

## Ione Middle School girls split games



Makenna Ramos in the girls' middle school game against Sherman County.

The Ione Middle School girls split their games this past weekend, losing a close one to Condon at Condon on Friday and defeating Sherman County at home on Saturday.

In their third matchup this season, the Ione girls looked like they had Condon handled, leading by 10 points heading into the final quarter.

But the Cardinals lost starter Mary Rietmann to fouls in the third quarter and Condon took advantage, outscoring the Cardinals 14-2 in the final frame to take the 33-31 win.

Beth Morter led the Ione scorers with 11 points. Mary Rietmann added seven followed by Shadow Kendrick with five, Stacey Halvorsen with four and Makenna Ramos and Jordan Peterson with two each.

"It was tough to lose like that but the girls really played their hearts out," said Coach Lynn Dee Ramos. "Sometimes in those close games, you just don't get the breaks you need to win."

On Saturday, Ione led coast to coast against Sherman County, on their way to a 21-14 win. Sherman had only two points in each of the first three quarters before scoring eight in the fourth to get as close as they did.

Mary Rietmann and Jordan Peterson led the Cardinal scoring effort with six each followed by Shadow Kendrick with five and Makenna Ramos with four. "I thought all the girls played well," said Coach Lynn Dee Ramos. "It was nice that our sixth graders got a lot of playing time in this game also."

## Mustang boys split on road trip

By Rick Paullus

After earning a hard-fought win over the Enterprise Outlaws by a score of 52-50, the Heppner Mustang boys fell in overtime to the Elgin Huskies 58-54 on their January 5 and 6 road trips. The Mustangs are 2-2 in the Blue Mountain Conference and 6-5 overall.

The Mustangs trailed 10-9 after one at Enterprise and still trailed 28-22 at the half despite six points from Nacho Elguezabal and four from Nathan Van Cleave in the second quarter. Lane Bailey had five points and Andre Rauch four as they crawled to within 36-34 after three. The Mustangs got five points from Elguezabal and four from RJ Farrens, as they pulled out the win in the fourth quarter.

Elguezabal finished with 14 points and six rebounds. Bailey had 10 points, Farrens had eight points and 12 assists, Rauch had six rebounds and two steals, Matt McCabe had three steals and Justin Delveaux had two steals.

The next night was not much different as the Huskies led 10-6 after one and 24-15 at the half despite six points in the second quarter from McCabe. The Mustangs still trailed by nine after three at 37-28, but got 16 points from Elguezabal and four from McCabe in the fourth to tie the game at 48-48 and send it to overtime. McCabe hit a three-pointer in the overtime period but Elgin pulled away for the win.

Elguezabal led the Mustangs with 28 points and 12 rebounds. McCabe added 13 points and five steals. Farrens had seven assists and three steals and Bailey had two assists and two steals.

Heppner 52, Enterprise 50  
Heppner 9 13 12 18-52  
Enterprise 10 18 8 14-50  
Heppner- Nacho Elguezabal 6 2-4 14, Lane Bailey 4 1-3 10, RJ Farrens 1 6-10 8, Andre Rauch 3 0-2 6, Nathan Van Cleave 3 0-0 6, Justin Delveaux 1 1-2 3, Matt McCabe 1 0-0 3, Jared Huddleston 0 2-4 2, Aaron Allstott. 19 12-25 52. Three-pointers - Bailey and McCabe.

Enterprise- Neil 2 12-13 17, DeSpain 5 6-13 16, Kelly 2 1-2 5, Butterfield 2 0-0 4, Conrad 2 0-2 4, Hull 1 0-0 2, Stewart 1 0-0 2. 15 19-30 50. Three-pointer - Neil.

Heppner 54, Elgin 58 TO  
Heppner 6 9 13 20 6-54  
Elgin 10 14 13 11 10-58

Heppner- Elguezabal 12 4-8 28, McCabe 5 2-2 13, Bailey 3 0-0 7, Farrens 1 2-4 4, Van Cleave 0 2-4 2, Delveaux, Allstott, Rauch, Huddleston. 21 9-16 54. Three-pointers - Farrens, Bailey, and McCabe.

Elgin- Clark 7 4-6 22, Guentert 2 7-9 12, Moore 4 2-2 12, Horn 0 4-6 4, Noughton 2 0-5 4, Ludwig 1 2-4 4. 16 19-32 58. Three pointers - Clark with four, Moore with two, and Guentert.

