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The Heppner Mustang JV boys fell behind the Weston-McEwen Tigerscots and could not recover, eventually losing 61-45 on Saturday, January 20, in Athena. The Mustangs, now 11-3, will be at home this weekend with Enterprise and Elgin on Friday and Saturday respectively.

The Tigerscots led just 15-13 after one and extended it to 31-26 at the half. Sam King had four points in the third and Daulton Wellman had five points in the fourth but the Tigerscots continued to pull away.

King had 10 points, Wellman and Tim Hauer each had seven points and Bryan Holland finished with six points. Heppner 13 13 12 7-45

Weston-McEwen 15 16 18 12-61
Heppner- Sam King 5 0-6 10, Daulton Wellman 3 1-4 7, Tim Hauer 3 1-4 7, Bryan Holland 3 0-0 6, Joe Pranger 2 0-2 4, Grant Smith 1 0-0 3, Brent Eckman 1 0-0 2, Jordan Hatfield 1 0-0 2, Braden Britt 1 0-0 2, Sean Murray 1 0-0 2, Jason Houweling 0 0-2 0, Chris Lien, 21 2-18 45. Three-point - Smith.

Weston-McEwen- Huntsman 4 1-1 10, Watts 3 0-0 8, Hearn 3 0-0 7, Leon 4 0-0 8, O. Heyded 3 0-2 7, Cain 3 0-2 6, Duke 3 0-0 6, C. Heyded 1 1-2 3, Reitz 1 0-0 2, Davidson 1 0-0 2, Nelson 1 0-0 2, 27 2-7 61. Three-point - Watts, Hearn, O. Heyded, and Hartsman.

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A fourth quarter rally from 17 points down came up three points short as the Heppner Mustang boys fell to the Stanfield Tigers 66-63 on Friday, January 12, in Stanfield in Blue Mountain Conference play. The boys fell to 2-3 in the BMC and 6-7 overall with the loss.

Lane Bailey hit a running jumper to open the scoring but the Tigers came back with seven straight points. RJ Farrens fed Andre Rauch for a lay-up, Bailey hit a jumper, and Farrens fed Nacho Elguezabal for a lay-up but the Tigers took an 18-8 lead after one.

Matt McCabe fed Bailey for a lay-up and hit a three-pointer to pull the Mustangs to within 21-13 early in the second. The

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teams then traded baskets as Bailey scored inside and Jared Huddleston hit a three-pointer, then a jumper, and scored off a pass from McCabe. Elguezabal then scored twice inside to cut the lead to 32-26 at the half.

Elguezabal scored inside to open the third and then scored twice off passes from Bailey but the Tigers pushed their lead to 42-30. Bailey hit a short jumper but the Tigers kept up the pressure, pushing their lead to 51-35 before McCabe hit a short jumper.

The Tigers led 55-39 after three before the Mustangs began their comeback as Farrens scored off a drive. Bailey hit two free throws and Huddleston completed a three-point play to cut the lead to 56-46 with 4:00 left in the fourth. The

Tigers pushed their lead to 62-47 but back came the Mustangs as Bailey hit a baseline jumper and after two Stanfield free throws he scored off a drive. Farrens scored off a drive and then hit one of two free throws. Huddleston hit a three-pointer and Farrens completed a three-point play with :43.4 left to cut the lead to 64-60.

After two Stanfield free throws, Justin Delveaux hit a three-pointer with :13 left to get within three points. The Tigers missed two free throws with :09.4 left and the Mustangs had one last chance to tie it but a three-pointer at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

Bailey led four Mustangs in double figures scoring with 16 points and two assists. Huddleston added 13 points and two assists. Elguezabal had 12 points and 12 rebounds,

Heppner JV boys win two

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The Heppner Mustang JV boys won two home games over the weekend, beating The Enterprise Outlaws, 51-37, on Friday, and the Elgin Huskies, 39-33, on Saturday. The Mustangs, now 13-3 on the year, will be at Union on Friday, Feb. 2, at home on Saturday, Feb. 3 against Weston-McEwen, and at Irrigon on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

The Mustangs took a 13-6 lead over the Outlaws after one and still led 19-13 at the half, before pulling away in the second half. Sam Kin and Chris Lien each had seven points in the second half as they increased their lead to 37-28 after three, and extended it to the 14-point win.

King finished with nine points to lead the Mustangs, with Lien adding seven, and Braden Britt and Bryan Holland each adding six points.

Sean Murray had four points in the first quarter against the Huskies, but the Mustangs trailed 13-10 after one. Lien and Holland each had six points in the second quarter as they took a 24-19 lead at the half. The Mustangs outscored the Huskies, 8-2, in the third to increase their lead to 32-21, and they held on through the fourth to take the win.

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pointers for nine points, with Murray adding seven points. Britt and Holland each added six points.

Heppner 51, Enterprise 37
Enterprise: 6 7 15 9 - 37
Heppner: 13 6 18 14 - 51

Enterprise: Cairtz 4 1-3 10, Simpson 2 2-3 8, Sticks 1 1-2 4, Miller 2 0-0 4, Fisher 2 0-2 4, Micka 1 0-0 3, Warner 1 1-2 3, Hull 0 1-2 1. 13 6-14 37. Three-pointers: Simpson (2), Sticks, Micka, Cairtz.

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Elgin: 13 6 2 12 - 33
Heppner: 10 14 8 7 - 39
Elgin: Herdy 5 0-0 12, Miller 4 1-2 11, Stone 2 0-0 5, Predmore 2 1-2 5, Noughton 0 0-2 0. 13 4-6 33. Three-pointers: Herdy (2), Miller (2), Stone.

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with a pin in the second period and six points. Tomás Elguezabal (145) scored six points by forfeit in his weight class.

Finally up for Heppner was Spencer Palmer (160) who gave a valiant effort but could not avoid the pin in the first period. The final score was Heppner 12, Enterprise 30.

Heppner then took on Irrigon in their final contest. One again the Mustangs gave away points in the upper and lower weight classes.

Tyler Robinson and Dillion Lutchter were both pinned in the first. Chance Day won by forfeit and scored six points. Tomás Elguezabal faired no better and was pinned in the first. The last Mustang to wrestle for the meet was Spencer Palmer who made it the second period before being pinned.

Blue Mountain Conference Dual Championships held in Elgin

By Larry Palmer

The Heppner wrestling team traveled through the ice and fog to compete in the Blue Mountain League Dual Championships. This was to decide the top dual team in the league consisting of Elgin/Imbler, Enterprise, Irrigon, Union/North Powder, and the Heppner Mustangs. The host for this year was Elgin/Imbler in Elgin.

The Mustangs' first encounter on the mats were the Outlaws of Enterprise. Due to lack of wrestlers in the lower weights (103, 119, 135, and 152) and upper weights (171, 189, 215, and 285) Heppner had to forfeit the scores in these weights.

First up for the Mustangs was Tyler Robinson (125) who was pinned in the first period. Then Dillion Lutchter (130) struggled into the second period but was pinned. Chance Day (140) came through for the Mustangs