

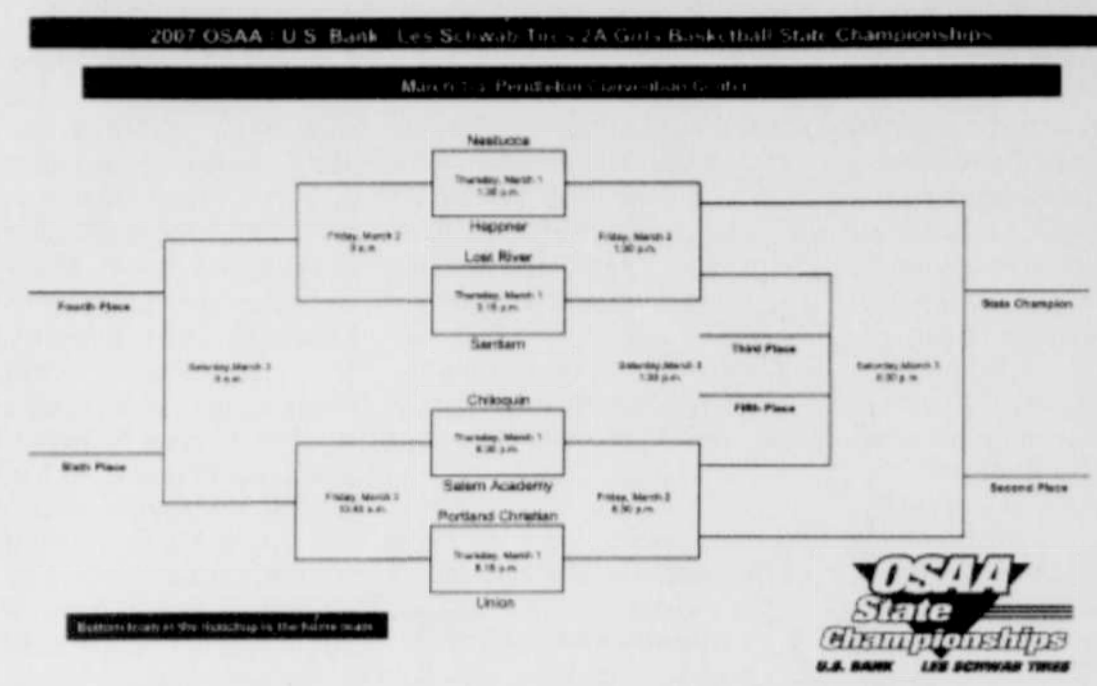
# Mustang girls hold off Cobras 63-51 to advance to second round of state

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang girl's basketball team almost let a 12-point third quarter lead slip away, but hit 8-10 free throws in the final 1:18 to hold off the visiting Central Linn Cobras 63-51 on Saturday, February 24, in the first round of the Les Schwab/US Bank OSAA Class 2A state tournament. The Mustangs, now 21-3, will advance to the final eight at the Pendleton Convention Center and will play Nestucca, the number two seed from the Northwest League at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1. Nestucca beat Lakeview 41-30 on Saturday to advance to Pendleton.

The Mustangs fell behind 3-0 early but finally got going when Aftan Betsinger completed a three-point play and Megan Orr scored on a pass from Lyndi Patton. The teams traded baskets then as Katie Kilkenny fed Orr for a lay-up to make it 7-7. The Mustangs then went on a little run when Kilkenny hit a short jumper, Orr hit two free throws and then fed Amber Patton for a lay-up to make it 13-7. Regi Seitz scored off a rebound as the Mustangs would eventually take a 15-11 lead after one.

They went on a 9-0 run to start the second as Taylor Kempas hit one of two free throws and then fed Amber Patton for a lay-up,



Patton hit two free throws and Orr had back-to-back steals and lay-ups to make it 24-11. The Cobras cut the lead to five before Seitz scored off a rebound and hit a three-pointer to make it 29-19. Seitz hit a running jumper and a long three-pointer as the Mustangs took a 34-25 lead at the half.

The Mustangs stretched their lead to 39-17 early in the third as Betsinger scored off a drive, hit one of two free throws and Kilkenny scored off a pass from Orr. The Cobras came back with an 8-0 run before Seitz hit a three-pointer to make it 42-35. Lyndi Patton hit a three-pointer as the Mustangs took a 45-40 lead into the fourth quarter.

After a Cobra basket to open the fourth, Betsinger scored twice inside to make

it 49-42 but they came back to get within two before the Mustangs would put the game out of reach. Kilkenny scored off a rebound, Lyndi Patton hit three of four free throws, Orr hit two more, and Seitz hit one of two to make it 59-49 with :32.5 left. After a Cobra basket, Orr hit two more free throws and Betsinger scored off a rebound just before the buzzer to close out the scoring.

