

Heppner Jr. High wrestlers kick off season

By Mark Lemmon

The Heppner Jr. High wrestling team got its season underway on January 17 in a tournament in Pendleton. The Jr. Mustangs showed what the future of wrestling in Heppner will look like as they faced teams from middle schools in Pendleton, Hermiston, La Grande, Milton Free-water, Irrigon and Heppner. Combined, the team won 19 matches and lost 20.

Middle school teams do not compete based on school size. Wrestlers from all schools in the region contend in an Eastern Oregon qualifying tournament at the end of the season for the opportunity to go to state and compete against the best middle school wrestlers at their weight class in Oregon.

Aidan Wright and Garrett Gibbs led the team by winning all of their matches and placing first in their brackets. After easily winning his first two matches with pins, Wright won his final match in a close one point decision. Gibbs won



Josh Williams and John Nelson take wins with pins. -Photo by Alita Nelson

two bouts by pin and one by forfeit.

Austin Harris, Jared Lemmon, John Nelson and Josh Williams all finished second in their weight classes.

Andrew Bara, competing in his first ever wrestling tournament, won third place. Junior Spaulding,

Cody Nelson, Justin Peck and Curtis Martin also won matches for Heppner. Also competing for the Mustangs were Earl Prophet, Alex Smith and Conner Pappas. The junior high wrestling team's next scheduled tournament will be on January 24 in Boardman.

Ione boys fall to Condon-Wheeler

The Ione Boys suffered a loss on the road against league rival, Condon-Wheeler, last Friday night, falling 59-50. In a game where the Cardinals never led, Ione was frustrated with Condon-Wheeler's revised defense that limited penetration in the paint. The loss gave the Knights sole possession of first place in the Big Sky East.

The Cards looked flat in the early going as the Knights ran out to a 17-8 first quarter lead. Paul Hams hit a three pointer 15 seconds into the second followed soon after by a three by Matt Hams to pull the Cards back into the game. With 5:17 on the clock, Matt Hams hit a jumper to narrow the lead to three, 19-16. The Knights fired back with a bucket and a free throw before Kevin Fowler hit a pair of free throws and followed with a basket to narrow the lead to 22-20. Condon-Wheeler scored the last four points in the half to take a 26-20 lead at halftime.

The Cards opened the third quarter with a Clay Morter jumper followed by a full-court lay in after a steal by Paul Hams to pull within two. Condon-Wheeler responded with a couple of scores before Paul Hams hit a three to again narrow the lead to two with 5:15 on the clock. Kip Krebs was fed a nice pass from Justin Archer to tie the game at 30 with 4:35 left in the third quarter. The Knights hit another before Clay Morter assisted a Kevin Fowler shot to tie the game again. The Knights hit a pair of three-pointers and



Kip Krebs takes a shot against Condon-Wheeler on Friday night. The Cardinals lost the game 59-50. -Photo by Theresa Crawford

three free throws to finish the quarter, offset by a Matt Hams three and a driving lay in by Paul Hams. The quarter ended with the Cards trailing 41-37.

In the fourth quarter, the Knights took 17 trips to the free throw line, converting 13 while the Cardinals never got near the place. The Cards had six field goals to the Knights two in the final frame but the lopsided free-throws were the difference in the game.

Paul and Matt Hams had thirteen points each for the Cardinals. Kevin Fowler and Clay Morter had eight

HJH Wrestling Schedule

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

Feb. 2 - Pine Eagle Tourney at 10 a.m.
Feb 8-9 - District Championship at Enterprise/Joseph, TBA.

Heppner hosts Weston-McEwen

By Alita Nelson

The JV girls fought hard and all the way through the game to pull a win from the Weston-McEwen Tigers.

In the first quarter the teams were tied at four but by the half Heppner had pulled away by three, putting a half-time score of Mustangs 13 and Tiger-Scots 10. The Tiger-Scots came out and scored 17 points in the second half, but it wasn't enough to beat the Mustangs. The final score was Heppner 28 and Weston McEwen 27.

Brynna Rust led the team with 10 point. Kasey Wilson and Keshwana Telamantes each scored six with Wilson pulling down six rebounds and getting four steals for the night. Kaylee Helfrecht and Lindsay Cutsforth each had two points, and Taighler Dougherty had one to help seal the Mustang win.

The JV boys were unable to stop the Tiger-Scots from taking the lead before the half. With a half-time score of Mustangs 16 and Tiger-Scots 30, it meant that the Mustangs had a lot of work to do. In the second half Heppner outscored Weston-McEwen by 11 points, but it wasn't enough to catch the lead, putting the final score Heppner 46 and Weston-McEwen 49.

Chris Lien scored 15, Jordan Hatfield had 10, Ian Murray scored six, Bryan Holland had five, Alex Pickles scored four and Jared Hedman, Kyle Fuchs and Dan White each scored two for the night.

The varsity girls were outscored by three points in the first quarter by the Tiger-Scots, but that only fueled the fire for the girls to come back and take the lead in the second quarter and never give it up. The Mustangs beat the Tiger-Scots with a 10 point lead, leaving the final score as Heppner 49 and Weston-McEwen 39.

Katie Kilkenny scored 15 points, Megan Orr sunk in 14, Taylor Kempas had six and Kylie Doherty scored four for the night. Both Brynna Rust and Jessica Hughes put in three points and Catherine McElligott and Kristen VanCleave each scored two for the night.

