

Mustang boys rally for win over Tigers

By Rick Paullus

After falling behind by 10 points in the first quarter, the Heppner Mustang boys rallied for a 67-52 win over the visiting Stanfield Tigers on Friday, February 9, in Blue Mountain Conference play on senior night. The Mustangs, 9-5 in the BMC and 13-9 overall, ended up tied with Pilot Rock for second place in the BMC. The Mustangs will play the Rockets on Friday, February 16, in district tournament in Pendleton at around 3 p.m. with the winner facing Union on Saturday night for the district championship. The loser will play on Saturday afternoon to determine the third and fourth seeds into the state tournament.

The game marked the final regular season basketball game at home for seniors RJ Farrens, Aaron Allstott, Tony Haguewood, Justin Delveaux, and Brendan McElligott.

The Tigers jumped out to a 6-0 lead before Farrens and Nacho Elguezabal each scored off drives. Elguezabal scored off a pass from Farrens and Lane Bailey scored off a pass from Matt McCabe but the Tigers built an 18-8 lead. Delveaux fed Elguezabal and McCabe for lay-ups and Andre Rauch scored after a steal to close out the first quarter with the Tigers leading 18-14.

Elguezabal scored off a pass from Farrens, Jared Huddleston scored off a drive and Elguezabal hit a



Matt McCabe adds to the Mustangs win against the Stanfield Tigers 67-52. - Photo by Sandi Matthews

short jumper to tie it at 20-20. Farrens hit a three-pointer but the Tigers still led 24-23 before Rauch scored twice off passes from McCabe and Farrens scored off a drive. The Mustangs eventually led 30-25 at the half.

Rauch scored twice inside and Bailey hit a long jumper but the Tigers were still within 36-30 before McCabe scored twice inside, Huddleston hit one of two free throws and Bailey hit a

running jumper to make it 43-31. The Tigers scored the last eight points of the third and hit one of two free throws to open the fourth to get within three. Elguezabal scored off a pass from Farrens and Rauch scored off a pass from Bailey. Farrens fed Elguezabal for a lay-up to make it 49-42, Bailey hit two free throws to make it 51-43 and Elguezabal completed a three-point play to make it 54-45.

After a Tiger three-pointer, Elguezabal scored five straight points and Rauch scored off a pass from Farrens to make it 61-48 with 3:40 left. After a Tiger bucket, the Mustangs put the game away as Elguezabal scored twice inside and Rauch scored off a pass from Farrens.

Elguezabal led the Mustangs with 26 points, four rebounds and two blocked shots with Rauch added 16 points, nine rebounds, three steals, and two blocked shots. Farrens had nine assists and five rebounds, Delveaux had four rebounds, three assists and two steals, McCabe had five assists and five steals, and Bailey had nine points, two assists, and two steals.

Stanfield 18 7 14 12-52

Heppner 14 16 13 24-67

Stanfield - Watson 7 0-0 17, Irving 5 0-0 10, Dorran 2 4-8 8, Ellis 2 0-0 6, Equival 1 1-3 4, Scibotta 1 1-2 3, Mills 1 0-0 2, Dunlop 1 0-0 2, 20 6-13 52. Three-pointers - Watson with three, Ellis with two, and Equival with one.

Heppner - Nacho Elguezabal 11 4-5 26, A.J. Rauch 8 0-0 16, Lane Bailey 3 3-4 9, RJ Farrens 3 0-0 7, Matt McCabe 3 0-0 6, Jared Huddleston 1 1-2 3, Justin Delveaux, Brendan McElligott, Tony Haguewood, Aaron Allstott, 29 8-11 67. Three-pointer - Farrens.

Cardinal Booster Club holds meeting

The Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, February 5, at the school library. 16 members were present. Thank you messages were received from Cascade Locks High School, Sherman County High School and Condon Coach Joe Colby for the meals provided their players after games in Ione.

The Ione High School Hall of Fame applications will be posted on the school website and will be placed in the newspaper. Nominations are being accepted for outstanding individuals up to 1960.

Lynn Dee Ramos gave an update on the weight room project. Ramos, Dean Robinson, Keith Morter, and Vince Alleman toured the Hermiston High School weight room and talked to their athletic director who had grant information. Morter will work on a design to put before the school board for final approval this month. Lisa Rietman has agreed to help the club with grant applications once the plan is approved.

