

## Big fourth quarter carries Mustang boys over Tigerscots

By Rick Paullus

A 27-12 advantage in the fourth quarter helped the Heppner Mustang boys win their third straight Blue Mountain Conference game, at Athena, beating the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 56-45 on Saturday, January 20.

The Mustangs led 14-7 after one and 26-23 a the half, but came out cold in the third as the Tigerscots outscored them 10-3 to take a 33-29 lead into the fourth. The Mustangs turned up the defensive pressure and it fed the offense as they came back for the win.

Matt McCabe led the Mustangs with 21 points including three three-pointers, five assists and three steals.

Lane Bailey added 12 points, RJ Farrens scored 10 points and had six assists and five steals, Nacho Elgu-

ezabal had eight rebounds and two blocked shots and Andre Rauch and Jared Huddleston each had five rebounds. The Mustangs hit 17 of 21 free throws for the game.

Heppner 14 12 3 27-56  
Weston-McEwen 7 16 10 12-45

Heppner- Matt McCabe 5 8-9 21, Lane Bailey 3 6-8 12, RJ Farrens 5 0-0 10, Nacho Elguezabal 2 0-0 4, Jared Huddleston 2 0-0 4, Andre Rauch 1 0-0 2, Brent Eckman 0 2-2 2, Aaron Allstott 0 1-2 1, Tony Hague-wood, Brendan McElligott, Daulton Wellman. 18 17-21 56. Three-point - McCabe three.

Weston-McEwen- Eastwood 20, Duke 9, Jackson 5, Lindell 4, Giger 4, Alford 2, and Schroeder 1.

## Ione Cardinals take on Sherman Co.



Omar Juarez of Ione Middle School shoots against Sherman County on Saturday, January 27.

## Mustang JV girls win at Weston-McEwen

By Rick Paullus

A big second half broke a halftime tie and carried the Heppner Mustang JV girls to a 37-8 win over the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots on Saturday, January 20, in Athena. The Mustangs, now 12-2 on the year, will be at home on Friday, January 26, against Enterprise and again on Saturday, January 27, against Elgin.

The Mustangs outscored the Tigerscots 12-5 in the third, then got four points from Brynna Rust in the fourth as they held on to their lead and take the win.

Emily Thompson led the Mustangs with eight points with Kristen Van Cleave adding six points and three rebounds. Melissa West had four assists and three steals, Kassy Wilson had five rebounds and three steals, Erin Price had three assists and three steals, Jessica Hughes had three steals and two assists, and Sarah Milner and Catherine McElligott each had five rebounds.

Heppner 9 6 12 10-37  
Weston-McEwen 8 7 5 8-28

Heppner- Emily Thompson 4 0-0 8, Kristen Van Cleave 3 0-0 6, Catherine McElligott 2 1-1 5, Brynna Rust 2 0-0 4, Mercedes Garrett 2 0-0 4, Torri Lovgren 1 0-0 4, Melissa West 1 0-0 2, Jessica Hughes 1 0-0 2, Erin Price 1 0-0 2, Kassy Wilson 0 1-2 1, Sarah Milner 0 1-2 1, Kelsie Fox, Kaylee Helfrecht. 17 3-5 37. Three-point - none.

Weston-McEwen - Heisenbein 3 4-5 11, Mithorn 2 2-6 6, Zeller 3 0-0 6, Ca. Dewitt 1 0-1 2, Weber 1 0-0 2, Porter 0 1-4 1, Ch. Dewitt 0 0-2 0. 10 7-17 28. Three-point - Heisenbein.

## Mustang girls beat Huskies

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls remained undefeated in the Blue Mountain Conference by beating the visiting Elgin Huskies 79-38 on Saturday, January 27. The Mustangs, 10-0 in the BMC and 16-2 overall, will be at Union on Friday, February 2, and at home against Weston-McEwen on Saturday and at Irrigon on Tuesday, February 6, in BMC play.

Aftan Betsinger had 12 points, Megan Orr had six points and Lyndi Patton hit a three-pointer as the Mustangs took a 22-14 lead after one. Kylie Doherty had six points in the second as they increased their lead to 39-20 at the half. Betsinger had seven points and Regi Seitz four points in the third. Amber Patton had 10 points,

Kristen Van Cleave had five points, and Sherilyn Peck had four points in the fourth as they coasted to the win.

Betsinger finished with 19 points, Amber Patton 12 points, and Doherty had 10 points, six rebounds, and two assists. Orr had eight assists and three steals, Katie Kilkenny had seven rebounds, and Seitz had five rebounds.

Elgin 14 6 11 8-39  
Heppner 22 17 19 21-79

Elgin- Davis 4 2-3 10, Perez 4 0-0 8, McClure 3 1-3 7, Burgess 3 0-0 6, Plummer 2 0-2 4, Campbell 1 1-2 3, Phelps 0 1-2 1. 17 5-12 39. Three-pointer - none.

