

## Mustang girls continue in bid for state title

By Matt McCabe

The Heppner Varsity Girl's basketball got their ticket to the State Championship Tournament in Pendleton with a dominating win over the Chiloquin Queens 66-39.

The Mustang girls showed pride and determination on the floor with their execution and discipline on the court. The Mustang girls will progress their hopeful road to a championship at 3:15 on Wednesday against Santiam at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Chiloquin 7 7 13 12 39

Heppner 13 18 17 18 66

Heppner: Megan Orr 17, Katie Kilkenny 17, Aftan Betsinger 10, Kristen Van Cleave 10, Taylor Kempas 3, Jessica Hughes 2, Kylie Doherty 2, Mercedes Garrett 2, Torri Lovgren 2, Erin Price 1, Catherine McElligott, Brynna Rust.

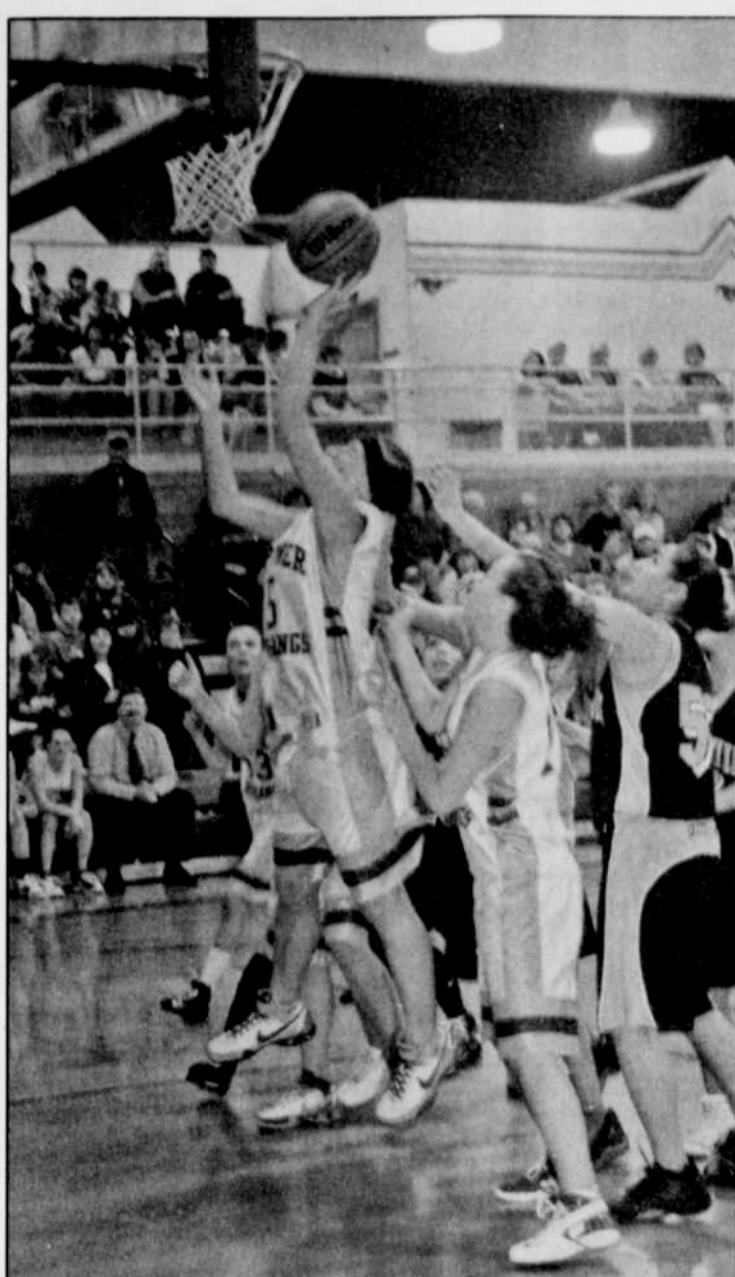
Rebounds: Kilkenny 17

Assists: Orr 9

Threes: Orr 2, Kempas 1

Free throws: Chiloquin 6-14

Heppner: 15-22



Senior Megan Orr takes the shot for a total of 17 points against the Queens Friday in Heppner. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

## Second annual Donkey Basketball held at HHS



Pictured are the students and staff that participated in second annual Donkey Basketball game held at HHS.

