

Mustang wrestlers compete in first home meet of the season

By Mark Lemmon

The Heppner Mustangs had their first home wrestling meet of the 2007-2008 season on Thursday night. The event was the Heppner Invitational tournament that included Riverside, Umatilla and Union/Powder.

Riverside and Umatilla are 3A schools. Union/Powder is in the OSAA wrestling 2A/1A special district 4 with Heppner.

A total of 40 wrestlers competed in the tournament, of which seven were ranked in the top 10 in their weight and school class. The wrestlers competed in two to four man brackets and wrestled in a round robin format with each competitor facing off individually against all others in the bracket.

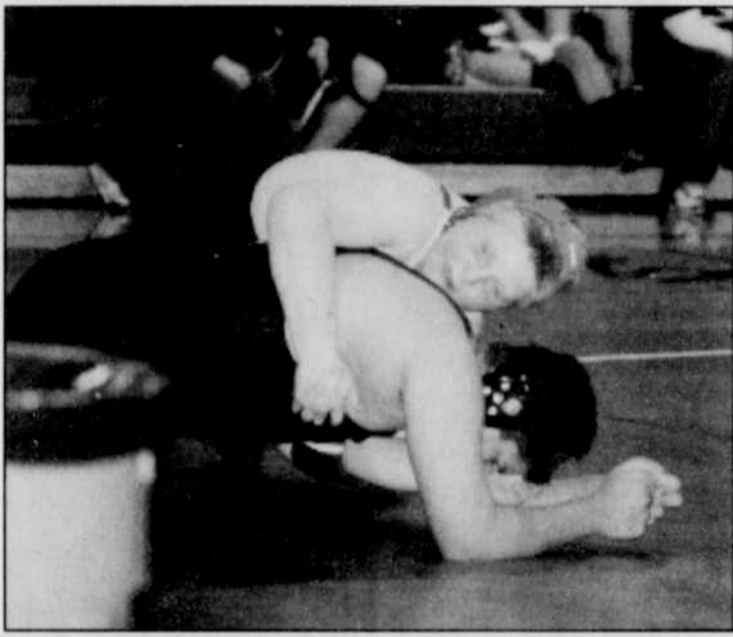
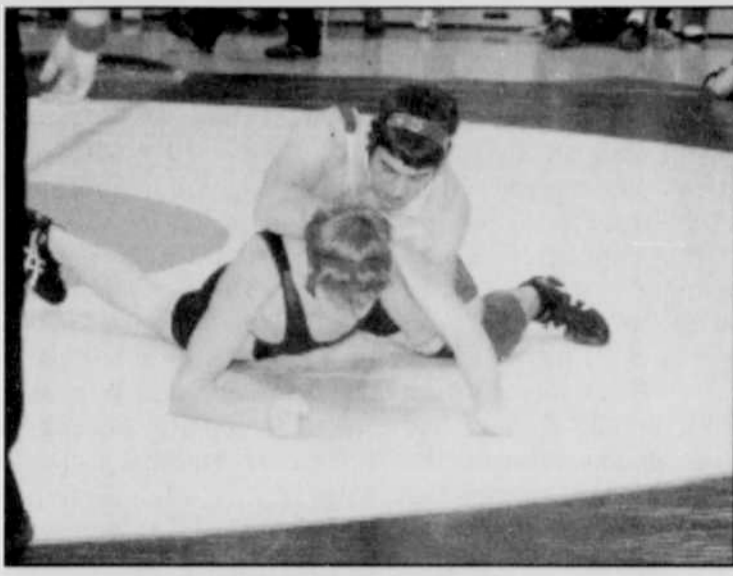
The Mustangs wrestled a combined total of 24 matches, winning eight and losing 16.

"We're moving up to a true varsity schedule this year for the first time," said coach Troy Morgan. "We're facing tough competition and we're taking a few lumps right now, but it will take this program to the next level. These boys are already showing great progress."

Three wrestlers, Chance Day, 145 lbs, Jarreid Miller, 119 lbs, and Grant Smith, 112 lbs, each won two of three matches and placed second in their respective brackets.

Trent Miles and Tyler Robinson both won one out of three matches, placing third in their brackets.

Also competing in the tournament were Dillon Luther, Justin Yocom and Michael Spencer Palmer, Wacy Coil,



Pictured (Top photo to bottom photo) are Spencer Palmer, Justin Yocom, and Jarreid Miller during recent matches this past week. The Mustang wrestlers will be on the road again this weekend. -Photos by Autumn Morgan

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The Heppner wrestling team also traveled to Baker on Saturday to compete in the Baker Dual tournament. A wrestling dual is a team event where teams face off against each other one weight class at a time. Points are scored for the team based on how the individual wrestlers win. Twelve teams competed in the event including 3A Vale, 4A Baker and Parma, Idaho.

Heppner had a tough draw to start the tournament, facing 2006-2007 district champion Elgin in the first round. Of the 10 matches wrestled, the Mustang team won four including pins from Jarreid Miller and Spencer Palmer. Heppner jumped into a quick 6-0 lead after the pin from Palmer in the dual's first match but in the end lost by a score of 24-36.

