

Mustang wrestlers compete in district tournament

By Mark Lemmon

The Heppner Mustangs wrestling team traveled to Joseph for the Special District IV tournament on February 8 and 9. The Mustangs took 13 wrestlers to the tournament filling nine of the 14 weight classes.

Last year the Mustangs had one placer and finished ninth out of 10 teams by scoring a total of 23 points in the tournament. The team improved substantially over that performance by placing six wrestlers in the top six and scoring 66.5 points.

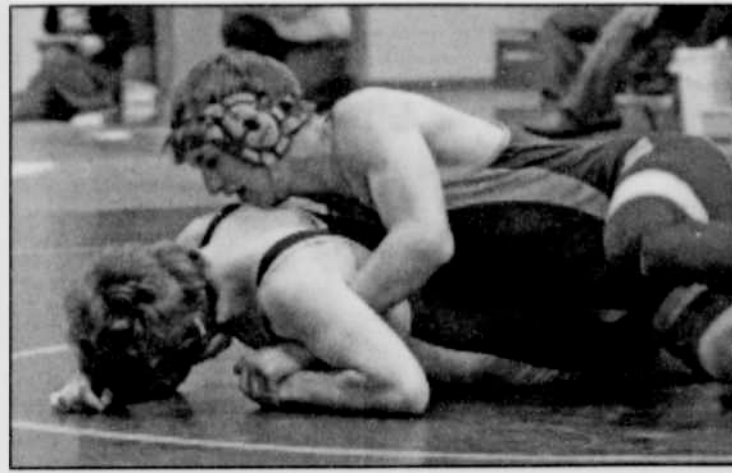
Heppner's highest placer was sophomore Chance Day who repeated his third place finish from last year. Day made it to the semi finals on Saturday morning before losing to the eventual district champion Matt Holloway from Crane, a returning district champion and fourth place finisher at state in 2007. It was Day's only loss in the regular tournament.

Because only two competitors from each weight class advance to state, there is a wrestle off between the third place and second place finishers at the conclusion of the regulation tournament matches if the two have not previously met at districts. Day had a wrestle off against Colton Ketcher, the second place finisher also from Crane. The Crane senior prevailed in the bout and won the right to return to the state tournament for his second time.

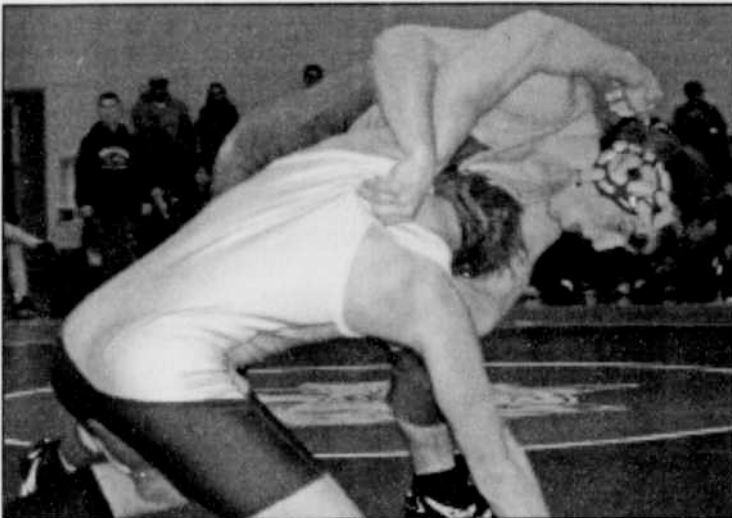
Sophomores Jared Miller, Dillon Lutchter, and



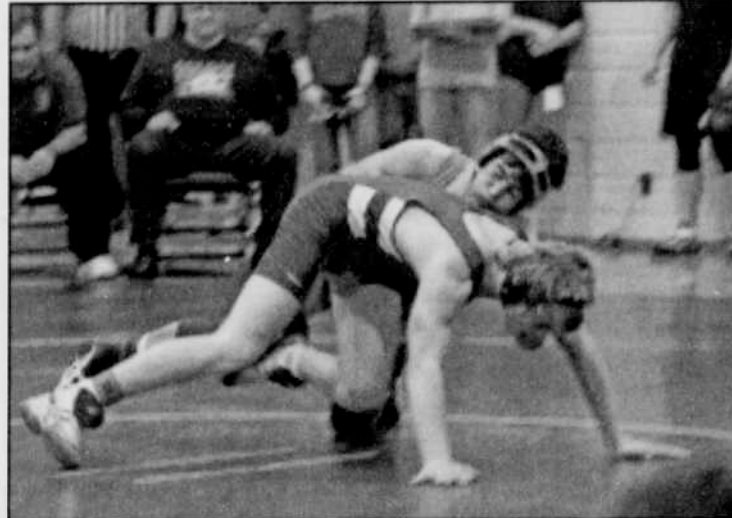
Dillon Lutchter tangles with an opponent. -Photo by Autumn Morgan



