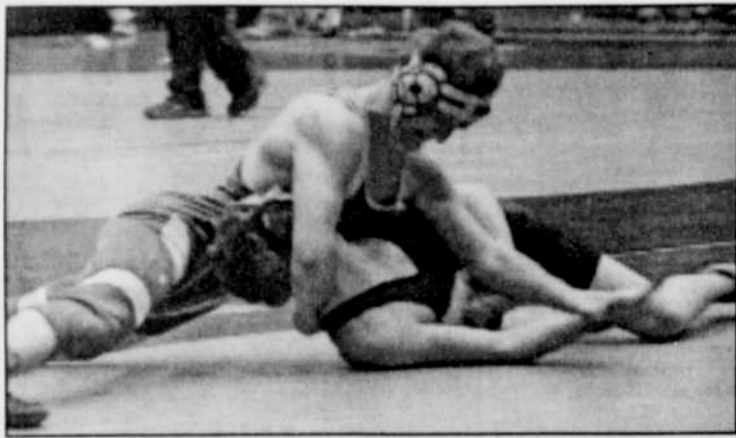


Four Mustangs earn podium placements at Riverside Rumble



By Mark Lemmon

The Mustang wrestling team traveled to Boardman to compete in the Riverside Rumble on Saturday, January 5. The tournament was a 13 team event with teams from 1A through 5A, including a team from Granger, WA that won the tournament.

The Mustangs improved on last year's performance at the same tournament when no wrestlers made it to the placing rounds for Heppner. This year four Mustangs earned places on the podium at the end of the night.

Spencer Palmer was the highest placer for Heppner, earning a bronze medal for third place at 152 pounds. Palmer's only loss on the day was to Trevor Hess of Colton, the number two ranked wrestler in Or-

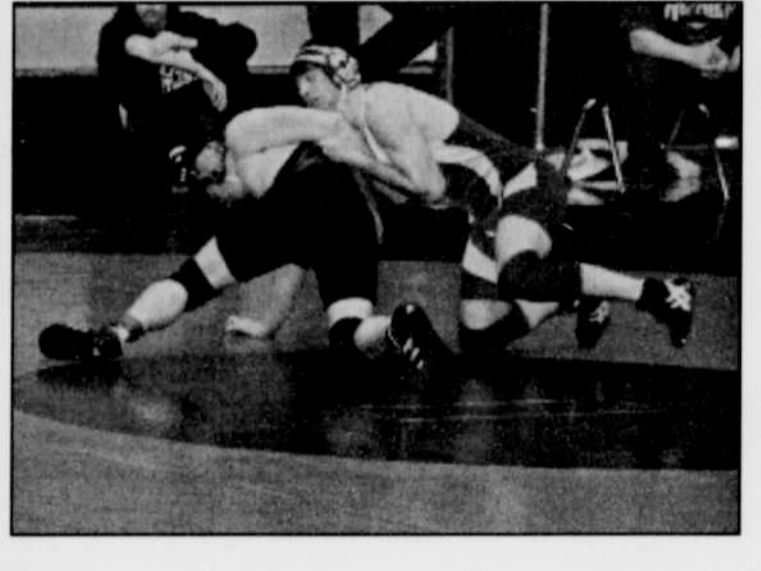
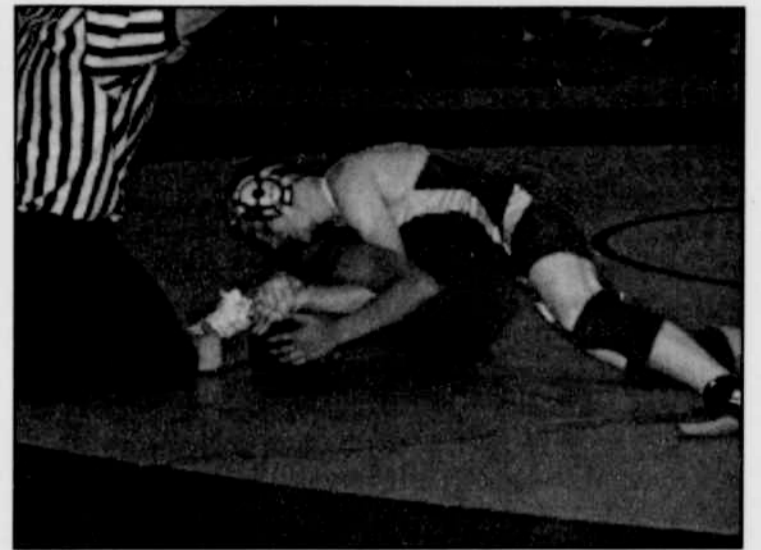
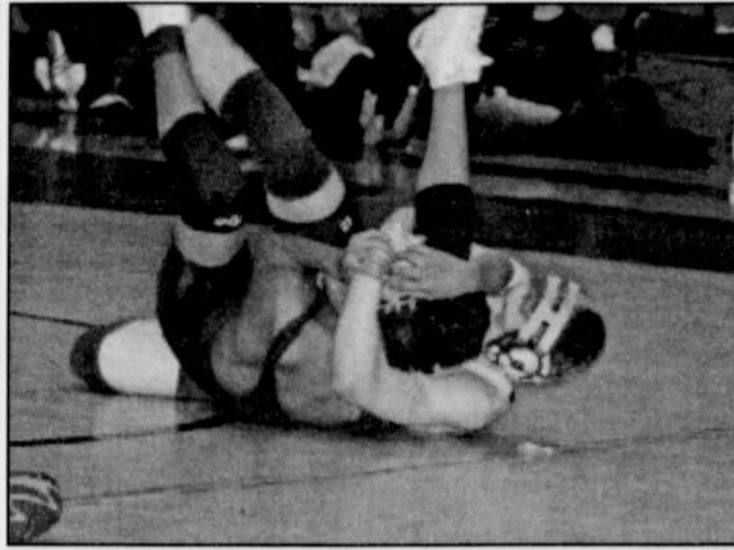
egon class 3A and runner up in the state tournament last year.