The Mustangs then had a second round bye before meeting Vale in the double elimination tournament. The dual started out at the 145 pound weight class. Heppner again started out with a 6-0 lead after a pin from Chance Day. Vale won the next three matches before Michael Hawkes added six points to the Heppner total with a pin at 189 pounds. Grant Smith and Jarreid Miller were the only other Mustangs to get wins in the dual, both winning by default. The final score was Heppner 24 Vale 48.

The Heppner wrestling team was back in action Tuesday night at Sherman County and will wrestle again on Saturday at the Union Holiday tournament.

Cardinals come from behind to beat Dufur



Paul Hams takes a shot during Saturday's win over Dufur. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

The Ione Cardinals came from behind in convincing fashion to take a 57-43 win over Dufur on the road Saturday, December 15. Turning up the hustle a notch or two and concentrating on defense in the second half, the Cards shut down the hot-shooting Rangers exhibited in the first half to grab the win in their first league contest of the year.

Trailing 22-30 at the half, the Cards returned to the court and put up seven unanswered points, including a three-pointer and a put-back from Kevin Fowler, to close the gap to one. And while the Cardinals managed to tie the game twice in the third quarter, they couldn't wrestle the lead away from the Rangers. At the end of the quarter, the Cards trailed by three, 35-38.

The momentum shifted Ione's direction in a big way in the fourth quarter. Early on, Matt Hams canned a long two pointer and his brother, Paul, hit a free throw to tie the score at 38. Then Matt Hams got away on a fast break, followed shortly by Alan Rietmann stealing the ball and making a lay-up. Paul Hams hit a jumper and Justin Archer hit a free throw to squeak out a 45-38 lead. With over five

minutes gone in the quarter, Dufur finally put a point on the board, hitting the second of two free throws but the lead of 47-39 didn't feel all that secure. Alan Rietmann then came up big, stealing an inbounds pass, and getting fouled on the shot. With both the bucket and the free throw good, the Cards had a little breathing room. The Rangers were forced to foul, giving the Cards 11 attempts from the free throw line in the last two minutes. When the dust settled, Ione outscored Dufur 22-5 in the final frame to take the win.

Paul Hams led the Cards in scoring with 17 points, nine of those coming in the fourth quarter. Kevin Fowler and Alan Rietmann each added nine and Kip Krebs had eight. Kevin Fowler also had a good night on the boards, leading the team with 10 rebounds. Clay Morter tallied six steals while Paul Hams and Alan Rietmann each had three assists to pace the team.

"The kids played a terrific second half of defense," said Coach Dennis Stefani. "Holding Dufur to 13 second half points was a total team effort. This was a good come-from-behind win."

The Cardinals face a busy week before Christ-

mas, traveling to Riverside on Tuesday, hosting South Wasco County in another league game on Thursday and traveling to Pilot Rock on Friday.

Ione (3-2, 1-0) 11 11 13 22 - 57
Dufur 14 16 8 5 - 43
Ione - Paul Hams 17, Alan Rietmann 9, Kevin Fowler 9, Kip Krebs 8, Justin Archer 6, Matt Hams 6, Clay Morter 2, Cory Peterson, R.J. Ramos, Tanner Rietmann, Matt Coleman, Dalton Campbell.

Ione JV boys lose to Dufur



An Ione player tries to get past Dufur's defense. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

The Ione Boys' JV team watched a halftime tie erode in the second half, losing to Dufur on the road on Saturday, December 15, 32-43.

With the score tied at 18 at the half, Dufur charged out in the third quarter, outscoring the Cardinals 12-5. Dufur widened the gap by four more points in the fourth for the final margin.

Matt Coleman and Gunner Jessen led the Cardinals in scoring with eight points each. Also scoring for Ione was RJ Ramos, Tanner Rietmann and Kevin LaRue with four each and Dalton Campbell and Alex Rietmann with two apiece.

Tanner Rietmann led the rebounding effort with seven. Thomas Holland added six followed by Kevin LaRue with five and Luke Bradfield with four. Dalton Campbell nabbed three steals in the contest.

"We did a lot better running the ball and we started playing much better on defense," said Coach Jim Swanson. "I thought Matt Coleman played a good game and Thomas Holland made a big difference in his play at post. We just need to put four quarters together."

Mustang Wrestling Schedule

Dec. 22 - Elgin Tourney at 11 a.m.
Jan. 5 - Riverside Rumble at 10 a.m.
Jan. 17 - Heppner Invite at 4 p.m.

2007-2008 Mustang Basketball

December 21, 22 - Joseph Tourney, 3 p.m.
December 27 - Riverside at Heppner, 1 p.m.
December 28, 29 - Heppner Tourney, TBA.
January 4 - Enterprise at

Heppner football players make All-State Teams

The names of Oregon football players who made the 2A All-State football teams were recently released. Five players from Heppner made the teams this year. The teams are as follows.