Wacy Coil takes his opponent to the ground. -Photo by Autumn Morgan



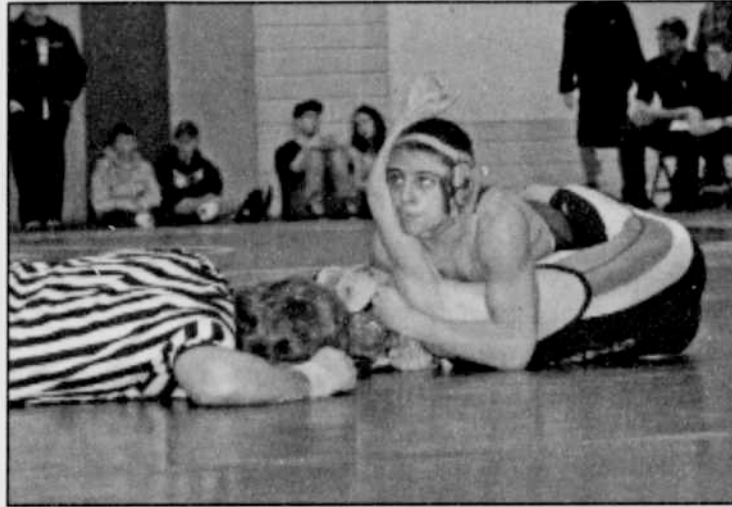
Chance Day placed third in his weight class. -Photo by Autumn Morgan



Spencer Palmer works on taking down his opponent. -Photo by Autumn Morgan



Grant Smith wears down his opponent. -Photo by Autumn Morgan



Jarreid Miller works on pinning his competitor. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

Wacy Coil all brought home fifth place medals from the tournament.

Junior Spencer Palmer and Senior Taylor Hodges both won medals for sixth place. Hodges only began wrestling in the second half of the season this year.

Grant Smith, Tyler Robinson, Trent Miles, Jordan Wright, Michael Hawks, Justin Yocom and Alex Fuentes also competed for Heppner. Miles is one of the only two seniors that finished his wrestling career for the Mustangs this weekend.

"I'm really proud of these boys and the effort they put out this year," said head coach Troy Morgan. "Wrestling is the oldest and one of the toughest sports in the world. It teaches many lessons that will have a positive impact on the rest of their lives. Just to come out and finish the season says a lot about the character of these young men. We set a team goal to have six placers. We met that and scored nearly three times the number of points in the district tournament as last year. That's quite an accomplishment for such a young team. We're really going to miss our seniors next year, but we're also going to welcome back a lot of returning veterans with some valuable experience."