The varsity boys took the lead early in the game and held onto it until Weston McEwen tied the game at half. With a half time score of 31 all, the mustangs came out of the locker fired up to take their lead back. By the third quarter they had done that with a six point lead, and then pulling that lead to a 13 point gain putting the final score at Heppner 66 and Weston McEwen 53.

Jared Huddleston was the lead scorer for the night with 18 and Nacho Elguezabal right behind him with 17 points for the night. Lane Bailey put in 13, and AJ Rauch sunk eight points. Brent Eckman scored five, Bryan Holland and Jordan Hatfield each scored two and Braden Britt scored one point for the night, helping the Mustangs keep the win away from Weston McEwen.

Heppner JV girls lose to Irrigon, JV boys take the win on the 14th

By Alita Nelson

The Heppner JV girls fought hard to keep the first quarter lead on Monday, January 14, in the Irrigon gym. But, it just wasn't enough to keep the Knights down.

Taighler Dougherty led the girls on scoring and steals with eight points and 10 steals for the night. Kaylee Helfrecht, Tori Lovgren and Keshwana Talamantes each scored six points and Keshwana and Tori each pulled down 10 rebounds. Kasey Wilson scored four points with seven steals for the night. The final score was Heppner 30, Irrigon 34.

The JV boys started behind in the first half with Irrigon leading by eight. But, by the end of the third quarter the boys took the lead and never looked back.

Ian Murray led the Mustangs with 13 points for the night. Dan white added eight, and Jared Hedman and Kyle Fuchs each scored seven. Frank Meyer put in and Alex Pickles scored five, leaving a final score of Heppner 46 and Irrigon 41.

Ione Basketball Schedule

Feb. 1 - at Nixyaawii, 3 p.m.
Feb. 5 - Central Christian at Ione, 1 p.m.
Feb. 8 - Helix at Ione, 3 p.m.
Feb. 9 - at Arlington, 1 p.m.
Feb. 14-16 - District Tournament at Umatilla, TBA
Feb. 19 - Boys first round regional, TBA
Feb. 20 - Girls first round regional, TBA
Feb. 22 - Boys second round regional, TBA
Feb. 23 - Girls second round regional, TBA
Feb. 27-March 1 - State Tournament at Baker City, TBA

Ione Middle School Basketball Schedule

Feb. 2 - at Helix (girls), 9 a.m.
Feb. 8 - Fossil at Ione, 11 a.m.
Feb. 9 - Sherman Tourney at Moro, 10 a.m.

Condon-Wheeler outscore Lady Cards

After trailing by as many as 15 points late in the fourth quarter, the Ione Lady Cardinals made it close in their Friday match up with league rival, Condon-Wheeler. Outscoring the Lady Knights 19-12 in the final quarter, Ione got to within seven points before running out of time on the upset. Condon-Wheeler prevailed in the game 46-39.

The Lady Cards got the first points on the board thanks to a scoreboard technical and Emily Rietmann hitting both free throws. Shots by Beth Morter and Teonna Vandever kept Ione close in the early going. However, Condon-Wheeler went on an 8-0 run to finish the first quarter up 14-6. In the second quarter, Kylee Svetich had four points and Tiana Camarillo and Brenna Rietmann put in two each. Ione outscored Condon-Wheeler 8-7 in the period and went to the locker room at halftime trailing 21-14.

The Lady Knights started the third quarter with an 8-0 run and finished it with a 5-0 run, allowing Ione six points in the interim to stretch out their lead at the end of three, 34-20. But the Lady Cards hit seven field goals to Condon-Wheeler's two and connected on 5-7 free throws to close the fifteen point gap to the final margin of seven. Kylee Svetich and Emily Rietmann each had six points in the quarter to lead the team.

Kylee Svetich and Emily Rietmann led the team in scoring with 10 points each. Beth Morter added nine, Brenna Rietmann had five, Tiana Camarillo and Teonna Vandever had two each and Tori Heagy added one.

"We played well at times during the game but did not have an answer for Megan Greenfield in the post. Even with Greenfield getting her points, I thought we played good team defense overall," said Coach Ryan Rudolf. "We struggled at times on offense, especially at the start of the third quarter when they scored the first seven points and took a 14 point lead. But the girls didn't give up and battled back to make it close at the end." "We have played well the last few games and hopefully we can get over the hump and get some victories next week."

2007-2008 Mustang Basketball

February 1 - Union at Heppner, 3 p.m.
February 2 - Weston McEwen at Athena, 1 p.m.
February 5 - Irrigon at Heppner, 3 p.m.
February 8 - Stanfield at Stanfield, 3 p.m.
February 15, 16 - District at Pendleton, TBA.

Heppner Junior High Boys/Girls Basketball Schedule

January 31 - Pendleton at Pendleton (G-A/B) at 4 p.m.
February 2 - Heppner Tourney (G-A/B) at 9 a.m.
February 9 - Sherman at Sherman (Girls A) at 10 a.m.

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February 6 - 7 - 8
from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

at the Heppner Neighborhood Center

Boys - ages 5-12
Girls - ages 5-14

are eligible to enroll to play
T-Ball, Minors & Majors Baseball,
and Softball

Cost: \$30 per participant or \$60 for family



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