

Mustangs trail in league play



Top: Blake Greenup (4) makes the shot for the Mustang girls' team in the game versus Weston-McEwen. The Mustangs lost 55-40. Bottom: Cody Orr (23) adds to the Mustang boys' score Saturday in Heppner. Despite the efforts of Orr and his teammates, the Mustangs lost to the Tiger-Scots 59-47. -Photos by Sandy Matthews

The Heppner Mustang varsity basketball teams both came up short in Blue Mountain Conference play Friday night in Pilot Rock.

In the girls' game, the Mustangs (1-4 BMC) found themselves down by 10 points late in the third quarter. In the final quarter of play, they came back on the Rockets (4-1 BMC) to regain the lead. After a flurry of points back and forth by both teams, the Rockets were in the lead when the clock ran out, giving Pilot Rock a 50-48 win. Alana Wilson scored 17 points, and Bailey Bennett had 12 for the game. Blake Greenup also put in seven points for Heppner.

The boys trailed the Rockets (5-0 BMC) at half-time 27-33. They played even basketball against the league leaders in the second half but could not overcome the six-point deficit. The Mustangs lost 60-54 to the Rockets. Cody Orr scored 18, Stephen Thompson scored 16 and Jake Bowles

had 10. Heppner finished the game 2-3 in league play.

On Saturday, the Mustangs hosted the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots.

The Tiger-Scots had a hold on the game throughout, beating the girls by 15 points in a 55-40 finish. Weston (5-1 BMC) had early foul trouble but had good help from the bench in the win. The Mustangs' Bailey Bennett scored 23 points for Heppner.

The Heppner boys had the game in control against the Tiger-Scots (5-1 BMC) in the first half, but the momentum turned around in the second half with Weston winning 59-47. Cody Orr had 16 points for the game, and Justin Pranger had 16 points and 10 offensive rebounds for Heppner.

This weekend Heppner will host Enterprise on Friday and Union on Saturday at Heppner High School.

Cardinal basketball



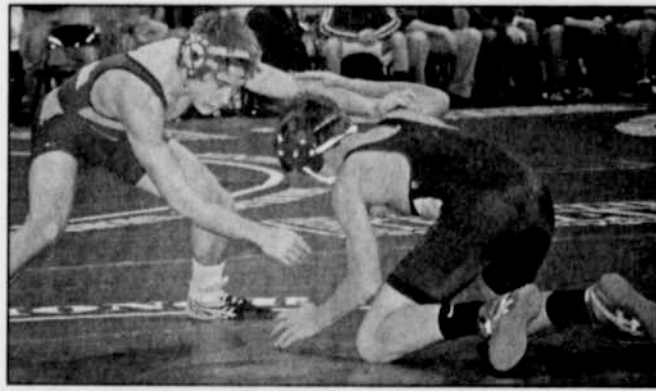
Above: Senior Micah Stillman takes aim on a three-point shot in the boys' varsity game versus Sherman County last Saturday. Below: Sophomore Lucas Jobs makes a lay-in in the game against Sherman County. -Photos by Paula Emmel



Mustang Wrestling



Above: Kaytee Burghard faces off against an opponent during the Oregon Wrestling Classic January 13-14 in Redmond. Below: Jared Lemmon takes down a wrestler from an opposing team. -Photos by Jeremy Lanthorn



Community lunch menu

Willow Creek Baptist Church members will be serving lunch on Wednesday, January 25 at St. Patrick's Senior Center. The meal will include roast pork, hash brown casserole, peas and carrots, broccoli, hot rolls and apple crisp. Milk is served at each meal. Suggested donation is \$3.50 per meal. Menu is subject to change.

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Lady Cards shellac Sherman



Top: Senior JoAnna Patton puts in a two-point shot when the Lady Cards matched up against Condon-Wheeler. Bottom: Senior Mary Rietmann shoots two for two at the freethrow line in closing minutes of the game vs Condon-Wheeler. -Photos by Paula Emmel

By Anne Morter

The lone Lady Cardinals split their weekend games, losing to Big Sky-East rival Condon/Wheeler on Friday but following up with an easy win at Sherman on Saturday. The Cards' season record now stands at 11-3, 5-1 in the Big Sky Conference.

The highly anticipated Big Sky Conference showdown between Ione and Condon/Wheeler did not disappoint in terms of suspense, lead changes and drama. Lacey Thompson put six of her team-high 15 points on the board in the first quarter, and the Cards led by as much as five. The quarter ended with Ione up 12-9. The Cardinals held the lead by as much as six points through most of the second quarter but, with under a minute remaining, the Lady Knights tied the score at 26 and Mariah Camargo put back on offensive rebound at the buzzer to put the Knights up 28-26 at the half.

After the break, the Cards looked unfocused and the Knights capitalized. Starting at the end of the second quarter and into the first two minutes of the third, Condon/Wheeler scored 15 unanswered points. JoAnna Patton was successful in driving the lane, scoring six points in the third quarter, but the Cards ended the period trailing by eight, 43-35. Foul trouble, which kept Mary Rietmann and Makenna Ramos on the bench for most of the first half, showed up again in the second half, with Ramos and Stacey Halvorsen both tallying their fourth foul in the third frame.

Condon/Wheeler held their biggest lead of the day, 45-35, with 7:27 left to play in the game but the Lady Cards were not ready to throw in the towel. The Cardinals whittled the lead down to five with just over a minute left but the Knights went into a stall. When the Cards were forced to foul, the Knights hit three of five free-throw attempts to take the win 51-43.

The bright spots for

the Lady Cards was their interior play, according to Coach Mike Garrett, but the killer was committing 30 team turnovers and allowing Condon/Wheeler to control the tempo. Lacey Thompson and JoAnna Patton both tallied double-doubles with 11 and ten rebounds respectively to complement their double-digit scoring.

The Lady Cardinals rebounded from the loss on Friday to shellac Sherman County on Saturday. After building a 19-2 first-quarter lead, the Cards rolled on to a 68-36 win. Shadow Kendrick was the game's leading scorer with 16. Also in double figures were Lacey Thompson with 13 and Mary Rietmann with 11. Lauren Garrett led the team in rebounds with eight and Mary Rietmann added seven.

"You are always a little concerned as a coach with these back-to-back games," said Garrett, "but I was pleased with how the kids responded. We saw some really good stuff in the Sherman game."

The Lady Cards travel to Echo on January 20 and host Central Christian on January 21.

Ione (10-3) v CW: Lacey Thompson, 15; JoAnna Patton, 12; Shadow Kendrick, 10; Mary Rietmann, 2; Makenna Ramos, 2; Stacey Halvorsen, 2.

Three-point field goals: CW, 2; Ione, 2. Free throws: CW, 15-27; Ione, 5-9. Personal fouls: CW, 17; Ione, 20. Fouled out: Jessica Logan, Ellie Logan (CW), Ramos (Ione).

Ione (11-3, 5-1 BSC) v Sherman: Shadow Kendrick, 16; Lacey Thompson, 13; Mary Rietmann, 11; Stacey Halvorsen, 8; JoAnna Patton, 7; Jasmine Verduzco, 4; Lauren Garrett, 4; Dominika Senkerikova, 4; Jaqueline Juarez, 1.

Three-point field goals: IHS, 2; SHS, 5. Free throws: IHS, 5-12; SHS, 8-14. Personal fouls: IHS, 15; SHS, 14. Technical fouls: none. Fouled out: Garrett (IHS).

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