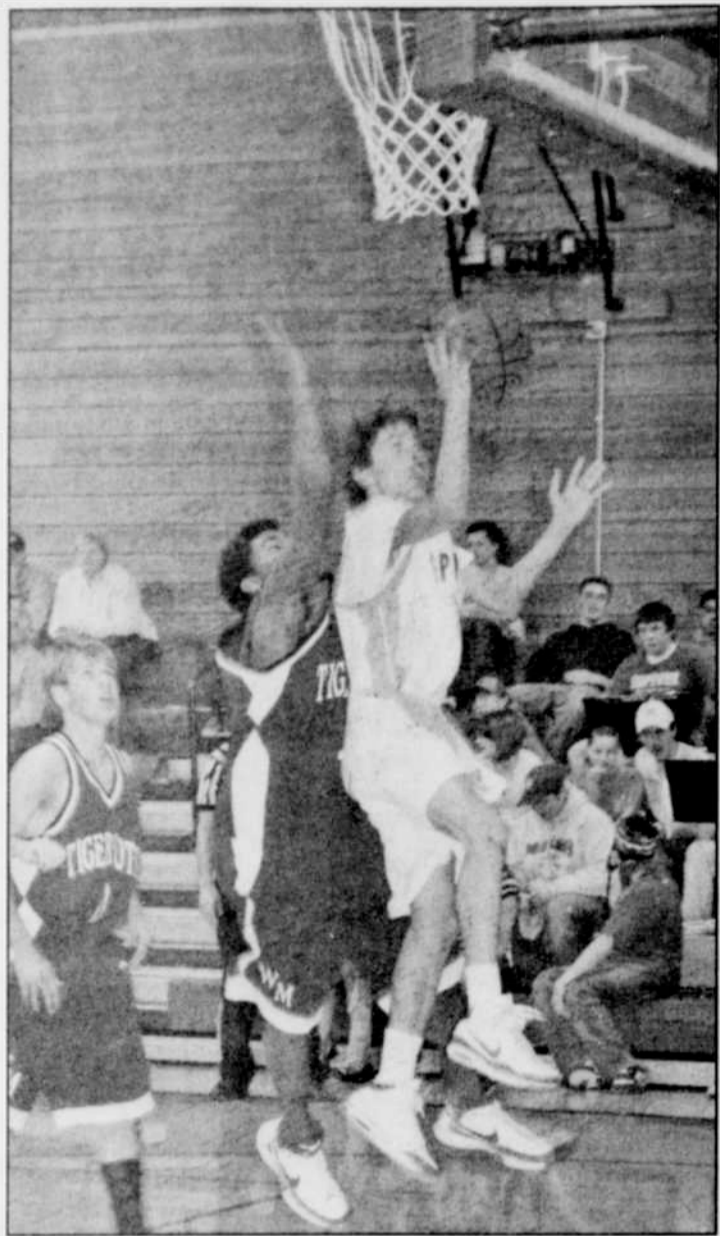


Mustangs take 68-54 win over Tiger-Scots



Top Photo: Jared Huddleston scrambles for the ball in the Heppner Mustang vs Weston McEwen game Saturday. Jared added 14 points to the score for the Mustangs. Right Photo: Heppner Mustang Kyle Fuchs is fouled as he goes for a lay in at the game Saturday in Heppner. The Mustangs beat the Tiger-Scots 68-54 in a fast paced game. -Photos by Sandy Matthews



By Brent Eckman

Last Saturday night the Mustangs were too hot for those Tiger Scots to handle in their 68-54 win. The Mustangs just had too much momentum coming of their 93-58 win the night before against the Union Bobcats.

The Mustangs got off to an early start going up 18-8 in the first quarter. The leading scorer of the game was Chris Lien with 16 points followed by Jared Huddleston with 14. Although the Mustangs shot very well from the field they struggled from the free throw line making just 15 out of 27 shots.

The Mustangs are tied for the top of the league with a 3-0 record in the Blue Mountain Conference.

Heppner wrestlers compete in Joseph

The Heppner wrestling team was in Joseph for a two day tournament this past Friday and Saturday. Fourteen teams competed in the two day Jo-Hi Cosgrove Tournament, including nine of the 10 teams that are in Heppner's wrestling district. It was a preview of the district tournament that will take place in February. The Mustangs finished third among the district teams and sixth overall.

Of the 14 Mustangs that competed, nine placed in the top six of their weight class at the tournament.

Ziggy Yocom (112 lbs) and Wacy Coil (160 lbs) placed the highest at fourth. Chance Day, competing at 152 lbs finished with the



Heppner wrestler Wacy Coil takes down an opponent during the wrestling tournament in Joseph this past weekend. -Photo by Autumn Morgan

most wins with three, all by pin, and a fifth place in probably the toughest bracket of the tournament.