By Jeannie Collins

If you did not attend the second annual Donkey Basketball on February 9<sup>th</sup>, you missed a fast paced, hilarious, fun filled event. Riders with no control, donkeys bucking and riders falling off, all while trying to make a basket made for a truly entertaining and comical event.

The object of the game was to score as many points as possible by making baskets. However, these were not just ordinary made baskets. In order for the basket to count one had to shoot it from the back of their donkey. This does not sound like a very difficult thing to do, however, it is a lot harder than one would think. Not only do you have the other team trying to steal, or swat the ball out of your hands (while try-

ing to innocently knock you off at the same time), you have to try to get your donkey near the basket so that you can shoot. As you may well now, donkeys can be stubborn. They do not neck reign, nor do they pay attention to leg cues. They do whatever their owners have taught them and that is through cues that come from their owners who are the referees tapping a stick and chasing the donkeys down the court. The rider has absolutely no control.

Needless to say it was a free for all with riders and donkeys totally out of control. Somehow baskets were made. The HHS staff team "OLD" was outnumbered as many of the staff members were away for training, but they put up a good fight. The final score was Students 22 and Staff 14.

## Heppner boys end basketball season in Lakeview

By Alita Nelson

In Lakeview, the speed of the Honkers trumped the size of the Mustangs and Lakeview earned a trip to the Class 2A state tournament.

Down by 16 headed into the final frame, Heppner pushed back hard and cut the deficit to five points with just over two minutes to play. The rally came on four consecutive hit three-pointers by Jared Huddleston and Lane Bailey, and an exclamation point dunk by A.J. Rauch.

Coach Forest McKinnis complimented the play

of Rauch, who had to step up with Lakeview clamping down on fellow post Nacho Elguezabal. Rauch finished with a team-high 19 points.

Lakeview shot an impressive 12 of 14 from the free throw line, including crucial shots late to seal it up in the fourth quarter. "I can't say we didn't play well," McKinnis said. "We just had a hard time matching up with their team speed, and they took advantage of it."

Casey Clemens led Lakeview with 22 points.

Heppner 9 12 11 26 - 58

Lakeview 15 16 17 20 - 68

Heppner - Jarred Huddleston 11, Lane Bailey 14, A.J. Rauch 19, Braden Britt 4, Nacho Elguezabal 10, Bryan Holland, Brent Eckman, Chris Lien, Nathan VanCleave.

Lakeview - Casey Clemens 22, Cole Bietrkt 8, Jordan K. 20, Brandon B. 2, Matt. Clemens 6, Harold Downs 6, Jonathan S. 4.

Three-point field goals - Heppner 6, Lakeview 4. Free throws - Heppner 6-13, Lakeview 12-14. Fouls - Heppner 16, Lakeview 16.

## HHS boys' basketball season comes to end

By Nathan Van Cleave

The Heppner boys' basketball team met their match Saturday when they traveled to Lakeview to play the fighting Honkers in the first round of state playoffs.

Lakeview finished their season first in league lining them up to play Heppner, who finished third in the Blue Mountain Conference. The Mustangs played a hard fought game but did

not have the momentum necessary to shut down their opponents losing the game 66-56.

