hit big free throws down the stretch and that was the difference." Coach Stefani was also pleased with the team play he witnessed. "I thought everyone played well as a team. That showed in only having 14 turnovers."

The Cardinals have two tough weeks of the regular season remaining. After playing Echo and Central Christian on the road, the Cards return home to host Arlington on Saturday.

## Mustang boys lose heartbreaker to Outlaws



Freshman Jared Huddleston brings down a rebound against Enterprise Friday night. The Heppner Mustangs lost to Enterprise 54-53 when Enterprise sunk a three-point shot at the buzzer. - Photo by Sandi Matthews

By Rick Paullus

After taking a two point lead with less than eight seconds left on a short jumper by R.J. Farrens, the Heppner Mustang boys saw their lead evaporate as the Enterprise Outlaws hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to take a 54-53 win in Blue Mountain Conference play on Friday, Jan. 26 in Heppner. The Mustangs, 5-4 in the BMC and 9-8 overall, will be at league-leading Union on Friday, Feb. 2; at home against second-place Weston-McEwen on Saturday, Feb. 3; and at Irrigon on Tuesday, Feb. 6, in BMC play.

The Outlaws took a 4-0 lead before Lane Bailey hit a long jumper. After an Enterprise three-pointer, Andre Rauch scored twice inside to cut the lead to 7-6. The Mustangs took an 11-8 lead when Farrens fed Tony Haguwood for a lay-in and Jared Huddleston hit a three-pointer. After six straight points by the Outlaws, Rauch scored off a rebound, but Enterprise took a 19-14 lead after one.

The Mustangs would regain the lead to start the second quarter when Bailey scored off a steal. Nacho Elguezabal scored off a rebound and Rauch scored five points to make it 23-19. The Outlaws came back with eight straight points before Bailey hit a long jumper and Farrens hit a short jumper at the buzzer to tie it up at 27-27 at the half.

After an Outlaw three-pointer to start the second half, Elguezabal scored five points, Rauch

scored off a rebound and Farrens hit a three-pointer to give the Mustangs a 37-30 lead. Rauch scored off a rebound and Matt McCabe hit two free throws as the Mustangs led, 41-36, after three.

Rauch scored twice inside and Elguezabal scored off a pass from Bailey to make it 47-40 midway through the fourth, then, after the Outlaws got to within one point, Bailey scored inside. Enterprise hit a three-pointer to tie it at 49-49 with :53.3 left. Elguezabal scored inside, but the Outlaws came back to tie it at 51-51 with :30 left to set up the final frantic seconds.

Rauch finished with 19 points and 12 rebounds, with Elguezabal scoring 11 points. Bailey finished with eight points, five steals and two assists. McCabe had six rebounds, six assists and four steals. Farrens had five assists and Huddleston had two steals.

Enterprise: 19 8 9 18 - 54  
Heppner: 14 13 14 12 - 53

Enterprise: Neil 7 1-2 18, Butterfield 5 0-1 11, Kelly 3 0-0 6, Conrad 2 2-2 6, Stewart 2 0-0 6, DeSpain 2 1-2 5, Hull 1 0-0 3. 22 4-7 54. Three-pointers: Neil (3), Stewart (2), Hull.

Heppner: Andre Rauch 9 1-3 19, Nacho Elguezabal 5 1-2 11, Lane Bailey 4 0-0 8, R.J. Farrens 3 0-0 7, Jared Huddleston 1 1-2 4, Matt McCabe 0 2-3 2, Aaron Allstott, Daulton Wellman. 23 5-10 53. Three-pointers: Farrens, Huddleston.

## Junior High wrestlers attend meet



On Thursday, Jan. 25, the Heppner Junior High wrestling team traveled to Boardman for a tournament where they won 11 matches. Pictured above is Curtis Martin, No. 21. The team consists of sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys. Coaches are Ken Bailey and Brian Harmon.

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Anyone interested in should email their choice of glazed or chocolate and the number of orders to Beth Dickenson at Elizabeth. Dickenson@morowk12.or.us.

Checks can be made out to HHS FFA. memo: "donuts" and can be prepaid or paid for when the donuts are picked up.

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