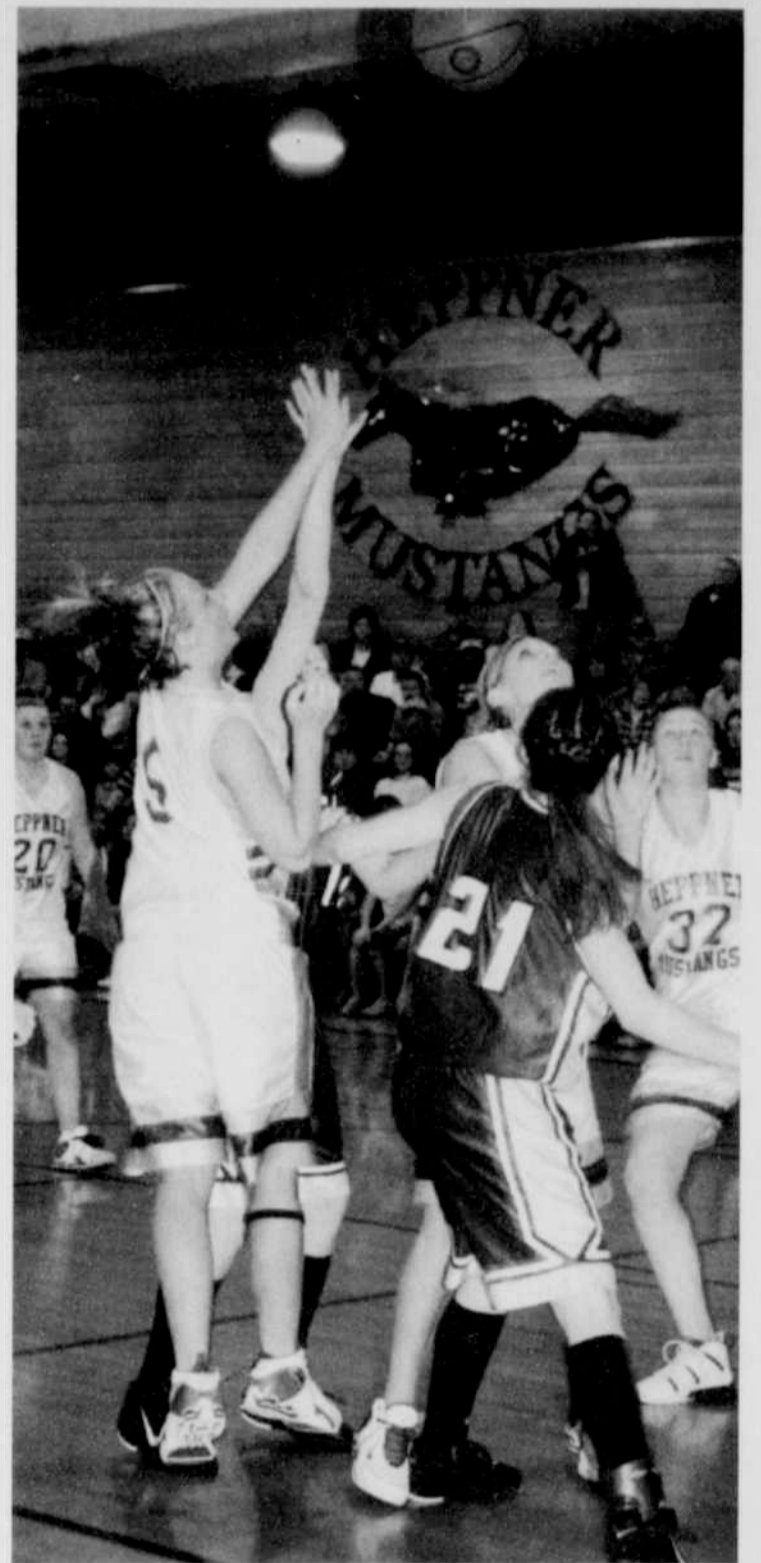
Seitz led three Mustangs in double figures with 16 points, nine rebounds, three steals and two assists. Orr added 14 points, six steals, and four assists, Betsinger had 12 points and seven rebounds, Kilkenny had eight points, eight rebounds and two assists, Lyndi Patton had

four rebounds and three assists, Amber Patton had five rebounds and Kempas had two assists.

Central Linn 11 14 15 11-51  
Heppner 15 19 11 18-63

Central Linn - Modderman 7 7-15 21, Booth 5 6-7 17, Calderou 4 0-2 8, Killinger 2 0-0 4, George 0 1-4 1, Wolfe, Gilbert. 18-57 14-28 51. Three-pointer - Booth.

Heppner - Regi Seitz 6 1-2 16, Megan Orr 4 6-6 14, Aftan Betsinger 5 2-3 12, Katie Kilkenny 3 2-5 8, Lyndi Patton 1 3-4 6, Amber Patton 2 2-2 6, Taylor Kempas 0 1-3 1, Sarah Price, Sherilyn Peck. 21-58 17-25 63. Three-pointers - Seitz with three and L. Patton with one.