Chance Day finished fourth for the Mustangs. Grant Smith and Wacy Coil each placed fifth in their weight classes.

Dillon Lutchter also earned team points for Heppner with a pin over his opponent from Liberty high school, a 5A school in Hillsboro.

Also competing for the Mustangs were Jarreid Miller, Tyler Robinson, Tomás Elguezabal, Justin Yocom and Alex Fuentes. It was Fuentes' first competition as a wrestler.

The Mustangs will have two home meets in January. The first will be on Tuesday evening, January 15, and the second will be on Saturday, January 26.



It was an all day event for the Heppner wrestler who participated in the Riverside Rumber. Four wrestlers earned places on the podium at the end of the day. -Photos by Autumn Morgan

Heppner FFA to host taco feed

The Heppner FFA Chapter will be hosting a taco feed during the basketball games on Saturday, January 12. The feed will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will go through half-time of the varsity boys' game. The cost is \$5 and includes tacos, all the fixings, dessert and a drink.

HJH Wrestling Schedule

January 17 - 4 p.m. at Pendleton.
 January 24 - 4 p.m. at Riverside.
 February 2 - 9 a.m. at The Dalles Tourney.
 February 8 - 4 p.m. at Armand Larive.
 February 12 - 4:30 p.m. at Irrigon.
 February 21 - 4 p.m. at The Dalles.
 February 26 - 4 p.m. at Heppner.
 March 1 - Regional Qualifier (TBA).

Mustang Wrestling Schedule

Jan. 14 - at Irrigon at 4 p.m.
 Jan. 19 - Justin Harjo Invitational at Irrigon at 9 a.m.
 Jan. 24 - Elgin-Irrigon at 6 p.m.
 Jan. 26 - Enterprise-League Dual at noon.
 Feb. 2 - Pine Eagle Tourney at 10 a.m.
 Feb 8-9 - District Championship at Enterprise/Joseph, TBA.

Heppner varsity teams follow JV lead with wins

By Alita Nelson

The Mustang varsity girls basketball team kept it a tight first quarter with the score Elgin 11 and Heppner nine.

By halftime the Heppner girls took the lead scoring 20 points and only letting Elgin score six. The girls continued the scoring run ending the third quarter with a fourteen point lead over Elgin.