During the placing session of the tournament, Heppner had a run of five consecutive matches won by pins.

The placers and their weight classes were: Ziggy Yocom, fourth at 112; John Nelson, fifth at 125; Jarreid Miller, fifth at 130; Dillon Lutchter, fifth at 140; Tyler Robinson, fifth at 145; Chance Day, fifth at 152; Wacy Coil, fourth at 160; Drew Brannon, sixth at 171; and Zach Hintz, sixth at 285.

Garrett Gibbs also won by fall in an exhibition match.

Also competing for Heppner were Cody Nelson, Andrew Bara, Conner Pappas and Alex Fuentes.

Lady Cards take wins over Sherman County and Central Christian

The Lone Lady Cards had their best weekend of the season putting two in the win column and scoring over 50 points in the Saturday game. With the wins, the Lady Cards league mark improved to 2-2.

A fast-moving flu bug hit the Lone team mid-week, putting big question marks into the starting lineup when Sherman County came to town on Friday night. Two girls were missing and several others crawled off their couches prior to game time. But the Cardinal offense was clicking regardless as Lone jumped out to a 10-5 first quarter lead and built it to an 18-11 margin at halftime.

Sherman County pulled to within three after hitting back to back three pointers early in the third quarter. The Huskies took their first lead of the game with 5:17 remaining when a basket put them up by one. Their biggest lead of the game was 36-33 with just under three minutes to go.

Stefanie Archer came up big under the basket when she put back her own offensive rebound and was fouled on the play. When she hit the free throw, she tied the game back up. Shortly after that, Makenna Ramos stole the ball and got it to Beth Morter for the lay in and the Cards were up by two.

The Lady Cards missed two free throws and the Huskies missed a pair in the final two minutes as Lone clung to their two point lead. With seven seconds remaining, Mary Rietman made a free throw to build a slightly safer margin of three. Sherman County was not able to get a shot off in the time remaining, giving the Lady Cards the hard-fought, first win of the season 39-36.

Stefanie Archer had a tremendous double-double, leading all scorers with 13 points and pulling down 15 rebounds. She also led the team in steals with four. Beth Morter was also in double figures with 12 and led the team in assists with three.

"It was great to get our first win of the season, especially against a good Sherman County team that was very quick and ran a full court man-to-man press the duration of the game," said Coach Mike Garrett. "We finally put full four quarters together for the first time this year. The fact that I had two seniors home with a nasty stomach flu and

two other starters sick on the bench made for a very entertaining game."

The Cardinals were on the road bright and early the next morning, traveling to Prineville to take on Central Christian. The flu kept senior starter, Tiana Camarillo, home for the day.

The White Tigers were shooting well in the early going, jumping out to a 6-2 lead. The Cardinals whittled away and when Beth Morter hit a three near the end of the first quarter, they took an 11-8 lead. Thirteen for 14 free throw shooting in the second quarter helped the Lady Cards build a 29-20 half time lead. The second half was not kind to the White Tigers as the Lone team had their best quarter of the season in the third, outscoring their opponent 17-4 and finished strong to win the game 57-25.

"This was a good weekend for us. We have been working on building our confidence in our shooting and it is starting to show," said Coach Mike Garrett. "We were 17 for 20 from the free throw line in the first half. That is a considerable improvement from the beginning of the season. We take a lot of pride in our ability to play good defense and we switched back and forth from man to man and zone and the kids got very aggressive in the second half and held them to five total points."

The Lady Cards finished with three players in double figures. Stefani Archer and Beth Morter shared scoring honors with 12 and Tyree Svetich added 10. Stefanie Archer had seven rebounds and two blocked shots. Beth Morter and McKenna Ramos each nabbed six steals.

Lone- 10 8 11

10- 39

Sherman- 5 6 15

10- 36

Lone- Archer 13, Morter 12, M Rietmann 6, Peterson 4, Ramos 4

Sherman- Sharp 9, Van Borstel 8, Cunningham 7, King 7, Mobley 3, Guzman 2

Lone- 11 18 17 11-57

CC- 8 12 4 1-25

Lone- Morter 12, Archer 12, Svetich 10, Ramos 7, Rietmann 6, B. Rietmann 3, Heagy 3, Peterson 2, Stillman 2,

C.C.- Hargraves 11, Clements 5, Antoneses 4, Hanson 3, Antoneses 2

Chili feed to be held at game

A baked potato and chili feed will be held this Friday starting at 4 p.m. at Heppner High School during the basketball games. The feed is sponsored by the boys' basketball team.

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