Megan Orr puts up a hook shot during the State game against Central Linn Saturday. The Heppner Mustangs take the win 63-51 advancing them to Pendleton Thursday at 1:30 p.m. to play against Nestucca. -Photo by Sandi Matthews

## Mustang boys fall to Loggers to end season

By Rick Paullus

The Heppner Mustang boy's basketball team had their season come to an end at Knappa on Friday, February 23, by a score of 84-67 in the first round of the Les Schwab/US Bank OSAA Class 2A state tournament. The Mustangs, coached by Forest McKinnis, finished the season with a 14-11 record and said goodbye to seniors RJ Farrens, Aaron Allstott, Tony Haguewood, Justin Delveaux, and Brendan McElligott.

The Mustangs trailed just 17-14 after one, getting four points each from Farrens, Delveaux, and

Andre Rauch. The Loggers outscored the Mustangs 29-19 in the second, as Nacho Elguezabal scored eight points, Jared Huddleston hit two three-pointers and Farrens one, and took a 46-33 lead at the half.

Elguezabal had eight more points, Rauch five, and Huddleston hit another three, but the Loggers stretched their lead to 69-51 after three quarters. McElligott had five points, including a three-pointer, Allstott had four points, and Farrens hit a three-pointer in the fourth but the Loggers kept their lead and took the win.

Elguezabal led the Mustangs with 18 points with Farrens adding 12 points and Rauch and Huddleston each adding nine.

Heppner 14 19 18 16-67  
Knappa 17 29 23 15-84

Heppner - Nacho Elguezabal 7 4-5 18, RJ Farrens 4 2-2 12, Andre Rauch 4 1-2 9, Jared Huddleston 3 0-0 9, Aaron Allstott 3 0-0 6, Brendan McElligott 2 0-0 5, Justin Delveaux 2 0-0 4, Lane Bailey 1 0-0 2, Dalton Wellman 1 0-0 2, Tony Haguewood, Sam King. 27 7-9 67. Three-pointers - Huddleston with three, Farrens with two, and McElligott with one.

Knappa - R. Isom 9 0-0 27, Riffe 7 0-0 17, West 7 1-1 15, Baker 4 1-3 9, Aho 2 1-1 5, P. Isom 1 3-4 5, Gjovik 0 2-2 2, Montgomery 1 0-0 2, Boardman 1 0-0 2. 32 8-11 84. Three-pointers - R. Isom with nine and Riffe with three.

## Little League meeting to be held

A Little League meeting being held on Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center. For more information call 676-8469.

## St. Patrick's Day Motocross to be held

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo's St. Patrick's Day Motocross will be held Saturday, March 17, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds. Races will begin at 9 a.m. Admission is \$5 and children six and under may get in for free.

Motorcycle classes are: 50cc (5 and under), 50cc (6+), 65cc (8 and under), 65cc (9+), 80-85cc beginner, 80-85cc expert, 125cc beginner, 125cc expert, 250cc beginner, 250cc expert, combined beginner, combined expert, women's only, and over the hill 40+. Quad classes are: ages 6 and under, ages 7-11, quad beginner, quad expert, women's only, and over the hill 40+. Sponsors for these races are MCGG, Devin Oil, Inc., Ramos Brothers

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Barrel racing will consist of the better of two runs. In the heat races, each rider will ride two races with each race being scored separately and averages based on a point system that will be used to determine the overall winner. There will be no qualifiers.

Entry prices for barrels and heat races are: \$25 each class for 80-85cc and above including women and 40+ (motorcycles); \$10

each class for 50cc and 65 cc (motorcycles) trophy class only; \$25 each class for beginner and expert including women and 40+ (quads); and \$10 each class for age classes up to age 11 (quads) trophy class only. For more information about these races call 541-422-7559, 541-676-5583, and 541-561-5356.

Pit bike races will be held for an entry fee of \$25. The classes are pit bike 110cc and pit bike 50cc. Pit bike races are sponsored by www.madminismx.com. For more information about pit bike races call 509-366-9055.

Signups will begin at 7 a.m., the riders will meet at 8:30 a.m. and the races will start at 9 a.m. There will be no additional signups.

## Morrow County Gun Club news

Twelve shooters enjoyed a nice afternoon at the club.

Singles - Mark Schlichting, 23; Jeff Cutsforth, Harvey Childers, and Steven Crum, 22; and Dick Goodhead, 20.

Sub juniors - Tyrel Walker, 13; John Wilson and Austin Harris, 8.

Annie Oakleys were shot with Goodhead winning one and Rob Ashbeck and Childers each winning two.

The next shoot will be Sunday, March 4, at noon.

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