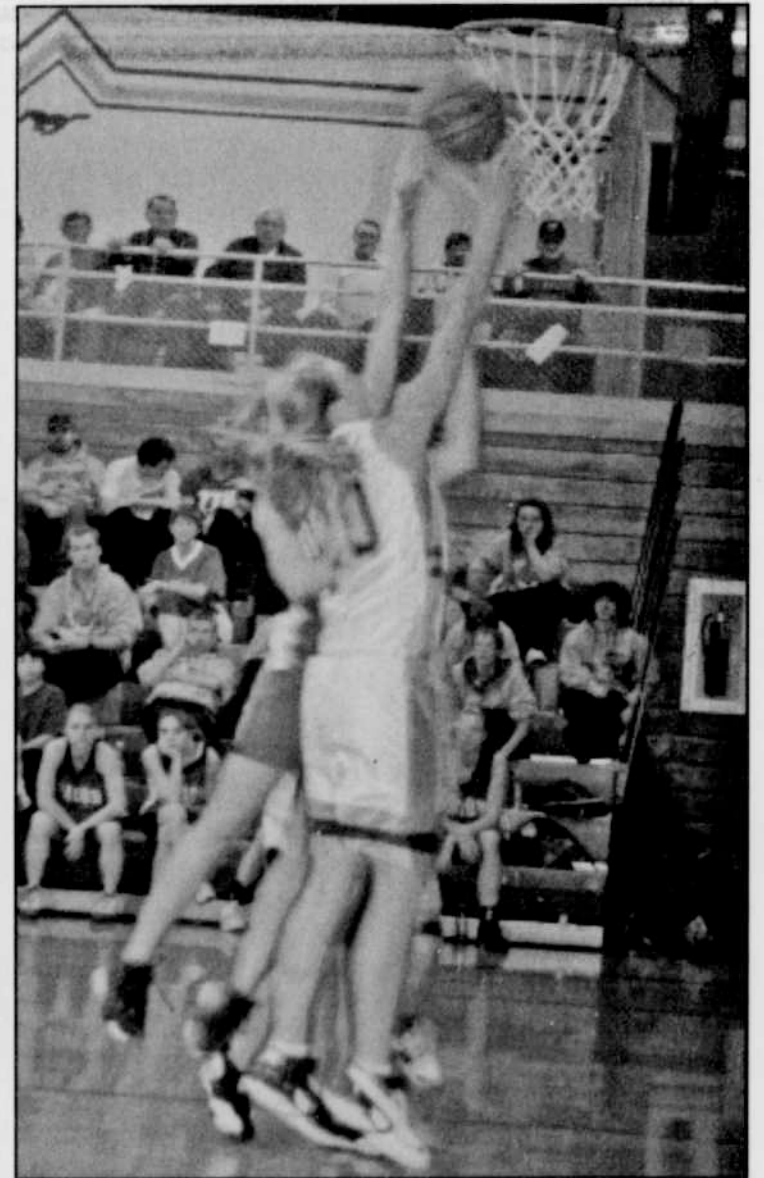
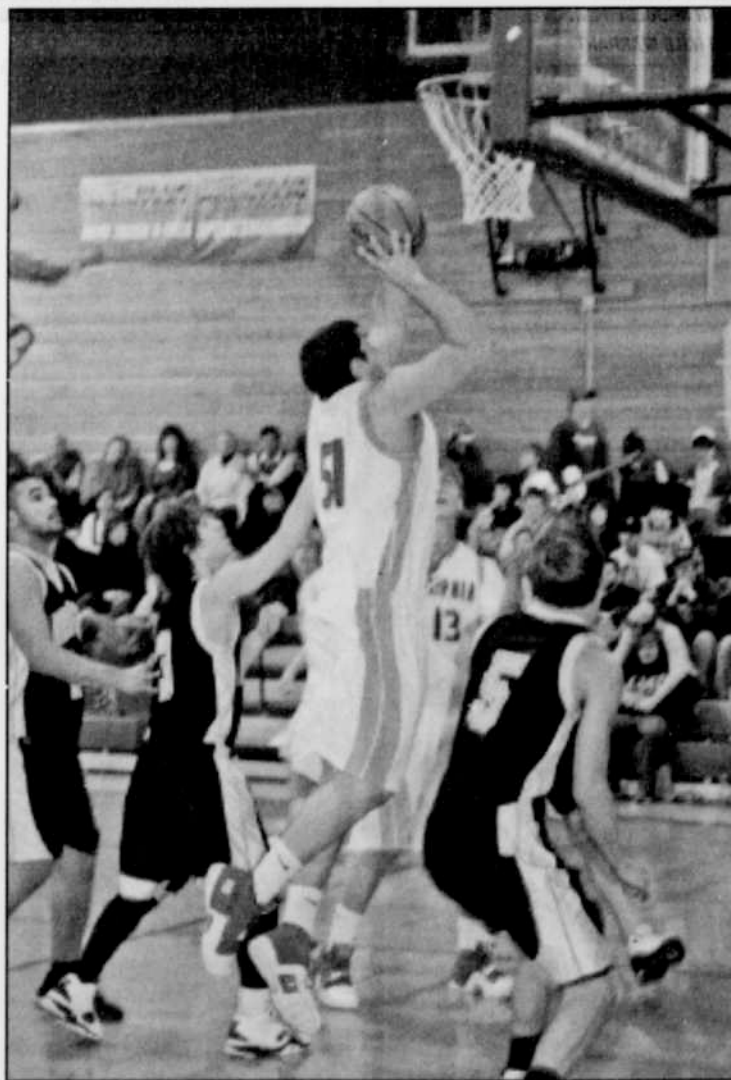
Crane was the Special District IV champion, finishing ahead of last year's champion Elgin by just three points to win their first district championship.

Heppner Varsity Baseball Schedule HHS basketball teams to compete in playoff action

- March 11 - Pendleton JV in Pendleton, 4 p.m.
- March 14 - Grant Union Tourney, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- March 18 - at Baker, 2 p.m.
- March 21 - Dufur at home, 2 p.m.
- March 25 - Santiam at home, 1 p.m.
- March 29-30 - at Colfax Tourney.
- April 1 - Mac Hi at home, 2 p.m.
- April 5 - Irrigon at home, 11 a.m.
- April 8 - at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m.
- April 12 - at Weston-McEwen, 11 a.m.
- April 15 - Stanfield at home, 4:30 p.m.
- April 19 - BYE
- April 22 - at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.
- April 26 - Pilot Rock at home, 11 a.m.
- April 29 - Weston McEwen at home, 4:30 p.m.
- May 3 - at Stanfield, 11 a.m.
- May 6 - Cross-over #3 vs. #2, TBA
- May 10 - District Tournament in Pendleton

HJH Wrestling Schedule

- February 21 - 4 p.m. at The Dalles.
- February 26 - 4 p.m. at Heppner.
- March 1 - Regional Qualifier (TBA).



Heppner High School basketball teams will be competing in the first round of state playoff action this weekend. The girls' team will be playing in Heppner at 6 p.m. on Friday against Chiloquin. The boys' team will be traveling to Lakeview and will compete on Saturday. For more information visit www.osaa.org. -Photos by Sandy Matthews and Alita Nelson

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REALTOR

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Robert Heideman and Helen Woody were married at her parents' farm in Connell, Wash. on February 22, 1948. The family would like to invite you to a 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION in their honor on February 24, 2008 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. Please stop in at the American Legion Hall in Lone and reminisce. No gifts, please!

Happy 60th Anniversary!
Robert & Helen Heideman