Heppner- Aftan Betsinger 7 2-5 19, Amber Patton 5 2-2 12, Kylie Doherty 3 4-6 10, Regi Seitz 2 3-4 7, Katie Kilkenny 1 5-6 7, Kristen Van Cleave 3 1-2 7, Megan Orr 3 0-2 6, Sherilyn Peck 1 3-5 5, Lyndi Patton 1 0-0 3, Taylor Kempas 1 1-2 3, Sarah Price, Erin Price. 27 24-36 79. Three-pointer - L. Patton.

## HHS softball to hold tostada feed

There will be a tostada feed with all the fixings, rice, drink and dessert on Friday, February 9, at the Heppner High School basketball games against Stanfield. The cost for the feed will be \$5. There will also be homemade Elguezabal salsa being sold. All benefits will go the Heppner High School Softball team.

## Mustang boys hang on to beat Huskies



Nacho Elguezabal scored 23 points for the Heppner Mustangs leading them to a win 62-56 over the Elgin Huskies. - Photo by Sandi Matthews

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boys built a 22-point lead at the end of three and still led by 19 points early in the fourth, but had to hang on at the end as the visiting Elgin Huskies couldn't miss a basket. Heppner held on for a 62-56 win on Saturday, Jan. 27 in Blue Mountain Conference play. The Mustangs, now 6-4 in the BMC and 10-7 overall, have crucial league games this weekend as they travel to first-place Union on Friday, Feb. 2, and come home to face second-place Weston-McEwen on Saturday, Feb. 3. They will be at Irrigon on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Andre Rauch scored three points early, R.J. Farrens fed Nacho Elguezabal twice for lay-ins and Jared Huddleston scored off a rebound as the Mustangs took a 9-4 lead midway through the first. Rauch scored off a drive and Farrens hit a three-pointer to close out the first with the Mustangs leading, 14-9.

Farrens fed Elguezabal for a lay-in and hit a three-pointer, and Matt McCabe made two free throws and hit a three-pointer to make it 24-12. Elguezabal scored six points inside as the Mustangs took a 31-18 lead at the half.

Elguezabal hit two free throws and Rauch scored twice inside to open the third, giving the Mustangs a 37-18 lead. Elguezabal scored twice

more off feeds from Farrens, and McCabe scored off a pass from Lane Bailey to make it 43-25. Huddleston hit three straight three-pointers to end the third, to give the Mustangs what seemed to be a comfortable lead at 52-30.

Farrens fed Elguezabal for lay-ins twice to make it 56-37 early in the fourth, but the Huskies scored 11 straight to cut the lead to 56-48. Huddleston and Farrens each hit two free throws to make it 60-48 with 1:25 left. The Huskies then went on an 8-2 run to end the game and get within six points.

Elguezabal finished with 23 points, 13 rebounds and two steals, with Huddleston adding 13 points.

Rauch added 11 points and seven rebounds. Farrens finished with 13 assists and three steals, and Bailey had five rebounds and two assists. McCabe had three steals and two assists. Elgin 9 9 12 26 - 56  
Heppner 14 17 21 10 - 62  
Elgin: Horn 9 1-3 20, Moore 6 0-0 16, Guentert 4 2-2 11, Ludwig 3 0-0 6, Clark 1 0-0 3. 23 3-5 56. Three-pointers: Moore (4), Clark, Guentert, Horn.

Heppner: Nacho Elguezabal 10 3-5 23, Jared Huddleston 4 2-2 13, Andre Rauch 4 3-6 11, R.J. Farrens 2 2-2 8, Matt McCabe 2 2-2 7, Lane Bailey 0 0-2 0. 22 12-19 62. Three-pointers: Huddleston (3), Farrens (2), McCabe.

## MC Gun Club news

The Morrow County Gun Club reports the following results from last week's shoot:

Sixteen yards - Mark Schlichting, 24; Curtis Cutsforth 23; Dick Goodhead 23; Jeff Cutsforth 22.

Twenty-one yard handicap - Curtis Cutsforth, Kelwayne Haguewood and

Dick Goodhead, all with 20; Mark Schlichting 19; Mike Gorman 17.

Annie Oakley winners - Curtis Cutsforth, Garret Wilhelm, Mark Schlichting and Kelwayne Haguewood.

Due to the Super-Bowl on Sunday, the gun club will start their shoot on Sunday, Feb. 4 at 10 a.m.



Pee-wee basketball players entertained spectators at halftime of Ione basketball games last weekend.



## Real Estate

By DAVID SYKES  
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### SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG

QUESTION: I have my eye on a home that has been on the market for several months. The price has been reduced a few times, but it still has not sold. It's just what I want and the price seems right. Should I avoid it on the premise that if it's been for sale this long, something must be wrong?

ANSWER: The fact that the house has not sold for a long time may be to your advantage. If there are no structural defects, and it meets your basic needs, there is a good

possibility that it is an excellent buy now. It may have been overpriced at the outset.

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