

Lady Mustangs cruise through weekend

The Heppner Lady Mustangs used tenacious defense and a balanced scoring attack to continue their perfect conference record. Only once did the opponent score double digits in a quarter against the Mustangs scrappy defense. On the offensive end Heppner had different players step up each night.

Friday night, the Mustangs took on the Stanfield Tigers at Heppner and jumped out to a 28-9 lead at halftime and cruised to a 47-16 win. In a game which was never in doubt, Heppner coaches were able to play their entire bench to get valuable playing time to the younger players.

Torri Lovgren scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead the Mustangs offensively. Brynna Rust chipped in with 14 points, six rebounds and five steals.

Against Irrigon on Saturday night, Heppner shut out the Knights in the opening quarter to take an early 19-0 lead. Irrigon fought back to score 20 points in the second quarter to get the game within seven at 27-20. The Mustangs defense clamped down in the second half to pull away and win 56-



Lindsay Cutsforth goes in for the basket in the game against Stanfield. -Photo by Sandy Matthews



Taighler Dougherty fights for the basketball during the game against Stanfield. The Mustangs won the game 47-16. -Photo by Sandy Matthews

30. Again the bench was able to log valuable minutes throughout the game. Erin Price scored 16 of her 20

points in the second half to help Heppner take control of the game. Price also had three rebounds and four

steals. Joanna Patton played an all around game to finish with 10 points, six rebounds and seven steals to lead the team defensively. Heppner shot 76% from the free throw line converting 13 of 17 attempts.

Heppner will look to continue their conference dominance as they travel to Enterprise Friday night and Elgin Saturday night.

Heppner 47, Stanfield 16
 SSS 2 7 4 3- 16
 HHS 13 15 15 4- 47
 Stanfield- Emma Gabriel 3, Darshae Hunter 2, Erin Kashuba 1, Nydia Ibarra 2, Kourtney Watson 2, Sterling Braithwaite 2, Katelyn Zabransky 2, Carly Valdez 2
 Heppner- Torri Lovgren 18, Brynna Rust 14, JoAnna Patton 9, Jessica Hughes 2, Taylor Dougherty 2, Erin Price 2.

Heppner 56, Irrigon 30
 IHS 0 20 4 6- 30
 HHS 19 8 16 13- 56
 Irrigon- Noelle Wright 19, Leslie Coffman 3, Ariel Shockman 2, Celina Munoz 2, Stacie Stanger 2, Nathalie Campos 2
 Heppner- Erin Price 20, JoAnna Patton 10, Torri Lovgren 8, Brynna Rust 6, Jessica Hughes 5, Taylor Dougherty 5, Emily Thompson 2

Colt Basketball still taking sign-ups for Adult Basketball League

The Heppner Colt Basketball Program is still taking sign-ups for its Adult Basketball League.

Games will be Sunday afternoons starting on February 21 at the elementary gym and extending through the month of March. There will be open games on February 7 and 14 at 9 a.m. in the elementary gymnasium for those interested in participating in the league.

Cost of the league will be \$30 per player and will include a jersey and

cover the costs associated with use of the facilities. The rest of the proceeds will be donated to the Colt basketball program. The league is open to both women and men who are out of high school. If there is enough interest there will be separate men's and women's leagues.

Registration forms can be picked up at Dickenson Chiropractic and Styles by Stefanie or by emailing Josh Coiner at coinerj@gmail.com.

Ione Middle School boys take win over Condon



Bottom Photo: Ione Middle School boys team took a win over Condon this past weekend. -Contributed Photo

Cardinals outscore Central Christian 89-77

The Ione Cardinals waited until there was two minutes left to go in their Tuesday game against Central Christian to put the pesky opponent away. The typical outcome of an Ione-Central Christian game is a high score and Tuesday's contest was no exception. When the final buzzer blew, the Cardinals prevailed 89-77.

The Cardinals took a lead they never relinquished with five minutes gone in the first quarter, but it was never a comfortable

lead. In the second quarter, the Cards built a 14 point lead with three minutes to go until the half. However, the Warriors ran off nine points in a minute to cut the lead to five. Zac Orem hit a basket just before halftime to give Ione a 43-35 lead.

In the third quarter, the Warriors canned two threes but those were matched by two threes from Zac Orem. The Warriors did outscore the Cards in the third 25-22 and Ione led by just five points entering the final frame. Central Chris-

tian would narrow the score to four before the Cards would move their lead back to seven.

With 2:17 to go, Zac Orem connected on his fourth three-pointer of the day followed by a lay-in from a Matt Hams steal. Matt Hams scored eight points in the last minute and a half to help the Cardinals finally pull away for good.

Zac Orem led all scorers with 29 points followed by Matt Hams with 28. Tanner Rietmann, playing most of the game deep

in foul trouble, chipped in with 12. The Cards established a 28-22 rebounding advantage led by eight boards from RJ Ramos. Matt Hams had seven assists and five steals. Tanner Rietmann led the team with six steals and Zac Orem added five more.

"We played terrific offensively," said Coach Dennis Stefani but noted that he did not think it was the team's best defensive effort. "We got on them early and were able to sustain the lead."

Lady Cards take 55-30 win over Central Christian

The Ione Lady Cardinals were happy to see Shadow Kendrick go to town in the second quarter of their Tuesday match-up with Central Christian.