Katie Kilkenny scored 14 points, Aftan Betsinger followed with 13, and Megan Orr had 10. Kristen VanCleave scored eight for the night, followed by Catherine McElligott and Jessica Hughes with four each, Taylor Kempas had three, and Kylie Doherty and Brynna Rust rounded it up with two each. The girls took the lead from Elgin in the second quarter and never let Elgin regain it, winning

the game 60 to 43.

During the varsity game, the boys took the lead from the start, scoring 12 points to Elgin's eight.

The boys did not let Elgin get within 17 points the second and third quarter. At the end of the fourth quarter Heppner had a 24 point lead, putting the final score Heppner 65 and Elgin 41.

Leading the team for the night was Nacho Elguezabal scoring 19 points. Jared Huddleston followed with 14, Brent Eckman had 13, AJ Rauch had eight, Lane Bailey had seven, Bryan Holland had three and Braden Britt had one.

Ione JV boys win one, lose one

The Ione boys' JV team split in weekend action, dropping their Friday match with Condon-Wheeler and pulling off an exciting win on the road at Cascade Locks on Saturday to notch their second win of the season.

Against Condon/Wheeler, the JV's had a mid-game letdown where the Knights outscored them

Heppner JV takes the win over Elgin

By Alita Nelson

The Heppner JV girls made a comeback in the second quarter of Saturday's game after Elgin took the lead in the first. Elgin had the girls by five points at the beginning of the second quarter. But at the end of the second quarter Heppner had Elgin by six points and never looked back.

Heppner ended the third quarter with an 18 point lead. Kaylee Helfrecht led the team in scoring with seven, Tori Lovgren had six, Mercedes Garrett and Taighler Dougherty had five, Emily Thompson with four, and the rest of girls scored two points each. The girls

finished their game 39-16, with a 4-2 season.

The Heppner JV boys came out strong the first quarter, scoring 19 points to Elgin's two. And Elgin was not able to catch up in the second quarter with Heppner having 26 points to Elgin's eight.

Bryan Holland scored nine points, Chris Lien was right behind him with eight, Joe Pranger scored seven, Kyle Fuchs and Frank Meyer each scored six, Jordan Hatfield sunk four and Jared Hedman, Alex Pickles, Ian Murray and Devin Robinson all contributed two points to the win of 48 to 23.

35-13 in the second and third quarter. The first and fourth quarters were played almost even but the second and third quarter deficit was too much to overcome. The final score was 56-33 in favor of the Knights.

Tanner Rietmann and RJ Ramos shared team scoring honors with 11 points each. Alex Rietmann added five, Kevin LaRue had four and Dalton Campbell and Gunner Jessen each had one.

RJ Ramos led the team with three assists while Gunner Jessen and Tanner Rietmann each had four steals. Rietmann also led the rebounding effort with seven. Alex Rietmann helped out with five and Luke Bradford had four.

"It was a good team effort on both ends," said Coach Jim Swanson. "We had good defense, rebounding, hustle and passing." He was especially pleased that the team kept their turnovers down in the game.


An exciting finish brought the crowd to its feet as the JV team won their first game of the New Year at Cascade Locks on January 6. With under a minute to go, Marco Juarez went to the line to shoot two. Con-

necting on one, the score was a seemingly safe 36-32. However, the Pirates hustled to their end of the court and connected on a three pointer to make it a one point game, 36-35. With 2.6 seconds on the clock, Gunner Jessen was fouled as he tried to hold the ball until time expired. Jessen made the first but it was Thomas Holland crashing the boards for a picture perfect offensive rebound and putback at the buzzer that sealed the young Cardinals' 39-35 win.

Gunner Jessen led the team in scoring with 11. Also scoring for Ione was Tanner Rietmann with ten, RJ Ramos with nine, Kevin LaRue with four, Alex Rietmann and Thomas Holland with two each and Marco Juarez with one.

In other statistical categories, Tanner Rietmann led the team with eight rebounds and RJ Ramos and Marco Juarez each had four assists.

"It was a great win," said Coach Jim Swanson. "We needed this game to get back on track." He was delighted that the team controlled the tempo and handled the ball well with just 14 turnovers in the contest.



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By DAVID SYKES
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