Offense

Quarterback: First Team - Nevin Lewis of Culver; Second Team - Kasey Clemens of Lakeview; Honorable Mention - Cort Cox of Lost River and Nathan Adams of Oakland.

Running Back: First Team - Lane Bailey of Heppner, Christ Haskins of Lost River, and Matt Clemens of Lakeview; Second Team - Travis Copeland of Pilot Rock, Nic Dodson of Oakland, Adrian Rodriguez of Kennedy, and Brock Sarbeck of Scio; Honorable Mention - Adam Sigle of Nestucca, Harold Down of Lakeview, and Sean LaCoste of Central Linn.

Tight Ends: First Team - Dennis Kenney of Heppner; Second Team - Thomas Griffen of Culver; Honorable Mention - Charlie Sutton of Nestucca and Solomon Sturgill of Oakland.

Receivers: First Team - John Pflaum of land Christian and Andrew Young of Oakland; Second Team - Gerald Speas of Culver and Nathan Hernandez of Lost River; Honorable Mention - Cody Hutchin of Portland Christian, Cole Damuth of Lakeview, and Jeff Evangelista of Oakridge.

Offensive Line: First Team - Nacho Elguezabal of Heppner, Andre Rauch of Heppner, Andrew Carlton of Lost River, Aaron Hutchinson of Santiam, and Matt Zachery of Culver; Second Team - Sam Farioto of Union, Washi Collins of Chiloquin, Jacob Cottier of Oakland, Michael Barrett of Oakridge, and Brendan Diedrich of Lakeview; Honorable Mention - Andy Kephart of Oakridge, Matt Allen of Pilot Rock, Andy Sommerville of Corbett, John Benthin of Knappa, Matt Hurliman of Nestucca, Logan Seal of Portland Christian, Joseph Broussard of Lost River, Donovan Gonzalez, of Monroe, Brandon Lindsay of Central Linn, Austin Carlson of Scio, Jordan Lane of Salem Academy, Lucas Dusatko of Lost River.

Defense

Defensive Line: First Team - Nacho Elguezabal of Heppner, Andre Rauch of Heppner, Tyler Ogelsby of Oakridge, and Aaron Hutchinson of Santiam; Second Team - Sam Farioto of Union; Andrew Carleton of Lost River, Sean Howard of Glendale, and Austin Carlson of Scio; Honorable Mention - JJ Porter of Corbett, John Benthin of Knappa, Greg Thompson of Portland Christian, Chad Blanton of Chiloquin, Laramie Heaton of Lost River, Michael Barrett of Oakridge, Jordan Lane of Salem Academy, and Garrett Moritson of Culver.

Linebacker: First Team - Lane Bailey of Heppner, Austin Hobbs of Bonanza, Brendan Diedrich of Lakeview, and Austin Alley of Culver; Second Team - Wacy Coil of Heppner, Travis Copeland of Pilot Rock, Brock Sarbeck of Scio, and Trevor Simmons of Oakland; Honorable Mention - Rob Calloway of Corbett, Peter Schons of Nestucca, Nathan Rowlett of Portland Christian, Damon Lerman of Chiloquin, Harold Down of Lakeview, Zac Brown of Central Linn, Anthony Hammock of Oakridge, and JayJay Dickson of Glendale.

Defensive Back: First Team - Dennis Kenny of Heppner, Matt Clemens of Lakeview, Dakota Mathis of Oakland, and Tyler Warren of Culver; Second Team - Jake Boyd of Oakridge, Chance Bandy of Pilot Rock, Cody Hutchin of Portland Christian, and Cort Cox of Lost River; Honorable Mention - Jordan Kiely of Lakeview, Adam Opie of Monroe, Dylan White of Santiam, Matt Ellis of Stanfield, Tyler Richwine of Nestucca, and Wil Burgess of Elgin.

Special Teams

Punter: First Team - Nathan Hernandez of Lost River; Second Team - Trevor Laurent of Corbett; Honorable Mention - Adrian Rodriguez of Kennedy.

Kicker: First Team - Nathan Hernandez of Lost River; Second Team - Matt Larson of Portland Christian; Honorable Mention - Nevin Lewis of Culver

Special Awards

Defensive Player of the Year: Andre Rauch of Heppner.

Offensive Player of the Year: Nevin Lewis of Culver.

Lineman of the Year: Nacho Elguezabal of Heppner.

Coach of the Year: Kurt Davis of Culver.

Mustangs win first league game



Brent Eckman and Jared Huddleston play solid defense against the Rockets Friday Night. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

Ione Basketball

Schedule
Dec. 20 - South Wasco at Ione, 3 p.m.
Dec. 21 - at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.
Dec. 28 - Pilot Rock at Ione, 3 p.m.
Dec. 29 - Stanfield at Ione, 1 p.m.

Ione Middle School Basketball Schedule

Dec. 20 - at Dufur, 3 p.m.
Jan. 4 - Condon at Ione, 4 p.m.
Jan. 5 - at Fossil, 11 a.m.
Jan. 8 - at Arlington, 4 p.m.