## Mustang JV girls win two

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls took two home court wins over the weekend beating the Enterprise Outlaws 32-22 on Friday and the Elgin Huskies 54-22 on Saturday. The Mustangs, now 14-2 on the year, will be at Union of Friday, February 2, at home against Weston-McEwen on Saturday, and at Irrigon on Tuesday, February 6.

In a defensive first half, the Mustangs and Outlaws were tied at 9-9 before they got going in the third, outscoring Enterprise 17-4. The team got five points from Jessica Hughes, four points from Kassi Wilson and a three-pointer from Brynna Rust to take a 26-13 lead into the fourth. Kelsie Fox had three points in the fourth as the Mustangs held on for the win.

Hughes finished with nine points, five steals, and three assists with Kristen Van Cleave adding seven points, eight rebounds, and two steals. Erin Price had five rebounds, four steals, and three assists, Catherine McElligott had five rebounds, four assists, and two steals, Maggie Armato had four rebounds and two steals, and Rust had five steals.

Against the Huskies, the Mustangs took an 11-1 lead after one, getting four points from Fox, and increased it to 27-14 at the half, getting five second quarter points from Price. Van Cleave had five points and Sarah Milner had four points as they increased their lead to 40-19 and Armato had five points and Emily Thompson four in the fourth as the Mustangs cruised to the win.

Price finished with 10 points, four steals, and two assists with Milner adding seven points, five rebounds, and two assists. Van Cleave had five rebounds and two steals, Wilson had five rebounds, McElligott had four rebounds, and Fox had four steals.

Heppner 32, Enterprise 22  
Enterprise 4 5 4 10-22

Heppner 27 17 6-32  
Enterprise- Feiling 2 1-2 5, Rushing 2 1-2 5, DeSpain 1 2-4 4, Bruce 1 0-0 2, Masters 1 0-0 2, Lyle 1 0-0 2, McCarthy 1 0-0 2. 9 4-8 22. Three-pointers - none.

Heppner- Jessica Hughes 4 0-0 9, Kristen Van Cleave 2 3-6 7, Kassi Wilson 2 0-0 4, Kelsie Fox 1 1-2 3, Brynna Rust 1 0-0 3, Kaylee Helfrecht 0 2-4 2, Catherine McElligott 1 0-2 2, Sarah Milner 1 0-0 2, Erin Price, Stephanie Cutsforth, Mercedes Garrett. 12 6-19 32. Three-pointers - Rust and Hughes.

Heppner 54, Elgin 22  
Elgin 1 13 5 2-22  
Heppner 11 16 13 14-54

Elgin- Neitch 2 4-9 8, Silver 2 1-2 5, Malone 1 1-4 3, Laher 0 2-4 2, Campbell 1 0-0 2, Rabbins 0 1-2 1, Guentert 0 1-2 1, Witherspoon 0 0-3 0. 5 10-26 22. Three-pointer - none.

Heppner- Price 3 1-1 10, Milner 3 1-1 7, Van Cleave 2 2-4 6, Torri Lovgren 3 0-0 6, McElligott 3 0-0 6, Armato 2 1-2 5, Thompson 2 0-0 4, Fox 2 0-0 4, Wilson 1 1-2 3, Hughes 1 0-0 2, Helfrecht 0 1-2 1, Melissa West, Brandi Hong. 23 7-12 54. Three-pointer - Price.

## Mustang boys jump on Rockets

By Rick Paullus

A 12-0 and 16-2 lead in the first quarter carried the Heppner Mustang boys to a 58-40 win over the visiting Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday, January 19, in Blue Mountain Conference play. The Mustangs are 4-3 in the BMC and 8-7 overall.

Nacho Elguezabal got the Mustangs going by scoring on a pass from Lane Bailey, and then Andre Rauch scored twice. Elguezabal scored off a rebound and Bailey hit a lay-up and a jumper for a 12-0 lead. After a Rocket basket, Elguezabal scored twice to make it 16-2 with the Mustangs eventually taking a 16-7 lead after one.