Superintendent Browning stated the football bleachers are being inspected and may need to be replaced. Funding for that project may be added to the weight room grant applications.

The boy's basketball team will begin district playoff action Thursday, February 15. The club voted to provide the team with \$100 per day of district and state competition for help with expenses throughout the playoffs. Club members also approved providing a charter bus for any regional

or state playoff trips. Debbie Morgan, with help from Sylvia Sanford, will be in charge of collecting names for the playoff ad in the Heppner Gazette Times.

The club will donate \$50 to Nixyaawii High School Booster Club in memory of student Priscilla Craig, who was killed in an automobile accident in January.

A plaque will be made to honor Butch and Helen Heideman for their years supporting the sports programs at Ione. The plaque will read "Simply the Best - Cardinal Fans Butch and Helen Heideman." They will be honored at the last game against Helix.

The club approved a \$300 grant request from Superintendent Browning to purchase framed motivational posters for the high school. The student body officers will select the posters, which will be placed above the lockers in the hallway.

The following people were thanked for their contributions of time and effort to the club: Anne Morter for putting together and ordering the community calendars; Laurel Cannon for delivering and selling calendars; The Bank of Eastern Oregon for selling calendars and merchandise; Dean Robinson for designing and ordering the sports schedule poster; and Karen Padberg for making the sub sandwich sack meals for visiting teams.

The next meeting of the Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the school library.

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HES reading program held



Pictured are the top ten readers in the Heppner Elementary School reading program Time Out for Reading: Jonathan Chen, Bryce Fowler, Junior Spaulding, Jacob Moore, Sam Woodall, Garrett Robinson, Alana Wilson, Jared Lemmon, Samantha Waddell and Jordan Bailey. The program went on for one month, and the students in grades five and six read a total of 145,753 minutes. Jonathan Chen was the top reader with 13,205 minutes.

Mustang JV girls win two more to end season

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang JV girls ended their 2006-2007 basketball season with a win at Irrigon on Tuesday, February 6, by a score of 37-28 and a win at home against the Stanfield Tigers 46-12 on Friday, February 9. The Mustangs, coached by Chris Rauch, ended up with an 18-2 record.

Emily Thompson had four points and Brynna Rust three as the Mustangs held a 9-6 lead over Irrigon after one but blanked the Knights in the second taking an 18-6 lead at the half. Catherine McElligott had six points in the third as they led 28-14 after three and Kaylee Helfrecht had three points in the fourth as they took the nine-point win.

McElligott led the Mustangs with 10 points with Thompson and Erin Price each adding four points.

The Tigers held an 8-7 lead after one despite four points from McElligott but came back to take an 18-10 lead at the half as Mercedes Garrett had four points and Rust hit a three-pointer in the second. Sarah Milner had six points and McElligott four as they put the game away in the third, increasing their lead to 37-10. The blanked the Tigers in the fourth to take the win.

McElligott finished with eight points, four rebounds, and three steals with Milner adding six points and three steals. Kristen Van Cleave had six points and two steals, Kelsie Fox had 10 rebounds, Melissa West had four steals and three assists, Price had four steals and two assists, Jessica Hughes had three steals and two assists, Rust had six steals, Maggie Armato had five rebounds and Kassi Wilson had two steals.

Heppner 37, Irrigon 26

Heppner 9 9 10 9-37

Irrigon 6 0 8 14-28

Heppner - Catherine McElligott 5 0-0 10, Erin Price 2 0-0 4, Emily Thompson 2 0-0 4, Brynna Rust 1 1-1 3, Kaylee Helfrecht 1 1-2 3, Jessica Hughes 1 0-0 2, Kelsie Fox 1 0-2 2, Mercedes Garrett 1 0-0 2, Torri Lovgren 1 0-0 2, Brandi Hong 0 1-2 1, Melissa West, 17 3-11 37. Three-pointer - none.

Heppner 46, Stanfield 12

Stanfield 8 2 2 0-12

Heppner 7 11 19 9-46

Heppner - McElligott 4 0-2 8, Milner 3 0-0 6, Van Cleave 3 0-0 6, Rust 2 0-0 5, Garrett 1 2-2 4, Hughes 2 1-2 3, Armato 1 1-2 3, Lovgren 1 0-0 2, Fox 0 1-4 1, Hong, West, Helfrecht, 18 9-21 46. Three-pointer - Rust with one.

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