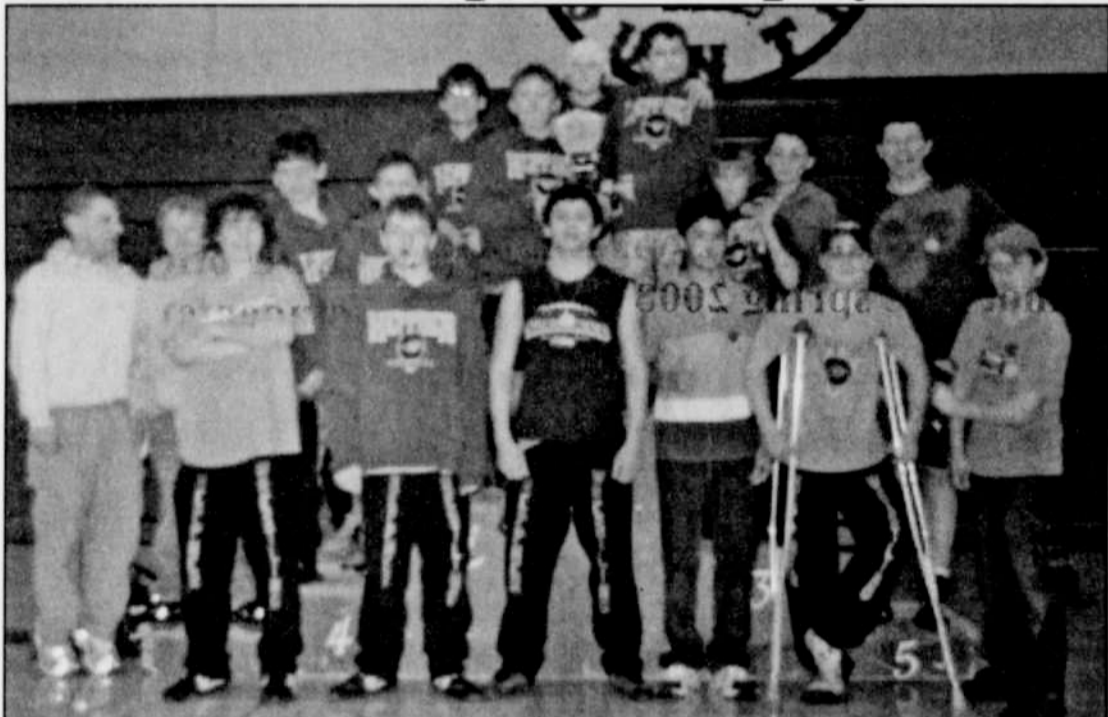
Although down by a considerable amount in the third quarter Heppner rallied together sinking three consecutive three pointers bringing the point difference within five. Heppner held this difference right up until the end of the game but was not able to narrow the margin enough to pull

out a win.

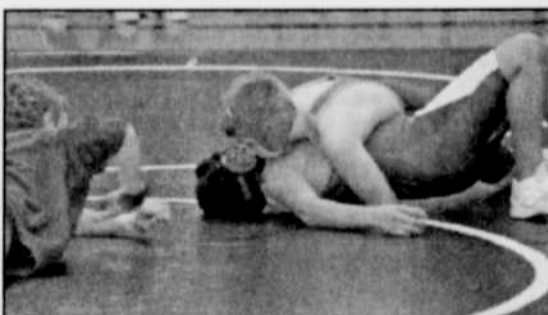
The game, however, was topped off on a positive note when senior Andre Rauch drove past his defending player and slam dunked the ball over a Honker player leaving Lakeview silent.

Even though the Heppner boys would have liked to advance further into the playoffs they played a great game and ended strong.

## Junior High wrestlers bring home second place trophy



Heppner Junior High Wrestling team took home the second place trophy from the Grant Union meet. Pictured are the junior high wrestlers with their coach, Mark Lemmon.



Alex Smith pins his opponent.



Cody Nelson works on getting the pin.

## Heppner Varsity Baseball Schedule

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.

## Baseball season starts off at HHS

By Chris Hendricks

This year is looking good for our baseball team. Practice has begun and the students have signed up to play, roughly 30 students signed up. Most of last years' members have returned and are excited about the new season. Sadly we had to say goodbye to three of our players when they graduated last year, so now three positions are opened up to any player who's good enough to get the spots.

This season should be a good one, seeing as we

have two foreign exchange

students playing this year, Mo (Pongvit Chotvijit) and HeeYoung. This will be their first year of ever playing the sport and they are both very excited about it. "I really

enjoy all the practices," said Mo who's a junior this year coming from Thailand.

Mr. Morgan, assistant coach of the baseball team, thinks we'll be having a good year, hopefully better than last year. Practices

started February 19<sup>th</sup> and are still being continued everyday at the Beef Barn at the fairgrounds. Practice is from 4 to 6 p.m., everyday. "When the field dries a little, then we'll take practice up there," explained Mr. Morgan.

Heppner's first varsity game will be held in Pendleton at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. Then on March 18, our JV will be playing in Baker at 2 p.m. These games will be great, so come and cheer for our teams.

## Heppner JV Baseball Schedule

March 18 - at Baker, 2 p.m.  
 March 20 - at Weston, 4 p.m.  
 March 24 - at Nixyaawii, 3 p.m.  
 March 31 - Pilot Rock at home, 4:30 p.m.  
 April 2 - at Stanfield, 2 p.m.

## Heppner baseball teams to play fundraiser game

Come watch the Heppner baseball teams scrimmage in the first annual Hundred Inning Game. This will be a fast paced game that will take place on March 5 and 6 at 4 p.m. The game is a fundraiser to pay for team equipment.

Contact any baseball player if you would like to support the team. For more information about the fundraiser, contact Troy Morgan at 676-9138.

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 2006 Pinot Noir

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