Bailey hit a long jumper to open the second and Justin Delveaux hit a short jumper, but the Rockets came back to get within five before Bailey scored off a pass from RJ Farrens. Matt McCabe then hit a running jumper. After a Rocket basket, Aaron Allstott score off a pass from Jared Huddleston to give the Mustangs a 26 17 lead at the half.

The Rockets scored the first five points of the third before Farrens hit a three-pointer and scored off a pass from McCabe. The Rockets came back to cut the lead to 31-27 but Elguezabal scored four straight and Bailey scored eight points to finish the third with the Mustangs leading 43-31.

## Mustang girls beat Tigerscots in overtime

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girls had to go an extra period but they came out on top beating the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots 45-37 on Saturday, January 20, in Athena in Blue Mountain Conference play. The Mustangs improved to 8-0 in the BMC and 14-2 overall with the win.

The Mustangs took a 10-7 lead getting four points from Megan Orr but the Tigerscots came back to take 17-16 lead at the half. Lyndi Patton had four points in the third but the Tigerscots still led 24-22 after three but the Mustangs came back to tie it at 32-32 and send it to overtime. Aftan Betsinger had five points and Regi Seitz hit four of four free throws as the Mustangs pulled away for the win.

Betsinger led the Mustangs with nine points with Patton and Seitz each added eight points.

Heppner 10 6 6 10 13-45  
Weston-McEwen 7 10 7 8 5-37  
Heppner- Aftan Betsinger 4 1-2 9, Lyndi Patton 3 2-4 8, Regi Seitz 2 4-4 8, Megan Orr 3 0-0 6, Katie Kilkenny 3 0-2 6, Sarah Price 1 2-2 4, Amber Patton 1 0-0 2, Kylie Doherty 1 0-0 2. 18 9-14 45. Three-pointer - none.

Weston-McEwen- Turner 4 2-5 11, K. Griggs 3 1-2 7, N. Griggs 1 3-4 6, Ramirez 2 0-2 4, Thul 1 0-0 3, Simpson 0 0-1 0. 14 6-17 37. Three-pointers - N. Griggs, Thul, Turner.

## Mustang boys run past Knights

By Rick Paullus

Big first and third quarters helped the Heppner Mustang boys beat the visiting Irrigon Knights 75-52 on Saturday, January 13, in Blue Mountain Conference play to even their league record to 3-3 and their overall record to 7-7.

Jared Huddleston had six points and Lane Bailey four as the Mustangs raced out to a 19-4 lead after one. Nacho Elguezabal had five points in the second as they led 33-16 at the half.

Aaron Allstott had six points, Tony Haguewood, Elguezabal, Bailey and Andre Rauch each had four points in their big third quarter as they pushed their lead to 60-33. Rauch and Sam King each had four points as they coasted through the fourth for the easy win.

Elguezabal led four Mustangs in double figures with 14 points and had seven rebounds and four steals. Rauch had 13 points and five

After a Rocket bucket to open the fourth, Farrens hit a three-pointer and Elguezabal hit a short jumper to make it 48-33. Huddleston hit two free throws, Elguezabal scored off a rebound and Farrens scored off a pass from McCabe to make it 54-37. Elguezabal and McCabe then scored inside to make it 58-38 and two Rocket free throws closed out the scoring.

Elguezabal had 18 points and 10 rebounds, Bailey had 16 points, nine rebounds, and three steals, and Farrens had a double double with 10 points and 10 assists. Rauch had eight rebounds and McCabe had six assists and two steals.

Pilot Rock 7 10 14 9-40  
Heppner 16 10 17 15-58

Pilot Rock- Graham 6 0-4 12, Bandy 4 1-3 9, King 1 2-4 5, Humphreys 2 0-0 4, Low 1 2-2 4, Dess 2 0-0 4, Snodgrass 0 2-2 2, Bronson 0 0-2 0, Woods 0 0-1 0. 16 7-18 40. Three-pointer - King.

Heppner- Nacho Elguezabal 9 0-1 18, Lane Bailey 7 2-4 16, RJ Farrens 4 0-0 10, Andre Rauch 2 0-2 4, Matt McCabe 2 0-0 4, Justin Delveaux 1 0-1 2, Aaron Allstott 1 0-0 2, Jared Huddleston 0 2-2 2, Daulton Wellman 0 0-1 0, Tony Haguewood, Brendan McElligott, Brent Eckman. 26 4-11 58. Three-pointers - Farrens with two.

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