Down 9-10 at the start of the quarter, the freshman supplied a 9-0 run to open up an eight point lead. Beth Morter followed up with a three point play followed again by two free throws and the Lady Cardinals were up by 13 with half of the second quarter to go.

Central Christian pulled back to within 10 points at halftime but Ione rallied to a 10-1 run in the third quarter, two of those points coming courtesy of the opponents who mistakenly banked in a shot for the

Cardinals. The Lady Cards were able to make wholesale substitutions and rolled to the 55-30 win.

"After the Echo game, I was concerned how we would come out intensity-wise," said Coach Mike Garrett. He was pleased to note that the team "played with the best intensity all season. Our plan was to limit the amount of their two main scorers. The girls did an outstanding job with their man-to-man defense."

Shadow Kendrick led the team in scoring with 15 points. Beth Morter added 12 and 10 Cardinals put points in the scorebook. Stefanie Archer racked up 10 rebounds in the game.

Third annual alumni softball game to be held

All female Heppner alumni are invited to play in the third annual alumni softball game. The game will be played on Friday, March 12, at 4 p.m.

The cost to play is

\$5 per player. All proceeds will go to the 2010 Mustang softball team. Those planning to play asked to RSVP by March 1.

For more information or to sign up contact

Petra Payne at paynep@morrow.k12.or.us, 541-676-9138, or mail your

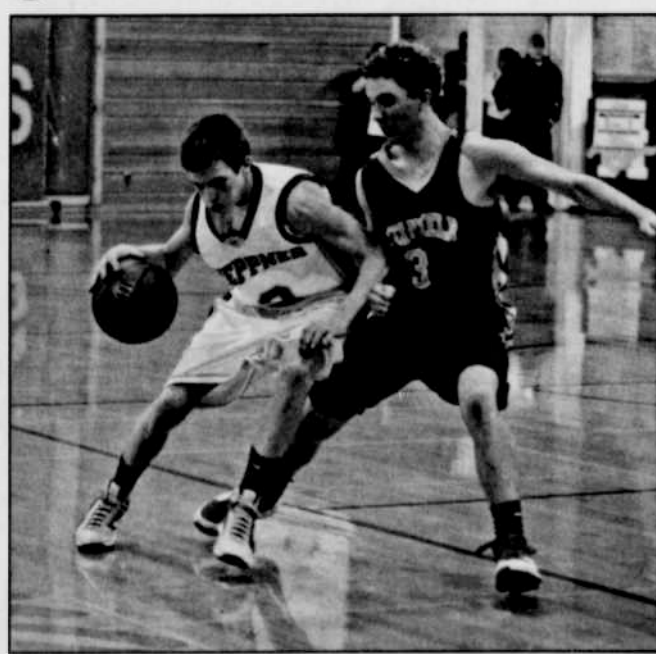
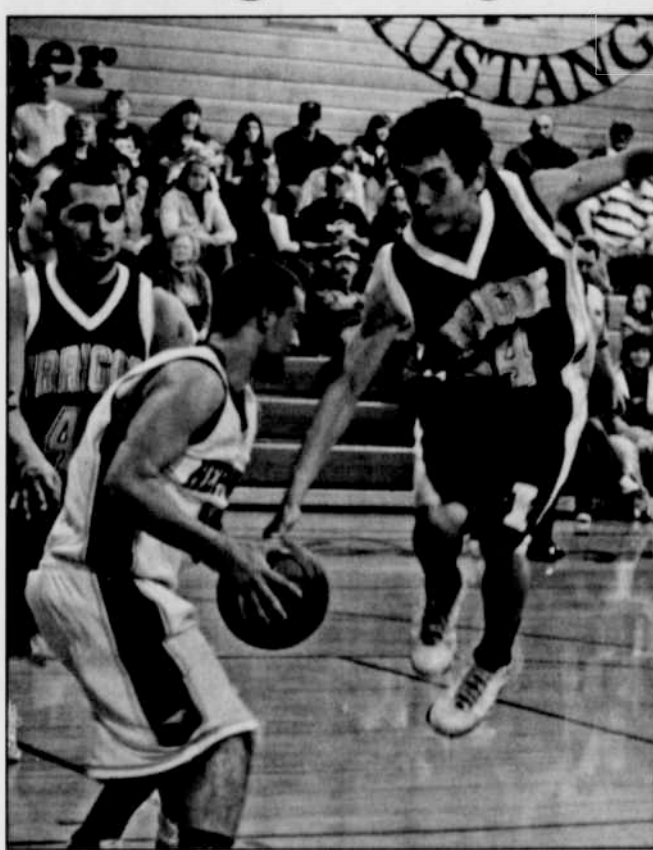
information to HHS attn: Petra Payne, P.O. Box 67, Heppner, OR 97836.

Little League sign-ups to be held

Little League sign-ups will be held February 16-18 from 5-8 p.m. at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Parents/guardians are asked to bring proof of residency and insurance information for their child.

Mustangs rolling through basketball season



Left Photo: Heppner Mustang Brandon Garcia maintains ball control during the Irrigon game. Right Photo: The Heppner Mustangs outscored Stanfield to take an easy win 65-46. Senior Mustang Chris Lien scored 16 points in the Stanfield game along with Cody Orr to lead the Mustangs in scoring. -Photos by Sandy Matthews

Ione youth basketball players play game



Pictured are K-2nd grade members (Left Photo) and 3rd-5th grade members (Right Photo) of the Ione youth basketball program. -Contributed Photos

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