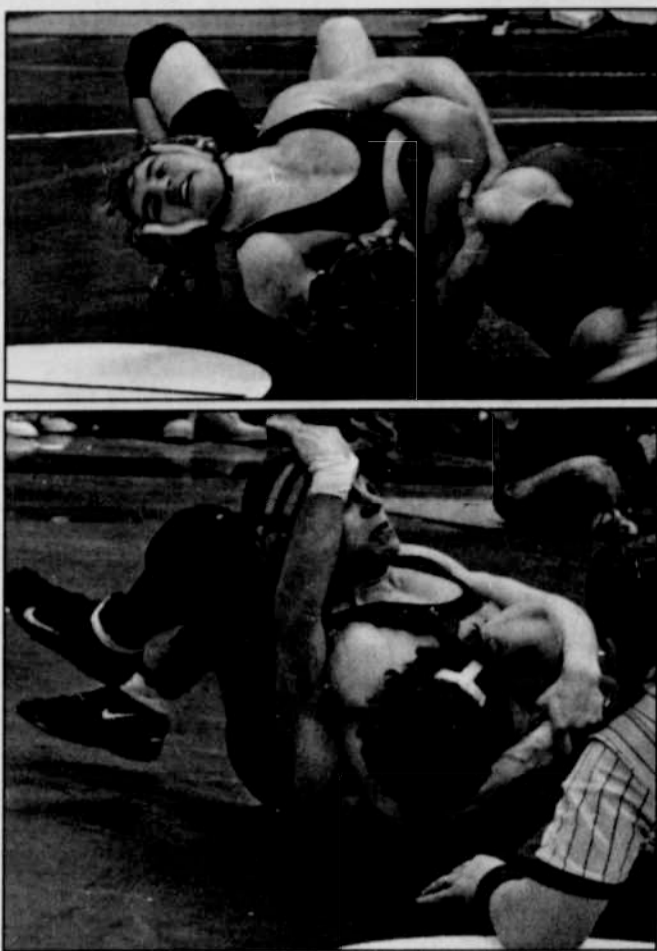


Heppner wrestlers compete in seventeen team tournament

The Heppner wrestling team traveled to Halfway to compete in the Pine Eagle invitational wrestling tournament. The tournament consisted of 17 teams from Oregon and Idaho ranging in size from 1A to 4A. The Mustangs finished a respectable eighth overall and fourth among the ten teams from Heppner's district. Crane, also from Heppner's district, won the tournament by more than a 100 point margin over second place Baker.

Jarreid Miller continued to lead the team in his final regular season tournament as a Mustang. The senior went 3-0 after a first round bye to win the gold medal. In what could turn out to be the district championship matchup, he defeated Forest Cox from Enterprise/Wallowa in the tournament finals. Miller finished the regular season with a team leading record of 35 wins and 9 losses and will most likely enter the district tournament as the number one seed at 130 pounds. He has defeated all 130 pound district opponents and would only



Top Photo: Andrew Bara works on pinning his opponent. Bottom Photo: Jarreid Miller was in the process of pinning his opponent in his final match when the match was stopped. -Photos by Jeremy Lanthorn

concede the first seed if a returning district champion or state placer changes weight classes.

Freshman Jared Lemmon also reached the tournament championship bout to face senior and

returning state finalist Levi Gagnon from Grant Union. Lemmon lost and finished second to Gagnon in a tournament for the fourth time this season. Along the way however, he has defeated all 112 pound challengers from special district 4 to assure the first seed at the district championship tournament.

The Mustangs' other tournament placer was Jacob Moore at 215 pounds. Moore went 2-2 for the day and finished in sixth place.

Other Heppner wrestlers and their tournament records were Wade Matthew 2-2, Garrett Gibbs 2-2, Tim Nelson 2-2, Andrew Bara 1-2, Shane Miles 0-2, Alex Smith 0-2, Earl Prophet 0-2, and Alex Fuentes 0-2.

The Mustangs next compete at the OSAA Special District 4 championships on Friday and Saturday in Wallowa. The top two wrestlers from each weight class will qualify for the OSAA state championship tournament the following week at Portland's Memorial Coliseum.

Colt wrestling camp held



Pictured are participants in a Colt wrestling camp that was held recently. -Photos by Jeremy Lanthorn

High School baseball meeting to be held Monday

A high school baseball meeting for parents and coaches will be held on Monday, February 21, at 6 p.m. in the Heppner High School cafeteria.

Ione High School cheerleaders make their return



After a few years of not having a high school cheerleading squad, the Ione cheerleaders are a welcome return to the school. The squad has performed at many of the home football and basketball games this past school year. Along with cheers they have performed tumbling runs, choreographed dance routines, pyramid formations, and mentored the younger cheerleaders. Misti Stefani is their coach/advisor. Pictured are: (back row, L to R) Kylie McElligott, Jordan Peterson, Mary McElligott, Larissa Jones, and advisor Misti Stefani. (Front row, L to R) Yesenia Verduzco, Shannon Metcalfe, Stacey Halvorsen, and Jasmine Verduzco. -Photo by Paula Emmel

Mustang JV girls split during last weekend of season

The Heppner JV girls split during their final weekend of the season.

The JV Mustangs had a road game on Friday at Irrigon and things did not go their way. After one quarter the Knights took a 10-8 lead with all but one point scored by a single Knight. In the second neither team looked good on offense scoring only three each. At half-time the Knights led 13-11. In the third Makenzie Correa and Lilly Sandford got things going with Correa getting nine points and Sandford seven and Irrigon 16-8 and taking a 27-21 lead into the

fourth. But the Mustang defense went south, along with the offense, and Irrigon outscored Heppner 17-6 to take a 39-33 win.

The Mustangs were led in rebounding by Correa with eight and Sandford with seven. Five girls had three steals each. The scoring was Correa with 11, Sandford with eight, Cassi Day with six, Emma Osmin with four, Blake Greenup with two and one each for Carrie Haguewood and Aimee Selnes.

On Saturday the Mustangs took on the Stanfield Tigers and got off to a good start and never looked

back. They took the first quarter 15-7 and the second 8-0 with a tremendous defensive effort. Seven girls scored in the half for a balance attack. They kept it up in the third, putting up another 11 and giving up only five. In the fourth the Tigers mounted a comeback but it was too late by then. They put up 17 to Heppner's six for a final of 40-29. Blake Greenup led the team with 13 followed by Emma Osmin with seven, Makenzie Correa with five, four each for Makayla Kindie, Cassi Day, and Larissa Gray, and three for Lilly Sandford.

The win puts the girls' final record at 9-7 for the year.

Final stat leaders for the team in order in scoring were Makenzie Correa, Lilly Sandford and Blake Greenup. Rebounding leaders were Aimee Selnes, Lilly Sandford, Makayla Kindie and Blake Greenup. Steals were Emma Osmin, Lilly Sandford, and Micha Hintz. Field Goal percentage was Cassi Day, Lilly Sandford, and Carrie Haguewood. Free throw percentage was Emma Osmin with 67 percent, Micha Hintz and Makenzie Correa.

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The Big Sky District Tournament begins on Thursday and concludes Saturday

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Back Row-Head Coach Garrett, Shadow Kendrick, Beth Morter, JoAnna Patton, Lacey Thompson, Mary Rietmann, Asst. Coach Holland Middle Row-Asst. Coach McElligott, Emily Holland, Jaqueline Juarez, Collette Cason, Stacey Halvorsen Front Row-Yesenia Verduzco, Makenna Ramos. Not Pictured-Mary Gates.

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